

You all know what it was, you know what the term means. You know that it was a controversy between two extremes, on the one side there was those who took the attitude that is characteristic of the Roman church and the Greek church today. In the Greek church today, they have a great many icons and icons in English are images, the images in the Greek church are all flat images, there are no statues, they do not permit them. They are flat images and they are flat pictures in color. There are pictures of Christ, pictures of the virgin Mary, pictures of the holy family, pictures of the saints and these pictures in the Greek and Russian churches today they worship them they bow down before them, they prostrate themselves before them they kiss them, they show tremendous veneration for these images. Now in the Roman church their veneration is not carried to quite as great an extreme as in the eastern church today, but it is carried pretty far and in the Roman church they do not restrict their images to flat images. I don't suppose there is a Roman church anywhere but what has statues in it, statues of some of the saints or of Christ and Mary, they have many pictures as well, and they would say as they worship them in the eastern church, but they do show a very high degree of veneration to them. This summer in St. Peter's church in Rome, I saw that statue of St. Peter on a pedestal, the statue in full size there, with the right foot projected out, with only a sandal on it, so that the toes are showing and the foot is deformed because the big toe,  $2/3$  of the toe has been taken away as the result of the kisses people put on it.  $2/3$  of the toe is gone and this summer I saw people come in and lift up the little children one by one to kiss the toe and one old grandmother who was coming on a pilgrimage to Rome and you could see how thrilled she was at the thought of coming to that holy city, she stood in front and her son simply lifted her up and she was able to kiss that toe and she felt so very thrilled and happy about it and the toe is eaten away, down to just half of the toe simply as the result of the kisses of the people, and there is not much stone that has disappeared with one kiss. Well