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than local in character. It is national and subscriptions to the fund have reached nearly six hundred thousand dollars, coming from every nook and cranny of the United States. The entire amount necessary for the building of the memorial is already in hand, but an additional hundred thousand dollars is to be raised as an endowment fund, the interest from which will defray all expenses and provide for the maintenance of the property, in this way avoiding the necessity of charging an admittance fee to people visiting the tomb. Although the plans on which architects have been working for two years are not yet finally approved, work at the monument site has already begun and it is expected that it will be finished in two years from this time. The memorial will be seventy-five feet in diameter, one hundred feet in height, built of pink granite with a marble interior. It is to be severely plain in character and will stand on an eminence known as Monument Hill, itself seventy-five feet above the surrounding level. It is quite likely that a sculptured portrait of McKinley will have a part in the plan, and that this will be the work of Saint Gaudens.

As succeeding years give perspective to the life of this man, other generations will rise to do him honor, but it comes to the few to be meted such prompt recognition as this. No other man in public life in this country has had so much evidence while he lived of the affection of his countrymen, nor at his death such a universal and eager impulse to show him honor.

A RECOLLECTION OF PRESIDENT McKinley

"I found the President, of all men in Washington, the only one who seemed not at all troubled by the heat, by the complications in China, by the difficulties in Cuba and Porto Rico, or by the rush and whirl of the campaign. During this first visit of mine, the Secretary of State and the First Assistant Secretary were both absent, having been almost prostrated by the extreme heat. At a second visit in October, I again saw the President, found him in the same equable frame of mind, not allowing anything to trouble him, quietly discharging his duties in the calm faith that all would turn out well."

(Andrew D. White's Autobiography.)