

"Church," for he may decide on every matter "without consulting councils," or resorting to any other quarter. This, indeed, would be quite reasonable and consistent, admitting him to have divine attributes, and therefore to be infallible. These sacred powers are, indeed, in the passage under review, explicitly asserted to belong to him. Mr. Maturin, in the name of all Romanists, says: "We believe that God has been pleased to delegate a portion of his attributes to the Church," and "infallibility" also; and as the Pope is the "Church," for all authoritative purposes, it is plainly declared that he, in his own person, is possessed of those divine attributes, and the consequent infallibility. The writer regrets that he is under the necessity of transcribing these impious assertions in commenting upon them. And where is the pretended authority to support them? Not a word of the kind is given, either from Scripture or any other quarter. The Mormons make a positive declaration concerning the truth of their system. Their pretensions and those of the Romanists, on the points in question, are equally false and impious. But, although there is no Scripture to give a semblance of support to these profane Papal doctrines, there are passages of Scripture, and especially *one*, relating to the subject. It is this very descriptive one, already cited, in 2 Thess.: "So that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." Surely, Mr. Maturin did not think of this text when he wrote those words about *divine* "attributes" being delegated to the Papal Vicar as the head of the Church. Mark, how exactly he answers to the description given in the text; and bear in mind it is Mr. Maturin who has exhibited the real person, and given the points of his character, so exactly agreeing with those in the text. He is said, in that passage of the pamphlet, to have "divine attributes," and is *in* the Church (or temple) as its head; and it follows, of course, that, having those attributes, he is a God in the *church* or "*temple*." The text says of the character described, "He, as God, sitteth in the temple of God,