

## CONCLUSION

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I leave these documents to speak for themselves. I think I can safely assert that they prove that Mrs. Shepherd is utterly unworthy of credit or encouragement, and nothing but hatred to Catholics could induce any Protestant to endorse her in any way.

At Brockville the last municipal elections were contested on the question of permitting Mrs. Shepherd to lecture in the town hall. To the credit of the people of Brockville be it said that Mrs. Shepherd's candidates were defeated in three out of five wards, and in the contest for the mayoralty.

In the same town Mrs. Shepherd brought a libel suit against The Brockville Recorder for publishing some of her doings. Why has she not proceeded with the suit? Is it because she is aware that the statements made regarding her were true? Such will be the judgment of the public; and the people of Woodstock may thus see that the cause of bigotry and fanaticism is not always successful.

I will conclude by inserting an able article which appeared in The Catholic Register of Toronto, 13th April, 1893, in reference to the sermon of Rev. J. A. McDonald, which I have inserted above:

### OBSCENE LECTURES.

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Is there no law in Canada against obscene lectures? It appears not—at least so we take it from a sermon delivered in Knox Presbyterian church, St. Thomas, on the evening of Sunday, the 26th ult., by the Rev. J. A. McDonald. The Rev. gentleman felt that a stain was left on the city and a blow struck at its social standing and morality by an obscene and disgustingly immoral lecture delivered in the Opera House on the previous Friday. The self-styled "ex-Romanist" Leyden, of Boston, Mass., had visited the city for its moral ruin; and, under pretence of defending Protestantism, had lifted high the Standard of Turpitude and given impetus to the spread of Satan's kingdom. The lecture was of so loathsome a nature, that men notably indifferent and callous in matters of delicacy, expressed themselves, on leaving the hall, as utterly shocked and horrified by what they had heard. One man, who attended, in the expectation of hearing something new and grossly bad, declared that never in his experience or imagination did such a tissue of immoral horrors present itself to his mind. He had paid thirty-five cents for admission, but he would give \$5 to get out. Human respect and the fear of being held up to ridicule alone held him to his seat.