

ward further alleage sayinges out of the olde and new teachers as touchyng the oblacion & offeryng to strūgthen theyr preuy Masse, those be sayinges that cōtain many thynges in them, and it were very easy to shew good suer groūd out of S. Austen* and other theragaynst, that the same sayinges belong not to theyr preuy Masse and oblacion or offeryng, for althoughe they call it an offeryng, yet declare they them selues thus, that it deseruethe not forgeuenes of Synnes. And also that they them selues offer not the Sonne to God the father, for that is the owne & onely worcke of the onely begotten sonne, that he offereth himselfe, as the texte speaketh Heb: 9, He is gone into the holy place through his owne bloude, he standeth before the father as a peacemaker for cuer, and prayeth for vs, in the same moste preuy coucel, whiche is the holy place.

But of the offeryng that men offer, they say it is a thankesgeuyng and a remembraunce, that is, therwith we through belefe praye for and receaue the forgeuenesse that is obtayned and gotten for the sonnes sake. And this prayer and thankesgeuyng shall be made in the dealing out and in the vse of the sacramēt †, as it is commaunded and instituted. And the †ceremony of it selfe withoute this worck in the herte, in belefe, prayer and thankesgeuyng, is no offeryng.

† Not of Masse.
 † This is the Masse of it selfe.

And let this be ynough spoken of the olde teachers, whereof we offer oure selues to geue further declaracyon at all tymes.

And because ther lyeth muche of this matter, in that that it belongeth to all chrystendome, and for that that the Masse is through many errores comen in to great misuse: for whiche God vndoubtedly punysheth the worlde, as it is wrytten, whoso vnworthely vseth the Sacrament, maketh hymselfe gylty of the Body and bloud of Chryste: ought men with great earnest to seke and helpe to kepe, mayntayne, and vpholde, the trueth of this Artycle, to the honoure of God and saluacyon of menne.

And this is also one of thartycles whiche belongeth in

* St. Augustine.