

gained an authority and a standing and influence, he was able to exert a great influence in distant areas and, of course the German emperors wanted him to crown them and they wanted to be on good terms with him; he on his side, was able to call on them for military help from time to time but he didn't satisfy himself with that. When the Normans came down and conquered Sicily he made friends with them too and sometimes he used them to fight against the emperor. It was all worked out very cleverly and doubtless Hildebrand's working, and finally after several popes had reigned for a short time like this, and one of them was the one who made the final break with Constantinople, then Hildebrand himself became pope under the name of Gregory VII. In the reign of Hildebrand, Gregory VII, occurred what one of those scenes which is most gloried in by the Roman catholic church of most anything through the centuries. (Student) Hildebrand was 1073 to 1085 It was in his reign that the German emperor, Henry IV became emperor as just a young boy and Hildebrand himself knew the young boy Henry IV, but when Henry IV was grown Hildebrand demanded that Henry IV recognize him as supreme—that the pope was over the emperor, and Henry IV refused to do it. Then Henry IV got into trouble with his nobles. He was a rather strong willed young fellow and he got into very severe trouble with them and things were so serious at his own empire that the added step of having the pope e communicated and placed his country under an introdict in order that no one should give him any help; he was an outlaw from God and man. This order from the pope added to the attitude of so many of his nobles toward him was enough to make all his men desert him and Henry IV was left absolutely helpless, so he sent word to Gregory that he would like to come and make his peace with him and Gregory started north and went a certain distance north to meet him and in the foothills of the Alps in winter time Henry IV the emperor came dressed in rags the penitent to appear before the pope and Gregory VII made him stay out in the snow and in the cold three days out there in the rags of a penitent out in the snow waiting before he would let him into the palace to appear before him. There he stood-- gives a very touching description of how he stood there with the tears running