

## JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN.

## A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.



JOHN Henry Newman was born in London, 21 February 1801. His father an English Episcopalian, was a banker, and his mother whose family name was Fourdrinier was of Huguenot descent. At an early age, he was sent to a private school at Ealing. While yet a boy he exhibited the future bent of his mind, poetry, religious controversy and theology, delighting more in these things than in his sports and pastimes.

Newman entered Trinity College, Oxford, in 1816 but on account of the failure of his father's bank two years later, he had to rush his course, taking a scholarship, but without honors, early in 1820. In 1823, the quiet and retiring student was elected Fellow of Oriel College, but his father's death, in the same year, cast a gloom over his joy. For the next three years, his views were greatly influenced by Dr. Hawkins, Vicar of St. Mary's and then for several years by Dr. Whately, afterwards Archbishop of Dublin, both of whom greatly improved his young mind. Ordained in 1824, his rise was now rapid, being curate of St. Clemens in '24, Vice-Principal of St. Alban's Hall in '25, Tutor of Oriel in '26 and Vicar of St. Mary's Oxford in '28. In 1826 he published his first book, an essay on Apollonius Tyaneus, and preached his first University sermon. In 1828 his public life really began, his influence at Oxford now commencing. He was engaged on his book the "Arians of the Fourth Century" from 1830-32, and at the end of this latter year, he gave up tutorial work and left with Hurrell Froude for a Mediterranean journey. During this trip the great majority of his shorter poems, including the world famed, "Lead Kindly, Light" were composed. They returned home in the summer of '33 to find that a movement against "the antidogmatic spirit of the day," a movement now called Oxford or Tractarian, was about to begin. Newman joining it started a series of "Tracts for the Times," and as they progressed it was seen that they aimed at a new reformation, which was to make the English