

## ONE WORD ABOUT THE CROSS.

The sign of the Cross is the banner of Christianity. We are all baptized and enlisted to fight under it. The early Christians, long before Popery, adopted it as their flag and colour to testify to the heathens that they were not ashamed to confess Christ crucified. It is yet in the British Crown, and on the British flag. It is to be seen on all, or nearly all, our churches elsewhere. Go to Ottawa, to Prescott, to Brockville, to Kingston, or to any other city, and you see the plain cross upon the churches. Even dissenting chapels have it. Free Masons have it on some of their regalia. Why then should I be called a Papist because I have placed a beautiful ornament not quite a cross on St. Paul's Church, Marlborough? Is it because Romanists have it? But both Romanists and Dissenters have many good things which they have from us and this is one of them. Can it be possible that any of you should be so ignorant as not to know this? Both Roman and Protestant dissenters have all their best books and best doctrines from the Old Catholic Church which existed long before either of them, and if you have not learning enough to know this, my dear people, you ought not to despise those who know better than you, and who are trying to teach you to be thankful for your privileges. Do you not know that even the Canon of Scripture, that is—what is the genuine Word of God—was declared and established by the Church, in Council, long before the Bishop of Rome claimed his present monstrous authority? How would you know that the Bible is the Word of God if the Church had not told you so? And where do dissenting bodies get the English Bible if the English Church had not fought for it even unto blood. If, then, they do any good at all, it is with the aid of our own books; and they would do a great deal more good without the evil of division, were they united with us against all kinds of errors.

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 ABOUT NON-ESSENTIALS.

A great deal is said about non-essentials. You are told that so long as we agree in the essentials of Religion there is no matter to what sect you belong, and that on the Last Day we shall not be asked any thing about forms of church government. This is another way to "deceive the hearts of the simple." When the Lord prays for the visible unity of His Church, that it may teach the