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

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Notes.

Cardinal Gibbons has written a letter approving the opening of the World's Fair on Sundays.

The *Catholic Times* (Philadelphia) is a new publication. Father Lambert (of Ingersoll fame) is editor-in-chief. We confess to some surprise at the new departure. The *Standard* seemed to fill the bill exceedingly well. However the new-comer is full of excellent matter, admirably edited and well printed; and full of fight from the start.

AN OFFENSIVE DOCUMENT.

We drew attention some time ago to the circulation of unauthorized prayers and leaflets containing extravagant statements regarding the efficacy of this or that prayer or practice. The circulation of such leaflets does much harm to the Church both by unsettling the minds of Catholics and by furnishing non-Catholics with material for their war of misrepresentation against the Church.

Quite in the same category do we place a circular which recently reached us, from Mattawa, Ont., advertising an enterprise now being prosecuted there (*dictu mirandum*) "under the "high patronage" of the Ordinary of the diocese.

In the circular referred to the very holiest of our holy things is dragged in to fill up the seductive programme furnished by the "ten magnificent oil religious subjects; " ALL FOR TEN CENTS.

The offering of such inducements is offensive to Christian piety, has been strictly forbidden throughout the length and breadth of the American Union by the last Plenary Council of Baltimore, and should be everywhere as unequivocally condemned.

The language of the circular referred to is incorrect in statement of fact and simply scandalous in the manner in which the statements are made. Throw it in the fire.

According to the latest report the Catholics of Germany number 17,671,729. The total population of the Empire is 49,428,470.

We have seen and we see now multitudes of Protestants, like the Puseyites and Ritualists, who accept and defend all Catholic doctrine, except the papal supremacy and infallibility. Nearly the whole Protestant world would cease to oppose the Church, if she would only give up the Pope. They would accept willingly the play of Hamlet with the part of the Prince of Denmark left out.—*Dr. Brownson.*

When a person is seriously ill, don't wait until his agony has commenced before summoning the priest to give him Extreme Unction. It is good for the health of the body as well as for the life of the soul. It may bring about his recovery. On the other hand, don't call the priest to give the last sacraments when there is not the slightest danger of death. Some thoughtless persons bring the clergyman out of his bed at midnight in the worst of weather to the bedside of individuals who have been ill for weeks and who will survive for months. This is not so bad as rushing for him when too late, but it is bad enough to stop.—*Catholic Review (N.Y.)*

With profound regret, not unmixed with personal considerations, the *Catholic Review* has noticed the apparent alliance between the Know-Nothing secret societies and the Republican party. Out West all the anti-Catholic associations gave their support at the last election to that great organization and tried to identify it in the public mind with Protestantism. And now the *Post* of Boston makes this announcement: "The lists of candidates for school committee named by the Democrats and Republicans present a contrast which every one will appreciate. The sectarian line is drawn strictly in making up the Republican list. Race and religion are made the test by that party. The Democratic ticket for school committee gives liberal recognition to character and efficiency, but ignores all other considerations. Must the Republican party in Boston always stand for bigotry in the school system?" No party can permanently prosper in this country at this time, which militates against the fundamental principles of religious liberty, and it would be a dark day for the Republican party, to which many Catholics belong, if it chose to cloud its career with the infamy of persecution undertaken against the rights of conscience and the provisions of the Constitution.—*Catholic Review, N. Y.*

There is a greatness in unknown names, there is an immortality of quiet duties. To live well in the quiet routine of life, to fill a little space because God wills it, to go on cheerfully with a petty round of little duties, little associations, to smile for the joys of others when the heart is aching—who does this his works will follow him. He may not be a hero to the world, but he is one of God's heroes.