

had not footnotes but a companion volume which had his notes and his discussions ^{on} ~~and~~ a good many points with it. He didn't hesitate in certain points to give opinions quite different from those accepted. It was quite common for instance where it says that a bishop shall be the husband of one wife and the church was forbidding to marry any wife at all. It was quite common to say that the wife here means the church and when they say the bishop shall be husband of one wife, it means that he will be devoted to the church. Erasmus said that this had no meaning at all. He ridiculed it. He said that a priest of unchastity is allowed to become a bishop., so is the pirate, the murderer, the Sodomite, the blasphemer. Only he who has had two wives in succession is excluded from this honor. That is, they took it very strictly as husband of one wife, if a man's wife had died and he had married another. He should not become a bishop. He said that it is remarkable how grimly we hold on to some things and 18-14² (Grand) others. Where it speaks of "upon this rock will I build by church" ^{Erasmus} ~~Peter~~ said that this did not refer to Peter. ~~It was~~ He was not the rock. He spoke very freely about a great verses in it. This is all in Latin. The common people couldn't understand it. The leaders of the church ~~xxxxxxx~~ were not particularly concerned. If there were any scholars who read Erasmus' work, they chuckled over what he said and ~~said~~ there was no particular harm done by it. Later on a great many of his books were forbidden by the 18-15 . They took sections of it and forbade the Roman Catholics to read it. At this time there was no attack made upon Erasmus. He got out a new translation of the ^{51d of B.}

on to take the attitude which was taken by a teacher of history in the college that I attended but Erasmus was working for a slow, gradual improvement and if only Luther hadn't come along with his resolutions and if Erasmus had been allowed to go on with his evolution we would have had the church all ~~in~~ purified as a result of Erasmus' work. That simply does not represent any true understanding