

AN IMPORTANT PROTEST.

The "Mail's" Vilification of Archbishop Lynch Denounced.

The Manifesto of Senators Smith and O'Donohoe Criticised.

FACTS FOR THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE TO CONSIDER.

MEMORANDUM.

To His Grace the Archbishop, and their Lordships the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Toronto :—

We the undersigned members of the Catholic Church, having read with astonishment and pain an appeal from Senators Smith and O'Donohoe to your Grace, and your Lordships, beg to approach your Grace and your Lordships most respectfully, and as Catholics protest against the disingenuous and falsely coloured statements contained in the address.

We protest against the assumption of these gentlemen in calling themselves representative Catholics, for neither in the Senate, nor as private citizens are they in a position to say truly that they represent the Catholic body. Neither of them has been in any manner authorized by bishop, priest, or any body of Catholics that we are aware of to speak or act for them as Catholics. Hence we repudiate their claim of being in any sense true representative Catholics.

OBJECTIONS TO MARMION.

We will pass over, as unworthy of notice, many of the political views presented by these self-styled representative Catholics, and come to the true history of the position taken up by your Grace on the politico-religious question; the religious portion of which was very adroitly left out in the "Memorandum" of the Senators.

By an oversight in the Senate of Toronto

University, as your Grace has already stated, Scott's "Marmion" was placed on the list for examination in the University, and Collegiate institutes. Catholic pupils attend these institutions in very large numbers and were expected to analyze the narrative and every sentiment and incident in the poem.

There are many passages in the work containing references particularly offensive to Catholics and Catholic morality, for example, breaking of vows by a nun, who became the Mistress of Marmion in the guise of a page her subsequent immuring within the walls of her Convent, and the consequently atrocious conduct of the priests in burying her alive, the inferred adultery of Friar John, his sacrilegious masses, and carousings, and the amours of the King with Lady Heron, &c., &c., all of which are surely suggestive of impurity.

Your Grace in conformity with your duty as protector of the morals of the Catholic youth objected to "Marmion" not as a literary work—for in that sense it has many excellencies—but as unfit to be placed in the hands of Catholic pupils as a text book, and especially when it was to be closely analyzed.

In conjunction with others, your Grace applied to the Hon., the Minister of Education, pointing out why the book should be removed from the curriculum of studies. The Minister on consideration suspended its study, and when this became known the Mail newspaper, the recognized chief organ of the Conservative party, abused the Hon. Mr. Crooks in the vilest manner, calling him a donkey, and