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

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Cardinal Gibbons is in Dublin visiting Archbishop Walsh.

A gentleman in the confidence of Lord Salisbury is negotiating, it is said, with the Vatican in a semi-official capacity for the resumption of official relations between the Vatican and England.

Mgr. Rotelli, the new Papal Nuncio to France, has been ordered to postpone his departure from Rome for Paris until a new French Cabinet has been formed. The Vatican hopes that the new Cabinet will favour an improvement in the relations between France and the Vatican.

Father Keller, the priest of Youghal, imprisoned in Kilmainham gaol for refusing to testify regarding his connection with the plan of campaign, has been released, the Court of Appeal reversing the conviction. Proceedings for the release of Father Ryan, another imprisoned priest, are to be instituted at once.

After excited discussion in the House of Commons, the second clause of the Irish Crimes Bill was adopted on Tuesday. After the Whitsun recess the Government propose, it is understood, to force the passage of the bill within a specified period, whether the amendments are disposed of or not. Lord Rosebury in a speech on Saturday, declared that what the English nation wanted was education on the facts of the Irish question, that the nation had been grossly and constantly misled by foul libels, or by worse means, and that once it thoroughly understood the real issue it would no longer hesitate.

The Pope in an allocution on Tuesday referred to the religious peace with Prussia, and said:—"God grant that Italy, which is particularly dear to us, may share the spirit

of peace with which we are animated toward all nations. We earnestly desire that Italy should put aside her unhappy difference with the Papacy, whose dignity is violated chiefly by the conspiracy of sects. The means of obtaining concord would be to establish the Pope in a position where he would be subject to no power in the enjoyment of full and real liberty which, far from injuring Italy, would powerfully contribute to her prosperity."

Signor Fazzari, a member of the Chamber of Deputies, writes to *La Nazione* that he believes an *entente* between Italy and the Vatican could easily be obtained if the Pope would direct the ecclesiastical authorities of the Vatican to support, at the next election for the Chamber of Deputies, candidates favouring such a reconciliation. The writer says King Humbert is powerless to act unless public opinion points that way. It is necessary, therefore, that the Pope, continuing his policy of conciliation, should so act as to make possible the election of a large majority who favour reconciliation. The moment has come for decisive action. Let the Pope take the initiative and Italy will be grateful to him. The letter is much discussed in Parliamentary circles.

The rumour is being circulated that Mgr. Hamel is on his way to Ottawa for the purpose of urging the disallowance by the Governor-General-in-Council of the Jesuits' Bill of incorporation. Laval University, it is said, desires to contract a large loan of \$750,000 from the Sulpicians of Montreal until the question involving the restitution of the Jesuits' estate is settled, so as to be in a position to commence immediately the construction of the branch here, but that since the Jesuits' Bill has become law the Sulpicians refuse to make the loan. An ecclesiastical authority, however, says that is not the reason of the refusal, which may possibly be made public at a subsequent date. Mgr. Hamel has been in Ottawa, but attending the session of the Royal Society, of which he is President.

The correspondent of the *Associated Press* has made inquiries regarding the memoir on the Irish question, alleged to have been prepared by the Irish College. As a result of his investigation, he has authority to state that no memoir whatever on the condition of Ireland has been issued from the Irish College, nor has any body of members of the College denounced the Parnellites. The statement to that effect is an absolute falsehood. An enquiry at the Irish College elicited indignant denial of any knowledge of such a document, which is declared to be a malicious and stupid invention, devoid of the least probability. The glaring absurdity of the alleged memoir and the ignorance it displays were evident to every person who considers the nature and origin of the Irish College. The Rome correspondent of the *London Chronicle*, which first gave publication to the story, admits that he was deceived, and that no such memoir was issued. It is now alleged that the pamphlet is the work of an Englishman, whose principal object appears to be to prepare the ground for a renewal of diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican by excessive abuse of Ireland, the writer hoping by this means to promote antipathy to Parnellism.