CH. xvii. 10] EXPOUNDED 443  
  
from the xviith chapter of the Apocalypse, where Babylon  
is said to be seated on seven mounts, and to be pos-  
sessed of authority over the kings of the earth. Jor  
neither was there any city beside Rome which in John’s  
day professed authority over the kings of the carth, and it  
is notorious that Rome was built on seven hills.’ De  
Rom. Pont. ii. 2. Cited by Wordsworth.  
But how, then, do Romanists evade a truth so de-  
structive to the claims of their Church ?  
1. By affirming that the reference is to Rome pagan,  
not to Rome papal. Rome papal is the infallible holy  
mother of all Churches. Whereupon Dr. Wordsworth  
asks very pertinently, If so, how is it that John, while  
writing of Rome, does not distinguish between Rome  
as heathen, and Rome as the scat of the universal  
See? How is it, that while painting in dark colours  
the iniquity of heathen Rome, he did not drop a word  
to the Churches to be guided by Rome and her in-  
fallible bishop? 2. These Romish writers suppose  
that the prophecy of Rome’s destruction (chapter  
Xvii.) was fulfilled about 300 years after the Apocalypse.  
If so, then we say, Rome has fallen only to “ become  
the habitation of demons, and the hold of every unclean  
spirit? (xvili.).  
The woman sits on these hills. It is primarily a  
city then, not a system. It was a city ages ere it was  
connected with Romanism; and its history is here  
indicated, before it accepted Christianity. Hence it is  
said, “On which the Woman sitteth:” not yet the  
Whore. She is the Harlot, only as professedly Chris-  
tian. She is called “the Woman” again in the last  
verse of this chapter, where the reference is again  
made to pre-Christian times.  
10. “ And they are seven kings: the five fell; the oneis; the  
  
other is not yet come, and when he shall have come, he must  
continue a short (space).”’