

Empire. Its American character was too obvious to admit of a doubt.

It has always been a source of regret to the best friends of the American Church that she should have affixed to herself so strange and unnecessary a title, and it is to be hoped that our own Church will, in every way, decline to follow the example.

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SERMON ON THE FENIAN RAID.

[*Note to Sermon on Fenian Raid of 1870.*]

The following short sermon was preached on Whitsunday, 1870, soon after the Fenian raid. It is published by request. A few words of explanation are offered. There is strong language in it in regard to the complicity of the American people in the late attempt. I do not, of course, think this may be charged against American churchmen as a body. But, then, they are the non-political classes of that country. The charge lies against the restless political sympathizers, whose aim is to control all aggressive movements which can be made to minister to the aggrandizement of the United States. The author picked up from among the scattered rubbish left on the Fenian camping ground in Vermont a portion of a blank form of weekly return of Fenian operations. The chief space appeared to be devoted to lectures, the proceeds of which were to be an item of this return. Think of this! Lectures publicly given, and money collected for years, for the purpose of carrying invasion and war into a friendly country! Such acts as these destroy the amity of nations, and must bring on war, if persevered in. What if the same thing were done in England as against France, or in France as against Prussia,—would those Governments tolerate it? It is plain, then, that if such things continue to be allowed in the United States, war must grow out of it. No diplomatic language