

one of the mayors of the palace, was one of the most able men in history. He is a man who stands out rather alone, because, there is no one like him just before him and there is no one just after him. He is a man of tremendous ability, and he had a very great effect on the whole future of Europe by his activities. We are not so interested in the details of that as we are in his relation to development of the history of the church. The development of the history of the church, the most important thing about him is his relationship with the bishops of Rome. The importance of it you see was to give the pope the support of an emperor who was not close that he would be constantly interfering with him, and it was to give the emperor the support of a pope who was not too close, and to give him a religious sanction to his control. Now as far as we have spoken it is a king rather than an emperor. But Charlemagne developed into an extremely powerful king. He conquered Saxony, the conversion of the Saxons, so called, which took him nine years. Having conquered Saxony he had a very large portion of Germany under his control in addition to all of France. So he had a very large section of Europe under his control, now, and he was not merely a conqueror, Charlemagne was a very splendid organizer, administrator and he was a man who was interested in education, he thought Alcuin, the great British educator, and he brought him over to France and put him in charge of education in France, and he developed a system of education which was far in advance of any thing of subsequent centuries in that land. He was much interested in education and learning, he was a great lover of the works of St. Augustine which he used to read, he was a man of very unusual intelligence and a great administrator ability and of very great military ability, there is one, only one great flaw in his character, he was a man of great honesty and great integrity, and that is the flaw of sensuous, he had several wives and a number of mistresses, and he seemed to have been quite impervious to the law of God in this particular regard, but in most other regards he ranked very high in character and ability, (question)