My Dear Manning

Your note accedes to every thing that Mr Spencer spoke of. He did not speak of combinations or societies or irregular acts. And I reminded him of our daily prayers. The only thing which I added, & which he did not say, was the (special) thought of the divided state of Christendom one day in the (week) above (others). I do not think (members) are not careful to pray for the Roman Cathol. They only (visit) them. If they (prac-) (-tice) duplicity, they need our prayers

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the more. I do not think we should be outdone by them (whatever) (be) the motions (notions?) of certain scheming (bodies) (?). I now will believe that the multitude among them who pray for us wish us any thing but good. Why pray that we may be changed – we should pray that they should.

I have been expecting you the whole of last term.

What “comfort” is it you mean not to enter into with the Roman Catholics? What is going on?

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Ever yrs a fly, [Ever yours affectionately,]
John H Newman
Oriel
Jan 16. 1840

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