

aroused much interest in the idea of the monastic life.

He told many things about Anthony, ~~x~~ some of which seem rather bizarre, but many of which were very attractive. People who were struggling to get what they thought was necessary in order to live on the scale around them, and having very little time for anything pleasant because of the necessity of trying to keep up with the Joneses, found it very attractive, because it meant not bothering with the Joneses at all. But going out into the wilderness, living as Athanasius had and having a mere little bit to get along on, and devoting themselves to prayer and meditations. And it ~~x~~ does seem that Anthony was a man of very unusual qualities. And these shown out in the book. And they had a great influence all through the Roman empire. There were many things which he had said which ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ showed a very unusual insight.

.....(7½)/came and he urgently besought him to heal his possessed daughter. Athanasius said, why do you call on me. I am a man as you are. If you believe, pray to God, and He will hear you. And Marcellianus prayed and went home and found his daughter was entirely recovered from the illness. The emperor sent a message to Anthony, when he heard about him, and when Anthony heard about the message and was told that the emperor was a Christian he dictated an answer. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ He said, happy thou that thou worshippest Christ. Be not proud of thy earthly power. Think of the future judgment and know that Christ is the only true and eternal king. Practice ~~xxxx~~ justice and love for men, and care for the poor. And then to his disciples he said, wonder not that the emperor writes to me, for he is a man. Wonder much more that God has ~~xxxxxxxx~~ written the law for man and has spoken to us by His own Son.

Athanasius concludes his biography of his friend with the sketch of his character. From this short narrative, he ~~xxxxxxx~~ says, you may judge how great a man Anthony was. Who persevered in the ascetic life from his youth until his highest age. In his advanced age, he never allowed himself better food ~~xxxx~~ nor change of raiment, nor did he even wash his feet. Yet he continued ~~healthy~~ healthy in all his parts. His eyesight was clear unto the end, his teeth sound. Though by long use they were worn to mere stumps. He retained also the perfect