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

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Notes.

The intrinsic weakness of circumstantial evidence is well displayed by the circumstances elsewhere related by the *Union and Times*.

Now that coercion in Ireland has disappeared into thin space one can read with equanimity the *Globe's* summary of the Tory Coercion Act.

The Public School Board announce their night schools to open 1st Oct. The Separate School Board will deal with the question at their next general meeting, 3rd Oct.

We notice elsewhere Father Rickaby's "*Thomas Ethicus*" (an English translation) which promises to be of great service not only in the schools of philosophy, but also to all English-reading lovers of pure Christian ethics everywhere.

The conference of the Archbishops of the United States which was to have been held on 19th Oct., and for which the Holy See had directed provincial conferences to be previously held, has been deferred to 16 Nov. on account of the Columbus celebration. A Papal Alegate will, it is said, preside.

We said some weeks ago that New London, Conn., would, probably, not see a Catholic Summer School held within its borders for some time to come. They received angels unawares. They were not looking for angels; they wanted shackles. Now they won't get either. It appears that the Summer School Committee, by nearly two to one, has decided to go to the Thousand Islands next year.

Dr. Patton, an evangelical missionary, gives as a sample of what they are doing to convert the natives that they have the Bible translated into 16 different dialects, but it is an expensive book to purchase, each leaf costing nine shillings. Unless the New Hebridans discover a gold mine soon, Protestant Christianity must long remain a sealed book to them.

Father Zahm, C.S.C., has done a good service in defending, in the *American Ecclesiastical Review*, the character of Bishop Zumarrago, the first prelate of the city of Mexico, from the calumnies that have been so often printed by non-Catholic American tourists about his administration. Father Zahm proves conclusively that the statements that this prelate destroyed many of the old Aztec monuments are entirely baseless.

A Winnipeg despatch says that in an interview with Archbishop Tache some time ago reference was made to a Winnipeg despatch which appeared in *Le Canadien*, which stated that Sir John Thompson would receive from Archbishop Tache, a letter accepting the situation here. His Grace ridiculed the despatch. He had received no communication and sent none. Newspapers were frequently publishing absurd stories. It had even been said in an eastern paper that the visit of his cousin, M. Buere, from Quebec, who was a Protestant, had been made on political business of the church. Regarding the new system of National schools he would not say that the religious exercises prescribed by the regulations debarred Roman Catholics from using the public schools. But should Roman Catholic children attend public schools he would not sanction their remaining during those exercises, even if they were word for word the same as those used in Ontario. Exercises might possibly be devised which could be used by Roman Catholics and Protestants in common, but he thought it would prove very difficult.

Another despatch says that Rev. Father Drummond, the eloquent Jesuit, lectured in St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg, the previous evening before a very large audience, declaring the judgment in the Privy Council in the Manitoba school case to be an extraordinary one and that he did not believe that independent judges of any country but England would have mustered sufficient courage to hand down to posterity such a monument of inconsequence founded on prejudice against the Roman Catholic Church.

Habits are soon assumed; but when we strive to strip them off, 'tis being flayed alive.—*Cowper*.

Why destroy present happiness by a distant misery, which may never come at all, or you may never live to see it, for every substantial grief has twenty shadows and most of them, shadows of your own making.—*Sydney Smith*.