

but which gives you a little chance to do a little investigation to find out about something or some phase of the work that is not of primary importance but if you are particularly interested in ~~that~~ that field it is of great importance and it gives you a chance to be sure that you are not quoting either what I say or what some authority on some church history says but simply taking a subject and looking into it and see what the facts are. Our assignments either fall under one of these three categories. I am anxious that you get the main facts of church history in mind, but my greater interest is that you have an understanding of them and an understanding of church history as to its progress and that which is vital of the christian church into which it has today. So my greatest interest is your understanding the principles. I try to give you enough illustrations to see their outworkings to give help the understanding is a correct one and to have evidence to present it to others when you desire. I am not trying to give you a whole history of Europe during the middle ages, that would be impossible. Unless we had two or three years for ~~it~~ it and it is hardly vital to for the matter of church history, but there are very many matters which are very ~~vital~~ vital for church history that are skipped over quickly by ordinary students of medieval church history. Now at the end of the hour last time we talked about the matter of a cardinal and what he is. We saw a little of exactly of what the present theory is as to a cardinal. A cardinal has a one power, and only one by virtue of being a cardinal. That is the power of voting as to whom the next pope should be. There is absolutely no other power which rest upon a man because he is a cardinal. Theoretically he is a member of the ~~Roman~~ Roman clergy although the honor of being a member of the Roman clergy goes mostly to men who have nothing to do with the Roman clergy except by way of office, and the only function they perform except once in many years, is to take part in the election of a new pope.

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