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INTRODUCTION.

THE public prints of the 7th November, contained reports of a sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Campbell in the Erskine Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of Sunday the sixth, the occasion being the annual Gun-Powder-Plot celebration. The preacher discoursed on Civil Allegiance ; and, as a clinching proof that the Catholic Church did not leave men free to yield faithful and true allegiance to the civil power, and that the Catholic religion was, therefore, one which made against the best interests of the State, Dr. Campbell cited what he alleged were the words of the late Cardinal Manning. According to the reports he made the Cardinal say : " I acknowledge no civil power. I acknowledge no temporal prince. I claim to be the chief ruler and dictator to the consciences of men, of the prince who sits upon the throne, the peasant who tills the soil, of the privacy of the domestic household and the member of parliament who legislates."

In a communication to the "*Free Press*" of the 9th November, Father Whelan challenged the accuracy of the quotation and called upon Dr. Campbell to supply references so that it might be verified. Dr. Campbell made no reply.

About the same time a polite note was addressed to Dr. Campbell by Mr. W. L. Scott, the Secretary of THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY, requesting him to kindly state whether he was correctly reported, and if so, to kindly furnish the reference for his quotation. But no answer came from Dr. Campbell ; and Mr. Scott, weary of waiting, concluded that his courtesy in assuming good faith in the