

them? "My cursed people," my rebellious people! no, no, no, nothing of that!! How then does he address the villians whose garments are still reeking with the blood of the martyr Scott!! Here are his words:—

MY BLESSED PEOPLE:—"I am truly thankful to be once more back amongst you. Believe me that it is only because I felt there was absolute necessity for my presence that I was willing to take passage across the Atlantic in mid-winter, but I felt that when my people were in trouble and afflicted, that was the time for me to show my love for you. His Holiness the Pope, prior to my departure from Rome, commanded me to give you his blessing, commanded, in words of love and tenderness to bless you, his children, in this far out-post of Catholicity. My children, this is a great glory and honour, and should be prized by you above all earthly gifts. The representative of Christ on earth has vouchsafed to grant unto you what has never been as yet extended to any Catholic congregation on this continent; no other congregation have ever received the Pope's blessing directly communicated through their Bishop. My beloved people, the Ecumenical Council is the grandest gathering of good and pious men the world ever saw, and their deliberations *will be found pregnant with mighty meaning* to the whole Catholic world. My people, pray for the entire success of their glorious mission, pray *that it may redound to the honor and glory of our faith.*

My parting admonitions from our Holy Father were words of loving kindness, and I felt as I passed from the sacred Vatican, that verily indeed was he the worthy representative of our Saviour. I thank God that I am safely with you. Your dangers I am willing to share. Your troubles I am anxious to relieve. My children, I bless you."

Now fellow Canadian subjects what do you think of the words of the Pope, and of his deputy, Bishop Tache, the worthy representative of our Dominion Government at Red River? A gentleman from Canada was present in the Romish or Popish Cathedral of St. Boniface, at Red River, on the first Sunday after Bishop Tache's return from Rome to that settlement, and heard the Bishop deliver the above address. We were almost going to say that we were astonished at this blessing upon the murderers coming from Rome just at this time, but on reflection we cannot say that; for we are not astonished at any piece of wickedness coming from that quarter. And yet it is rather strange that, although poor Scott had been brutally murdered the very day before the Bishop reached his palace that he could not afford the word of condemnation for the murderers, and no expression of sympathy for the friends of the murdered, no symptoms of regret that the Bishop's "beloved people," his "dear children," whom he blessed, had violated, and that in the very grossest manner imaginable the sixth commandment of the blessed decalogue.