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Reddite quæ sunt Cæsaris, Cæsari; et quæ sunt, Deo, Deo.—Matt 22: 21.

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Notes.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. John Gilmary Shea who fell and injured his knee a short time ago, is yet confined to bed at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., the nature of his injury being more serious than at first supposed.

The refusal of the Dominion Government to interfere with Mr. Mercier's Bill for the restoration to the Society of Jesus of the equivalent of its estates confiscated at the conquest, is no more than every thinking man expected. And the howl being raised by the Ministerial Associations and the Orange Lodges amounts only to so much "wind," a quality possessed in about equal measure by the two institutions.

The following letter addressed to L'Abbe Biron, who made a sensational speech last month before the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Worcester, Mass., will probably throw some light on the "undoubted authority" which the N. Y. *Freeman's Journal* professes to have for its contention that the French-Canadians are favourable to Annexation:

BISHOP'S PALACE, THREE RIVERS, Que.
"January 10, 1889.

"I received yesterday an extract from the *Travailleur*, of Worcester, which gives you as authority for an opinion expressed by me, concerning the annexation of Canada to the United States, which makes me speak contrary to what I think on the subject. I conclude that the *Travailleur* misunderstood what you said, and that it has been led into error by the telegram which it is said to have received from Three Rivers. Therefore I pray you to make the following correction: I have never expressed, nor have I made known either in Three Rivers or elsewhere, any annexation *penchant*, for the good reason that I have never had any such feeling. It

is true that I have said both here and in the United States, upon several occasions, that I have considered in common with Canadian clergy and our ablest public men, that the emigration of French-Canadians to the United States was a weakness to the province of Quebec; but I never said that I had ceased to regard this emigration as such, because I yet consider it one of the most alarming symptoms of our future nationality. It is also true that our statesmen and clergy have done all in their power to arrest and wipe out, if possible, this emigration of our compatriots towards a strange country, and as I had to admit our inability to stop it, I concluded that Providence had some wise mission whereby such emigration would be favourable later on to our people.

Then, touching annexation, I alluded to that question in quite a contrary sense to that given by the *Travailleur*. I said that it will not be Canada which will be annexed to the United States, but rather a portion of the United States which will be annexed to Canada. In support of the theory, I advanced the opinion of several eminent men in the United States and Canada that there would happen on the North American continent something analogous to that which took place in Europe at the time of the dismemberment of the Roman Empire. In the more or less distant future, and for causes already apparent, the American Republic will be divided into several independent states and it is not improbable that a portion of this last republic will seek annexation to Canada in order to form a great independent state.

Such is, in a few words, the idea which I expressed on the subject in order to show that the French-Canadians should guard with a jealous care their nationality; that is, their language, their faith and their morals, in order that these may, in turn, be imparted to their children. I never said, however, that the Canadian confederation was but a house of cards, that it would soon disappear and that the 800,000 French-Canadians who are in the United States would come to our aid and protection against Anglo-Saxon hate and prejudice. I protest against such an imputation, which is injurious to my country, disloyal to the mother country and unworthy of the proverbial loyalty of the French-Canadian people. Praying that these misrepresentations regarding my views of the annexation of Canada to the United States will be corrected.

I am your obd't servant in
Jesus Christ our Saviour,

†L. F.

BISHOP OF THREE RIVERS.

So much for *one* Bishop of French-Canada, and the *Freeman's Journal*, the *Milwaukee Catholic Citizen* and others of their way of thinking, may rest assured that Bishop Lefebvre voices the sentiments of his brethren in the episcopacy and of both the priests and laity of the Province of Quebec.