

INTRODUCTION.

know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God " (Ib. 13: 11), while "unto those that are without all things are done in parables" (Mark 4: 11). St. Paul lays special emphasis everywhere on this principle of secrecy. He sees in the ministers of Christ "the dispensers of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4: 1). He would have "the wisdom of God, a wisdom which is hidden," spoken "in a mystery," and only "among the perfect" (Ib. 2: 6, 7)—the *competentes* of a later day. He asks the Ephesians to pray for him that he may "with confidence make known the mystery of the Gospel" (Eph. 6: 19), but elsewhere explains that it is "to the saints" of God the mystery in question is to be unfolded (Col. 1: 26). Finally, he requires of deacons that they should hold "the mystery of faith in a pure conscience." (1 Tim. 3: 9).

VI.

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AND SYMBOL. :
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As for the things which came
under the rule of secrecy, we
learn that they were chiefly the
words which make up what is now known as