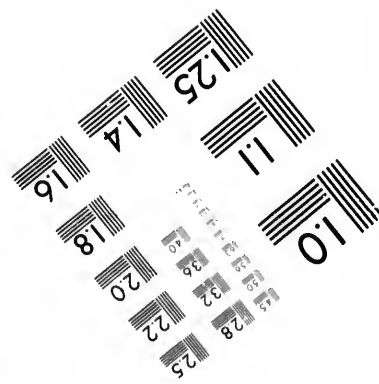
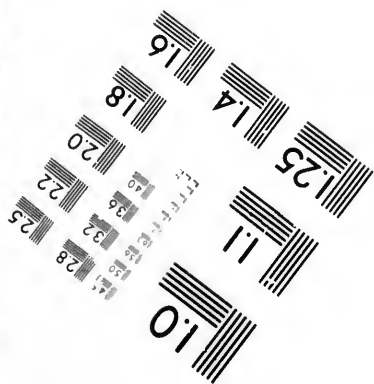
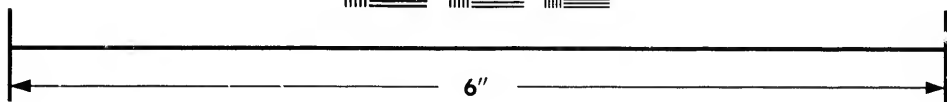
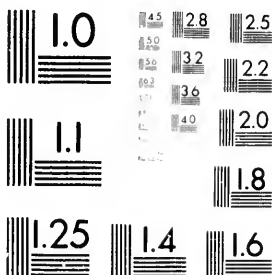


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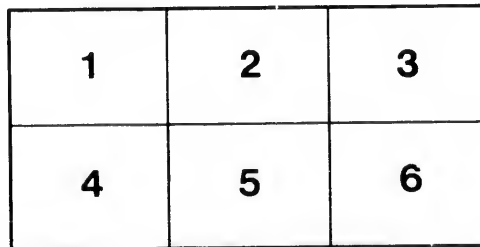
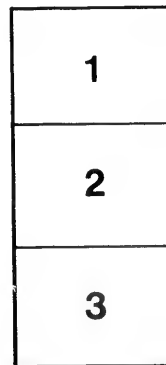
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# AN IMPORTANT PROTEST.

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

other names which no respectable journal would use, and calling your Grace a donkey driver, etc., etc.

This paper states that no Catholics of any intelligence ever made any objection to the work. It has said not a bishop, nor priest, nor professor, nor teacher, nor educated layman, of the Catholic Church, has offered a single protest against 'Marmion' during the whole of this controversy."

#### CATHOLIC PRIVILEGES.

Your Grace, we presume, not wishing that the Hon. Mr. Crooks should be calumnated, acknowledged from the pulpit that you had asked for its removal. Upon this being published the "Mail" poured the vilest abuse and slander upon your Grace, impugning even your moral character, and charged you with "scenting" out immorality where there was none, as if it required pruriency to see immorality in the breaking of the vows of a nun and in the adultery of priests.

Had Senators Smith and O'Donohoe ranged themselves on the side of your Grace in condemning the introduction of what you deemed objectionable literature into the High Schools and University, then indeed might they have claimed to be on the side of Catholic interests in the Senate. But how can we be expected to sympathize with these gentlemen who stood coldly by, when they could have either prevented the scurrilous abuse which was daily poured on your Grace by their party organ, or have protested against it. The senators complained of the abuse of the Globe some twenty years ago, but not a word of complaint of the scurrilous abuse of your Grace by their organ, the Mail, for the last two months.

The "Mail" newspaper dragged the Catholic question on the political platform, and at the end of every vile and abusive article proclaimed that "Mowat must go," "Crooks must go." In other words the Liberal Government must be put out of power in Ontario because it had the fairness to listen to your Grace's objections to the study of "Marmion" as a text book and a Government must be put in power, which judging by the Mail would not listen to any remonstrances or suggestions, however reasonable, from Catholics on the subject of the education of Catholic youth.

#### THE BASTARD CATHOLICS.

In the recent elections it became therefore a test question with the electorate, whether the liberal government should suffer in consequence of its just treatment of the Catholics in common with the other people of this province. It is not to be wondered at then that the Catholics when so challenged at the polls, showed that their Catholic consciences were dearer to them than mere political party allegiance, and the result has proved that your Grace has the entire sympathy of your

people in your efforts for their educational rights.

