

that the men who occupy the ~~position~~ position of pope are the men who are to be the leaders of God's people with infallible authority over them, then surely it is reasonable to expect that in the history of the / institution we would find that the men of real power and leadership in the Roman Catholic Church, that the men who have had real force in determining things, would be the men who have occupied the ~~position~~ position of pope. That they are men who had shown unusual ability in administration and that they are men who have had unusual sanctity of life. Not that they are perfect, they do not claim to be. Not that they are perfect administrators, not that they are perfect examples, no, but that they have a level way ahead of the mass of the church. That would be reasonable if God established it, would it not? Well, it is interesting to study Church Hist. to see how the pope had been selected through the ages, what changes have been made in the methods of selecting, to see to how great an extent the leadership has come from the pope, and to how great an extent it has come from other men, also, in spite of the pope.

You take the Roman Catholic histories themselves and read about the different ~~popes~~ popes, and see how many of the Roman Catholic historians will say, unable to cope with the great problems of the day, he preferred to spend his time sitting in his garden ~~looking at the flowers~~ looking at the flowers. To see how many of them have lived lives of utter immorality, lives which, as far as moral decency, as far as honesty is concerned, are absolutely of the lowest. From their own writings, not from protestant propaganda, but from official writings/^{sanctioned} by the Roman Catholic Church ~~giving~~ giving historic facts. You pick up the little ^{paper} ~~paper~~, the Sunday Visitor, and when we were in Wilmington some people in Wilmington took it ~~as~~ as a service to take the religious section of that and mail it to us. I received mail in Wilmington, I received week after week, copies of Our Sunday Visitor, the religious section. And they would have articles in that on the reasons why it is necessary to be a Roman Catholic, ~~and~~ and I remember one of them said this, all the great ecumenical councils of the Christian Church have been called by popes, the pope has presided in every one of them, and the decisions have been in line