

outgrowth of the division which had started sixty years before that, in the time of Cyprian, but it hadn't burst out into actual year until 310 A.D. That is, 80, rather than 70, until Augustin became bishop. Now, this Donatist movement, ~~was~~ <sup>which they fought with</sup> the other portion of the church in North Africa, not ~~for~~ over matters of doctrine, but over matters of church government, of personalities of foreign extraction, and of the amount of holiness which is to be required in those who are to be permitted to have positions in the church. Now those who favor the Donatists will say, of course, that they are the true church, and that the Catholic ~~is~~ Church is just a great muddle of all sorts of people, and that the purity of the church demands the support of the Donatists. Those who oppose the Donatists will say that the amount of purity of the church which the Donatists demanded is one which is absolutely impossible, and which they also, of course, could not attain. They will say that if you cannot properly receive any Christian grace through the hands of a man who is not perfect, you had better cease having any church government at all, because that sort of a standard we can never attain. I used to enjoy hearing Dr. R. A. Torrey give evangelistic messages, and I particularly enjoyed hearing him at the end of his message when he ~~said~~ 12 . I remember one thing he said to the / he said, "Do not try --" He said, "Be sure to join a good Bible-believing, Bible-loving church. Don't look for a perfect church." He said, "If you look for a perfect church, if you were to find a perfect church, a church in which everyone was perfect, as ~~soon~~ as you ~~joined~~ joined it, they wouldn't be any more. And so," he said, "there is no use looking for that kind of a church." And I think that is ~~very~~ very vital. He found that in our day it is very easy to go to one of two extremes: it is very easy to go to the one extreme where you can be in a church with all sorts of unbelievers, with people who deny the central doctrines of the church. On the other hand it is easy to think that your church ought to have such a standard that everything in it is just exactly the way you would like it to be, and that anyone who