

About Gregory the first which was F under 6, it is hard to know whether to put him under six or under seven, because he straddles the end of the century. There is a good reason to put him under six, because of his 14 years, 10 were in the fifth century, but there is a good reason to put him under seven because he is thought of as the new founder of the church, the one who has laid the foundation of the medieval church, he, I notice in Schaff's vol. III, he tells briefly about Gregory the first, and why, And Vol III is the history of the church up to 600, and then in Vol. IV he takes up him again and goes into somewhat at length although he started in 590 instead of in 600. Schaff says that Gregory the first really laid the foundation of the medieval church, they had a succession of very insignificant men who were sitting in the seat of the bishop of Rome and who aside from their office, that is from the authority that came with it, the prestige from old Rome, were not accomplishing much and did not amount to a great deal, now a man came in who set a standard upon succeeding ages. It is, Gregory was a man of very great ability and a man of very high character, of the four popes, of whom many scholars think to have been the more able of the popes, they say that he was the least brilliant intellectually, of the four, but that perhaps he made up in goodness for what he lacked in intellectuality, that is not to say that he was low intellectually he was a very fine complier, a very fine student, not as much of an original thinker as some of the others, he was a man of considerable intellectuality, but he was a man who had character that made an impression it made a stamp and made people feel that he was the sort of man who the bishops and the head of the church ought to be, he, the only place we feel as if his character was what it ought to be is the auto ~~canonic~~ ^{cratic} claims as to the authority of his position and so on. In that place we do not particularly like his attitude, but in general otherwise he seems to have been a man of considerable humanity and a man of interest in the poor and the sickness in their trials and in their difficulties, a man generally helping people he was in poor health and he was a good bit of time in bed and so he was so ardently devoted to his task that he constantly worked at it night and day, he wrote letters to people all over Europe and he took an interest in the churches everywhere