

destruction ~~o~~ in Africa that the name "Vandal" was taken from ~~this~~ <sup>the</sup> tribe, and to this day it is used as a common term 1 1/4 to mean "utterly destruction." It is called vandalism when a person just tears things down and pays no attention. Well, they conquered all of North Africa except three cities. And there were three strong cities which resisted them for a time, and one of these was Hippo. And so Augustin, at the age of 76, was able to go up on a high ~~o~~ place in the city and look out across the walls, and to see all along these various missions ~~and~~ <sup>in</sup> the villages around, ~~and~~ and fire coming up as the Vandals had set fire to these churches, and to see the people fleeing in terrific terror, and to see the Vandals carrying off <sup>all</sup> the property they could, and destroying and burning, and he could see all that happening around. Hippo was two miles from the sea. It had a river to the north of it and to the south ~~o~~ of it, and from each river to the eddy there was a strong wall built, and so the village was in a very strong position, and the Vandals ~~o~~ killed thousands of people, according to some of the accounts, around them, and they put ~~the~~ // their bodies right against the wall, so that the bodies would spoil there right against the wall and make it very very difficult for the people ~~there~~ inside, and make it harder for them to carry on. And the people inside were cut off from the sea, being two miles away from the sea, and they were trying to resist the Vandal attack, and they had no sufficient force to drive them back, and Boniface was in the city, and Augustin was there. And as the seige went on, and ~~o~~ during the sea, Augustin had services every ~~o~~ day in the church, and did everything he could to comfort the people and to preach to them, and along with it he was working on his last works against the Pelagians, working very ~~steadily~~ // steadily in all his spare moments in all his writings against the Pelagians. But after the seige had gone on for many months Augustin was taken ill, and he asked that no one come to see him ~~o~~ except the physician and the people to bring food, and he retired to his room and he had the Penitential Psalm written in large letters and hung up on the wall, so that as he lay in bed he could read