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

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## HIS GRACE'S VISITS.

A theological conference of the priests of the deanery of Barrie was held by His Grace Archbishop Walsh at Barrie on Tuesday, 27th October. Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann accompanied His Grace from Toronto. There were present:—Very Rev. Father Bergin, Dean of Barrie; Rev. Fathers Gibra, Barrie; Gibney, of Alliston; Labreau, of Penetanguishene; Kiernan, of Collingwood; McMahon, of Brechin; Moyna, of Stayner; Gearin, of Flos; Hogan, of Mara; Gibbons, of the Reformatory, Penetanguishene; Lynch, of Orillia; Colin, of Midland. The Archbishop was well pleased with the conference, as were also the visiting priests. After the conference the Very Rev. Dean entertained the priests of the deanery and the visiting clergy in his usual hospitable manner. Amongst the visitors were Rev. Fathers Killeen, of Adjala; Gallagher, of Schomberg; Allain, of St. Catharines; and Maguire, of Bracebridge.

On the following day, Wednesday, the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, His Grace, accompanied by the clergy, proceeded to Phelpstone, the future residence of Rev. Father Gearin, to bless and lay the corner-stone of the new St. Patrick's church. The ceremony commenced at 1 o'clock p.m. by a procession of the priests in soutane and surplice, with the Archbishop in cope and mitre. A large wooden cross had been erected in the place where the future altar is to stand. There the sacred function commenced, and the altar where the holy sacrifice will be offered received its first blessing. The procession wended its way through the large crowd of the faithful, who attended from Flos and the neighboring parishes, to bless and place the corner-stone, with the chant of Psalm and the solemnity of prayer according to the ancient Roman ritual. Documents bearing the name of the church and the date of its erection, with numerous coins and periodicals, were placed in a tin box and enclosed in the cavity. The following is a free translation of the official document which was in Latin: "This corner-stone was blessed and laid on the 28th of October, 1891, on the feast of Saints Simon and Jude. Leo XIII. was at the time Pope, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland; Lord Stanley Governor-General of Canada; Sir Alexander Campbell, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; and Rev. Michael Gearin, pastor of Flos." The ceremony was made more impressive by the lucid explanation of His Grace, who, both before and during the progress of the blessing, told the people the meaning of the beautiful prayers and psalms that constitute the sacred rite. From a temporary platform, on which were assembled the assisting clergy, the Archbishop took occasion to address the assembled faithful. He was glad, he said, to be there to manifest his sympathy for them in the great work they had undertaken in connection with their devoted pastor, of raising a temple to God, worthy of themselves, and in keeping with the growing needs and progress of this great and free land.

The Archbishop is a practical man. He stated that he did not come merely to lay the corner-stone or to preach, but to show his brotherly love and paternal solicitude for the people of Flos, and to express his desire for their unity with their pastor in the great work of the building of the church in the centre of the parish. As their Archbishop he would show them a good example, and he handed to Rev. Father Gearin his cheque for \$100. His laudable example was followed by the clergy, who also placed their gifts on the corner-stone, and assisted in soliciting subscriptions from those present. A goodly sum, almost \$500, was raised in this manner. Whilst the collection was being taken up the Rev. Father McCann, V.G., advanced to the edge of the platform and delivered an eloquent sermon on the sanctity of the true Church, and its bearings on modern society.

The new church will be a beautiful brick structure with stone trimming, one hundred and fourteen feet long and forty-eight wide, beside a winter chapel twenty-two by thirty-three feet, and a sacristy. Mr. Thomas Kennedy, of Barrie, is the architect. The brickwork will be proceeded with next spring, and when completed the new church will be an ornament to the village.

## LATEST CABLES.

DUBLIN, Oct. 27.—Startling testimony was given to-day in the trial of Rev. Samuel Cotton, a rector at Carnogh, County Kildare, who was charged with criminal neglect and ill-treatment of the children in Carnogh Orphanage. Rev. Mr. Cotton, who had conducted the affairs of the orphanage for many years, has made many appeals to the public for financial aid and has received large sums of money by subscriptions for the maintenance of the orphanage. Owing to numerous complaints against the institution the Society for the Protection of Children recently made an investigation into the manner in which the orphanage was conducted. It was ascertained that the children were in an emaciated, filthy, and ragged condition. A girl had been chained by the legs to the table leg. The rooms of the orphanage were in the filthiest possible condition. In the kitchen was found a baby six weeks old covered with dirty rags and dying of cold and starvation. Other children were found in the same apartment crowded around a small fire, almost frozen and half starved. All were weak and sickly, and their growth had been stunted by the treatment received. The sanitary condition of the establishment was perfectly horrible. The walls and floors were in a beastly condition and some of the beds used by the children were old bags and packing cases filled with stale hay. All the children were kept in a state of terror by Mr. Cotton. Mr. Cotton was committed for trial.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—Heavy storms, accompanied by lightning, have renewed their violence in South western France. Snow has fallen upon the mountains near Mont Louis, in the Pyrenees-Orientales. Many of the mountain slopes have been undermined by the excessive rainfall, and the valleys are threatened by disastrous land slides. An enormous amount of damage has been done to farms, live stock, and fruit trees.

Details of Monday's great storm are rapidly coming to hand. Eighteen boats, mainly small coasters, were dashed to pieces in the vicinity of Marseilles. A large, three-masted Italian vessel was wrecked at Hyeres. At Cannes the gale was severe. The sea with great violence swept over and badly damaged the promenade Du Midi. Many vessels took refuge in the various ports of the French colony of Algeria.

CORK, Oct. 27.—Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien arrived here to-day and were met at the train by a procession. As the procession passed through the streets there was considerable hissing and booing and several stones crashed through a large portrait of William O'Brien which was carried in the parade.

Upon arriving at the assembly rooms Dillon and O'Brien were given an enthusiastic reception during which several speeches were made.

While the speech-making was in progress a body of Parnellites attacked the bandsmen of the McCarthys and tried to demolish their instruments. A free fight followed but the police soon put an end to it.

Dillon and O'Brien subsequently attended the Cork County Convention, where Dillon presided. In his address Mr. Dillon complained of what he termed the "organized violence" of the Parnellites and made other allusions to the political situation which were loudly applauded.

Mr. O'Brien said he was willing to give fair play to his opponents, but he would not yield "to brickbats and dynamite mobs." (Loud applause.) The Parnellites might blow up the offices of the newspaper representing the views of the McCarthys, but they could not destroy the spirit which animated that party. (Tremendous applause, mingled with hooting.)

After the county convention had adjourned there was a serious fight in the streets between the McCarthys and the Parnellites. As soon as the convention had closed its proceedings Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien passed through the city, still accompanied by the procession which met them at the railroad station. Suddenly the McCarthys were attacked by a large mob of Parnellites, and both sides fought desperately with sticks, clubs, shovels and picks. A detachment of mounted police were sent for and they spurred their horses in between the two lines of combatants, striking right and left with the flat of their sabres.