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{WOODROW WILSON AND SIXTUS V.}

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WOODROW WILSON declares that he is overcome by “the tremendousness of the responsibility” of his nomination for President, and probable election. Woodrow Wilson certainly put himself, by touring the country, to great pains to have the tremendous responsibility rolled upon his shoulders.

When Pope Sixtus V was a candidate for the office at the conclave of Cardinals he stooped heavily as though bent down with age, and about to die. No sooner was he chosen Pope when his stoop fell off him, and he stood erect and vigorous with no sign of approaching dissolution. Asked to explain the transformation he answered: “Before my election I stooped heavily because I was looking for the keys of St. Peter; now that I found them, of course I straightened up.” Woodrow Wilson turns the trick around. When he looked for the nomination he was chipper, and spry, and light-hearted, and of step elastic. Now that he got the nomination, he is “overcome” by the burden.

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