

----15 and when other young men were with money in the background - giving themselves to debauchery and to wastefulness, Julian was not. He was a serious earnestminded young fellow who was convinced that these men with his uncle Constantius were wicked and wrong - his uncle was a mean sort of fellow anyway - and he was secretly connected with the pagan worship and the pagan views on Neo-platonism. Then when the Germanic tribes began to break into France in the North, his uncle said to young Julian. Julian "here's a job for you - I'll make you general and commander of the troupes in France " The young man, a student, a bookworm, a scholar who had never had any practical experience - was sent there to be head of the army in France -----14 but instead of that he showed unexpected ability. He was able to improve the organization of the army, inspire the men with courage, lead them in attacking the Germanics, besides driving them back, establishing safety in the Northern borders of France, of Gaul, that portion of the empire and the soldiers cried out "this shall be the next emperor - this should be the Augustus!" Now ~~comes~~ Constantius heard of this and Julian knew what happened to his brother \*\*\*-- when he had been promoted by the soldiers. He got word from Constantius "leave your army and come back here for a consultation " He knew that might be the last consultation he'd ever <sup>have</sup> ~~had~~ if he did. He couldn't say "I don't want to be emperor." The soldiers had already declared him emperor and that fact was enough to make his life in danger, even if he himself took no steps toward it. So he felt the only thing he could do was to accept the word of the soldiers and march with them against his uncle. So they started marching toward the East and Constantius hastened to gather troops to meet Julian, but before he got started he suddenly had a heart attack and died. So now they all united in proclaiming Julian Emperor. He was the only man left in the family of Constantine. They welcomed him to Constantinople with great rejoicing. He was an emperor who ruled in justice, who did not waste money, in fact he was very abstemious except in his worship of the pagan gods and there he would sacrifice thousands of animals to Jupiter and Venus and these other gods - he was determined to bring the empire back to paganism.