

County of Middlesex, do hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to before me, by Mrs. C. Carty, on this Third Day of March, 1877.

(Signed,)

L. CLEVERDON.

From Mr. Scobie's conduct during this controversy, and particularly from his conduct in reference to the present subject, I need scarcely expect that he will retract his calumny, as an honest and honorable man would do. He calls upon "the priest" concerned to bring a civil action against him. If I were to do so, of course he would endeavor to make it appear, as he has done, that some other priest was meant, as I am not named. I doubt whether the plea would avail him, as it is clear that I am the person whom he had in view, and if Mr. S. should not give the proofs of his story, I may possibly act upon his suggestion. And let it be distinctly understood that I will not take *hearsay* as proof. Let him bring forward the person who heard Mrs. Carty say so; nothing less can have even the *appearance* of a proof, and nothing less will do.

Mr. Scobie has several times stated, in different forms, that several ecclesiastical dignitaries have been helping me during this controversy; and he virtually repeats the statement in his last letter. The statement is not true; neither is the statement true that several ecclesiastical dignitaries visited Strathroy for this purpose. I have from time to time been visited by my friends, particularly by the neighboring priests, but their visits had no connection whatsoever with this controversy. I was often visited before the controversy began, and will be most likely visited just as often after it will be closed. I may inform Mr. Scobie that Catholic priests have a system of Theology which, being true, is unlike the Presbyterian system, and the systems of other churches, consistent with itself. Priests study their theology for years before they receive ordination, and therein they find most of the difficulties already answered, which have been made by Protestants much more learned than Mr. Scobie ever will be. It is, therefore, not necessary for me to bring dignitaries from a distance to write my letters—or to answer Mr. Scobie's slanders, which have been exposed a thousand times before. He seems to be on this, as on every other subject, a faithful disciple of that famous moral philosopher, one of whose pithy apothegms was that "a lie is no lie if it is only well stuck to."

Again, Mr. Editor, accept my thanks for the kindness and courtesy you have shown to me during the progress of this controversy.

Yours sincerely,

JOS. P. MOLPHY,

Strathroy, March 5th, 1877.

Pastor of Catholic Church.

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FALSEHOOD DETECTED.

To the Editor of the Strathroy Dispatch.

MR. EDITOR,—Many of the readers of the DISPATCH, no doubt, held their breath while reading my Rev. opponent's last letter, headed, "A Slanderer Convicted." For my own part, I was expecting such an epistle. Knowing that he was defeated in doctrinal argumentation, I thought he would try to retreat under cover of slander and falsehood. Before I penned the story which