

And it gives up his distinction as to what is true Scripture, and what is not, and accepts books which he ~~xxxx~~ insisted were not Scripture.

\* Well, we will have to leave the rest of Jerome's life, and particularly his relation to monasticism until next Wednesday morning. (break in record)

In the examination, I asked you to discuss the church of Rome during each ~~the~~ third of a century, and the question was raised the Church or the church. Well, if it were small c it certainly would include capital C. That is to say, if it were small c, the church at Rome, it would mean the Christians at Rome. But I said members and officers, very specifically, and of course, the leading officer is the bishop. So that if it is small c it will include the persecutions, and include the heresies which came into Rome. That which would be most important in it would be, of course, what about the claims of the Church of Rome to be the ruling power in Christendom. That Christ had established it as such. Are these claims borne out by what it did during those first few centuries. Now, of course, if I had asked it without reference to centuries, the fact of the ~~bishops~~ bishops of Rome on the whole were of ~~an~~ comparatively little importance would be one thing that you would stress. Since I asked it by thirds of centuries, there was no need of repeating that every time, and it might not even happen to be mentioned. Some said that Clement was bishop of Rome. Well, we are not sure whether he was or not. Probably he was, but the important thing is that Clement wrote a ~~xxxx~~ letter to the Corinthians in which he rebuked them, and this is pointed out in the Roman church today as evidence of the authority of the church of Rome. But just as important as that is the fact that he never referred to himself as having any ~~authoritative~~ authority. Simply writes a brotherly letter from one church to another, with no reference whatever to any special authority in the bishop. We went into that at considerable length, and I was much pleased with those of you who explained that. It wouldn't take over two ~~or~~ sentences to explain, but those who merely mentioned that Clement was bishop of Rome, it was hardly an answer to that particular question.

Then, of course, the next feature that was vital in answer to the question. ~~xxxxxxx~~ The authority of the bishop of Rome was in the last third or the