

the ^amatter of doctrine to ~~have~~ his secretaries who were good scholars, mostly men who were good literary men and well interested in ancient classics. It was his papal secretary, Cardinal Bamba, who found one of the cardinals becoming quite interested in Paul's epistles and started to make a study of them in the Greek and told the man that he was very foolish to spend his time on such. He said that you would corrupt your understanding of good Greek if you do that which isn't on the classical line. The attitude was one of disinterest of religion of this nature. ~~Leo X said~~ is reported to have said to one of his close friends, "God has given us the papacy now let us enjoy it." He did indeed set to work to enjoy it. Not in the sense of Alexander VI. There is no evidence of such wickedness on his part. There is no evidence of deliberate cruelty or of meaness to others. He was now 38 years of age and he set out to really enjoy the opportunities which the papacy gave him for a good respectable enjoyment. He hunted game. He witnessed heartily the antics of clowns. He heard marvelous tales of the new world recently discovered across the sea. He listened to verses of the humanists. He enjoyed music. He had great banquets ^{delicious} for the delicate wines. He was generous with money. He probably wasted the revenues of three centificus. He was soon forced to borrow to the limit of his credit. He was anxious then to increase sources of revenue to be able to enjoy the fine things that were available in that day. He took an interest in the work that Julius II had begun in building up Rome. Julius II had begun to build a great church of St. Peter to replace the old small church which was a great church and Julius II was going to have himself buried in the middle and have great statues of Moses and Elijah and the other great ones round about with his tomb in the middle. Well, they put Julius off in the corner but they continued the work of trying to build a great beautiful church and it is today probably the most beautiful church in the world. Certainly the largest. It has the highest dome of any building in the world. It is one of the great works of architecture to be found anywhere. It was only started by Julius. Leo