

full of Romish doctrine ; it has a quotation from Hooker, which any Romish book might have ; it acknowledges an historical fact which any well informed Roman Catholic will do ; and contains a passage which implies a doctrine that Roman Catholic writers explicitly maintain!! These, I repeat it, are the arguments put forth, in the exordium of Mr. Coster's defence, to fascinate the minds of Protestants, to produce a favourable impression in regard to this "excellent little book," and render them more charitable to its failings which have subsequently to be explained away. I put it to the common sense and candor of reflecting persons, whether such arguments as these, sought out with diligence by a skilful person and advanced in the fore-front of his defence, are not sufficient of themselves to stamp upon this work the superscription of Romanism?

Mr. Coster next enters formally upon the work of "defence," and takes up seriatim, the objections I have urged against the "Companion," in my private correspondence with the Lord Bishop. His *first* quotation from my letter is as follows :

"1. In a note to page 87, it is asserted to be the office of the Christian Priest 'to make an atonement for the people,' and that with a view to 'make the people understand this, the Church orders that 'when thus making an atonement for them, and offering up for them the passion of Christ, the Priest should say the prayers secretly, mystically.' Surely this teaching is at variance with the doctrines of our Prayer Book, and derogatory to the honour of Christ."

Upon this extract Mr. Coster comments as follows :

"That Dr. Gray mistakes the meaning of this passage is perfectly clear from the simple fact, that his extract to all appearance makes the author of the "Companion," to say 'that the Church' of England 'orders that the Priest should say the prayers secretly, mystically;' whereas he actually says "in express terms that 'this Church' of England does not order the Priest to say these prayers secretly."

Now let the reader turn to Dr. Gray's extract upon which Mr. Coster comments, and he will see that the