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Reddite qua sunt Cesaris, Cesaris; et qua sunt Dei, Deo.—Matt 22: 21.

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NOTES.

We have the report of the Toronto Humane Society (1887-1891). In it we find many excellent things and not a few very foolish things. We shall review it next week.

The *Michigan Catholic* thinks the sentiment of the country was swayed by "Puritan prudery" when it declared itself against the translation of the Ober Ammergau Passion Play from its native surroundings to a stage in Chicago.

We have elsewhere something from a Protestant source about priests and parsons. We admit freely a certain amount of incredulity about the parish of 25,000 souls which, as the paragraph seems to suggest, was in charge of one priest, but we are sure plenty of parallels could be found for the bible-and-butter-milk episode.

Apropos of the above is an item which we find in a contemporary.

"During the yellow fever epidemic of 1878, the four dioceses of New Orleans, Mobile, Natchez and Nashville lost by the plague thirty priests, three seminarians, six Brothers and fifty-four Sisters. Martyrs of charity, they stuck to their posts through all the horrors of the pestilence."

And the parsons! Where were they? Not in the immediate vicinity anyhow. And who could blame them? The poor fellows could do no good, and they had their wives and families to consider.

See what the *Pittsburgh Catholic* says in another column about "newspaper dead beats." If you are paying your way you can skip it.

Unless it be true that there is a Municipal By-Law in Hamilton forbidding public processions not headed by the Canadian flag, Constable Campaign (who is, by the way, achieving an otherwise undeserved celebrity) had no more right to order down the A. O. H. flag than he had to order the processionists to wear their hats wrong side front.

The Rev. Sam Jones who has the run of Toronto Protestant pulpits anytime it suits his convenience or accommodates his pocket to come this way, has been making himself very obnoxious down South. His management (for he is hired out like any other orator) was said to be more solicitous for the Almighty Dollar than for the Salvation of souls, and Sam's rejoinder is a beauty. We have it elsewhere.

Hear is something new regarding the Manitoban difficulty. The *Canada Presbyterian* (17 Aug.) asserts that many "prominent and useful ministers of the Presbyterian church in Canada have declared that they would rather have their children read the Douay version of the Scriptures in school than have them educated under a system from which religious instruction was eliminated by law."

The letter of Cardinal Ledochowski to the Hierarchy of the United States (reproduced elsewhere) is of value to us in Canada in that it puts stress on the value of the united voice of the episcopate of a nation. For fifty years back the united voice of the episcopate of Canada has been unanimous in support of Separate Schools. For the past forty years it has found a more or less perfect echo in the legislation of the country. The struggles they are making in the United States to attain, against the prejudices of their Protestant environment and the more damaging indifference of those who should be allies instead of (as by indifference they become) adversaries, what we constitutionally possess, should make Catholic Canadians just a trifle thankful that they are Canadians.

A local Protestant organ declares that "the exodus (of French Catholics) to the New England States is a cause of alarm to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church, and steps have lately been taken to turn the tide towards Manitoba and the North West." If proverbs about stable doors and stolen steeds still avail, this is the place for one of them. The full