

# WASHINGTON HONORS THE NAME OF THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT

Anniversary of McKinley's Death Observed in All the Leading Churches With Prayer and Eulogy.

## REV. DR. BRISTOL PAYS TRIBUTE

Late President's Pastor Suggests a National McKinley Memorial Day.

## FAVORITE HYMNS ARE SUNG

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Lead Kindly Light" Rendered in Many Churches—All Creeds Unite in Honoring the Dead—Dr. Kuhns, of Canton, a Personal Friend, Eulogizes the "Good Son."

In a score or more of the leading churches of Washington, yesterday, services were held commemorating the death of the late President McKinley from the assassin's bullet one year ago. It is not improbable that as a result of the general interest manifested, an effort may be made to have September 14 set apart as a national day of prayer. Rev. Dr. Bristol, the late President's pastor, made this suggestion in his address yesterday morning.

In nearly every instance the congregations were large, and the music especially appropriate to the occasion, including as a rule the late President's favorite hymns, "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Lead Kindly Light."

In the Catholic churches the order of Cardinal Gibbons that there should be services commemorating the day, was observed. Secretary Wilson and Secretary Hitchcock, two members of President McKinley's Cabinet, and Secretary Cortelyou attended the service at the Metropolitan M. E. Church, where President McKinley worshipped for five years.

**Laurel on Memorial Tablet.**  
The altar was draped with the national colors, and on the marble tablet, recently erected in the north end of the church to the memory of the martyred leader, was placed a laurel wreath and an American flag.

The church was crowded to the doors, and many were compelled to stand in the ante-rooms. Secretaries Hitchcock and Wilson occupied the pew of Senator Fairbanks, the fourth from the front in the central part of the church. The seat which had formerly been President McKinley's was vacant.

Dr. Bristol preached an eloquent and thoughtful sermon, choosing his text from Proverbs x:7: "The memory of the just is blessed." Secretary Wilson, at the close of the sermon, to which he had listened attentively, paid the divine a high compliment in the course of a casual conversation, saying it was one of the best sermons which he had ever had the privilege of listening to. Then he added:

"I often promised President McKinley that I would visit his church during his lifetime, but I never did so. I am sorry that I never found the opportunity to come here before."

**Dr. Bristol's Sermon.**  
Dr. Bristol said in part:  
"It hardly seems possible that a year has gone by since the most universally loved President this nation ever had was stricken down. The wound inflicted upon the American heart was so sudden and so deep, and the pain of the people's sorrow was so intense, that the country scarcely realizes that a twelvemonth has passed since the good, great President met his martyrdom. The people refuse to be comforted. Not all the national glory, not all the material prosperity, not all the bright hopes of our political and commercial future have succeeded in diverting us. The nation is still in mourning. And it will be long before this saddened and sorrow-stricken people will be able to say to the God of Nations: 'Thou hast turned for me my mourning to dancing; thou hast put off my sack cloth and girded me with gladness.'"

**Suggests Setting Day Apart.**  
"Well may the people assemble this day in the churches of our land and inaugurate an annual memorial of the death of William McKinley. In the olden time, when the just, amiable, patriotic, and righteous Josiah fell in battle the prophet Jeremiah lamented for Josiah, and all the singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations and made them an ordinance in Israel. Shall not annual memorial services for William McKinley be made an ordinance in America?"

Dr. Bristol said that the people bow their hearts to the dispensation of Providence—although the killing of the President was rather a dispensation of diabolical cruelty—and learn the great lesson of brave faith and loving submission. He continued as follows:

"Not for one hour have the people forgotten the pure, the good, the just, the chivalrous Christian man; the patriotic, broad-minded, ideal President, the magnificent American, William McKinley. We grieve that his name with memory's most beautiful tributes of gratitude and praise, of honor and love. We rejoice in his fame as we gloried in his deeds. And in our song and prayer, we worship, with renewed faith, that divine Providence, who raises the master spirits sent to guide our national destinies, and to lead us in the way of liberty and peace, and who hath willed, by the dictates of his unerring justice, that the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance. The more ideals we have the better. The more just and great the leader we have to follow, to emulate, and to boast of, the safer are our liberties, and the surer will be our footing up the difficult steep of national prosperity."

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After summing up the many sides to the grand character of McKinley, Dr. Bristol concluded:  
"In the consummation of humanity's fondest dreams, the brotherhood of nations, the federation of the world, the name of William McKinley will be hailed as that of the foremost champion of universal peace."

