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

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Notes.

Ernest Renan, the author of the infamous *Vie de Jesus* is dead and the infidel French Government gave him yesterday a state funeral.

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Besides forbidding excursions to Paris for the recent Republican fete, the Government has forbidden railway excursions to Lourdes and other shrines from infected cities.

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The statistics of the Newfoundland fire are now published. The number of families burned out was 1,874; the number of persons, 10,234; the number of houses destroyed, 1,550.

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On Monday last the Convocation of Jesuit Provincials held at Azepayta (St. Ignatius' birthplace) in Spain, elected Rev. Father Martin Superior-General to succeed Rev. Father Anderledy.

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The Anti's are distressed because the Canadian people are divided on the question of Home Rule. Let them take heart. They would feel no better if the small band of dissentients did not exist.

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The grand jury in Pittsburg returned true bills against 167 Homesteaders for murder and aggravated riots. It is not known when the trials will begin. Indictments for treason have been issued against others.

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"Observer," to whom we referred last week, returns to the charge. His contention is that the general feeling of Irish Catholics was adverse to Grattan's Parliament, whence he incontinently draws the conclusion that the Irish clergy and people who now demand a parliament are striving for something which their forefathers condemned. Even though his premises were

granted his conclusion would fail. The Parliament or Local Legislature for which the priests and people of Ireland are now working would in nothing resemble Grattan's Parliament but in the fact of its being Irish. There will be a Parliament of the people of Ireland for the people, not of the gentry of Ireland for their own selfish purposes, as was the case in Grattan's time.

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Lord Tennyson is dead. One of his latest poems is a death song worthy of the great poet.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as, moving, seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have cross'd the bar.

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Rev. Mr. Fortin, of Holy Trinity church, Winnipeg, publicly contradicted Archbishop Tache's statement that the Roman Catholic Church encouraged its members to read the Bible.—*Daily paper.*

The courageous fellow actually contradicted the Archbishop's statement *publicly*. The readers of the paragraph were to be impressed with the idea that public contradiction proves something. Contradiction, public or private, proves nothing, never did prove anything. Arguments lead to proof; mere statement does not involve it. A blind man might, as publicly as might be, contradict every one of Tyndall's theories on light; and what would it prove?

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The eloquent appeal for material assistance to the Irish national cause with which Hon. Edward Blake closed his great speech in the Pavilion has borne fruit. It will be remembered that Mr. Blake told how the arduous campaign through which the McCarthy wing had passed had completely denuded the treasury of funds, and assured his friends that he would be pleased to be the bearer of material as well as moral support on his return to Ireland. A few evenings ago a meeting was held for the purpose of organising a central committee in Toronto to receive subscriptions in aid of the campaign funds of the National party. Among those present were Hon. Frank Smith, F. B. Hayes of Ottawa, Hugh Ryan, P. Boyle, Bryan Lynch, James Ryan, J. L. Lee and others. It was decided to issue an address to the people, together with a re-print of Mr. Blake's address in reply to the welcome given him at the Pavilion. This will fully set forth the reasons for making the appeal. Another meeting will be held before Monday next to formally organise and name an Executive Committee. Meanwhile Hon. Frank Smith and Hon. S. H. Blake will act as joint treasurers of the fund. The following subscriptions are reported:—

F. B. Hayes, Ottawa.....	\$2,000
George Kiely.....	1,000
Hugh Ryan.....	1,000
Hon. Frank Smith.....	1,000
Blake, Cassels and Lash	1,000

Total.....\$6,000

Hon. S. H. Blake's letter accepting the joint treasurership is printed elsewhere.