He is an apostle of Antichrist.

He is the Vicar of Antichrist.—v:12.

17. He works miracles on behalf of the beast, the Antichrist.

The apostle Paul tells us that the coming of Antichrist is with "all power and signs and lying wonders."—II. Thessalonians, 2:9.

This power is exercised by his apostle and primate in his name. Just as the apostles of Christ did miracles in his name and by his spirit.

18. He causes an image to be made to the beast. As of old men were called on to do homage to the image of the Roman Emperor.

19. He has power to give life (breath) to the image so that it shall speak.—v:14.

Already we have automata that can play games of chess (deceiving inventions), the phonograph registers the voice of the living and the dead, and the kinetoscope already gives the movement of life, and promises, in connection with the phonograph and dactylograph, to make the moving figures speak and act to the very life. (Coming events, let it be repeated, cast their shadows before).

20. We learn that the beast, the Antichrist, was slain by a sword. It was a sword stroke, an assassin's blow, from which he recovered to the world's amazement.—v:14.

21. This apostle of Antichrist causes all to be killed who will not bow down to the image of the first beast.—v:15.