

proved. In conclusion, the possibilities of astronomy were discussed, and the lecturer said: "We shall not wonder, if in ages to come, when the last ton of coal or other fuel has been exhausted, to see the heat necessary for the warming and heating purposes of the world, drawn from the sun, and adapted to the different spheres of action."

On the evening of Wednesday, the 15th inst., we had an opportunity of judging the truth of the above for ourselves. By special request Rev. Father Murphy repeated his lecture before the Scientific Society of the University. The lecture proved to be an unusual treat, and we feel justly proud of our learned professor of Astronomy.

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In the *Southern Messenger*, published at San Antonio, Texas, has appeared a series of articles under the title, "Reminiscences of a Texas Missionary." These are from the pen of Rev. P. F. Parisot, O.M.I. We are pleased to learn that it is the intention of the publishers to put the whole into book form. The "Reminiscences" form an interesting narrative of events covering nearly fifty years of missionary work on the borders of the two republics, and should form a most valuable chapter of contemporary history.

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Rev. C. Cahill, O.M.I., in a letter in the *Catholic Record* of the 14th ult., makes a strong plea to the people of Eastern Canada for support to the Indian Missions in the Northwest. The writer shows that the time is fast approaching when the Northwest will no longer be considered by foreign charitable organizations as a "heathen land," and consequently the aid given at present will be curtailed and the country left to its own scanty resources.

"It is thus," says the writer, "that Manitoba and its ecclesiastical dependencies are no more considered a foreign mission field, and can with difficulty obtain recognition abroad. Yet the Indians have not vanished from the country, nor is the condition of the newcomers (the white settlers) such as to permit them to assume the charge of 'bearing the gospel to the heathen' in addition to more personal obligations. It results from this state of things that the Indian Missions of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface are in a worse predicament now than they were a quarter of a century ago. Acting on the pressing invitation of His Grace Archbishop Langevin, of St. Boniface, Man., I hereby make known to the Catholics of Eastern Canada that our Indian Missions have reached the most critical