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

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Notes.

The latest aberration of the "No-Popery" sentiment in this Province, is the formation of a Protestant Life Insurance Company, the prospectus of which has been lately issued in this city. The concern is to be known as "The Protestant Life," and it is to have for its motto "One Flag! One Law! One Country." (Why not One Language?) In the advertisement of the company the names and titles of its Directors are given as follows:

James L. Hughes, Esq., Pub. Sch. Insp., Toronto.
 Edward F. Clarke, Esq., M.P.P., Mayor, City of Toronto.
 Wm. Bell, Alderman, Toronto.
 Rev. Wm. Galbraith, LL.B., Toronto.
 John Ferguson, M.A., M.D., Toronto.
 Rev. Wm. R. Parker, M.A., D.D., Toronto.
 Capt. John Gaskin, Alderman and ex-Mayor, Kingston.
 Wm. Sparling, Esq., Insurance, Toronto.
 Col. Fred. C. Denison, M.P., Toronto.

Col. Denison is named as President, and Mr. Dalton McCarthy appears as Solicitor. This is putting the anti-Jesuit agitation to a business purpose with a vengeance.

Archbishop Cleary, of Kingston, in his address to the Convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union which met in Kingston last week, referred to the struggle of the Irish people for the right of self government. "We never gave up, nor will we give up the fight," he said, "and may God allow the day to come that Ireland will be a nation. No English Rule, no Balfour, no Governor-General of Canada, and no power on the face of God's world can stamp Irish sentiment out of the Irish heart. He had upheld it and will uphold it even if the breath had to leave his body. Englishmen say that the Irish are not capable of managing a nation, that they have no brains, that they have no judgment, but let such people come to America, to New York or to any of the most thriving places on this earth and they will find the most prominent and leading men Irishmen. Give them a chance. They are full of genius, and all they want is fair play."

The ruffianly fellow, Fulton, has been in England for some months past carrying on his trade as a vilifier of Catholic priests and nuns. A cable dispatch from London to the New York *Herald* a few days ago, says that at a lecture in Brighton he spoke of the Blessed Virgin as "not much of a Virgin." The lecture was presided over by a clergyman named Gregory. Fulton's ribald profanity was brought to the attention of Mr. Gregory's ecclesiastical superior, the Anglican Bishop of Chichester, who "called upon Mr. Gregory to disavow any agreement with Fulton's statements." Fulton should confine himself to the Music Halls and the London "Arrys." They are more likely to appreciate him

At the Convention which met in Kingston last week, of the delegates of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of America, a motion to drop the prefix "Irish" from the title of the organization was introduced and defeated. That it was defeated is scarcely surprising. The representatives of the organization in rejecting the proposed alteration, were actuated, we may be sure, by a very proper and natural desire to avoid anything which might be construed as reflecting upon, or lacking in attachment for, the Irish name. But nevertheless, while we can fully enter into their sympathies, as the union is a purely American one, it is only proper that it should be relieved of its foreign designation. We agree with the *Catholic Mirror*, of Baltimore, that the "Catholic Benevolent Union of America," is a much better and truer name in every respect for this strong and useful organization.

Mr. Balfour's Bill for the establishment and endowment of a Catholic University for Ireland is regarded by his admirers, and by some who are not his admirers, as a shrewd trick by which to dish both the Liberals and Parnellites. Conjectures are rife as to what the Irish party will do about it, and how it will affect their relations with their Liberal allies, on the one hand, and the Irish Bishops on the other. Much will depend, of course, upon the definite shape which Mr. Balfour's proposal may take, but there would be nothing inconsistent in the Parnellites accepting the Government proposal, and voting on it with the Tories, for the reason that Mr. Parnell's principle in Parliament, as he has more than once declared it, is to take whatever he can get as "an instalment of justice," and to keep on demanding until full justice is obtained. In the matter of higher education the Catholics of Ireland have been seriously handicapped, because, unlike non Catholic institutions, their colleges have received no Government assistance. The proposal, in itself, will in all likelihood be acceptable to the Irish clergy. In supporting it, though, the Parnellites will have to separate themselves from the nonce from their Liberal allies, who oppose, of course, State grants for denominational purposes.