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THE RISING ENDED.

The capture of Louis Riel by the scouts of Gen. Middleton's force puts an early term to the rising in the North-West.

Already even so distinguished a gentleman as the Hon. Donald A. Smith, of the C. P. R. syndicate, advises drastic measures of severity in dealing with the unfortunate Metis.

It is Father Lacombe who gives me an opportunity of writing you. For four weeks we have not been able to hold written communication in any direction.

My dear Father.—The authors of the revolt, believing that we are opposed to their movement (which we certainly are) represent us as men sold to the government.

Up here the excitement is great. The savages who surround us have caused an amount of anxiety. The immigrant population of the country, above all, has been frightened.

Who knows what God is reserving for us? We have not money, but we have our establishment. What remains for us, then? Famine perhaps, for those in revolt have not sown, and in order now to live they are destroying all their domestic animals.

The savages themselves, and even at this moment, at a time when the savages threaten revolt, it is a missionary is found with them he is accused of abetting the

rebellion. Even this charge has been made against Father Scollen. We are not revolutionists.

We deeply deplore these misfortunes—misfortunes which must necessarily increase and place us in great distress. I do not know how we can meet all our wants.

There will, notwithstanding the services of these good priests mentioned by Bishop Grandin, be found many fanatics ready to accuse the priests of fostering and encouraging the revolt.

There is no doubt of the death of Father Laford, and we much fear that of Father Legoff and Marchand are also numbered with the slain.

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Is it possible, dear bishop and father, that we have been spared to witness such spectacles? The trial is terrible. I can say no more.

My affectionate regards to all. Bless your son, A. LACOMBE, O. M. I.

These letters bespeak the noble sentiments of the faithful missionaries of the North-West. They who did their utmost to prevent the outbreak, were filled with grief when the contest broke out.

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There is not a Canadian anxious for the growth and progress of his country who desires not peace. Neither is there a Canadian deserving the name of patriot who does not see that the carrying out of such threats as those of the Hamilton Spectator and the Ottawa Sun would involve the country in prolonged agitation that could end fatally to confederation.

THE CHURCH IN AFRICA.

Some idea of the extent, influence and growth of the Catholic Church in Africa may be formed from particulars furnished by the Germania Catholicus for 1885.

There is also a Prelature comprising the territory of Mozambique, (Portuguese) and the following Vicariates Apostolic of Abyssinia, Central Africa, Africa of the Gallas, Western and Eastern Cape of Good Hope, Coast of Benin, Egypt of the Latins

and of the Coptic, Guinea, the Seychelles Isles, Natal, Senegambia, Sierra Leone, Tunis, Victoria Njames, Zanzibar, and the Delegations Apostolic of Upper Egypt, Central Cape of Good Hope, Cimbabwa, Congo, Gold Coast and Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Sahara Desert, Annobon Islands, Corisco and Fernando Po, the Islands of Santa Maria, Mayotte, and Nosai-Bé, Madagascar, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, Tripoli. For Egypt and Arabia there is a Delegate Apostolic. The Copts having no constituted hierarchy, are under the jurisdiction of a Vicar Apostolic, who for the Egyptians is of the Coptic, and for the Abyssinians of the Latin rite.

THE ASCENSION.

On Thursday of last week the Church celebrated the adorable mystery of the Ascension into heaven of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This mystery should recall the great truth that amongst all our desires and aspirations there should one predominate, namely the earnest purpose of reaching heaven.

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STARVATION IN IRELAND.

In the Dublin Freeman's Journal of March 30th, we noticed an appeal to the charitable public from the Rev. Michael O'Donohoe, P. P. of the Arran Isles.

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seeds for the land, and to keep themselves and their families from want. There are those among them who already are subsisting on one meal of bad potatoes in the day, and in some places there is more want and distress this year than even in the terrible times of '46 and '47.

We feel assured that the reverend gentleman's appeal will not have been re-echoed in vain on this side of the Atlantic.

"NEWFOUNDLAND: ITS FUTURE."

Such, we learn from the St. John, Nfld. Evening Telegram of March 28th, was the subject of a lecture delivered in the capital city of that colony by the Right Rev. Mgr. Sears, Prefect Apostolic of Western Newfoundland.

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varied resources of the West Coast—agricultural and fishery. The Telegram says: "We apprehend that an understanding having been arrived at on the subject, the means of advancing part of the interests of that favored part of the country, such as roads and intercommunication, will be such as to fully gratify the expectations of its best well-wishers."

REV. FATHER KENNY, S. J.

The announcement in the daily press that the Rev. Father Kenny, S. J., would on Sunday evening last occupy the pulpit in the Drill Hall, drew a very large audience to that temporary place of Catholic worship.

