

features of Popery, with one grand exception, which shall be noticed in its proper place, are but a reproduction of the features of Pagan worship, as practised in heathen temples or by idolatrous nations. The assertion will now be established that Popery is paganised Christianity. The Papist prefers worshipping with his face to the east. Indeed somehow the east has some peculiar charm for the Papist and the Puseyite as well, which is but Papacy writ small ; for, as the story goes, when once upon a time a godly minister of the English Church was lamenting the low state of religion in his parish to a brother clergyman, who had just begun to lapse into the lap of Ritualism—he very gravely replied, “ Why sure the cause is abundantly obvious, that new Church of yours lately erected in your parish is not standing east and west.” But every scholar knows that worshipping towards the east was common to the Pagan rituals. Incense, and the burning it, is a necessary appendage of Papistical worship. It accompanies almost all their religious service, from the baptism of a child to the burial of an Arch-bishop, for, as the papers told me, when the late Arch-bishop of Halifax was buried, among other rites the officiating priest incensed his grave. Especially in the celebration of the Mass is incense used. On the Elevation of the Host the acolyte waves the censer, and the smoke of the incense fills the cathedral with the savour of a sweet smell. Now this custom was received directly from Paganism ; and on entering a Popish place of worship an intelligent scholar could almost imagine he was treading the aisles of some heathen temple, or that of the Paphian Venus described by Virgil :

“ Her hundred altars there with garlands crowned,
And richest incense smoking breathe around
Sweet odours ———”