## TRIBUTE IS PAID BY A PERSONAL FRIEND

Sermon of Dr. L. M. Kuhns, Formerly of Canton, O.

Preaches of Mart'ed President at Waugh Methodist Church—Met McKinley in 1869.

Touching and ennobling incidents in the career of William McKinley were related in a sermon by an intimate friend of the late President in the anniversary memorial services at Waugh Methodist Church, A and Third Streets northeast, yesterday morning. The sermon was by the Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., a venerable Lutheran minister, formerly pastor of the Lutheran Church in Canton, Ohio, but now a resident of this city. Dr. Kuhns became acquainted with Major McKinley in 1869, and he had known Mrs. McKinley, for eight years before that time. The friendship remained firm through the busy careers of both men. Dr. Kuhns has on several occasions since the death of the President paid public tributes to his memory.

Dr. Kuhns based his sermon on the passage, "What mean ye by this service?" He said: "When special services such as these are held there must be something back of them, some enduring feeling and lasting consideration. In the case of William McKinley, everyone is conversant with the fact that in his public life he never deviated from the highest principles; that he in no degree violated the teachings of his earlier years. There must be something behind a great man to give significance to his life. There is a great deal in heredity, and in this case there is no doubt of its force. Our martyred President had a good mother, and to her he owed much. This was always recognized, and the result was a most beautiful and useful life."

**His Unequaled Devotion.**  
"A good son will make a good husband," said the venerable minister. "This was the secret of the happy life of the late President. With his thorough devotion he allowed nothing to interfere. His devotion to his mother and his wife have reason to know was complete. Such a man can hardly go wrong. His genial life among his personal friends, of whom I counted myself one, was genuine and charming."

In closing, Dr. Kuhns dwelt on the cruelty and horror of the taking off of the President. "Believing in the absolute power of God in the world, we are prone to ask why did God take away the lives of Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, and William McKinley, when they were so much needed, when so much depended on them? In the case of the first two there may have been some fancied excuse for the acts of the assassin, but there was none in the last instance."

The minister quoted with deep feeling the poem "Sometime," expressing the idea that sometime the mystery would be dispelled.

The closing idea of the sermon was further impressed on the minds of the large number of people present by the beautiful solo of Miss M. Alice Maydwell, daughter of Rev. George E. Maydwell, pastor of the church. The solo was "Some Day We'll Understand," Mr. Wiley Davis rendered with fine effect the famous hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," made dear to the American people by the preference of President McKinley.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Eloquent Sermon by Dr. Herbert Scott Smith on McKinley's Noble Life.

The first anniversary of the death of William McKinley was fittingly observed at St. Margaret's Church, Bancroft Place and Connecticut Avenue northwest. Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, D. D., the pastor of the church, preached an eloquent memorial sermon from the text, "His leaf shall not wither."

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the influence of his Christian life upon the time in which he lived. Dr. Smith concluded as follows:

"The bravest knight in golden time after the battle would doff his armor and show the softer side of his nature: its sweetness and its grace. And it was so with our late President. Not only did he immeasurably strengthen the State; he sanctified the home in its manifold relationships and tender ties. I pity the man who has not a home, I pity the man who does not appreciate it, and try to make it better. Then let us live not for ourselves, but for others; not for today nor tomorrow, but for eternity."

## MCKINLEY ORDAINED OF HEAVEN TO BE A JOSHUA

Led People to Enter Upon Glorious Career of Usefulness, Says Rev. W. J. Hutchinson.

Rev. W. J. Hutchinson, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and a citizen of Ohio, spoke at the First Presbyterian Church last night on the life and character of the late President McKinley. He used as a basis the Scriptural passage, "He being dead, yet speaketh." He pointed out the strong features in the late President's character, presenting them as voices from the grave in argument for pure living and patriotic action.

"The life of William McKinley," he said, "was an epoch in the history of this country. While the United States had him for its Magistrate, this nation, under the guidance of Providence, became a world power. He, whom God chose to be the foremost citizen of the Republic, was ordained of heaven to be a Joshua, to lead this people into a broader, better, more glorious career of usefulness and power than the most ardent patriot had dared to dream."

