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At the end of the century probably only 1% would declare themselves as followers of the pagan gods. So that it is a century which from this regard is of tremendous importance. Now there are certain aspects of the events which are of particular importance in this direction and some of the m we noticed though we did stress the life of Julian.

I asked about the events in the life of Jujlian and one paper spoke only of his relation to Arianism and had that turned about because he certainly did nothing to try to help Arianism. He thought we would injure Christianity by letting the persecuted followers of the Nicene creed come back so that they would be squabbles and controversies but he soon found that they all were united against him. The big thing in his career was his attempt to destroy Christianity and to prove it false and this is the one strong move in the middle of the century, tho this in this connection is of tremendous importance. (along with Diocletian*s persecution in the beginning of the century) There are other events at the end of equal importance which we have not yet mentioned.

The 2nd most important developement of this century was the Arian controversy and to that we have given a good deal of attention, and from the viewpoint of convenience it again is very convenient for us that the century divisions happen to fall during this period with important historic divisions in church history; because Arianism begins after the beginning of the century and Arianism ends a few years before the end of the century as far as Roman citizens are concerned. It continued for many centur/ies among the barbarians, but the rise, progress and ultimate complete defeat of Arianism all tak ples during this century. We have dealt with different details and I have tréed to give you an appreciatéon of the events as they developed in one period after another but of course I don't expect you to remember all the details. You will have an idea of its general progress and the important~~ts~~ turning points of great importance in the understanding of any other great events in the history of the world.

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Now of course we cannot see mens hearts and cannot tell how many are really Christians but I am speaking from the viewpoint that if a census weretaken in 300 when there was