

the former, to work out dire results. The richness of the ointment containing "the dead flies" render the evil flavor issuing from it all the more dangerous. Dr. Newman had a strong vein of scepticism running through his nature. Early in life he doubted whether we could know anything other than phenomena, and this misgiving haunted him before he ever read Berkeley. He sprang from scepticism to "irrational faith" to hide himself from himself. He sought deliverance from his weaknesses not through Him who is "the way, the truth and the life," but by the mazy path of false trust and specious reasoning.

Cardinal Newman sketches for us the history of his mental movements from Anglicanism to Romanism in his book entitled "Apologia Pro Vita Sua." His internal history, furnished by his own pen, is one of gloomy, even tragic interest. "The boy is father of the man." John Henry Newman from his youth displayed a morbid tendency towards superstition. When a child he crossed himself in the dark, and drew in his school-books crosses and beads. To his youthful imagination life was a dream, the world a deception, he himself an angel surrounded by fellow-angels whose delight lay in deceiving him "with the semblance of a material world." The first religious influence under which he came was evangelicalism. He cherished a peculiar veneration for Thomas Scott, the commentator, and the author of "The Force of Truth." He was converted when he was fifteen. He was as confident of the reality of his conversion as that he had hands and feet. At the time of his conversion we are furnished with the significant information that there was borne in upon his mind the conviction that a life of celibacy was divinely appointed for him.

About the year 1820 he went to reside at Oriel College, "a timid and awkward youth." At this time he still had connection with evangelicalism with a tendency to liberalism. He then came in contact with certain minds that did much to shape his thoughts and character. "Whately" he says, "emphatically opened my mind and taught me to think and to use my reason." Dr. Hawkins, Provost of Oriel, "taught him to weigh his words and to be cautious in his statements."

Dr. Hawkins informed him that the Bible did not teach doctrines, and gave that place to tradition in his thinking that has