

ever breathed of me any *one* of the slanders which the Dr. has twice uttered in the West. One acquaintance writing from Halifax a few days ago, declares that in the Methodist Church where I worshipped when a youth, there are very many who have referred to these tirades, but that every one has condemned them, and that if I were to run an election in Halifax to-morrow, the great majority of the congregation would be at my back, as it always was. Every reference to detail in the Doctor's two addresses was absolutely false—the Bible Class was a myth. I never taught any but a class of poor children who were learning to read: as to the rapidity of my conversion—"as sudden as the wildest Salvationist"—I had been attending C. of E. and R. C. services, exclusively, for upwards of four years and reading all of controversy I could get my hands on, and, finally yielded only when to believe and not to profess appeared to be wretched cowardice. The "occult reasons,"—what could they be? I did not know one R. C. prelate. I had very few Catholic clients—no influential Catholic friends. Not my marriage relations—I had not made the acquaintance of my wife after I had resolved to make the change; but, I had been married a year before the change occurred, as I did not want it to appear as though I had "turned" in order to be married. My wife brought me all the joys and blessings that have made my home happy for 22 years, but not one dollar of money. In fact I believed the day of my baptism was the day that closed my chances of professional advancement, or any other—I felt that I had but one resource left—my shorthand—at which I knew I could support my wife and myself if matters came to the worst. But I felt that there was no use in putting all this before the public, in answer to Dr. Douglas, and that it was better to stand or fall by the certain right which I had to declare that these were not matters for public discussion, but matters of conscience only. If I had discussed them I must have added that after more than 20 years of experience and consideration, I would do again, if it were necessary, what I did then, and do it a thousand times, if necessary, even, if all the blessings and prosperity which I have had, were turned into misfortunes and afflictions. This could not fail to offend