



WHEREFORE THE EUCHARIST.

For the service and glorification of the divine Majesty.

I.—ADORATION.

BEHOLD upon the altar, with an ardent faith, our Lord Jesus Christ, hidden, annihilated under the veils of the Sacrament, there adoring the majesty of His Father, and performing toward Him the duties of the most perfect religion. It was with the purpose in view, that He proposed above all others, to glorify His Father, by performing toward Him in perfection all the duties the creature was unable to perform, that the Word became man: and it is to that end, above all others, that He took upon Himself the Sacramental State. Doubtless the Word became incarnate, died and lived anew in the Eucharist a for our salvation and eternal happiness, but beyond that motive there is another that determined it: It is to honor the majesty of His Father, to pay Him all homage, all obedience, to give Him all the love that God deserved to receive from reasonable creatures. He can, from the altar as well as during His life say to those who ask Him to give an account of His mission: "I honor my Father, I glorify my Father". See with what perfection Jesus performs toward God the duty of adoration. To adore is to acknowledge in mind heart, deed and will the excellence of God; that is to say, His sovereign majesty,