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*Reddito que sunt Cæsaris, Cæsari; et que sunt Dei, Deo.—Matt. 22 : 21.*

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## EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The Crimes Bill passed its third reading on Friday last, by a vote of 349 to 262. The Parnellites previously left the House in a body.

Mr. William O'Brien, who was elected to the House during his tour in Canada, took his seat on Thursday, and strongly supported Mr. Gladstone's motion for the rejection of the Crimes bill.

The Parnellite members of Parliament had a meeting on Wednesday and decided to support Mr. Bannerman's motion that the Land bill be rejected. It was also decided to formulate a series of amendments for the committee stage.

It is reported that Mgr. Scilli has informed the Pope that the time has not yet arrived to establish a nunciature, or apostolic delegation at London, although some official link between England and the Vatican seems not only expedient, but imperative.

The Queen has addressed an autograph letter to Mr. Matthews, who presented to her an address by the Catholics of London. In it the Queen says that she has

always felt full confidence in the loyalty of her Catholic subjects in and out of England.

If bye-elections are straws, indicating the flow of popular opinion, the Government during the past week have received very significant hints. The Spalding election on the 1st, where a Tory majority of 288 was changed into a Gladstonian majority of 747, was followed by the North Paddington election, where the Tory majority was lessened by 493 votes. This the Liberals claim as a moral victory.

The American testimonial to Mr. Gladstone was presented to him on Saturday last, in the presence of a large attendance. The address was read by Mr. Pullitzer, of New York, and bore the signature of nearly eleven thousand New Yorkers. Mr. Gladstone replied feelingly. The address accompanied a massive piece of silver work, an offering of sympathy with Mr. Gladstone in his great public services in the cause of Ireland and religious freedom.

The Paris *Figaro* says the Pope in a conversation recently with a French statesman, who visited him in Rome, expressed his attachment for France, and declared that the equilibrium of Europe would remain upset until France regained her proper position among the nations. The Pope also said that he understood the French regrets for the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, and wished that by pacific intervention he could assist France in her desire to regain her lost territory.

The coming fortnight is expected to apply a rude test to the Tory-Unionist alliance. Lord Salisbury's effort to square Lord Hartington on the Land bill is supposed not quite to have succeeded. Neither Lord Hartington nor Mr. Chamberlain is satisfied with the bill in the shape in which it left the House of Lords, and amendments are certain to be proposed. Liberal wit is being taxed to contrive an amendment which shall divide the Unionists and Tories. The whole Gladstonian-Parnellite force will support any proposal on which there is a chance of putting the Government into a minority. Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the Land bill is the speech of a man who dislikes landlords almost as much as he likes Tories. He supports the bill heartily but not in all details.

Mgr. Persico and Mgr. Gualdi, who have been sent by the Pope to enquire into the situation in Ireland, arrived in Dublin on the 8th inst. Mgr. Persico visited many of the Dublin churches, and being recognized, conferred a blessing on the congregations. A delegation from a temperance society called at Archbishop Walsh's residence to obtain Mgr. Persico's blessing for the society. The envoy conferred it. Since then, accompanied by Archbishop Walsh, he has visited many of the Catholic institutions in the archdiocese. In an address at the Zion Hall Convent, the Monseigneur expressed the greatest satisfaction over the standard of the education conferred in these religious institutions, and the devotion of the people to the Holy See. Mgr. Persico intends to proceed to Crolgraney, County Wexford, to witness the evictions which are in progress there, and before returning to Rome will visit the principal cities in Ireland.