

what we would consider the good things of the world, and devote herself to an ascetic life, entirely devoted to the service ~~of~~ of God. And this letter of Jerome's has come down to us, and is a letter which has had much influence because in the first part of it he goes into his own early experiences/ with asceticism, and with celibacy, and urges her that she should decided to become a bride of Christ, and thereby make her mother, Paula, a mother-in-law of God.

And he goes in great detail into matters which people today think ordinarily you~~wouldn't~~ wouldn't speak ~~of~~ of with others, particularly people of the other sex, but it evidently had a very great influence over Eustochium. And in the course of the letter he told what he thought of the more worldly portions of the Roman ~~&~~ clergy. And the picture which he gives is a very interesting one. As he describes a man whom he calls, the deacon, and he tells how the deacon dresses up in such very worldly and ~~elaborate~~ elaborate clothes, and how all the money that he spends on fixing his nails, on his costume and everything, and then he describes how he goes and flatters the wealthy women and it is a just a description of the most worldly type of churchman of today. It is interesting to find it as worldly as that in this letter of Jerome to this woman, and if you read it, you soon realize why the clergy of Rome came to have a hearty dislike ~~of~~ of Jerome.

One of Paula's daughters, as a result of Jerome's influence, fasted so much and went such long times without sleeping and long prayers and vigils and all this that she became an easy prey for disease, and she died as a young girl, a young woman who had one of the leading ~~aristocrats~~ aristocrats, who had been anxious to marry her and she had refused under Jerome's influence, and then she had devoted herself to this sort of life, and then she had died very young, and it seems to be the result of the disregard ~~of~~ of her physical well-being that had led to it. And they had a funeral at ~~which~~ which Jerome preached a ~~sermon~~ sermon and extolled her as a great model of virtue and ~~many~~ many of the people of the clergy at Rome were very disgusted and began the cry, what is the matter with these monks, throw them in the Tiber, this is terrible, this stuff that they are bringing in among us. And it ~~aroused~~ aroused a very great opposition