

the churches, and tried to keep 12 3/4 of the people who were one of them, although when you have a group of soldiers plundering, there is bound to be some of that. The general had the thing under such control that after three days he was able to withdraw them from the city entirely, giving them simply three days of plunder, so it would compare to almost any modern sack of a city, the Gothic sack of Rome was comparatively gentle. And yet any sack is a terrible thing; any plunder is a terrible thing of a plunder of a city by a hostile ~~an~~ army. And no such thing had happend^e in 800 years to the city of Rome, and so it made a tremendous impressi~~o~~n, and people were wa- saying, "That is what comes when they give up their old gods." They turned away from the god that made Rome great, and the result is that naturally, the city falls." And so ~~of~~ Augustin wrote an answer, and he wrote his great ~~wok~~ work, "The City of God", in order to shw that Rome, ~~was-~~ the earthly city, fell far short, and the important thing was not the earthly city, but the hea~~ve~~nly city/^{of}God, and to show that the gods had not made Rome great; it was the good qualities of the Romans; their sturdy character and their valor which had developed Rome, and not their worship of false gods. And he goes into these things at great length in this great work, one of the greatest works of his life, "The City of God". And one thing which very much disturbed him at this time was to see the great number of Romans who fled from the city before the coming of the ~~g~~oths (they fled for their lives) and fled across the Sea to 14 1/2 in North Africa, and to see the behaviour of these people; how they were so anxious to have 14 1/4 and circuses and entertainments and licentious living, when they were fleeing before the terrible scourge of the Gothic attack, and he felt as if there were no sign of any repentance, no sign of any turning away from their wicked life in the face of this disaster which had fallen, and this impressed him so much that he criticized it very strongly. (end of record)