

them were mixed up in worldly affairs of one sort or another, and so he declared his doing away with the rule, and felt very much upset about the whole thing, but he said that he would give until Epiphany for any of them who wanted to to divest his-- himself of his worldly affairs entirely. And then at Epiphany, he announced that he was able to put the rule back into work, because to his joy, every one of them had divested himself of his world affairs, and then he went on to tell what they had done: "There is one presbyter; he has now released five slaves who had belonged to him. There is another one ~~Y~~ who had a house that he has owned. He has given ~~been~~ this house to one of his family; turned it over to them. And here is another-- another one who had a certain amount of property that he is giving to the church. And another one had property, and he decided to leave and go away." And so on; he went right down through the list. But evidently for many years these people had been doing these things and Augustin had never suspected,; had ~~felt~~ felt that they were all like himself, were entirely remote from any any interest in worldly affairs. At one time he discovered that one of his deacons was actually a Manichaen, and ~~had~~ was giving out literature for the Manichaens, and was trying to advance - advance Manichaenism even while trying to pretend to be one of Augustin's deacons. And of course, he immediately dropped him from his staff, and publicly declared the situation, and the man left town. But he had all sorts of practical difficulties and problems, and yet, with all this activity of a practical nature which would be enough to keep most men more than busy, he found time also to engage in church affairs, to go before councils and present ~~the~~ matters, to engage in public disputations, and then, in addition to that, he wrote volume after volume, he ~~wrote~~ wrote a tremendous amount of material. Of course, his writing is not as carefully polished as the writing of Jerome. Jerome was in his monastery at Bethlehem, devoting himself to his study and his writing,