

to the ~~xxxx~~ side. And he has an interesting contrast between Augustine and Jerome, showing how each of them excelled the other in certain regards, but that the ~~xxx~~ influence was more on their worst feautre, rather than their best, in each case. But their ~~xxxx~~ influence and their works is ~~x~~ important even to the present day.

Now Jerome was a man who was born in Dalmatia, of well-to-do Christian parents. And he was born somewhere between the year 331 and 342, that is to say, some writers ~~x~~ say one of these figures, some another, and some put it somewhere in between. Somebody asked 'right away, a man who wrote hundreds of works like Jerome did, a man whose name was used all through the Roman world, as his was, why didn't somebody mention, in Who's Who what year he was born in, or why didn't he write it down somewhere. The answer ~~x~~ to that, of course, is very easy. The number ~~xx~~ system we use today was not even thought of ~~xxxx~~ until nearly 500 A.D. And it was about 500 A.D. that a monk named Diolitus invented the system of counting from the birth of Christ. And this monk did a very ~~xxx~~ good job in trying to figure back how many years before Christ was born. He was four years off in his calculation, so we figure from when Christ was four years old is what we call the year one. But, after all, with the materials that he had at his disposal, that was very good to get as near as that to it. And now that we have this numbering system. which this monk originated about 500 A.D., naturally we are interested in whether a man was born in 331 or 342, and whether the Council of Nicea was 325 or 326. The exact years like that. But all ~~xxxx~~ this had to be figured back, and the statemetns were not in numbers. They would say, when so and so was consul. And they had different consuls every year, and the same man might be consul over again. There was, in a part of the east, a system used of figuring from the time when Solucus, one of Alexander's great emperors, had ceased battle. And that system was ~~xxx~~ still used as late as 1500 A.D. But it was not used to any extent in the west. And it was by no means universal in the east. The other systems ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ which had been used from time immemorial were still used, and they are very cumbersome. And especially when it comes to the birth of a child. Parents