

after the emperor, then we will have to have this background material I just mentioned. (question) Mr. Pund. why I don't know if we know the details. If some one were to come to me today, and say I wish you would send me to the

Islands to open a mission there, I might think that is a grand thing and I am glad you have the idea but Just at present I have all I can possible do without strating out to raise money to send you. I don't know, I doubt if there is. The bishops of Rome was taking to hundreds of pepple and there is no record of it and whether Gregory ~~knew~~ mentions it in his later writings or not I do not know. But they, it is one thing about the bishops, the bishops of Rome were the heirs of the prevous Roman leadership, Rome had conquered Europe, the Romans, even in 200 B.C. they were people of Great vision of what happened ~~offe~~ in the distant sections of the earth, even when they were in difficulty in Rome ~~they~~ they would send an army out to settle some struggle between Egypt and Syria, before Rome had conauerored anyting in that area. They would lay down the law and they were interested, they had large vision, the Roman people did, and they church of Rome continued to quited an extend in the tradition of the old Roman duty, and so even when the bishops of Rome had their hadnds ~~of~~ full with the scropples and disputed in Rome and in Italy we find them ~~to~~ sending embassy out to try to win the king of Spain away from his Arianism, to try to win Clavis ~~to~~ the emperor of the Franks to try to reachh the people in some distant section. That is one thing that has made the church of Rome Grat is that there has been an interest in world wide affairs alswys, in general through out its history and that has, even the lesser bishops of Rome, very very bad and they would meet occasionally do something, they had a vital effect is ~~in~~ some distant areas, and so after this particular situation why Gregory was not sent I do not know. But he had been ~~reduced~~, *really too old* at that time. His health was always very poor and it might be he was not able to make the journey, I do not know. But the point he took such an interest in it at this time shows something of his character, now on of these bishops sent Gregory, his representative to the eastern court and he went there and spent ~~there~~ six years there on a mission and an embassy