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## INTRODUCTION.

To the Public:

**A**T the urgent request of many friends, both Protestant and Catholic in this town, I have undertaken to publish these few pages, and as well to vindicate the religion I believe in as to expose the character who has assailed it. If my religion were such as Mrs. Shepherd represents it to be, or could lead her children to the depths of degradation she states it does, I would abandon the Catholic Church at once and forever, and would join my fellow citizens in stamping out from our midst such a festery sore. But when I know and believe that she is the Church commissioned by Christ to guide men to their eternal destinies, I am bound to proclaim this truth to the world.

I shall deeply regret if anything in these pages wound the feelings of any citizen of this town. They are not written for such a purpose.

**M. J. BRADY.**

17th April, 1893.

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