

active (6.) but these have ~~XXX~~ often been men who have had grave defects in their lives which have tremendously cut down their influence while other of them, as you will read in Pearl, facing the problems in the Papacy found it more pleasant to sit out in the garden and look at the flowers

The Papacy has not been the force that has produced the Counter-Reformation. It has been a figurehead, not a force to count. Now they introduced the Inquisition and it was the Inquisition which wiped Protestantism out of Spain and out of Italy. And the inquisition was very active in many other sections and once the line was established, it was a vital force. But the inquisition was not the vital thing that produced and carried on the Counter-Reformation. It was an active force and a real force but humanly speaking, the Inquisition would have ~~ended~~ died out or its leaders would have been changed and an end would have come to it. It was not the thing - another thing was the Index - they introduced a very strict rule as to what Romans were allowed to read and the Index was published - and the Papal permission, who had established this Index which took 200 pages just to list the sections of Erasmus's works which Romanists were not allowed to read. And of course all of Luther's works were put on the Index but Erasmus having been the favorite of several Popes, they couldn't put all his works on the Index so they had to take out the sections - and it took 200 pages just to list the sections. And the Index was very extended and very strongly enforced and the custom was introduced in Spain in the front of a book, "Approved by a certain censor and gives his name" And then an archbishop who had confidence in his censor says, "Let it be printed - in primata." And for a time Romanists could only read books that had the approval of the bishop so stated. Now today it is still seen in religious books which are