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The Church Review: New York. Dr Henry Mason Baum, Editor.

Attention is drawn to the January number of this Review by the title of its first article, which is, "Some Unwritten Books." by Rev. Dr. John Henry Hopkins, who, in a sad little preface, explains that they are notes of books which he intended to write, but which he now knows that he never can accomplish, owing to increasing age and an incurable disease. These notes are full of unique suggestions and ideas which indicate the mind of a profound thinker and careful student. Some of them may be considered fanciful, such as the notes on "Abraham and his Seed," but are sufficiently startling to arrest attention and supply food for thought. His notes on "Two Points on Evolution" are a powerful blow to the use made of the theory that the horse was once a five-toed creature. He arrives very justly at a conclusion directly opposite to that of certain scientists on that point. His ideas on "A Learned Ministry" are weighty and worthy of every consideration. Other articles in the Review, such as "The American Church and Methodism," "Missionary Life in Newfoundland," "Octavia," by Professor Lloyd, "The Restoration of Church and Crown to England," by Bishop Perry, and "John Henry Newman," by Rev. J. S. Stone, D.D., are of deep interest and usefulness. As to the last named article the following passage is worth quoting:

"And so he passed into a new world, so beautiful and grand with its candle-lighted gloom, its sensuous and subduing rites, its death-like calm, its isolation, and its sacrifices and altars. He passes in, and amid the silence and the night, his figure, draped in the garb of a penitent, slowly disappears from our sight.

"This happened in the October of 1845. The effect upon the world was startling. Everywhere the cry was "Newman has gone to Rome!" His friends were grieved; his enemies rejoiced; the Church at home and abroad was heavily shaken. There is little doubt that for a moment the adherents of Anglicanism trembled for the future. Some of the clergy followed the example of him who had once been their leader. Rome appeared as the keeper of a long-closed warehouse, who has heard the rumbling of wagons and opens wide the creaking doors to let in the treasures. She hastened to avail herself of the opportunity. Soon the Romish hierarchy was established in England, and Romish bishops called themselves after English cities. New missions were established throughout the country. French and Italian newspapers congratulated England upon the approaching end of the Protestant schism, and much was done to make ready for

the multitudes of the exodus. So active a propagandism and so many defections from both clergy and nobility, which it occasioned, troubled all who agreed not therewith. We have seen that their fears were as needless as the hopes of the aggressors were vain. After forty-five years of almost superhuman work, the English people are untouched, and after forty-five years Rome has not in England as many adherents as the Salvation Army numbers. Nor did the first shock long continue. She whose sons had died in the prison and the flame for her principles was not to be vanquished even by the secession of Newman. He went out; the gates of the fortress were closed behind him; and the men-at-arms ran to the battlements to defend the home of their allegiance and their love. Many a man wept when he thought of Newman, the trusted, the cherished, the honored son; many a heart grieved for him as imagination pictured him a lone and weary soul in the enemy's camp. John Keble covered with a veil the bust of Newman which stood in the little study at Horsley, and there it remained till Keble's death. But pity hindered none from duty. The Church was more than Newman; and hearts rallied around the Church as they never before had done."

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