Term: Relative

Quote: If from any proposition having more than one subject (used to include "objects") we strike out the indices of the subjects, as in "– praises - to -,” "– dat in matrimonium -,” what remains and requires at least two insertions of subject-nouns to make a proposition is a “relative term,” or “relative rhema,” called briefly a “relative.” The relative may be converted into a complete assertion by filling up the blanks with proper names or abstract nouns; this serves as a criterion.


References: CP 3.636

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