

reform. It is almost a truism that literature by itself has no very potent influence on the actions of men unless it be supplemented by oral teaching to dispose their minds for its reception. But how was this teaching to be effected? The class-rooms and lecture-halls at Oxford were closed against all teachers "tainted" with Tractarianism. The University pulpit was usually filled by men most bitter in their denunciation of the "Romanizers," so that even should a Tractarian have the opportunity of expounding his doctrines before the student-body his work was soon undone by the more frequent occupants of the pulpit.

But despite all plans to prevent it, this teaching was effected and its great instrument was the pulpit at St. Mary's Church, to which Newman succeeded when he became a fellow of Oriel. The congregation that filled this church every Sunday morning was made up of the members of the University. But no sooner had this audience quitted the building than another poured in. This second audience though supposedly the parishoners of St. Mary's was largely composed of the students of the University, young men drawn on by the irresistible charm that surrounded Newman. From his lips, Sunday after Sunday, they imbibed the principles of the Movement; and fired with zeal and piety by his words they were prepared to go forth after graduation, fully equipped to fight for the doctrines of Tractarianism. Thus by means of the Tracts and the pulpit, the Movement had been making silent and almost unnoticed progress until the year 1835.

At this time it attained great importance and success from the accession of Dr. Pusey who at once secured it a name and position. His character and learning, his position and family, gave the Movement such a front that the party has often gone by his name. It was not, however, in its exterior aspect only that the Movement was benefited by Dr. Pusey, for his influence within was soon felt and led to a very material change in the character of the Tracts. Newman tells us that the Tracts of the first year "when collected into a volume had a slovenly appearance." After Pusey's advent all this changed. The Tracts began to be longer and more solid and were marked with greater sobriety and painstaking. It was also due to his example that the Movement assumed a position of defence. Newman at once set to work to