

So just to look now at the situation of 1517 we take number 1, the new pope who became pope in 1513 and had been pope four years in 1517. This was Pope Leo X, a name which is very important to remember ~~bxc~~ not because of any particular greatness of his but because he was pope at one of the most important turning points in the whole history of the Christian church. Pope Leo X was the son of A-4 de Medici, the Florentine banker who had narrowly escaped death when ~~his~~ brother was killed at the high mass at the order of Pope Sixtus IV. He had been injured himself and because they escaped Pope Sixtus IV put Florence under the inter + and for ad any one should be buried in consecrated ground or that any of the offices of religion should be observed in the city. For some time after that. But his son when he was fourteen years old had been made a cardinal by a subsequent pope who was anxious to gain support of the Medici. This young ~~xxx~~ man who had been made a cardinal at the age of 14 now in 151³ at the ~~xxx~~ death of Julius II was without any great difficulty was elected Pope. There was no strong opposition to him. He came in very easily and became pope and he was a man everybody liked. Nobody had any reason to dislike him. He had the background of the Medici name and standing and the training in the Medici line of art and music. He was a man who was interested in cultural things, a man who enjoyed the good things of life. The statement was made of him once by a contemporary that after the wickedness of Alexander VI, Alexander of Borgia, after the ~~trxxx~~ military ferocity of Julius II, after the vice and extravagance and intrigue and bloodshed of Sixtus IV and of Innocent VIII. ~~This would immediately~~ These popes who immediately preceded him it was a grand thing indeed to have Leo X as pope, a ~~xxxix~~ cultured gentleman and a fine type of man, a man who was interested in art, in literature and in music. Leo X would make a perfect pope if he hadn't had any interest in religion. That was a statement made by contemporaries of his time. He would make a perfect pope if he had any interest in religion. He was just bored by religion. He had no interest in it. He knew nothing about it. He left ~~z~~