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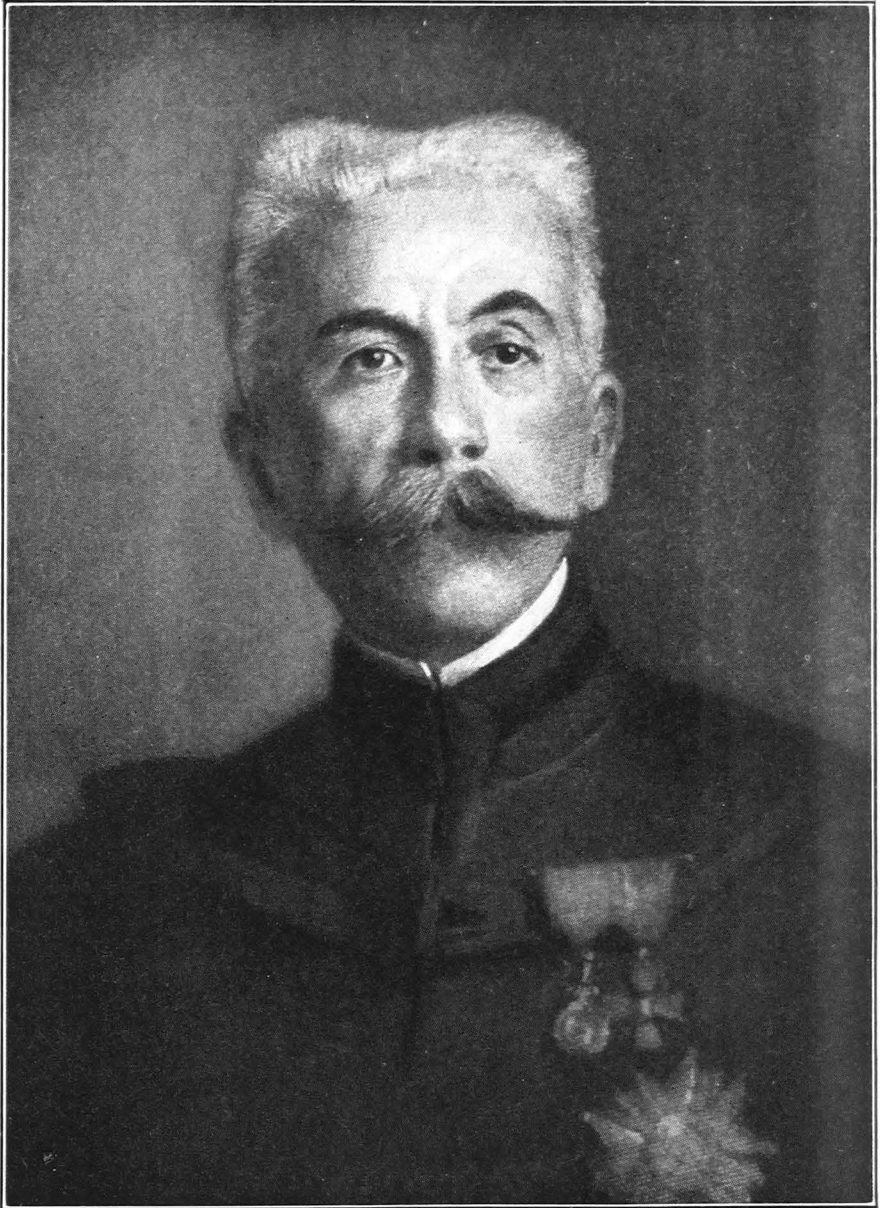
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THIS book is the outgrowth of Dr. Sloane's recent visit to Morocco and Algiers as a member of the group invited by the Committee France-America to make a tour of these parts of greater France. His account of his observations makes a fascinating book of travel with a broad background of history and sociology. His vivid record brings forth much interesting information on the religion, politics, and art of North Africa, on the problems of the French protectorate, on the race and color problem as the French are encountering it—a chapter of extraordinary interest for American readers. The modes, manners, and morals of the ancient Moorish countries are clearly revealed in the progress of a colorful narrative.

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## PREFACE

IN the following pages the author has attempted a double task: to furnish a brief summary of his visit to Morocco and Algiers, as a member of the group invited by the Committee France-America to make a tour of those parts of Greater France; and also to furnish a certain background for the better comprehension of what was seen and heard. The members of the "American Commission," as it was styled in France and in Africa, were George W. Wickersham, of New York; Samuel H. Church, of Pittsburgh; Edgar A. Bancroft, of Chicago; and the author. The ladies of the party were their respective wives and Miss Church. As an "elder statesman," Mr. Wickersham was the dean and spokesman of the company. It was he who through the columns of a New York newspaper outlined our journey and summarized from his carefully kept journal the observations he had made. These letters have been amplified and published in an admirable volume entitled "Spring in Morocco and Algeria," to which the author hereby acknowledges a debt he could not repay. Compliment and chivalry aside, the remarks of the ladies were invaluable, and the return duties of hospitality could not have been performed without their untiring energy.

To M. Gabriel Louis Jaray, Councillor of State, our personal conductor, the Commission was indebted for

the care and courtesy with which it was conveyed from place to place in comfort and ease, throughout the journey. A man of high birth, of thorough education and responsible position, he thought no detail of traveling too minute for his personal attention. Clothed with the authority of the state, of Marshal Lyautey and M. Steeg, of the large, powerful committee, France-America, which he manages, and of the strong organization which makes a specialty of tourist travel in North Africa, the General Transatlantic Company, he was almost omnipotent in securing everywhere the best for the guests intrusted to his charge. Personally and collectively we have given such poor recognition of his kindness and efficiency as was possible.

Throughout Morocco we were accompanied by Captain de Souzy, Marshal Lyautey's aide-de-camp. A veteran of the Great War, yet under thirty years of age, we quickly came to understand the high position of so young a man. To him both the work of his chief and the entire Moroccan policy of France were an open book in every particular and we were the glad beneficiaries of his accurate knowledge. Such was his personal charm that we benefited by the hearty welcome he received from his fellow officers wherever we came; and when we bade him farewell on the Algerian frontier, it was with a sense of personal affection and esteem, a feeling which the retrospect has only heightened.

The list of those to whom the Commission was indebted for courteous consideration at every turn would

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be identical with that of the officials, civil and military, in every halting-place. But the writer feels obliged to mention by name a few of these as having shown us special attention. There were the stately Moroccan gentlemen named in the text, and Si Nasiri at Rabat; there were also General Daugan at Marrakesh, M. Feyt at Oudjda, Colonel Azan at Tlemcen, the Pashas at Taza and Laghouat, M. Cendellier at Bou Saada, and at Sidi Aïssa, M. Courtin and the great Caïd. The writer hopes that the silent, beautiful influences of the many French homes opened to him and his colleagues and the charming efficiency of the French ladies presiding over them have been sufficiently set forth in the text; but he takes this occasion to emphasize the admiration he feels for them in their most excellent performance of duties interesting but heavy.

Almost exclusively the transliteration of Arabic names in the text is that of the French; whenever the American reader would not be misled by it, in fact. The letters *ou* in such words as Ouad and Zaouia, represent our *w*: Wad and Zawia. Generally also the English word for Oulima is Ulema, as rasool is by us spelled rasul.

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