"His patriotism, courage, fidelity, his beautiful home life and pure manhood were an apt inspiration to this country, and they speak out to us from the tomb even more powerfully than if the body were still alive in the world. One of the sad confessions of history is that a great many great men are misunderstood, underrated, and abused while living."

The speaker denied that high character, unselfish devotion to country and private honor were incompatible with an active part in politics. He cited the characteristics of McKinley, the practices and fruits of his life, to prove his contention and to emphasize the importance of a high standard of public and private duty. McKinley's character and works are with us perpetually, and we are glad to regard him as speaking, though he is silent.

In introducing Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Donald McLeod, pastor of the church, said:

"The observance of memorial customs is one of the first and best instincts. When God finished his great work of creation he appointed a day of rest to be kept during all time. The Israelites kept the Feast of the Passover in commemoration of the sparing of their first born, and in all sacred and profane history we find that the signal events in the careers of all people have been celebrated on days of observance."

"The same spirit of remembrance pervades the church and secular circles. It is appropriate that on this day and every day the American people should pause to consider the memory of one of the greatest of statesmen, one of the best and kindest of men, a patriot, a friend, and husband of the highest type."

## ALL CREEDS HONOR THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT

First Anniversary Memorial Services Held.

Cardinal Gibbons' Order Results in Churches in Baltimore Diocese Paying Tribute.

By Protestants, Catholics, and all other denominations was the late President McKinley esteemed and beloved. Not only the natural born American citizen entertained the highest regard for his integrity, honesty, and many endowments of virtue, but also the naturalized American citizen was always zealous to show the admiration and high respect which he entertained for the dead Chief Magistrate.

In keeping with public sentiment, Cardinal Gibbons, bishop of the Baltimore diocese, last Friday issued the following circular letter to the clergy of the archdiocese:

"Next Sunday, September 14, will be the first anniversary of the sudden and untimely death of President William McKinley. We all well remember how the nation was bowed down with sorrow by the sad and unlooked for event. It is eminently proper that we should in some appropriate manner renew our affection for the late Chief Executive of the nation and emphasize our adherence of his assassination."

"You are, therefore, invited on next Sunday to commemorate the occasion in the way which, in your judgment, is best calculated to testify our admiration for the civic virtues which adorned the life of our late President."

All Catholics Mourn.

Following the instructions of Cardinal Gibbons every Catholic church under his jurisdiction commemorated yesterday the anniversary of the death of President McKinley, and the manifestations of love for the departed Chief Magistrate at yesterday's services brought vividly to mind those sincere and deeply felt demonstrations of sympathy and sorrow which were every day occurrences while President McKinley was lying on his bed of suffering and death in the Pan-American exhibition city.

The sermons preached at yesterday's services again breathed that air of love, sympathy, and esteem in which the memory of President McKinley is held.

**LOCAL MENTION.**  
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by all classes without distinction of creed, race, or political affiliation. The memorial services held at St. Patrick's Church suggested the memory of the dreadful event which filled the nation with horror one year ago. The Rev. Father Dolan, who preached a highly eloquent and impressive sermon, said, in part: "We were a grief-stricken people, and our manifestations of sorrow were beyond controversy, sincere. And yet it is not rash to say that for the most part the murder of President McKinley has lost its place in the memory of men, and that the national lesson taught by that crime is still unlearned and unheeded."

"It is unquestionably true that the free circulation of lawless ideas—the free organization of irresponsible, but most dangerous, rebels against authority—anarchists."

**Public Sounded Warning.**  
"It is likewise unquestionably true that in all the public expressions concerning the death of Mr. McKinley there was the note of warning against inflammatory literature, against the unbridled license allowed to anarchists co-ordinating, and thus accumulating to themselves power and influence. Call after call was issued for legislation which would effectively stamp out this menace to national life; yet with the waning of the memory of McKinley's death, this warning this noble enthusiasm."

"The serious consideration of these things mystifies the mind. It would seem that as a people we are not sufficiently serious. The real explanation perhaps of this state of affairs is that in the mad rush for purely material considerations, which so characterizes us as a nation, we become oblivious to principles of unspokeable magnitude. We do not despise them, and when our attention is forcibly arrested, we look upon them seriously, as was the case last year."

"The cultivation of a proper public spirit, the proper development in the mind of citizens of a sense of civic responsibility, the purification of politics by the honest use of the ballot—these are the remedies for our diseased condition and the securities against such dangerous characters as the murderer of President McKinley."