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give him the real happiness, instead of short-lived joy that he must leave the door. Worldly happiness is reward, but men are all desirous of reward at the end of life. Still they move and act in direct opposition to laws; they set their desire on the earth, instead of things of Heaven.

In blessedness was real happiness, blessedness of which Jesus spoke when he declared: blessed the poor in spirit for theirs was the kingdom of heaven; blessed the meek, for they should possess the land; blessed the sorrowful, for they should be comforted; blessed the lowly, for they should obtain mercy; blessed the pure of heart, they should see God. This is the happiness men should seek to obtain. On one day of every week men visit their churches and on entering into selves confessed that they were not for earth, that this world was not to be dwelling-place. But they left the world of God, forgot this just conclusion had arrived at, nay, more, often deny by their every-day life. This was earnest looking to heaven, not his working in His interest, it was not working up treasures in heaven. We should look to heaven, raise our hearts earthily things, see that we stand not but be ever active in our Divine service. If we were so, then it would given us to participate in the glory of Christ's triumph over sin and death.

During Vespers and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, Mrs. Lucy C. L. now on a visit from England to her Rev. Mother White, of the Sacred Heart Academy, favored the vast congregation with musical selections of a high order merit and exquisite finish. Her rich mellow voice filled the building. No exaggeration to say that Mrs. L. enraptured rendition of the "Nearer, God to Thee," the "Ave Maria," and "Vatum," held the congregation so bound without detracting from the devotional fervor. The collection taken up for the sanctuary fund was, we glad to learn, quite large.

THE OTTAWA FREE PRESS AGAIN.

The Ottawa Free Press, returning to charge, says in its issue of Saturday that the RECORD is determined to print that Great Britain is a cowardly nation lacking both the ability, as well as the power to fight in defence of its interests.

When these poor fishermen were first called from their nets, what qualifications had they in a human sense to be made the perpetrators of their Master's work? None that could be seen. They were poor, unlettered and unambitious. But at the call of Christ they laid down their nets, left home and kindred to follow Him. From His lips they gathered wisdom, by their energy and endurance they showed that they were His willing followers and that their hearts were in their work. From Him they took His teachings and held them to death. Can we then be surprised to learn that it was not without grief they saw Him whom they so loved taken away from them? Their grief was indeed momentary, for they called to mind His promise that the Paraclete should come and that He himself would abide with them forever. As they stood on the hillside looking up to heaven, following the ascending motion of the cloud of glory that enveloped their Master, two angels appeared to them, and said "Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to heaven?" There was nothing surely reprehensible in looking up to heaven. Looking up to heaven was indeed most desirable and commendable. It was because men did not look up to heaven often enough, but were bound to things earthly, which absorbed their entire attention, that there was so much of evil-to-day in the world. The angel did not speak words of reproof to the apostles because they looked up to heaven. Christ had gone from them to His Heavenly Father. To Him, therefore, it was meet that their eyes should be raised. But the angel said: "Why stand you looking up to heaven? Why stand you? The mere yearning and longing for Christ and for heaven will not bring a man to heaven, but action and doing will bring him to the joys of the Father. We must put on our armor and do battle. Not enough is it to have an armor, or to know we have one. We must put it on, that we may be able to resist in the evil day and stand in all things perfect. The yearner may yearn, but to no avail; the doer will advance. To-day it is the lack of looking up to heaven that keeps men in their perilous position. If a man would look and then act, all would go well. Every man under the sun has a craving desire for happiness; lack of looking to heaven makes a man continue to remain earthly; looking there would

not directed towards anything which the RECORD said of the Gladstone administration, but towards its attack upon the British Empire, of which Ireland is a Canada form a part. It cannot attack the empire without reflecting upon these countries, and as its attacks were unfair and unjust they were criticised as such. If our contemporary for partisan purposes sympathizes with the opposition to the Gladstone administration as a party government, its attitude is commendable; but not when it attacks as it is the ability of the empire rather than the government."

We have no regard for the Gladstone government, which has belied the professions upon which it entered office. Neither have we any sympathy with British Tory opposition. We may remind the Free Press that there is in the British Parliament a third party, the Irish Parliamentary party led by Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell. With this party we are in hearty accord—that its claims are just, we defy the Free Press to deny—that its purposes are honest none but a charlatan could affirm. The Ottawa Journal seeks solicitude for the good name of Ireland and Canada. We may inform that what the highest title to the world's respect of the two nations is not their connection with the British empire, but is derived from the love of liberty, equality and justice firmly implanted in the hearts of their people.

We cannot refrain from giving our readers the benefit of the following: "The Free Press may be thickheaded, may be astine, it may be little; but it is a depth lower than that yet to be reached; and that depth is when a publisher seeks to answer the arguments of a contemporary as the RECORD did, misrepresenting and libelling the person whom it supposes to be screened behind the editorial 'We.' Our contemporary in taking that course placed itself