

006 PARTYGOER

Quiet, quiet please. Gentlemen,
allow me the pleasure of
introducing the new Provost of
Oriell College, Edward Hawkins!

APPLAUSE FROM ALL PARTYGOERS. THE CROWD QUIETS
AS HAWKINS STEPS UP AND CLEARS HIS THROAT.

007 EDWARD HAWKINS

(loud enough for all to
hear, formal)

Thank you all for coming today. And
what a momentous day - the
coronation of our new king...and my
appointment as Provost.

THE CROWD CHUCKLES.

008 EDWARD HAWKINS (CONT'D)

And speaking of appointments, if
you all will direct your attention
to that tall, quiet, rather somber
looking man in the back of the
room, the only one here without a
drink in his hand! Do come forward,
Newman. It's a party, not a
funeral.

THE CROWD SHUFFLES THEIR FEET TO MAKE WAY. A MAN
SHEEPISHLY APPROACHES.

009 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Hawkins, really -

010 EDWARD HAWKINS

Raise your glasses, fellows of
Oxford, to our new Vicar, John
Henry Newman. Managing a whole
parish is a great responsibility,
but I have no doubt he will succeed
in leading this fine and faithful
congregation.

011 CROWD

Hear, hear!

WALLA: THE CROWD BEGINS CHATTERING FAINTLY. THEY
CLINK GLASSES.

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START >>>

012 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

That was too kind, Hawkins.

013 EDWARD HAWKINS

Someone's got to celebrate you if you won't celebrate yourself. Walking up here, you looked like a penitent Catholic dragging his heels to Confession.

014 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

As bad as that, hmm? God forbid I should ever resemble a Papist. We need not have barriers like popes or confessionals in the way of our relationship with God. But, Hawkins --

015 EDWARD HAWKINS

People were bound to hear there's a new vicar sooner than later.

(then)

Ah, here comes Hurrell Froude! Come here, Froude. Convince Newman here he's worthy of being celebrated.

016 HURRELL FROUDE

Why wouldn't you be? Hawkins here has high standards, he'd only appoint the very best of men. Your work as a tutor precedes you. I daresay your pupils are more devoted to you than any other tutor in Oriel!

017 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

God willing, balancing lectures and a vicarage shouldn't be too much trouble. Do you feel prepared to be provost, Hawkins?

018 EDWARD HAWKINS

It comes with its challenges, but I believe I can manage the students of Oriel and keep them from, say, killing one another. As long as they leave with full marks and a well-rounded education, what more will they need to succeed?

019 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Yes, but -

020 EDWARD HAWKINS

But what?

021 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

You must ensure you're not just leading them as students, you're forming their character for their whole lives.

022 HURRELL FROUDE

They're at Oxford, Newman! The greatest university in England! They're the future leaders and rulers of this country. What more do you want from them?

023 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Yes, but what about their spiritual formation? Their souls?

024 EDWARD HAWKINS

If they have questions about spirituality, we advise them to lead righteous lives and attend Sunday services. Isn't that enough?

025 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

That's the problem. Every young man at this party attends Sunday services, yet I've never seen them as excited or passionate as they are now.

026 HURRELL FROUDE

They've just had champagne Newman. Of course they're excited.

027 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Very funny, Froude. But I can't help but feel they should be more on fire with love for the Lord, more determined to live as instruments of God's will.

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028 EDWARD HAWKINS

Sounds like you have this Sunday's sermon figured out, then.

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INT. ST. MARY'S - DAY

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BELLS RING OUTSIDE ST. MARY'S.

029 JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Why have you come to church today, brothers and sisters? I hope it is not merely because friends or superiors told you to come.

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