Your Grace is falsely reported by the Mail as having said that Conservative Catholics were "bastard" Catholics. We are aware that what your Grace did say was that there were bastard Catholics who would sell their consciences and religion for place and power. The Mail as the recognized organ of the Conservative party in this province is supposed to represent the political views of that party, and such being the case, it is quite reasonable for Catholics to conclude that their just and equal rights in educational and other matters would be seriously endangered if the holders of such views were in power, and it is but fair to say that if the Mail did not express the sentiments of the leaders of the Conservative party, it would have been easy to have stopped its continuous and oft repeated abuse of your Grace and Catholics in general.

Your Grace truly said that all true Catholics take moral teaching from their bishops and not from newspaper writers. Your Grace we are sure has never said that Catholics should under pain or penalty, vote for any political party. So far from this being the case you have frequently said that it was quite natural to see Catholics on both sides of politics, and we know that Catholics in the Local Legislature are divided in party politics, which might not be the case if Your Grace was a political partizan.

Catholics would not be true to themselves in politics if they would be content with having a few members of their body in power (and only a few can attain these positions) who would be satisfied to remain as subservient followers of a Government, and would allow the rights of the Catholic people to be violated.

#### THE ARCHBISHOP'S DUTY.

If Your Grace had sacrificed your conscience as guardian of the Catholic youth of the province, or—when you did try to have this objectionable book removed—had hidden yourself behind the Hon. Mr. Crooks, and permitted that gentleman to bear all the odium sought to be attached by the Conservative organ to a fair and just act on the part of the Mowat Government, and that liberal ministry, suffer for doing justice to all, then indeed Your Grace and Lordships would not have been troubled with an address from Senators Smith and O'Donohoe. For whatever measure of justice, Catholics as such have received from either political party hitherto, we have reason to believe that they are grateful, but we think that they will not change their conscientious political convictions, at the beck and call of any set of men who happen to be office-holders, however exalted may be the position to which any government or leader may have appointed them.

The presumptuous lecture given Your Grace and Lordships on politics by Senators Smith and O'Donohoe appears to us quite uncalled



for. We feel confident that you will continue, while taking a deep interest in the welfare of our common country, to exercise a faithful vigilance in protecting the charge entrusted to your keeping, and in guarding against all improper influences from the education of our children.

We also take this occasion to protest against a circular issued by these gentlemen some months ago addressed to Catholics of the Dominion, and directing them how to vote at the elections then pending. We utter this protest as Catholics and citizens, recognizing with much thankfulness that we labor under no statutory disabilities in consequence of our faith, but enjoy equal rights with our non-Catholic fellow citizens, and we look on such appeals to Catholics as presumptuous and injurious, and likely, only to emanate from ambitious and vain men who desire to use the Catholic name for party and personal purposes.

#### CATHOLICS IN POLITICS.

We do not complain of any fair political action on the part of these gentlemen, but we do firmly protest against the unauthorized use of the Catholic name, by designing politicians, whose whole aim is the attainment of political preferment and power.

Catholics whilst one in faith, may not be of one mind in party politics, nor is such to be expected except when questions arise in the politics of the country which seriously affect Catholics as such, and in this connection we cannot refrain from expressing to Your Grace and Lordships, how much the Catholic people of this province owe you for your watchfulness over the educational interests of their children, and your courage in maintaining your characters as "the watchmen on the tower" when the rights of our people as a religious minority were assailed.

We subjoin herewith extracts\* from the "Mail" newspaper abundantly proving the vile and scandalous character of the attacks which in this connection have by the leading Conservative organ been made not alone upon your Grace, but likewise upon their Lordships of Peterboro' and Kingston, and also upon the Hon. Minister of Education.

In conclusion, as children of the Catholic Church, we beg to express to your Grace and Lordships our feelings of profound veneration and obedience, and we beg to add our great sorrow that any person claiming to be of our body should, without the slightest justification, have so wantonly committed the uncatholic act of accusing your Grace of being a mere political partisan, and whilst recognizing the right of every citizen to choose for himself whatever political party he may think best for the welfare of the country, we are of opinion that no political exigency can justify so gross and unwarranted an attack on your Grace as that contained in the document addressed to your Grace and Lordships by Senators Smith and O'Donohoe, whose pre-

sumption we feel sure, finds no echo in the breast of any true Catholic in the Dominion.

We have the honor to be, with the highest respect and veneration, your Grace and Lordship's devoted.

(Signed)

PETER RYAN,  
M. O'CONNOR,  
J. J. CASSIDY, M. D.,  
C. DOHERTY.

Toronto, Nov. 17, 1882.

