

to, and, where it seemed necessary to point out the particular clauses to which the objections applied, short extracts were given; given, not to the public, to inform them of the contents of Works to which they had not access, but to the Lord Bishop, who had the Works in possession, and consequently the means of examining the entire contents. Was it consonant with the laws of legitimate controversy to take those extracts in their isolated form, unaccompanied by the correspondence that explained them, and hold them up to the public as specimens of unfair quotations? But Mr. Coster has gone further: He has not only condemned prematurely the extracts, as unfair, but undertakes to insinuate that this supposed unfairness was the result of improper *motives*. To such a charge as this, I can afford to be *silent*. It will not harm the accused: it will not benefit the accuser. It is possible, indeed, that some of my readers, while perusing the following pages, may think,—well, here is indeed a scope for returning the compliment; but I shall not avail myself of it. The object of my reply is not to impeach Mr. Coster's motives, or to vindicate my own; but to place the truth before my readers in such a form, that they may be guarded against error. While, in aiming at this end, I deem it better not to retort the personalities with which Mr. Coster's paper abounds; in reference to its theology, I shall examine it closely, and use as little ceremony as possible in showing the unsoundness of its principles. Of those principles, as contained in the little Work entitled the "Companion to the Prayer Book," which Mr. Coster undertakes to defend, but from which the Bishop of the Diocese has withdrawn his sanction, I certainly did affirm, at the late meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, that they were not in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England. I affirm it *still*. They are *not* so. They are "strange and erroneous doctrines," opposed alike to the Bible and the Prayer Book—dishonourable to God—injurious to man—and, to the best of my ability, God being my helper, I will endeavour to banish them from my Parish.