

and Jerome, and Jerome wrote a great deal, but his writing was very carefully polished, and the words gone over. Even in an ordinary letter, Jerome would go over it three or four times and have it written just as well as he possibly could, and in the course of a letter he might tell how terrible it was for people to be interested in such things as literary style and such matters; that they should be interested only in the great spiritual concerns, but he was very careful, while he did it, to set it in the best possible form. And so, Jerome's letters are literary models, many of them, and Jerome did very very careful accurate work in textual criticism, which is of tremendous value to us. Augustin never had time for that sort of very careful, accurate, meticulous work, but he did write a tremendous lot, and he had a mind of great breadth, a very great width of knowledge; he was constantly thinking about all the affairs with which he had contact; thinking of the problems before him; thinking of the questions and difficulties of those with whom he talked, and so his writings touch on a great variety of subjects, and show a great deal of penetration. Some modern philosophers from a philosophical viewpoint, consider his works to be of very great importance, while others of them do not like his viewpoint and take a different attitude, but all churches have looked back on him as one of the very greatest leaders. In the Middle Ages he was thought of as one of the very greatest of the fathers; in modern times the Romanists go back to his works to try to find support for a great many of their particular attitudes and viewpoints. He undoubtedly contributed tremendously to the development of the hierarchy, but he also stressed those principles which to Calvin and to Luther were the very foundation of the Christian religion, and Calvin and Luther preferred him above all of the other ancient fathers. It is marvelous how a man can accomplish so much in so many different spheres as this man did. When he reached the age of about seventy, he decided he ought to go over all his works and