

shouldst thou understand them, which will not so much as slightly look into them? Take the book into thine hand: read all the history; and what thou knowest remember; and what is obscure, go often over it." So Chrysostom again makes this difference between the philosophers and the apostles,

"The Philosophers speak obscurely; but the Prophets and Apostles make all things delivered by them clear and manifest; and, as the common teachers of the world, have so expounded all things, that every man, may, of himself, by reading learn those things which are spoken."

In opposition to the teaching of Father Damen upon this subject, it appears that the whole church for centuries from the beginning advocated our doctrine and condemned that of Rome in their advocacy of the truth: for the Roman religion in the days of those early fathers had not been thought of in the world, and of course was not taught in the church. It is necessary and fit that the whole people should read the scriptures for themselves. Hear St. Jerome upon the Psalms:—"The Lord will declare: and how will He declare? not by word, but by writing: in whose writing? in the writing of His people. Our Lord will declare it to us in the scriptures of the people, in the Holy Scriptures: which scripture is read to all the people: