

We are interested in what they mean, as for instance. We have a certain number of facts which we have to know as the skeleton. but what ~~w~~ are interested in is the ~~xxx~~ relationship of these facts one to another. And so I tried to give you the flesh, the material around them, to give you an ~~xxx~~ understanding of the facts, and something of the interest of the drama of the events as they move forward. But what I am interested in your knowing is that which is vital for our understanding of the history of the church. And for anybody who lived at the time of Constantine, somebody said, what do you think about the Roman church, the church of Rome. Well, he would say, there have been some very godly Christians there. There have been some fine martyrs who have died for the faith very valiantly, and even some ~~xxxx~~ of the bishops of Rome. Some would say, well what do you think of the leadership of ~~xxxxxx~~ the church of Rome. Of the Christian world. Well, ~~w~~ there were one or two of the bishops who being in the capital of the world, in Rome, have gotten the silly idea that they were the heads of the whole church of Christ, but nobody took them very seriously. He said, he laughed about it, and that would be all that he said and it would be all the attention that would be paid to it.

And the first ecumenical council, there wasn't even a bishop of Rome present at, nor the second, nor the third. But, yet he would say, of course Rome is the capital of the empire, it is the biggest city, and there are some very fine Christians there, the administrative position of bishop of that church is an important position. And there have been some good men in that position. But he would say, it is sort of strange, when you think of the promise of that ~~position~~ position, that there has been nobody of the ability of say Irenaeus, or St. Cyprian, or any of these great church leaders that has occupied that church position. Yes, that is sort of strange, isn't it. And consequently, the matters we have been discussing in this connection would be of interest, but not of great interest to anybody living in the time of Constantine. But to anybody living at any time after eight or nine hundred A.D. at any time after that, it would be a matter of tremendous interest and importance because there were people all over Europe. And there are people all over the