

to eat and definite time for getting up and time for service and time for work and everything very systematically arranged and planned and this was the beginning of organized Monasticism it is the beginning of an established system followed by those who came in, and it was the beginning of the idea of their being obedient and subject to the head of the monastery, and he made three rules, poverty and chastity and obedience, they had to be obedient to ~~the~~ the head of the monastery they had to absolutely ~~chased~~ and nothing of this world's goods, avoid all contacts with the world except as they went out to do what they were given but ordinarily to live together and be apart from the world, and I just like to read you a word here from this little book called Visualized Church History. written by a monk as to future of the Benedictian order. He says the Benedictian order in time included 37,000 monasteries and collected, you see how ~~tremendous~~ // tremendous to that which it grew. And then she quotes from a writer fifty years ago who said the order of St. Benedict numbered 24 popes and 200 cardinals over 4000 bishops 1500 canonized saints and 15000 officers, maybe this is this is rather an extreme but they give you an idea at least of the tremendous influence of this development and the church through the middle ages (break in the record) The lesson for next Tuesday and Wednesday ~~the~~ will be posted on the bulletin board. Now we were discussing the last time and we have begun to our consideration of the sixth century and we began to speak about and in fact we have spoken at some length about St. Benedict. It perhaps is not so extremely important whether St. Benedict came in the early part of the sixth century or the latter part of the sixth century or the latter part of the fifth century or the exact century in which he came but it is important to recognize that ~~the~~ nearly half a millennium had passed since the time of Christ in fact half of a millennium, 500 hundred years have passed after the death of Christ, before the establishment of the Benedictian Order, the first order of monks. This is a tremendous thing when you think of it, the order of monks of which there are hundreds in the Roman Catholic Church, are an outstanding feature of it and were an outstanding feature all