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NOTES.

The contract for the stonework and brickwork of the new Cathedral university at Washington, D. C., has been awarded. The work of excavating the cellar is nearly completed, and the building will commence the first week in April. The building will be of Potomac blue-stone, with Ohio sandstone trimmings.

Mr. Edmund Dwyer Gray, son of the late Sir John Gray, proprietor of the *Freeman's Journal*, and a distinguished member of the Irish parliamentary party, died in Dublin on Tuesday of heart disease. Mr. Gray was Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1880, and was chairman of the Dublin Mansion House Committee, which in that year collected £180,000 for the relief of the distress in Ireland. At the time of his death he represented the St. Stephen's Green division of Dublin in parliament. He represented Tipperary for several years, and afterwards sat for Carlow County. His death will be a great loss to the Irish parliamentary party.

An important item of news is sent to the *Pilot* by its Rome correspondent in these words: The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, and the Bishop of Cork, the Right Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan, remain here by the Pope's desire. He wishes to have other conversations with them, in which he will learn the condition and the wants of the Irish people. The Archbishop of Dublin is about to prepare a memorial, setting forth, with the brevity and clearness which distinguish his writings, a summary of the Irish question, the great interests involved in it and the possible methods of its complete solution. In order that he shall have that peace and quiet necessary for the due fulfilment of such an undertaking, he repairs to the Augustinian House of San Pio, in the immediate vicinity of Genazzano. Here, under the shadow, as it were, of Our Lady of Good Council, he will draw up the plain tale of his country's claims, and suggest the means by which they may be righted. The document will be presented to the Holy Father, and will

form a most valuable contribution to the knowledge of Ireland which he has already acquired. The Duke of Norfolk may use all his efforts to bring about diplomatic relations with England and the Vatican, and to have the Irish bishops admonished. Those who know the feeling which prevails at the Vatican, know how futile are his efforts.

The *Pilot's* correspondent is correct. His statement is confirmed by information from Rome which we know to be absolutely reliable. THE REVIEW'S information is that the visit of the Duke of Norfolk, in so far as it was meant to promote any political projects, received no encouragement. That, at least, is the belief of those in a position to best know.

The *Pilot's* correspondent also says that it is reported in Rome that the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda has written a letter to Bishop Vaughan, of Salford, proprietor of the *Tablet* newspaper, requiring him to moderate the language of that journal, which, in its anti-Irish expression, has outraged Christian propriety.

Mr. Wilfred Blunt, who charged Chief Secretary Balfour, a few months ago, with having stated to him that he contemplated the death of certain leading Home Rulers as a consequence of their then prospective imprisonment, has written a letter to the *Times*, renewing his charge circumstantially. Mr. Balfour, he repeats, declared to him that "the Home Rule movement was supported by half-a-dozen men, whom he named, and would collapse if, as he expected, they, through fear of imprisonment, fled the country. If they were imprisoned he said they would get such severe hard labour that those without strong health would be unable to stand it. Mr. Balfour said he was sorry for Mr. Dillon, as there was some good about him, but he would get six months' hard labour, and as he was in bad health the punishment would kill him." Mr. Blunt again challenges Mr. Balfour to say whether this statement is correct, and declares that if he denies the language attributed to him he will bring testimony to corroborate it. While he was in prison, Mr. Blunt adds, heavy obstacles were placed in the way of his giving a correct version of his conversation with the Chief Secretary, obstacles, he supposes, which were placed there at the instigation of the latter.

Mr. Mercier and the members of the Quebec Cabinet had an interview with Cardinal Taschereau on Tuesday in reference to the Jesuit estate property in Quebec, authority to sell which Mr. Mercier, the Quebec Premier, obtained from the Holy Father, it is said, during his recent visit to Rome. The site of the old Jesuit barracks is to be turned into two grand and interesting avenues, one of which is to be called after the Cardinal, and on which statues of Mgr. Laval and Champlain will be erected. His Eminence is said to have coincided with these arrangements on condition that the lots facing on both avenues are to be sold, and the price obtained to be paid over to the object to be designated by the Holy Father.