

carried it on. Julius had been beautifying the Vatican, the home of the pope, right next to St. Peter's church. Alexander VI and others ~~xxx~~ had been working at this before. The fifteen chapters named after Sixtus IV. Even worse a pope than Alexander VI I believe. But Leo X was anxious to continue. He had Raphael who was one of the very greatest of artists in the world's history, busy making paintings in the Vatican which are worth anybody's going to from here ~~xxx~~ to Rome to see today. He spent great sums of money in trying to make Rome a center of beauty that is to be found nowhere else in the world. So as a pope there is no reason to speak of Pope Leo X as a worthless man. He was not a carrier on of those traditions of his predecessors. He was a man simply of good respectable wholesome character in general but not interested in religion. He was pope from 1513 to 1521.

Now number 2, the condition of the church at this time. The stories were all over the world about the wickedness of the popes prior to Leo. People were rejoicing over the fact that now there was a good man in the seat at Rome. But there were very few who raised any serious question about the institution. It is quite generally accepted as having ~~been~~ been passed on from the Catholics with the tradition of the Roman empire and the Roman supremacy over the world that the church and the empire could be one church and one empire with one ruler over each. Now the empire was already rather ~~xx~~ split up. England was independent. France was quite independent. Germany and Italy were supposed to be parts of the empire. Actually there were in these days no man who had this power of being an emperor. The empire was just a name. But usually it was a powerful ruler who had the position of emperor and he had authority over the different states which ~~xx~~ were together in the empire. The tradition of empire, the idea then, lingered on up to 1814 and it was ended at the time of the Napoleonic war. But the people in these other countries which had given up the idea of one emperor over them still had in their minds the idea of one great power certainly in the religious realm. They might think the