

That year was an all important one to Mr. Scarth. In the course of it, a change in his principles and convictions took place. He began it as a Presbyterian of the strictest sect, who had passed through three years of study as a Theological student in that Body; its close found him a confirmed communicant of the Church of England, and a candidate for Holy Orders in Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

How was this marvellous change brought about? The Reminiscences which I mentioned just now, give his own story of how he came to renounce the Presbyterian scheme of Religion and to embrace the Faith and Discipline of the Catholic Church, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

HIS CONVERSION TO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

His conversion to the true faith was due to the influence and teaching of a great soul. The first overt act of course was his Confirmation. His own account of it as found in his Reminiscences, is tender and touching in the extreme. "I was confirmed by Bishop Fulford," he says, "in the autumn, in Lachine walking into Montreal from that service. And from that time for many years was regarded as an outcast and a renegade by my own kith and kin,—as much as if I had renounced Christianity altogether, and became a Mahommedan or a Hindoo. But I thank God that from the time I felt the Bishop's hand on my head till the present hour, I have never had a single moment's regret or a single misgiving as to the rightness of the step I had taken." Feeling the touch of the Bishop's hand upon his head evidently touched him deeply. Both here and in his Ordination he refers to it—"a hand," he says, "the sacredness of which I have never since for a moment lost."