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OUR DUTY IN

THE PHILIPPINES.

Some of the anti-imperialists are saying that the capture of Aguinaldo will embarrass the Administration; that the President has taken refuge behind the fact that there existed and that the rebellion must be put down, but that now that the rebellion is practically at an end, the Administration must show its hand—must show what sort of a policy it is going to pursue toward the Filipinos.

There ought not to be any embarrassment, and in our opinion there will be none. The Times is opposed politically to President McKinley, but it has tried to deal fairly with him and it has never felt disposed to join in with those who have denounced the President because of his conduct toward the Aguinaldo rebellion. The Philippine Islands are ours and we are responsible for the government of them, and have been since they fell into our hands. Aguinaldo and his followers refused to submit themselves to the authority of the United States Government and took up arms against it. It has been claimed that if we had originally declared our intention to give the Filipinos their independence there would have been no insurrection, but be that as it may without discussing the good or bad policy of such a declaration, it is a fact that there was an insurrection, that Aguinaldo made war upon the American troops, and there was but one thing for us to do and that was to return his fire and to use all the means at our command to bring the insurrectionists to terms and restore peace and order. Aguinaldo has been captured and has taken the oath of allegiance. The rebellion is practically at an end, and all appearances at least, and, with peace and order restored, the next thing to do is to set up a suitable form of government in the Philippines and to aid the Filipinos in working out their own destiny. The Filipinos do not want us at this time to retire and leave them to themselves—a prey, perhaps, to some other powerful government. As an intelligent representative of the islanders said in a recent address in this city, the Filipinos ask their American friends to give them the protection, for the time at least, of the stars and stripes and to aid them in establishing good government and developing their resources. It is too soon to say what shall be done eventually with these islands. They have been committed to us and we are responsible for them. To withdraw at this time and leave the Filipinos to themselves would be nothing less than cruel and cowardly desertion. We have a work to do in the Philippines. We have just begun to do it. It is a great gain that Aguinaldo has stopped fighting and sworn allegiance. Let us go on with the good work. Let us meet the responsibilities of the case. If we do our duty there will be no occasion for embarrassment.—Richmond Times, (Dem.)

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The cases against the Democratic registrars, indicted in the United States District court at Greensboro, were no propped yesterday. District Attorney Holton and Judge Boyd spoke becomingly on the occasion, and are to be commended for the language used and the course taken. The cases were not propped with leave to reinstate them, but this is the form, as we understand it, in nearly all criminal cases, and the particular language signifies nothing—the cases are, to all intents and purposes, as effectively and finally disposed of as if they had never been brought. Thus, a number of election officers are quit of a lot of trouble and expense, to say no more. Some of them may have been guilty of technical violation of the law, and, if the cases had come to trial, all of them might have been convicted and sent to the penitentiary, for verdicts of juries are proverbially uncertain. They will feel much more comfortable in the knowledge that they do not have to come to trial, and on every account there is reason for personal and general gratulation on the termination of this proceeding. The conservative people of the State are to be particularly congratulated upon the fact that the unworthy Democratic effort, made at the last moment, to goad these Republican court officials into extreme measures, failed. They resisted the provocation to partisan action, and thereby a good many of our people are saved the liability of tears at Sing Sing or Albany.—Charlotte Observer.

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"In view of the situation in this State and the general desire for peace and quiet, and in consideration of what we conceive to be for the best interest of the State, we respectfully recommend to the court that, in these cases, a nol prosequi be entered upon the terms and conditions following; that is to say:

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