

Church a *Via Media*, which would avoid the errors both of Papacy and popular Protestantism. A new school was soon created and Pusey, already an influential person, was made leader. Newman's idea of the *Via Media* is seen both in his Tracts and in "The Prophetical Office of the English Church," written 1834-6. The death of Hurrell Froude in 1836 not only cut off the foremost in the race to Rome—for Rome, though the leaders did not themselves know it, must be the ultimate end of the movement—but cut off also Newman's dearest friend. From 1838 to '41 Newman was editor of the "British Critic" which became the organ of the movement. In February '41, appeared Newman's famous Tract No. 90, in which he stretched the Thirty-Nine Articles as far as possible towards Catholicity. The Tract was condemned by the University but the Anglican bishops decided that if Newman would stop the series they would not condemn it. Newman stopped the series and resigned his place in the movement, retiring to Littlemore, but acting upon the advice of his friends kept St. Mary's. Though Newman wished to be alone, a party soon gathered around him and he was as influential as ever; and now the Anglican bishops, in spite of their agreement one after another condemned Tract No. 90. Meanwhile Newman was drifting further and further from Anglicanism, the Jerusalem Bishopric Affair in '41 being in reality his Anglican death bed. In 1843 he made a formal retraction of all he had said against the Catholics, and resigned St. Mary's. In 1844 he published his "Annotated Translation of Athanasius," upon which he had been engaged for three years. In 1845 he commenced his essay on "The Development of Christian Doctrine, and before it was finished he became convinced of the truth of the Catholic Church and immediately joined it. The effect of his conversion was immense. Gladstone considers the loss the Anglicans sustained by it, even greater than that caused by Wesley's defection. Newman's works during the Oxford or Protestant portion of his life, include besides those mentioned ten volumes of sermons and some treatises.

Newman left Oxford in 1846 for Oscott where he met Dr (afterwards Cardinal) Wiseman. He then went to Rome where after a short preparation he joined the order of St. Philip Neri. Several of his companions who had followed him to the Church,