#### ANTI-CATHOLIC CRUSADE OF THE MAIL.

The following extracts are from the Mail newspaper, the avowed and accepted organ of the Conservative party, not only in Ontario but the Dominion of Canada at large. They show the lengths to which that organ is prepared to go to make capital, reckless in doing so whether or not it insult the Catholics of Ontario, or heaps the vilest abuse upon the distinguished prelate at their head, provided party purposes may be subserved. We make no comment on these extracts for the obvious reason that it is entirely unnecessary.

Sept. 21.

"CROOKS AN UN-SANCTIFIED ASS,"

"but to cover up the braying of the educational donkey which is called Crooks under the alleged protest of the Catholics is really the grossest outrage ever committed on a people whose possession of uncommon brightness of intellect should have saved them from it.

Sept. 22nd.

AND CROOKS MUST GO.

"Mr. Crooks with his added train has contrived to injure every portion of the educational fabric from the University downward." He is a flighty man almost irresponsible &c. "For his acts the entire Government is responsible." He must go and the rest of the partisan cabal must sink with him."

Sept. 23rd.

#### AN IDIOTIC ACT.

Mr. Crooks has interdicted "Marmion," every form of protest is raised against the outrage; laughter and scorn and indignation and suspicion are all alive against so idiotic an act. Marmion is one of Sir Walter Scott's finest poems, and we have read it again and again without a thought of the moral turpitude that might be found in it by the ingenious seeker after evil ideas! We have read of a Chinese people who burn down their houses in order to roast their pigs, Mr. Crooks is ready to sacrifice a great Scotch writer all Scotch literature if it comes to that in order to further his ends.

Sept. 26th.

## MR. CROOKS MUST RESIGN.

His Grace condemned the book on Sunday and the Globe gave a condensed report of his remarks upon the impropriety of putting such a book in the hands of students. On this the Mail ridicules the Government for being dictated to by Archbishop Lynch, where his Grace only remonstrated, and the Mail continues "Mr. Crooks is evidently not fit to control the educational affairs of Ontario, when he is so manifestly under the control of those who, however earnest and pious they may be, have not been entrusted with the guidance of the Mowat Government by the people of Ontario, and for these reasons it is obviously the present duty of Mr. Crooks to resign and of Mr. Mowat to demand his resignation."

Sept. 27th.

## THE DONKEY AND HIS DRIVER.

Remarking on a letter of "Another Catholic," in answer to the observations of a Catholic, the Mail quotes "conferences" from Father Faber, "to give scandal is a great fault but to take scandal is a greater fault," &c., and the Mail knew by a private letter that the "Other Catholic" was the Archbishop himself. "We challenge any educated or even commonly intelligent person whose imagination is healthy and pure to read them and say that they excite improper feelings. Catholic morality is far more robust than our correspondent thinks it is and Catholic intelligence comprehends the fact that to bring the Church, as our correspondent does, forward as the 'authority for so novel, so untenable, and so ridiculous a position as that of 'Another Catholic' (the Archbishop) is to do it a great injustice. Perhaps his Grace would not have taken the position (condemning Marmion) had he not felt disposed to give Mr. Crooks a taste of his authority. When you have a donkey that will go if you whip him it is often very tempting to give him a taste of the stick. Mr. Crooks is the donkey that goes and his Grace is his driver. The spectacle is one, however, that is not palatable to the public. Marmion is doomed beyond redemption, thanks to the Archbishop, but what is to be said of a department which, not content with the immorality of the text, rubs it in by salacious reminders! speaks of Archbishops cuteness in finding out corruption where there is none."

Sept. 28th.

## A QUESTION ASKED.

"In protesting against Marmion his Grace was doing what he deemed his duty. He had influence and he used it. He probably knew the mental calibre of Mr. Crooks. How many High School masters make an Archbishop?"

Sept. 29th.

## THE MAIL LOOKS FOR PROTESTANT ENDORSERS.

Extracts from Am can papers quoted by

the Mail, New York Express, N. Y. Sun, Philadelphia Bulletin, all Protestant papers and of course taking Protestant views of the matter.

Oct. 3rd.

## "THE CATHOLICS ARE WITH US."

"But Mr. Crooks and his organ, for a political purpose, has submitted to an absurd demand. The Catholics in this case are, we venture to say, with us by an overwhelming majority. They recognize the fact that a great mistake has been made. They do not agree with the denunciation of the poem in question. There is not, we venture to say, an educated lay Catholic in Ontario, and very few even in the priesthood, who would not endorse every line that has appeared in the Mail on this question."

Oct. 5th.

## AND MOWAT MUST ALSO GO.

"The first part of the price (of heading Archbishop Lynch's remonstrances) is the deposition of Mr. Crooks. He must go; the second part is the dethronement of Mr. Mowat who has been led by Mr. Crooks. He too must go."

