

is reported to have said that British pride of empire would find its tomb in the diamond fields of South Africa. In the same way we might say that the "deified" ideals of American liberty, equity, and constitutional government, have been consigned to the earth in the Philippine Islands. From their ashes arises imperialism mighty and imposing, but grasping unscrupulous and despotic.

And what benefits can accrue to the Filipinos? Theirs is only the lot of slaves subjected to a tyrannical power. They do not love Columbia, and they will not. They cannot admire the scenes of rowdyism, debauchery, and drunkenness that too often disgrace the American camp—so different from the uniformly polite and decorous ways of the Filipinos and Spaniards. No doubt the resources of the country will be developed, but not to promote the welfare of the native population. They will hold, in the estimation of the conquerors, a position not much more elevated than that of the Negro population of the United States. How can they compete with the hungry "carpet-baggers" that follow in the wake of the invading army—the astute villains and unprincipled adventurers whose wasted fortunes or crime-shamed life, spoiled future prospects in the Western world. But aside their material prosperity there is surely a grave danger for the Filipinos in the matter of religion. The disappearance of the Friars is only a question of time. The Spanish government has no more interest in having the Islands supplied with them, while the American officials as well as the insurgent chiefs, would like to dispense with their services. Already a crowd of American Protestant missionaries and school-teachers, many of them government paid, are actively at work, not among the uncivilized pagan and Mahometan tribes, but among the Christians who have so far known only the ministry of the Spanish priests. With the Catholic Church of the United States lies the responsibility of keeping out the "wolves" from among Christ's flock as far as possible in this part of the American dominions and of seeing that true shepherds are not wanting. Above all Catholic Americans should be on their guard that money of the public treasury which Catholics have helped to fill, be not used to spread heresy among a Catholic people.

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