

the Nicaen Creed, admitted the same and ceremonies that they did and the result was that they gave their support to them rather than to the others and so this tribe of Franks remained to France and gave their attitude to much of the culture and the life and the general attitude to more than other matters which has been characteristic of France in various ways through the ages, of course it is tremendously improved over the attitude of this tribe but there is features of it which have continued all through history, in the history of France. But Clovis adopting Catholic Christianity gave his group the advantage of getting control of the area and in turn it gave the bishop of Rome an interest in favoring this group rather than other groups and the two worked together in succeeding generations. And we will look at the results two or three centuries later, it was a long time before the results became obvious. We must ~~sharp~~ mention at this point this vital matter of the conversion of Clovis. Now we turn on to the next century. This is 496 and Gelasius tried in 496, and 498 the thing began we were mentioned later but not immediately. And in the sixth century and to look at A- not a survey of the century but at Monasticism. The reason that I am going to do that is because the important development in the history of monasticism occurred at this time. It is one which had great result on all future ages and I think it is well to mention it now rather than a survey of the history of the period in which there is comparitably few historical events of real importance, but this is of great importance. Now we have already noticed that Monasticism began in two or three centuries after the time of Christ, with people fleeing the persecution and fleeing the wickedness of the degenerate world of pagan civilization and going out into the desert to live alone there. We noticed Paul of Thebes, ~~the~~ the first known hermit, the man who lived alone and would never see a human being for months on end. And who was an uneducated man, a man who did, just, had a few scripture verses he repeated over and over and was anxious to be apart from the world and live there and so Anthony, the better known hermit, as a young man ~~met~~ ^{met} Paul of Thebes as an old man, and we recounted the meeting of the two of them. Their occasional intercourse together, Anthony came