Oct. 4th.

## AN OUTRAGE ON "CULTURED LITERARY TASTE."

"The Roman Catholics never made any demand for the withdrawal of Marmion. The sole protest was that of the Archbishop, that and nothing more. The protest was untenable by any argument fit to be addressed to any intelligent minister of the crown. It is a protest we feel sure is not joined in by any considerable number of the priesthood or the people. During all the controversy not a single lay Roman Catholic has endorsed the Archbishop's opinion. We protest against the interdiction of Marmion as an outrage on cultured literary taste, as an outrage on Walter Scott. It is an insult to the University, Senate &c. We deny that Catholics generally object to Marmion, and we assert that they are humiliated at the assertion that they do object. We indignantly object to Mr. Crooks, because he is so openly ruled by an Archbishop, not elected by the people to such a position over Mr. Crooks. Mr. Crooks must go."

Oct. 6th.

## THE SCOTTISH AMERICAN SAYS SO, TOO.

From the Scottish American, quoted by the Mail: "To some illiberal Catholics, Marmion is not very acceptable, though it is a martial poem. It incidentally portrays convents, monks, and priests, in a manner too truthful to be pleasing to them. They cannot say, that they are purely imaginary places and beings that had only existence in the poet's fertile brain. Their realities are to be met with and therein lies the bitterness of Marmion to many Roman Catholics."

Oct. 10th.

THE ARCHBISHOP SHOWS THE EXTREME  
PRURIENCY OF IGNORANCE.

From the Springfield Republican, quoted by the Mail: "It is the extreme of pruriency of ignorance to condemn Marmion. From the "Christian At Work." "It has remained for the Roman Catholic Archbishop Lynch of Toronto, to discover for the first time that Scott's great masterpiece Marmion, is an immoral poem, and unfit for use in the Ontario High Schools. . . . Now in the name of all the virtues and in the interests of all the conscious prudishness that ever caused a modest Archbishop to blush, we should like to know what there is in this incident to arouse the wrathful fulminations of a Roman Catholic primate. What is there that is calculated to imperil youthful Catholic souls or shake the dome of St. Peter's, that the Archbishop aroused from his sweet serenity should denounce one of the sweetest and loveliest of poems that ever crystalized from off a poet's pen?"

THE HIGH MINDED LYNCH.

And if the pure high minded Lynch cannot endure the blinking and winking in Marmion, how can he tolerate the story of David or Ruth and Naomi in his Bible? How can he endure Shakespeare? How can he give Homer a place in his library, or scan a line of the *Aeneid*. And it is a lasting shame and disgrace to the Canadian education officials that they should have listened to this prelatical priest, who finds impurity where the pure have not found it, and banished Marmion from the schools. A great many fools have passed away in their day and are as insensate and dead as the mossy marble of their graves.

THE ARCHBISHOP THE GREATEST OF LIVING  
FOOLS,

but of all living ones we should judge the prurient Archbishop bears the palm, unless, indeed his folly is surpassed by the foolishness of the Canadian official. It will be a grand result of this affair if it shall send back an army of readers to the pages of this great poet, who will be read so long as the English literature endures, and who in imaginative power is second to scarcely any writer except Homer and Shakespeare."

Oct. 13.

NICE READING FOR CATHOLICS.

In a letter from Vincent Clement he quotes Sir Walter Scott's note to canto II, stanza 25. "It is well known that the religeuse who broke their vows of chastity were subjected to the same penalty as the Roman vestals in a similar case. A small niche sufficient to enclose their bodies was made in the massive wall of the convent, a slender pittance of food and water was deposited in it, and the awful words "Vade in Pace" were the signal for immuring the criminal."

Oct. 14

THE UNIVERSITY VOTE.

"The University, by a vote of ten against eight, continued Marmion on their books. So there were eight noodles in the University; amongst them, Dr. Wilson, the president of the college, the vice-chancellor, Dr. Mulock. He calls on Mr. Crooks to resign his office."

Oct. 17.

HIS GRACE IN A NEW ROLE.

Rails at the back-stairs dictation of the Roman Catholic Archbishop.

Oct. 18.

HIS GRACE LACKS LITERARY CULTURE.

"His Grace's conduct, indeed, has been so indiscreet, so partisan, so unfair, so regardless of learning, culture or refinement, and so dangerous to the true interests of the Catholic Church in Canada, that we venture frankly to recommend the consideration of his Grace's conduct to the Ecclesiastical Council of the Province. But we will challenge his Grace or any other citizen of Toronto to point out anything in the Mail since the beginning of this controversy which has been unkind, unfair, untruthful, ungenerous, or that has not been a legitimate literary argument decently used, and repeat that not a priest," &c., &c.,

AND STANDS ALONE IN THE DISPUTE.

