

THE WHY AND THE WHEREFORE.

About 1850, however, the young men determined, in order to assimilate their doctrine to that of Rome, that they should do so by teaching the doctrine through the Roman ceremonial. They proclaimed continually and loudly their unity with the rest of the Catholic Church. "There are three branches of the Church," they declared, "the Roman, the Anglican, and the Greek, but in all essentials the doctrine and worship of the three branches are the same."!!!

A SACRIFICING PRIEST? MUST HAVE AN "ALTAR" AND AN "ALTAR" MUST HAVE A SACRIFICING PRIEST.

Great stress was especially laid on two points of ritual in order to support the Romish doctrine then sought to be introduced. In order to understand the great importance placed by Evangelicals on these two matters it is well to understand what was meant by changing the "Holy Table" into "an Altar." It was and is thus placed shortly by them.

"The act of consecration makes the real presence."

When "the Priest has consecrated the blessed sacrament," there is then "upon the Altar, Jesus, my Lord and my God. It is His Body. It is Jesus Christ." You thus perceive the fundamental difference between the Tractarian and the Evangelical on this vital point and the absolute necessity, in order to strengthen the view of the former, to have an "Altar" and to discard the "Holy Table." Stand by the "Holy Table" and reject the "Altar," the basis of Romish error, with its "blasphemous fables."

NO ALTAR, NO MASS!

The Eastward position dethrones Jesus and enthrones the priest.

The second point in order to strengthen the doctrine of transubstantiation was to introduce "the Eastward position." For many generations clergy of every school had stood at the north end of the Holy Table and this position had been adopted by all the older Tractarian leaders. But a few men had introduced the practice of standing facing eastward with their backs to the people. Now, I want every Evangelical in the Dominion of Canada to understand the reason of this change and what is sought to be introduced by forcing it upon our congregations. In "The Life and Letters of the Celebrated High Churchman, Canon Liddon," you find this statement:

"This change (the Eastward Position) I feel to be most important. It is doctrinal"