

of the long oppressed Filipinos and enlightening of the strangely mixed population of her new possessions. The privileges of the Habeas Corpus and the Bill of Rights will take the place of the feudal tyranny and priestly oppression.

We heard a coloured preacher last summer state that Providence had a brilliant future in store for the people of those islands, for had not the great Apostle of the Gen-

found, on account of the war, had doubled in price. A brief resume of what is known about these islands may be of interest to the readers of this magazine.

The Philippines are the most northern group of the Indian archipelago, stretching a thousand miles from north to south, and six hundred miles from east to west. They make almost a continuous link between the great islands of Borneo and Formosa. and form



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tiles written an epistle to the Philippines! The brother in black was a little astray as to the fact, but we doubt not was perfectly correct in his prediction. It is strange how little most of us knew about the Philippines till the search-lights of Dewey's ships were turned upon them. The principal idea suggested to the present writer by their name was that of Manila hemp, which, when he went to buy a summer swing, he

found on the eastern border of the Chinese Sea. They almost equal in extent the empire of Japan. There are over fourteen hundred altogether, but many of these are little more than bare volcanic rocks. Nine of them, however, are large and wonderfully fertile islands.

Luzon, the most considerable, has an area of forty-one thousand square miles, and a population of about 5,000,000. The others aggregate about 60,000 square miles,