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

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## NOTES.

It is understood that Cardinal Gibbons' new book, which is slowly approaching completion, will deal with the rudiments of religion, as it were. It will take as little as possible for granted, and be the best book to put in the hands of the average American. Its publication is looked forward to with great interest.

The *Ave Marie* is the authority for the story that there is a Franciscan church in Dublin popularly supposed to be dedicated to Adam and Eve. It seems that the church was built in penal times, and to avoid observation it was reached through a narrow alley way—such as leads to the old Jesuit Church of St. Joseph in Philadelphia. In this alley was a tavern called the "Adam and Eve." The tavern has disappeared; the church has now a handsome entrance; but the people insist on calling it the Church of Adam and Eve.

Lady Herbert of Lea is now on her way to this country. Lady Herbert's works are familiar to all Catholics who read. "Theckla," a very pleasant and edifying story, was one of the latest of them. Lady Herbert's daughter Gladys, Marchioness of Lonsdale, is now the wife of Lord Ripon's son. It is curious that both Lord Ripon and Lady Herbert are Catholics, while their children—at least these two—are Protestants.

The Liverpool *Catholic Times* refers to Mr. Goldwin Smith's recent letter to the *Times*, in which an analogy is drawn between the position of Lower Canada and that of Ireland, as a "howl." "The fact," it says, "that both include a Protestant minority strikes the howler as a very unique case of parallelism, and he paints a picture which, for murkiness, fogginess, and thunder and lightning effects, would put Mr. Whistler on a back seat." As the *Times* rightly surmises, Mr. Smith's prophecies about Protestantism being "elbowed out of the Green Isle, as it is being elbowed out of Montreal," which city,

he asserts, is gradually getting under the control of "the Jesuits and the Roman clergy," are only so much stage thunder worked to put the dovecot of Ulster into a flutter.

The new Church of Our Lady, Guelph, which has been in course of building for upwards of twelve years, was solemnly dedicated on Wednesday last. The gathering of clergy was unusually large, being representative of every diocese in the Province, and the ceremonies of the occasion were on a scale in keeping with the importance of the event. Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, Bishop of Peterborough, celebrated Pontifical High Mass, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of London, Right Rev. Dr. Walsh. Among the well-known priests present in the sanctuary may be mentioned Very Rev. Fathers Rooney and Laurent, administrators of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Very Rev. Father Heenan of Hamilton; Rev. Fathers Kilroy, Stratford; William, O.S.F., Chatham; Funcken, C.R., (President of St. Jerome's College) Berlin, and Cushing, C.S.B., Toronto. The Church of Our Lady is under the charge of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, and the present Rector is Rev. W. J. Doherty, S.J., to whose indefatigable labours is due the completion of the imposing edifice which is the pride and glory of Guelph. We reserve fuller description of the opening ceremonies until next week, details having come to hand too late for insertion in this issue.

The Rev. Father D. J. O'Sullivan, who died of yellow fever a few days ago at Tampa, Fla., was a young Irish priest of distinguished antecedents. He is the first priest to fall a victim to the dreadful scourge, and in the nine days during which he stood at his post he proved himself, Bishop Moore wrote, "a true priest of God and one of the most valuable of men."

Father O'Sullivan was not only the first victim, but first among the volunteers to tender his services. A man of splendid physique, he had faced the hot winds of Africa, had dared the deadly miasma of the Southern hemisphere, faced the death-dealing bullets of the Soudanese and the spears of the Zulus, and wound up his splendid career of devotion to the poor and unfortunate, by offering up his life upon the altar of true Christian charity.

An extended sketch of his life will appear in our next issue. He was born in the town of Clonakilty, Cork, Ireland, and was educated at Maynooth. He was gazetted as chaplain with the rank of captain in the English Army fighting in the Soudan, and was awarded three medals for his bravery there and in Zululand. He took part in all the engagements; and it was he who undertook the perilous task of crossing the field of battle under fire when it was discovered that the British troops were firing into one another, to carry the communication from one party to the other and prevent further slaughter. For this act of bravery special mention was made of him in Parliament. He was at the siege of Khartoum and was the last who saw General Gordon alive. When in Rome, he was offered but declined a Monsignor's biretta. He was a fluent speaker, a clear writer, and a typical Irishman over six feet tall and built in proportion. May his soul rest in peace.