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JESUITS THROUGH WITH MR. M'KINLEY

Believe They Have Secured About All the Favors He Will Grant Them.

They Have Compromised Him at Every Turn and are Now Planning to Set Him Aside For a Democrat.

The following clipped from the Evening Times of this city, dated September 17, will be interesting to your twenty thousand subscribers:

MASS FOR THE EMPRESS.
Solemn Ceremonies at St. Matthew's Church Today.

THE PRESIDENT ATTENDS.
Cardinal Gibbons Celebrates Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of the Dead Empress of Austria—Many Prominent Men Are Present.

Solemn requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, who was assassinated at Geneva, Switzerland, on last Saturday, was celebrated this morning at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, the celebrant being Cardinal Gibbons.

The ceremony was most impressive, and was attended by a congregation which filled the vast auditorium of the edifice.

The sanctuary was draped in mourning and the pulpit was veiled in black. In front of the chancel stood the catafalque. At the head and foot of this burned candles. At the foot of the catafalque was a large and beautiful cross of white roses.

The ceremony was attended by President McKinley, Secretary Gage, Secretary Wilson, Postmaster General Smith, and Alvey A. Adee, Second Assistant Secretary of State, who were seated in pews reserved for them on the right, and immediately in front of the altar. Gen. Miles and his staff sat on the right. There were many other persons who are prominent in official circles.

On the opposite side of the aisle and in front of the altar were many members of the diplomatic corps. There were present representatives of Austria, Russia, Belgium, Turkey, Korea, France, Japan, China, Mexico, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Venezuela and Chile.

Cardinal Gibbons was assisted in the mass by Father Schmidt, of St. Joseph's Church, as deacon, and Father Bevins, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, as sub-deacon, with Father Bart, of St. Matthew's, as assistant priest, and Father Lee, the rector of St. Matthew's Church, as master of ceremonies.

Among the other Catholic churches represented were St. Patrick's, by Father Stafford, and St. Mary's by Father Glaab; Brothers Fabricial and Gordian, from St. John's College, were present.

During the service Cardinal Gibbons, standing at the head of the catafalque, spoke briefly of the dead Queen, whom he said had by her goodness come to be beloved by her people. He spoke feelingly of the tragedy in Geneva. He said that the deed of the assassin in striking down an unoffending woman had shocked the civilized world. What aggravated the horror of the crime was the fact that she was walking peacefully, having confidence in the people and fearing no evil, and not seated on a gorgeous throne which might have excited the mind of some jealous fanatic.

The cardinal declared that the hand that strikes at the ruler of a nation is an enemy to all society, as the ruler is the embodiment of the nation itself. [We thought so when the Church of Rome assassinated Abraham Lincoln.]

He spoke of the sympathy the whole world had expressed for the afflicted emperor and nation, and said he felt sure that none was more heartfelt than that of President McKinley.

In the above you see one of the many ways by which the papal hierarchy compels the outside world to take notice of her—to recognize her presence, and, in a manner, to endorse her doctrines.

The church knew exactly how to put McKinley and his cabinet "between the dog and the wolf." We have never disparaged the papacy for want of astuteness. If McKinley accepted the invitation, he gave countenance to the church and her mass as having power to ease the pains of purgatory. If he

refused, the refusal could be used against him at coming elections. Perhaps his refusal would have suited the church better; for an astute and enthusiastic Jesuit here has just assured us (confidentially) that McKinley is not to be supported by papists in 1900—that they have got out of him about all they can expect, and that they must have a democratic president in the next administration! True, the Empress was a Roman Catholic; but what has the United States government to do with her religion? Suppose she had been a Methodist, would the Methodist churches have held special religious services in memory of her death?

As an Empress, a civil ruler, it was, doubtless, entirely proper for other civil rulers to express their sympathy for her tragic end; but a president of the United States, whose constitution

enjoins an entire separation of state and church, ought not to lend his official influence to the encouragement of any sect—especially an alien religion, whose fundamental dogmas are so dangerous to all civil government.

When McKinley attends the Methodist church, he is there, not in his official capacity, but as a private citizen; but he attended mass in St. Matthew's R. C. church to represent the people of the United States. Has McKinley been so busy with politics in late years that he has forgotten his Bible? Let him turn to 1 Cor. 6:9: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, (10) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the Kingdom of God."

Was he not in bad company in that mass house of idolaters? And Rev. 22:15: "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." And see 1 Peter 4:3, and 1 Cor. 10:1: "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry" and 1 Kings 21:25, 26: "But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel, his wife, stirred up. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel;" 27, "and it came to pass, when Ahab heard these words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly." We don't know whether McKinley will put on sackcloth and lie in

it or not; but every Protestant Christian knows that he has been following idols, and we fear he will go into sackcloth after the fall elections, unless the "A. P. Aces" neglect their duties.
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Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.

Much Gratified.
Editor The American, Omaha.

Dear Sir:—When your articles entitled "American Bible Study" began to appear in the American, the question arose in my mind, why term them "American" studies? And weekly since, as the successive articles have both interested and gratified me, the question echoed that "why?" At last I think I have your reason, at least a reasonable solution. Does the study of such a unique book as the Bible differ here in America from the study of it in any other land? Certainly, undoubtedly, unavoidably! In other

lands the people are governed by some monarch, emperor, dictator, etc., their press is not "free," their ideas are tainted with the popular teaching of "the divine rights of kings," and similar claims, which the United States of America is fast exploding in a most practical manner. Not very long or deep consideration is required to see why the study of the Bible can be pursued better, in the most unfettered and unreserved manner, here in America. And from here, from America's liberty-loving and liberty-giving people, goes forth the best interpretation of the Bible, of its precious living truth sent to all mankind, and being even now brought to their homes by America, as never before. So we hail again your title and its accompanying teachings of Bible Truth as seen from the view point of an American Christian.

Yours for truth's sake,
FRANK E. HARRINGTON,
Denver, Colo., Sept. 17, 1898.

