

NOTE D.

"Meanwhile, let it not be forgotten, that it has been confessed by Roman Catholics themselves, that if the doctrine of Transubstantiation be erroneous, the worship founded on it is idolatrous. Fisher, Bishop of Rochester,* the most learned of English Papists, speaks of this consequence in much stronger terms than a Protestant would use; and Bellarmine,† the ablest advocate of their cause in Rome itself, treats it as a matter of course."—(Dr. Phillpott's "Letters to Charles Butler, Esquire.")

* Johan. Roff. cont. Ecolamp. l. I. c. 2:—

"*Nulli dubium esse potest, ei nihil in Eucharistiâ præter panem sit, quin tota ecclesia jam per XV annorum centenarios, idololatra fuerit, ac proinde quotquot ante nos hoc sacramentum adoraverunt, omnes ad unum esse damnatos. Nam creaturam panis adoraverunt creatoris loco.*"

† Bell. de Euch. l. IV. c. 29:—

"*Quod ad adorationem attinet, Sacramentarii omnes idololatriam appellant ejusmodi adorationem. Neque id mirum videri debet cum ipsi non credant Christum reipsa esse præsentem, et panem Eucharistiæ nihil esse, nisi panem ex furno.*"