

An anonymous letter is the last resource of a dastardly soul. Mr. Hamerton's essays are well fitted to instruct, and give the education of a gentleman to such as, not having been brought up to it, are willing to possess it, and even those who claim to have had it may profit by his words.

Another Drysdale book is "The Fundamental Ideas of the Roman Catholic Church, explained and discussed for Protestants and Catholics," by Frank Hugh Foster, Ph.D., D.D., professor in Pacific Theological Seminary, Oakland, Cal., 8vo., pp. 366, plain cloth, Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, price one dollar and seventy-five cents. Dr. Foster is a Congregationalist, and a graduate of Leipzig. He has studied the most scientific theological works by Roman Catholic divines, such as Mohler's Symbolik, Heinrich's Dogmatische Theologie, Perrone's Praelectiones Theologicae, and Cardinal Gibbon's The Faith of Our Fathers, together with the writings of the best Protestant controversialists of modern times. These latter lead me involuntarily to think of a rare copy in old calf of Du Moulin's "*Eaux de Siloe pour noyer les feux du Purgatoire*," published at La Rochelle, the possession of which the late Father Chiniquy envied me, and which, after a stormy discussion over a matter of necessary discipline, I made over to him as a solatium for his wounded feelings, only, I suppose, to perish in the fire that destroyed his library, containing the "Oly Fathairs." Dr. Foster has done his work conscientiously, endeavoring on all points to state the Roman Catholic case as strongly and fully as its writers have done. His book has two parts, the first dealing with The Church; the second, with The System of Doctrines Pertaining to Salvation. Under the first head he treats of The Attributes of the Church, its Infallible Authority, its Necessity, the Hierarchy, the Papacy, and the Source of Authority within the Church. Under the second, he deals with Justification, Faith, and Works; Outgrowths of the Doctrine of Merit; The Virgin Mary; the Sacraments, Baptism and Confirmation; Penance; the Lord's Supper; Orders, Matrimony and Extreme Unction. The concluding