

~~xxx~~ nition throughout the empire. He was perhaps the greatest preacher up to that time. They called him the golden mouth. John of the golden mouth. And there was someone who went to see Theod. and they ~~x~~ said that it was very wrong to hurt people on account of statues, on account of mere stone statues, and to hurt people. Of course, it is a rather silly arguemtn, because it was the emperor's prestige that was involved, it was terrible treatment of his statues & Picutres.

But he gave in, and was ~~xxx~~ the sort of man who would become very angry and then he would get over it. And he did in these various cases. We will mention Chris~~o~~ston later.

But Ambrose' relations with Theod. did much to maintain high morality and a better standard of ethics in the empire. It also did much to win the pagans to Christianity. Paganism had always been the tool of the meperor. It had always been ~~xxx~~ ready to do what the emperor said. Here was a religion which resisted the great power of the ~~xxx~~ emperor and' succeeded in its resist~~x~~ance. Resisting it not because a man felt a certain way, but because he was convinced that he was right. ~~Sxxx~~ Standing for ~~xxxxxx~~ moral principles. Standing for what he felt to be right. Of course, in the end it leads ~~ix~~ logically to a position where in the Middle Ages they were succeeded by bishops of low character who used the prestige of Ambrose and which others had won, to advance their own purposes and personal ideas, and their own personal pride and ~~xxxxxx~~ glory. But as practiced by Ambrose, the immediate results were certainly good.

Now, number 5, the fall of Paganism. Paganism seemd triumphant in 300 A.D. Now, as we approach 400, more and more people are falling away from it, ~~xxx~~ its privileges, its stand, its apparent leadership, is being taken away. The emperor is no longer giving the same glory to it as he did before, the pagan leaders in Rome tried to maintain the ~~xxxxx~~ forms, ~~xxxxxx~~ Even though the altar of victory was taken away, they went through the forms of prayer ~~xxx~~ of victories, ~~he~~ prayers to pagan gods, and when Theod. ^{died} ~~xxxx~~, who had opposed the pagan practices all through, and had declared that it was wrong to carry them on, when Theod died, the senate in Rome voted officially to recognize him as a god, as other