

as to the power vested in the Christian Priest, to make a propitiatory offering for God's Church, is in harmony with Romanism and at variance with Protestantism, every sound Protestant will admit. He will be able to discriminate between the office of *offering up prayer for God's church*, in which *the whole congregation*, no less than the Priest, unites; and the *exclusive power* here claimed for the Priest, of making a propitiatory offering for the Church. In a word, he will perceive that the parallel here attempted to be shown, between the Jewish and the Christian Priest, does not in reality exist; and that Mr. Coster's extract from the "Companion," is a positive proof of the Romanizing tendencies of its author. As to the *negative* proof that Mr. Coster attempts to draw, from the fact that the writer makes "mention of *present* and *absent*, but says not a word of the *dead*," it is really too feeble to merit a serious reply. His acquaintance with Roman Catholic writers ought to have made him familiar with a multitude of passages in which, even when speaking of the Eucharist (which the author of the Companion is not) the *absent* are named without specifying the *dead*. To give an example, a celebrated Romanist says, "Forasmuch as Christ said to the Apostles, 'do this,' he thereby directed them to do as he himself had done, and therefore since the Eucharist is a propitiatory sacrifice, he thus constituted them Priests, and enjoined them and their successors to offer that sacrifice continually, for *themselves* and for the sins of *others*." Now, will Mr. Coster say that the work of this Romanist is of "*pure Protestant quality*," because while he asserts *one* tenet of his Church, he omits to state another? because while he maintains that the Eucharist is a propitiation for the *whole Church, present and absent*, he does not add for the *dead* likewise?

Such then are the arguments to prove "*the pure Protestantism*" of the "Companion to the Prayer Book." It has extracts said to be from Bishop Sparrow, which are