

sister to his presence when she would visit him. He would simply send her word that she should be content to know that ~~she~~ he was still alive.

And the sister of ~~Antony~~ Anthony became a center of female...(end of record)

Record 113

But this was the beginning of monks joining together into these cloisters. And soon they say that by the end of the century there were about eighty-five of these monks in the area of Egypt. And there ~~were~~ others up around Mesopotamia and in other areas. At the end of the 4th cent. And soon monast. begins in the east. It begins as a movement, an isolated ~~movement~~ movement, a movement of individuals ~~and~~ sporadically coming into existence. The ~~pope~~ pope did not order the beginning of monast. He did not decide that this would be a good thing for the church and tell people to start it. He had nothing whatever to do with it. Nor did any leader or officer in the church. It was an individual matter, people undertaking this, and then Pachomius thinking of the idea of organizing men together so that more of them could do it in safety and ~~with~~ a certain direction. And ~~then~~ thus this thing grew up spontaneously. And Athanasius' Life of St. Anthony was one of the great books. Athanasius busy with his great administration in Egypt, with his constant opposition to the worldliness and wickedness in the big cities of Egypt, and his difficulty with the emperors who sent him five times into exile, his striving ~~against~~ against the rise of Arianism, and all that, could not help but look with some ~~envy~~ envy on the quiet monk sitting peacefully in his cave in the desert. And when ~~Athanasius~~ Athanasius had to flee to the desert, the monks hid him and cared for him, and helped him, and he wrote this life ~~of~~ of Anthony which was very widespread and had a tremendous influence, and one time when he had to leave the country in exile, he went to Rome and he took two monks with him. And in Rome, where the ~~rich~~ people were living in luxury, many of the rich families having incomes which would be equivalent to 50,000 a year in this country today, with the splendor and the pomp at Rome, and the great disgust of many people with the extreme worldliness of the place, these two ~~simple~~ simple dirty monks with no interest in any luxuries at all, made a great impression on