

century in                    except for the ten years of it. And I am putting it under this head  
 the Roman church but I am not going to talk a great deal about the Roman church during this  
 period. After Vigilius the bishops of Rome were in a difficult position, because they  
 were trying to protect their church and the people who ~~stood~~ stood with them were in a  
 rather                    situation, you remember at the beginning of the century that Theodoric  
 the Ostrogoth, had held a powerful control of Italy and enforced law and order, it was  
 a good rule but he was probably occasionally arbitrary and he killed people who did not  
 deserve it and he made arbitrary decisions but ~~at~~ on the whole his government was the one  
 of the best that the world has ever seen. The army of the eastern empire destroyed  
 Theodoric's army after his death, as we noticed and it became a part of the eastern  
 empire again under Justinian but the eastern empire could not hold in those days and so in  
 568, not long after the death of Vigilius a new Germanic tribe came into Italy, a tribe  
 which                    ancient times, described as a most savage and least civilized of the  
 Germanic tribes, I do not know what evidence he has for making such an extreme judgment  
 upon them, I am inclined to think it is Roman Catholic prejudice to some extent even he  
 was not a Roman Catholic, he was affected by it. Because from what you read of the  
 Lombards they had men of savage character among them and they had ~~heathen~~ heathen among them  
 and the bulk of them were Arian, the bulk of them were nominally Christian, but I do not  
 find evidence that they were as destructive as the Vandals were, at least not on such a  
 large scale. And the Lombards are the people who gave ~~them~~ their name to Northern Italy  
 Lombard and doubtless the mass of people in Northern Italy and many of the people in southern  
 Italy have blood in them. And today the people of Northern Italy are known and as a ~~solid~~  
 solid people and are of a solid sturdy character, a people who have very many fine qualities  
 and I do not feel that judgment ~~made~~ made was justified, but there is this about the  
~~the~~ Lombard, they do not seem to have had a close organization as the Vandals had,  
 the King of the Vandals ~~said~~ said what he was going to do and the people obeyed him  
 and the same was true of the Visigoths and the Ostrogoths and the various of these Germanic  
 tribes, it certainly the Franks                    but the Lombards seem to have broken up into little  
 groups that were not particularly cohesive, and it is much easier to maintain law and  
 order in an area if you are conquered by a force who is subject to his commander