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

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NOTES.

The *Freeman's Journal* observes that it is high time that the adjectives "zealous" and "indefatigable," "energetic" and "popular," ceased to be used in print every time a priest performs any of the ordinary duties of his vocation. No sensible man is pleased with this sort of thing, though his dignity, and the fear of seeming to affect humility, may prevent him from protesting.

We would direct particular attention to the remarks in another column on the retaliatory policy which President Cleveland suggests should be inaugurated against Canada. Not a very imposing spectacle certainly, that fifty-five millions of people should retaliate on five millions, for simply looking after their rights. Should President Cleveland's policy be adopted (a most unlikely thing we should say) it would on the whole benefit Canada in the long run. We would be the better of having to rely more upon ourselves.

Why should there be an "Anti-British vote" to court in every great political contest in the United States? Briefly stated, because of England's misgovernment of Ireland. And why should British journalists be ever ready to run hat-in-hand at Uncle Sam's heels, and tell him at every turn that he need never expect England to go to war for the protection of Canadian interests? Is it the guilty English conscience (because of Ireland) making "cowards" of these Imperial scribes? It will be seen by the treatment of the fishery question as it has been seen by the treatment of every other that arises affecting Canada, that under existing arrangements her interest in the domestic affairs of the Empire is somewhat more than "sentimental."

Also we have commented elsewhere upon another kind of "retaliation" that of the Orange Lodges'. They are in great fear, evidently, that the venerable Society of

Jesus is bent upon their destruction. It is no new thing for the Orange Lodges' to fly into a silly rage over any act of justice done to the Catholic Church. Had they their way we should have no peace or safety in any part of the empire. But though they make so much noise, they possess no power to injure us. The good sense of the Canadian people will, we have not the least fear, see that justice is done to Catholics, whether in the person of the Society of Jesus or in that of the lowliest Catholic individual in the land. The only thing that surprises us is that the Lodges, a perpetual menace to public order, are not suppressed by act of Parliament.

A correspondent writes to the London *Eng. Catholic Press*. "It has for a long time past been a common topic of conversation amongst Catholics frequenting the City on business throughout the week, that most excellent opportunities could be afforded to City men generally of learning more than they are at present cognizant of, respecting the teaching of the Catholic Church, if the pulpit of the beautiful Church of St. Mary's Moorfields, could be occupied for one day every week, during the luncheon hour from one to two p.m., by some of our celebrated preachers, who would also fearlessly attack the vices so prevalent there, which you exposed in your leading columns the other day, to the surprise of many. It is considered very certain that a most intelligent audience would soon find its way there, as they do to the Protestant churches which are opened at the same hour, which would soon be converted into a sympathetic one under the influence of an able man. To the many City benefactors of that magnificent charity, the Providence (Row) Night Refuge, it might be the only means of their enlightenment, and subsequent conversion to the faith we all so much hope they will embrace before their death, for the prayers of the poor and afflicted whom they have so nobly relieved in the past will prevail with Almighty God. What a happiness to Catholics it would be, if this idea be adopted, to find in course of time that the dear old historical pro-Cathedral of the late Cardinal Wiseman once more had become the centre of attraction to Protestants, as it used to be in the days gone by, who will hang upon the inspired words of a *Perè Lacordaire* or a *Perè Monsabre* as the French do in *Notre Dame, Paris*, and as the English used to do, on the words of Cardinal Wiseman."

This would be one way of bringing the London world face to face with the Church's teaching, and this, in our day, is the great need, that of bringing the knowledge of the faith home to the great mass of the middle classes both in England and in this country. To apply the suggestion to ourselves, what vast possibilities for good would not a great preacher possess, occupying the pulpit of St. Michael's from Sunday to Sunday or even through the week. There multitudes of Protestants go when they have opportunity, and those of our readers who had the good fortune to hear Father Kenny, S.J., during the mission preached by him in the Cathedral last winter, will readily acquiesce in our opinion, that such preaching, repeated from time to time, would be instrumental in bringing many souls into the Church.