"His Grace is acting quite alone, without the sympathy or support of the hierarchy, the priesthood or the people, and it is this which makes his conduct the more reprehensible and indetensible."

EVERY SCHOOL-BOY LAUGHS AT HIM.

His literary position is laughed at by every school-boy in Canada. He has brought forward the Catholic Church, which prides itself on the healthy purity of its teachings, as the patron of a charge of impurity which every refined and pure mind rejects and which is accepted only by those whose imaginations are too easily excited. Literary criticism refuses him its aid, purity of mind shrinks from the association." . . . (The rest is exceedingly offensive.

Oct. 19.

THE "MAIL" APPEALS TO AN ECCLESIASTICAL  
COUNCIL.

"Are we not fully justified in saying that the Ecclesiastical Council of the province should take some action, if for no other purpose than to save the interests of the Catholic Church from being sold?"

Oct. 23rd.

HIS GRACE DEMORALIZING HIS PEOPLE.

"We venture to insist that nine-tenths, at least, of all educated Roman Catholics look on the action of the Archbishop as hasty, indiscreet, unfortunate, and lamentable; on his conduct in the pulpit as undignified and hu-

miliating; and on his demoralizing barter of their votes to Mr. Crooks as a degradation they have no means of adequately resenting."

Oct. 23rd.

AND BARTERING THEIR SUFFRAGES.

"The Archbishop made it clear that the reputation of Walter Scott and the merits of his finest poem were to be offered up as a sacrifice by Mr. Crooks to the Archbishop's passion for dabbling in public affairs; while His Grace was ready to barter away the dignity of his position, the sacredness of his pulpit, the representation of his people, and the serene purity of his Church in aid of the vulgar Grit combination in Toronto."

Oct 26th.

BISHOP JAMOT ABUSED.

After questioning the correctness of his letter to the Archbishop and saying that he would put him through a critical examination "he must excuse us," said the Mail, "if we ask if logic was taught in his college, and if charity enters largely into his mental characteristics. In just one sentence Bishop Jamot has started half a dozen of untenable arguments, every phrase is inaccurate, almost every word misleading."

Nov. 26th.

AND BISHOP CLEARY LACKS CULTURE.

"We are accustomed to associate with the title of a bishop the greatest of public culture and the dignity and scholarship of an historic office. In the lecture as reported these are omitted. More than that, he has grossly offended against propriety by omitting every semblance of logical argument."

Oct. 27th.

HOW ARCHBISHOP LYNCH LACKS WIT.

"A reverend prelate who had not wit enough to keep Mr. Crooks' secrets of office, and not discretion enough to keep a brother bishop's letter private, should not be rash enough to question the soundness of any other person's wits. There are hundreds of people in various lunatic asylums who lie under the impression that all the world is mad; the number of the unwise is infinite. If His Grace does not mind he may have to go a-tramping in consequence of so recklessly exposing his partners' hands."

And so goes on the Mail, the avowed organ of the Conservative party, heaping abuse and contumely on the venerable head of the man of all others the Catholics of Ontario hold dear, the man and the men respected universally even by Protestants, until one has to turn away in disgust. His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto has not the intellect of a poodle-dog, he is a "booby or bad minded" if he does not condemn the action of Mr. Crooks, as are all Catholics who do not endorse

the use of Marmion as a text book. He is the "nominal head of the Catholics." The Bishop of Kingston is devoid of culture, the Bishop of Peterborough lacks logic. The Mail says so, and the Mail is the acknowledged organ of the Conservatives of Canada. As we have remarked in the introduction to those extracts from the organ, comment is unnecessary.

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AND MAKING A SPECTACLE OF HIMSELF.

"As to Archbishop Lynch. The public object to his using the pulpit of his cathedral as a political platform. He took the swiftest step he could take to turn into a political controversy what had, up to the time of his pulpit stump-speeches, been a purely literary question. If there is any politics in this discussion, the fault is his and Mr. Crooks'. If there is any "bigotry" awake, the fault is pre-eminently his alone. He had no more business to assume that Mr. Crooks represented a whole party than he had to assume that the Mail's action was taken for political reasons. Mr. Crooks may and probably will be driven out. Mr. Mowat may not be even sustained in the coming session. But Archbishop Lynch flung himself into his pulpit, raised a cry of "Orange" persecution, insulted Protestant feeling, outraged Conservative Catholic feeling, and made a spectacle of himself."

