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In the final hour of producing this volume we are saddened and borne down with the loss of the patron who made the work in its full scope possible. To one who thought in detail the magnitude of the undertaking would have prevented coöperation. In this as in all matters with which he was associated he saw the scope; in a measure the magnitude. The fact that he was so able to comprehend this meant the rendering of a service to the world of art and literature of much value. It meant a substantial and comprehensive addition to the documentary knowledge possessed by the human race. The purchase of a picture or a book already produced is but a change of ownership. To make possible the production of an important picture or book is an actual addition to the sum of human knowledge and a forward step in the development of the race. In that thought lies the importance of Mr. Morgan's aid to this cause.

The American Indian possesses many unusual qualities and affords Science the opportunity of studying primitive life in one of its most interesting and important phases. Mr. Morgan made possible this study, which means a noteworthy addition to the records of the Indian race and one which otherwise would not likely have been possible. It is true the undertaking has required the cooperation of many others, yet the confidence manifested by Mr. Morgan at the outset resulted that subsequent support which has aided so greatly in bringing the work to a stage that makes its completion assured.

Those who have joined us in furthering this national undertaking must feel like the members of a great family bonded by the desire of creative accomplishment, and as such a family we mourn the loss of the one whose philosophy made our purpose possible. While we are saddened by this loss we cannot let it weaken our purpose or retard our progress. Rather than that we must let his achievement be our inspiration towardthe completion of the work in a larger and stronger way than even hein his unequaled comprehension dreamed of. The effort from now untilthe final volume is written will be for work so strong that there will be an ever-increasing regret that he could not have remained with usuntil that day when the last chapter is finished.

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