

Ambrose, of Milan. We have had all these great men but there has not been a bishop of Rome up to this time, 400 hundred years after the time of Christ who ~~is~~ worthy to be ranked with the great men of the ancient world, not one. There have been bishops of Rome that have been good administrators, there have great many bishops of Rome who were martyred. Rome was in the place where ~~if~~ the fire was apt to strike first, if the empire attack the church and the great bulk of the bishops of ~~the church~~ Rome seem to have been men who bravely stood by their faith and suffered for it when the martyrdom came, not every one, we noticed Marcellinus is supposed to have repudiated his faith when in the face of torture, that can not be proven but that is considered to be the fact in the ancient world. He is the only one of whom such a story is told. There was one other bishop of Rome who was taken prisoner by the Arian emperor and held a prisoner until he would sign an Arian creed and finally after seven years <sup>he did and</sup> ~~he~~ was permitted to go back to Rome. Of course the Roman Catholics say he did that under compulsion and so it does not matter, but most of the bishops of Rome would suffer martyrdom before he would sign a false creed under compulsion. There had been bishops of Rome at this time who had been good administrators who stood by their faith and suffered and died for it, there had been men who doubtless had a good understanding of theology, there were on the whole a good administration of the church what had been the great center of the empire. Until we come to Leo, there was no man who would a great figure ~~who~~ who occupy such as this, 400 years of mediocre men in the position. A few of these men as we have noticed got ideas of grandeur from the fact of being in the city that was the capital of the World for so many centuries, and tried to tell the church of Africa or the church of Corinth or some other church just what to do and say they were its head and in most cases the churches refused to pay any attention to them. This you remember who was the first to do such a thing he sent out an order that all the churches should do what he wanted day of the week. Most of them ignored it, but eventually his