

the king of England was a bit cautious and wouldn't let them meet under a roof where they might work some magic spell, he had to meet them out doors, yet he was ready to listen and was much interested and they made rapid progress in England in winning the agreement of these Germanic tribes which were conquering the land through their support. Very soon, Augustine found himself in sharp contrast with the Irish in England and with the old church of Britain. The old church of Britain had naturally that attitude which is so often the attitude of conquered people. They are apt to hate the people who are holding them in a pretty harsh sway and perhaps to be more interested in their destruction than in their conversion and while this is not true of the whole of the church in Britain itself, there was a tendency in that direction, and so Augustine told the Irish, that is the British church, the church of Britain, we will be willing to cooperate with you and work together on condition that you do three things, that you accept the word of the Bishop of Rome as to when Easter is, instead of having Easter at the time you would, they had a different system of Easter. I don't know whether there is anybody here who could tell what system of Easter that we have today, but we have a definitely, there is a definitely arrangement now so that you can tell for centuries ahead when Easter is going to be, if you know the arrangement, but most of it is easier to look up in a list of future Easters and then to figure out the arrangements. Now in those days there was a different arrangement and they hadn't yet come to uniformity and the system was different there. Previously the Bishop of Rome had tried to compel uniformity and they had succeeded, but the British church had been out of touch with it and so he said, you must follow our day of Easter, you must follow our custom as to various matters of ceremony in the church, and he said, you must join with us in the conversion of the Germanic tribes and when the British church refused to come to agreement with him on these points, there is not much sense specifically in the account as to a demand that they be under his direction and acknowledge the supremacy of the bishop of Rome, but it would