

that he felt that ~~he~~ did ~~not~~ want to get away from his fellow students and went away from the life of Rome and so he only went a few miles away from Rome, a place where a monastery and stayed there for three years and he went through the

had with demons and ascetic exercise he attained a real power of his nature, pope Gregory wrote ~~his~~ life a century later. He said that at one time the ~~voluptuously~~ tempted the imaginations of the young fellow, he was on the point of leaving his retreat and in order to hang up a beautiful woman of previous acquaintance but summing up his courage he took off his vestment of skin and rolled himself naked on thorns and briars until the impure fire of sensual passion was forever extinguished. Now that is what Gregory tell us about the mans efforts, we do not know a great deal about his life but we do know that he was anxious to get away from everything that seems to be typical of the viciousness of the world and day and of course in going from that he went what we protestants consider to be in the unhealthy and unscriptural extreme in the opposite direction. But the important thing about him is that he developed for one thing the tremendous ~~self-importance~~ control over himself ability to accomplish his will and he gathered a great many others around him and although he had very little education, he was never ordained to the priesthood he developed an ideal which was quite different from the previous ideal and he developed, he built the renown place of Montecassino (spelling) which stood ~~was~~ destroyed occasionally and rebuilt and then was ~~by~~ destroyed by artillery in this last war. I imagine it ~~was~~ rebuilt by this time and in southern Italy, but here we gathered a great many around him and he organized them into groups not just to sit and do (y) not do just what they felt like but to have a regular established life, they cultivated the soil, fed the poor and healed the sick preached to the neighboring population and had a definite organized system of life, he organized the system and his followers after him became known after him as Benedictines, they had a rather special uniform they wore it had a black collar and somewhat they seemed to be known as black friars, and they had a definite amount of food they were supposed to