

....activities and writings of Augustin in general during his long period of forty years as a bishop in Africa. (St) And so, I have tried to give you a general picture of ~~ht~~- the activities of Augustin, of his character, of his strengths, of his weaknesses, of his great accomplishments, and just a mention of the great activities in his life that were particularly outstanding. And then I am going to take up ~~two~~ two or three of those, and look at them more particularly. First I want to say just a little bit about the ~~the~~ end of Augustin's life. Augustin felt, when he was ~~over~~ seventy-two or seventy-three, he began to feel that he ought to have some relief from the work of a bishop. Now there had been--one of the general councils had tried to rule, to pass the rule, that there was not to be any ~~pre~~-co-agitive bishop in the church. There was to be one bishop in a church, and he was not to have an assistant who ~~was~~ was a bishop. Now this rule had not been followed by Valerian. He had made Augustin bishop, and Augustin was called "bishop" along with him, "co-agitive bishop", before his death, and it is customary <sup>today</sup> in the Roman Catholic Church to have co-agitive bishops in large areas. But at this time, it seemed to have been considered to be a harmful practice. There should be one bishop, and then they would raise presbyters under him. And so, Augustin was not able to obtain someone else as a co-agitive bishop, or an assistant bishop. But he felt that he needed some relief, and so he asked the people if they would appoint a man to be a sort of assistant to him, with the understanding that this man would be made bishop as soon as Augustin would die. And so they agreed upon that. And Augustin announced to them one of clergy as the man whom he thought was best fitted to be his successor, and he would be most helpful if he could be assistant now, and he could turn over a great deal to him. And so, at a great service, with two other bishops present, the people agreed to this, and there were many ~~shouts~~ shouts of acclamation for Augustin and for the new assistant. The shorthand writers who take down ~~down~~-all the proceedings tell us exactly what they cried. Eighteen times in the course of the service the people yelled, "Long life to Augustin!" And fifteen times they yelled the ~~the~~ name