

is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now *ye know* what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let *until he be taken out of the way*, and then shall that wicked one be revealed," 2nd Thes., ii. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. The above quoted prophecy is plain enough. By "he who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way, undoubtedly is meant the Emperor of Rome. The word let signifies prevent or hinder. He who now hinders will hinder until he be taken out of the way. And the old Saint Augustine, long before Satan brought forth the system of popery for the perversion of true religion, in writing to the Roman Emperor who was Pagan at that time, says as follows: We Christians, knowing the dreadful evil that threatens the land at the dissolution of the Roman Empire, are therefore praying for the continued state of the Roman Empire, for according to the testimony of St. Paul, when the Roman Empire is dissolved, Antichrist will come," and then he quotes the passage just referred to, and adds, that St. Paul spoke obscurely for fear of irritating the Romans, when he said "Only he who now letteth will