At the close of the mass, the choir of St. Patrick's Church, under the direction of Prof. Armand Gumprecht, rendered the favorite hymn of the dead President, "Lead, Kindly Light."

## "THY WILL BE DONE," IS TAKEN AS A TEXT

Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., Preaches of the End.

Tells the Story of McKinley's Passing and the Effect on the People.

One of the largest congregations of the year attended the morning service at the Church of Our Father yesterday to participate in the memorial service for the late President McKinley. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., who selected his text from the Lord's Prayer. It was "Thy will be done."

"Associated with these old, familiar words," said the preacher, "are tender memories of home and childhood. Bound up with them are precious traditions of nineteen centuries of church history. There is a scene which these words always bring before us—that of the day when Jesus was on the Mount preaching that wonderful sermon. There is beauty in this picture as it has come down to us—beauty in the Galilean hills on which he stood and the Galilean sea, which stretched away in silvery distances. There was beauty in the lessons which he taught, but that which shone the brightest was, as the fathers called it, this 'pearl of prayer.'"

**People Generally Assemble.**  
"We have need today, as a people, for words like these. We have come together on a very sad anniversary. Today, in obedience to the proclamation of

governors and Commissioners, people all over this country have assembled in a service to commemorate the death of President McKinley. Never shall I forget last night a year ago. The sense of mystery, of tragedy—the sense of national change, of world-wide sympathy—were with us that night. And into those feelings came the message that made strong men break down and weep. There were no stage-boats thrills and shudders that went over the crowd that night. It was deathly reality. 'Good-by, all, good-by. It is God's way. His will be done,' came the message, and men who had not felt the impulse of prayer prayed then."

"The life of William McKinley is a beautiful exposition of our text. How ever much they may differ from him in policy, I believe that most men will agree that he was a pure-minded, sincere, honest, lovable Christian gentleman. He was one of the doers of the word—not a hearer only."

"I can draw no lesson from his life if you cannot draw one yourself. His motto was to live bravely, purely, honestly every day—live to pray 'Thy will be done,' and to execute that will."

At Second Church of Christ, Scientist, yesterday, the sermon was on "Matter," and was well attended, many standing. Preceding the sermon, Mr. Edward E. Norwood, the first reader, who, with his wife, recently came from Charleston, S. C., paid tribute to McKinley. He said, in part:

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That for Which He Triled and Strived Still Lives—Rev. Dr. Luccock's Anniversary Tribute.

The McKinley memorial services at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, B and Fourth Streets southeast, yesterday morning, were well attended. "A Good Man's Death a Year After," was the subject of Rev. G. N. Luccock's sermon. The text was from Hebrews xii:1, "Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyful, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." The preacher said, in part:

"The contemporary estimate of a brother.

"It must not be understood from this that the belongings of God are only a little left over from Caesar's share. For God never gave up away and control over all. All our institutions, he said, are built upon and in his authority, and his kingdom. The church and state are separate and great, but Christianity is greater than all political and religious institutions. But when the nation and the church build together on the great Christian spirit, then they are really great indeed. This great nation of ours became grand because it was guided and guarded by Christian manhood and womanhood."

In conclusion the speaker told of his first hearing of the news of the assassination of President McKinley. He was just entering Southampton, England. There the flags were flying at half mast showing the existence of the brotherhood of nations among a Christian people, all of whom mourned the taking off of a brother.

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That for Which He Triled and Strived Still Lives—Rev. Dr. Luccock's Anniversary Tribute.

The McKinley memorial services at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, B and Fourth Streets southeast, yesterday morning, were well attended. "A Good Man's Death a Year After," was the subject of Rev. G. N. Luccock's sermon. The text was from Hebrews xii:1, "Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyful, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." The preacher said, in part:

"The contemporary estimate of a brother.

"It must not be understood from this that the belongings of God are only a little left over from Caesar's share. For God never gave up away and control over all. All our institutions, he said, are built upon and in his authority, and his kingdom. The church and state are separate and great, but Christianity is greater than all political and religious institutions. But when the nation and the church build together on the great Christian spirit, then they are really great indeed. This great nation of ours became grand because it was guided and guarded by Christian manhood and womanhood."

In conclusion the speaker told of his first hearing of the news of the assassination of President McKinley. He was just entering Southampton, England. There the flags were flying at half mast showing the existence of the brotherhood of nations among a Christian people, all of whom mourned the taking off of a brother.