

Here follows an extract from the sermon as already quoted in this pamphlet. The editor continues :

These are strong words to utter against a so-called "ex-Romanist" "anti-Jesuit" lecturer, who, in an interview with a reporter of the St. Thomas Times, maintained that he had been a Catholic priest, that he was ordained at the age of 19 years, and that he left the church ten years later. In his lecture on Saturday evening he stated that he had nothing personally against any man, but as an ex-Catholic priest, one who had been behind the scenes, he challenged any Catholic or Protestant to prove that any statement he had made was not true.

It is nothing less than a marvellous freak in the nature of Protestantism that where religion is concerned, its votaries stand up against truth with most persistent obstinacy, and swallow misrepresentation and evident falsehood with an eagerness amounting to avidity. Everybody knows or should know that a candidate for the priesthood must have reached the 24th year of his age before he is called to ordination, and that Mr. Leyden must have deliberately falsified himself when he stated that he was ordained at the age of 19.

Mrs. Margaret L. Shepherd, the notorious "ex-nun," who was never in a convent except as a penitent in a refuge for fallen women, but was for some time a companion and co-laborer of the infamous Leyden, declared on her oath last week in public court at Brockville that he was never a priest; in fact that he was not an ordained clergyman of any denomination.

What we are concerned about, however, is not the truth or the lies Leyden told, but the obscene language which the law allows him to utter in a public hall, and the danger which the purity and peace of the social fabric incurs when monsters of immodesty, under false colors and in the assumed garb of an "ex-priest" or an "ex-nun," are permitted to pollute the public ear and corrupt the moral atmosphere with tales of lubricity and descriptions of situations that never existed—except in their own filthy imaginations.

Mrs. M. L. Shepherd has been creating religious disturbance and propagating loose notions of Christian morality in Toronto of late, as well as in Brockville, Brantford, Woodstock, and other cities, and there is no law to interfere with her abominable lectures and vile misrepresentations of things sacred "to ladies only." Where is the zeal of the great moralist, Mr. John Charlton? Why do not the Ladies of the White League come to the rescue of their abashed and morally abused sisters of all those towns polluted with the presence of Leyden and Shepherd, the self-appointed propagandists of impure literature and moral filth?

Will any other minister stand up with Rev. J. A. Macdonald and protest in the name of our common humanity, and in the name of the God of all holiness against "any man being allowed to pour out all this festering mass of moral filth" before a Canadian audi-