

# Interesting Notes by F. W. Newman

"I did not invite Darby to Oxford so far as I remember or believe. I had no means of giving him reception in Balliol College except by inviting persons to meet him in my room for breakfast or tea. I suppose I did so.

But the rumour of him spread fast among Evangelical undergraduates. He had no lack of invitations and of closets, <sup>in no particular City</sup> and consultations. He took others by storm, as he had taken me. The "Lord's coming" was in the air, and Jowett's "Holy Tongue" was about to burst on us. [I think they had not begun.]

4. I do not remember that any one, Anglican or Dissenter, asked J. N. D. into the pulpit, though he was ostensibly in the Irish Episcopal Church.

5. While I was in Ireland in 1827-8 Darby was an active convert in the Wicklow woods, except when driven by illness and neglect of his body, to his sister's home where I was living. I do not remember that he had opportunity to "open a Lord's table", if his mind has reached the desire of it then. Bellet, Corwin, Hutchinson, <sup>(or Hutchinson)</sup> Carr & others were the movers for it in Dublin.

6. After my return from Bagdad I did break bread with the new born sect <sup>Gore</sup> at Plymouth; but Darby was not there. When I found that I could not do it in any of these churches <sup>without</sup> Darby visiting <sup>against me</sup> in hostile fashion

I entirely abstained, believing such a controversy would do more of the young, tender, warmly religious, whom I looked on with warm affection, into hot and hostile partizanship, - or bigotry!

7. I never "preached" among them; but what at Plymouth I for the first time appeared Rev. Mr. Harris (the Plymouth leader) into the village and with him preached by the roadside. B. W. Newton was a close ally of his elder friend Harris.

8. I do not believe that Benjamin W. Newton ever took Anglican Orders at all, any more than myself. Do not you confound him with Rev. [James] Harris?

Mr. Harris was ~~with~~ a great contrast to Darby towards me

I think I have answered all your last question  
Yours truly  
F. W. Newman

My hand from some weakness of the sinews sadly gravitates into very small writing as soon as I cease to think of the writing. I sometimes cannot read what I have written, till I use an additional glass.

Accidentally a lapse of memory on Newman's part. See p. 107 line 6.

\* He still would hardly see Anglican Christianity, and was still behind as to my church theory.