

the church, though not actually received back. Then Constantine, as you remember, was succeeded by his three sons. The middle one of the three, Constantius, who was twenty years of age at the ~~the~~ time, was in power in Constantinople. The other two were at the west at the time. And Athanasius received a letter which told how the day after Const. 's death the soldiers seized all the relatives and killed them. All his cousins, his nephews, all the relatives of Const. were seized and killed. It ~~developed~~ developed later that there were two young boys, one of them six years old, and one twelve, who one of the bishops there had hidden. And the soldiers killed their father and the bishop received these two boys and hid them, until a week later, when the excitement had died down. And the boys were brought out, and Constantius ~~welcomed~~ ^{them} welcomed/back into the court and took care ~~of~~ of their bringing up. But all the other relatives were killed by the soldiers. There was no evidence that Constantius, the son of Constantine, who was reigning there, had ordered this, but he did nothing to punish anybody who had any part in it. And it is rather strange that the soldiers would suddenly do this, immediately after the death of ~~Constantine~~ Constantine.

It left Constantius and his two brothers with no one else to threaten control of the empire. No one had any claim to it, except these two young boys. Constantius, then, you remember, ruled in Constantinople and the two brothers ruled further west. One of them, Constantine II, the oldest brother, had been in France, and Athanasius had been with him, there, and he had been very friendly to Athanasius. A year later the three brothers met, and they divided up the empire among the three of them, and they made an agreement as to just how much each of them would have. Constantius having the eastern part, including Alexandria, and ~~the~~ included Egypt. And at this meeting they summoned Athanasius to come to them, and Constantius told him that he was welcome to come back to Alexandria and establish himself as bishop again. And Const. said that he was carrying out the wish of his father in doing this.'

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