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*Reddite que sunt Caesaris, Caesari; et que sunt Dei, Deo.*—Matt 22: 21.

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## Notes.

THE *Westminster Review* says that "in point of numbers the Catholic Church is the national Church of America," and that she is holding out "every promise of becoming the national Church of the future."

A FEW days ago Mr. W. C. Macdonald, a wealthy merchant of Montreal, gave \$700,000 to McGill University, and this sum Sir Donald Smith—a continuous and a princely giver—supplemented with a gift of \$300,000, making \$1,000,000 for a single purpose, in a single day. An American contemporary points out that there are rich Catholics who might learn a lesson in liberality and in the use of riches from these Protestant gentlemen. Cardinal Manning says the will is a bad one that makes no mention of God or His poor.

PRINCE BISMARCK before his resignation is said to have had more than one interview with Herr Windthorst, the leader of the German Catholic party, and there seems little doubt that the astute old Chancellor fully recognized the importance of the position now held by those who have fought so well for the liberty of their religion. The German Catholics are now literally masters of the Empire. Prince Bismarck is too keen an observer of political events not to realize the importance of this fact, which is one that augurs well for the future of the German Empire.

ABOUT a year ago we gave a review in these columns of Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson's charming description of a stay at a monastery of the French Trappists during a summer's sojourning in the Cevennes. Since then this delightful author has been further afield; and in his last two years voyaging over the summer seas of the Pacific he did not forget to pay a pilgrimage to the shrine of Father Damien. These are his recollections of the scene:

"I visited Molokai about a fortnight after the death of Father Damien. It is a fearful place to live in, and reminds one of a waking nightmare. It would be one altogether for a visitor to spend more than an hour there, were it not for

the Catholic Sisters; but it is worth while going through the ordeal to see them moving about among the stricken lepers, like angels of light and mercy, as, indeed, they are."

SINCE the death of its late distinguished and learned Editor-in-Chief, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Corcoran, the future editorial direction of the *American Catholic Quarterly Review*, has been a subject of deep concern, not only to its proprietors, but also to the friends and readers of the *Quarterly* throughout the country. We are happy, however, to be able to announce, on behalf of the publishers, that arrangements have been completed by which this solicitude has been dissipated, and that, beginning with the July number of the present year, the *Quarterly* will enter upon a new career of usefulness and prosperity under the chief editorial direction of the Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, Archbishop of Philadelphia, with the Rev. Dr. Hortsmann, the Rev. L. V. McCabe, and George Dering Wolf, J.L.D., Editor of the *Catholic Standard of Philadelphia*, as Associate Editors. It is needless for us to refer to the merits of the *Quarterly* as one of the leading Catholic periodicals published in the English language. It will be continued on the same general lines established by its late eminent editor, and as a medium for the discussion, on a higher plane, of the great living questions of the day, covering almost every department of human knowledge. That its guidance goes into such strong hands will be heard with pleasure by the educated and intellectual portion of the Catholic public, to whom the future of a publication of the kind must ever be a matter of interested concern.

MEANWHILE we notice that the new editor of the *Quarterly* is already receiving a few suggestions as to how to do it and how not to do it, just like any ordinary mortal. "We hope Archbishop Ryan," writes the reverend editor of the *St. Louis Western Watchman*, "will feel the importance of using strong adjectives, and villainous (*sic*) *ad hominem* arguments in his management of the *Review*. Some one has told us that the greatest consolation of his life was in reading somewhere that on a certain occasion George Washington, the Father of his country, actually said 'damn.' We don't want Archbishop Ryan to say 'damn,' but we want to see him sometimes think it. In other words we want to see him get mad." It is to be borne in mind that before his translation to the Archbishopric of Philadelphia, Archbishop Ryan and this candid friend were both residents of the same bailiwick. "We offer these suggestions to the Archbishop," says the *Watchman*, "as we are to-day the oldest Catholic editor in point of continuous service in the United States, and he is the youngest. We shall watch his career with the interest of a father, and while we may from time to time feel called upon to administer parental advice we shall never cease to hope that he become the brightest and best of the new school of editors that is growing up around us."