

had this meeting in four hundred (skips) nearly 20 years after his (skips) and at this time the Donatists seemed to have been quite convinced they couldn't prevail against the logic of Augustine and they simply obstructed it at every turn. They got the two together, the 600 bishops, they had their representatives and then the Roman authorities said please be seated and they said, oh, no, we can't sit with the ungodly we will have to remain standing and so they spent nearly a day arguing whether it was proper for them to sit together or not and meantime they whole 600 bishops stood the whole time and they got pretty tired and disgusted and it didn't do much to win the favor of the Roman government and this particular conference was pretty largely on that level and in the end the emperor decided that the Donatist were definitely not the church (skip) the orders which had been given by various emperors before but had occasionally been enforced to some extent but usually not very much, that they should be enforced and so he sent word to Revena in northern Italy and an came that the Donatists should have all of their churches taken away from them. They should be forbidden to hold services and the Donatism as a movement came to an end at this time. It is doubtful if the force of the power in Africa would have been sufficient to put down the Donatists church at this time/ now to Donatists. Twenty years before this such an order would not have succeeded. The emperor would have given up the effort rather than to extend the amount of energy and military forces which it required but ta this time Augustine had in the course of these years of debating agaist them had succeeded in persuading the great mass of the people that the Donatists were wrong and it would seem most likely that in the matters which issued between the two churches that the Donatists were wrong and yet we cannot but feel that in the basic issues, Augustine was wrong. One - in coming to imperial power for ~~for~~/ehlp. Now Augustine had opposed that for nearly 16 years, had strongly insisted that it should be only by moral suasion, but finally he gave into the desires of others that they call on imperial force and then he attempted