

which you see us the object. Believe me that the mass of the Philippine people do not profess with regard to us the sentiments of hatred with which those are inspired, who in these latter times have excited and directed it." Thus we see that the Spanish priests did only what their duty as ministers of God and subjects of Spain demanded of them. Undoubtedly American missionaries would be expected to act in the same way in similar circumstances. Regarding the charge that the Friars are "fabulously rich," the *Parish Calendar* of the Augustinian Fathers of Lawrence, Mass., makes the following remarks: "Secretary Root recommends that the United States buy out the Friars and says that about five million of dollars will be sufficient for that purpose. Just think of the monstrous cupidity and grasping injustice of 1,400 Friars, who in 300 years have secured for the Church's support but \$5,000,000 worth of land. Be it remembered that this land when first taken must have been of insignificant value. The Filipinos number over six million Catholics. Here, then, from an official declaration of Secretary Root, is a little less than one dollar per head invested in Church lands." In how many of our American cities can we find so small a proportion of landed property appropriated for religious purposes. In New York and Boston alone the Protestant Church Corporations have millions set aside for the support of their ministers.

We now come to "American methods." This term is used in contradistinction to the comparatively gentle policy of the Spanish government. Under this head are classed the "treason and sedition" act, the operation of the "water cure," the orders "to kill and burn" and make "a howling wilderness" and other atrocities little calculated to have a civilizing or moralizing effect upon the Filipinos. Doubtless many of the cruelties perpetrated and the tyrannical mandates enforced, resulted from the exasperation of the American officials at the treacherous and unyielding conduct of the insurgents. Not a few of our leading papers have cried out against them and the home government has appointed a commission to investigate, but why allow such barbarians as Funston and Smith not only to escape punishment for their awful misdeeds but to retain their posts in the American army? Bismarck