

thought suitable for Romanists to read - and you notice it is in the front of

(8)book - it has been approved, because it is historically proved in its facts in the main degree and supports Roman of the power and position of the Papacy. The Index then was a force that tried to pull people's minds in subjection and it was one of the instruments used. Now of course one thing that was vital in the Counter-Reformation was a cleaning up of the church and that was done to some extent in certain areas. But anyone who has been a missionary any length of time in South America will tell you that in South America the moral line of the clergy is on the whole not such a great deal better than it was during the middle ages. The general immorality and low level of education is very, very widespread in almost any country in which Romanism has (9.25). In the countries where it faces Protestantism, the level has been raised tremendously. And their best men and their finest improvements have been poured into United States in recent years and into England in order to try to win these nations to Romanism. And so there is a standard in the church which is far higher than that of the Romanist Church as a whole in these particular nations. But there was a certain cleaning up which was absolutely necessary for the organization simply could not have continued. But there is one factor, one cause, which is the cause in my opinion, why the Romanist Church did not disappear. It is the cause why the church continued and became stronger and today is stronger than it has ever been in history since the time of Luther. And it is the backbone and the center of that which is giving it its strength today. And that cause goes back to the influence of a man, just as in Protestantism, Luther and Calvin are two factors without which 60% of the power of Protestantism would not have been. This in Romanism goes back to this one man and his influence, op-