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should be the head. But Ignatius absolutely refused. This was one point on which he was adamant. It made her so angry that she left him, went back to Spain, and for a time would have nothing to do with him but after a while she forgave him and began her gifts again and her correspondence kept up until her death a year before Ignatius'. But there were efforts made, now and at various other times and later on after his death, to persuade them to introduce an order of Jesuit nuns, but Ignatius absolutely refused. Ignatius said that actually he wanted his company in the end he made a rule they should have as little as possible to do with the direction of women's souls. He said it took too much time. He did a great deal of work among women, particularly among fallen women of Rome - there were thousands of fallen women there and he established a home to take them in and take care of them and he did a great deal to try to rescue them from their lives of sin. But he did not want any group of women in the Jesuit Order. He said his company would demand such constant and strained activity that women were unfit for it. He said a Jesuit must always stand with one foot only on the ground - the other must be raised, ready to start to any part of the world to which he might be sent. He said in addition to that that the women were too emotional for the whole disipline of the exercises. There of course this (6.5) of

Ignatius. It was not the purpose of haveing a great big order with a tremendous lot of people in it, it was to have a small order of highly trained people who could go into any emergency and who could exert an influence far beyond their numbers because of their ability and their training. And time has abundantly borne out the value of Ignatius' ideas. It has been the most important XXXXX factor - I believe it is said that the Roman CAtholic Church would have disappeared WXXKX

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