

began to campaign against the men who had been strong in their support of the creed at Nicea. Well, then, ^{one of them,} very soon they managed to find some rumors of irregularity in his life, and after several attempts they found evidence of one of them, and he was deposed from his bishopric. Eusebius of Nicomedia one of the men who had refused to ~~sign~~ sign the creed, managed to persuade the emperor that after all he was all right, and he was allowed to come back, and he took his subordinate position again. And gradually the Arians came back and gradually they got rid of one after another of the leaders who had favored the creed. It was just a year after the Council of Nicea that the bishop of Alexandria died, a man who had been very strong in his opposition to Arius. And on his death-bed he called for the young man who had been his secretary, Athanasius, and Athanasius was elected by all the bishops of Alexandria ~~and~~ and by the area of Egypt, there, and by agreement of the people of Alexandria, and he was elected, this young fellow, ~~to~~ to be bishop of Alexandria as successor to the previous one.

But Athanasius, though he was ~~well~~ well received by most of the people, had a few enemies in Egypt who thought that they should have been bishop, they were probably older and more experienced, and they found one excuse after another for opposing him, and then the Arian party joined with them, and during the next ten or twelve years he had one excuse after another to try to get rid of him. And it is amazing to read even an article by a man who is not particularly favorable to his views, the way that he describes the attempts, the things that were done, the accusations brought ~~against~~ against him. They even accused him of murder. He was supposed to have murdered one of the bishops of a small town quite a distance away, and they used to take a box and show a hand in it, a sunken hand, and they said that this was the sunken hand of this bishop, and that Athanasius had the rest of it, and used it for magical purposes, or incantations, and they were telling these stories about him. According to the accounts, Athanasius was summoned before a large council of bishops on a number of charges, and one of them was the murder of this man, and in the meantime some of Athanasius' ~~friends~~ friends