

oasis, a little spring, where he would have water enough to get along. And where the climate would never get cold enough to bother him particularly, and it would not be very difficult for him to simply go off and become a hermit. And the beginning of monast. is with individuals going off into Egypt, into this moderate climate, into the wilderness. And one would go and live three ~~xxx~~ miles away and ~~xxxx~~ never see a person more than once in three weeks, and he would be well satisfied. And when others came and there were more people there, he would move three ~~xxxx~~ miles further, and eventually he might find himself fifty miles away from civilization. But gradually it went that way.

And it began with people going out, one after another, in this area, in Egypt, and then it spread to Syria ~~xxxxxx~~ and the area around it.

Number 3, St. Anthony and Paul of Thebes. They call him St. Paul of Thebes, but I'd just as soon not call him saint, because we use the term St. for another Paul so regularly. While Anthony is not a name which is so familiar with us otherwise. And in addition to that, Paul of Thebes is a man ~~xxxx~~ about whom very little is known. About all that we know of him is what Anthony tells us. Now St. Anthony is a man about whom a good deal more is known. If it were not for St. Anthony we would not probably ever have heard of Paul of Thebes. In most books you will find Paul of Thebes mentioned first. The reason for that is that he is earlier. He is perhaps forty or fifty years earlier than St. Anthony. But if it were not for St. Anthony, Paul of Thebes would ~~xxxxxx~~ probably never have been heard of. Now St. Anthony is one of the men who influenced Christian history. He was a man who had a tremendous influence and seems to have been a man of very strong ~~xxxxxx~~ character. And of very real ability in certain directions.

Now St. Anthony, on a way, ~~xxxx~~ might be considered the true father of monast. He was the one who did it, and whose influence led not the first ones to do it, there were others before him, and there were ~~xx~~ many who became hermits who had never heard of him. But the influence of his life, when it became known, led a larger number of them ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ together than had been ever known before. Anthony was born about 251 in .... (9½) He was never much educated, but he evidently was a man of very unusual natural abilities. He diligently