

WHAT IS TORY-CONSERVATISM.

The political atmosphere of our country has been worked up to such a state for the past few weeks, that honest men could hardly believe their own ears when they heard political demagogues contradict each other, and use language so offensive to a refined ear, much less a Christian ear, that often you would be led to think the man best who could speak the quickest, loudest, and use the most slang phrases against his opponent.

Such political harangues might suit the savage, but to say that it suits the ear of a Christian community, is to say that the Christians of our day do not believe what they profess—the Bible or the teachings of their respective churches. No matter whether Catholic or Protestant, even he who claims that morality is all that God requires to secure comfort to the souls of men, would not look upon the discussion of politics, as handled, creditably to them. Within the past few days I have received many letters from friends in Missisquoi, enquiring why I left the Tory or Conservative party, which for thirty years I had supported, and would vote against so smart and intelligent a young man as Mr. Baker, one whose father gave me good counsel and pecuniary help in the hour of trouble.

To save being obliged to write the same answer to each enquirer, I shall endeavour as briefly as possible to give you a statement of facts, and then ask you to decide with me, what you think of the Toryism or Conservatism of our day, or for the past fifteen years.

In the year 1845 (I was then twenty-three years old), the Government appointed me a Justice of the Peace, and in that capacity I acted losing over three years, hearing and adju-