

sett o work to study what could be done to face the situation and what could be decided must be done with the establishment of the position of the Pope. In Spain the Inquisition had been active for nearly a century. Ferdinand and Isabella had been (5.) establishing the Inquisition before the beginning of the Reformation. The Inquisition had been used there against - in the first place - against the Moors and the Jews. It had not been against a man who declared he was a Moor or he was a Jew but such people suffered great political disadvantages. And if a Moor or a Jew was converted and professed himself ~~as~~ to become a Christian, then they watched him closely and Ferdinand was afraid that these alien Moors and Jews would profess themselves Christians and then go ahead to take over much of the wealth and power of the land of Spain, so the minute one ~~of~~ them became Christian, the Inquisition watched closely to be sure they were sincere and if they found that a week went by and they hadn't eaten pork ~~(5)(5)~~ they decided they were still Jews or if they found they weren't working hard on Saturdays they decided they were still Jews and it didn't take much for them to

(6.) and then if they would remain obdurate in their views, they would be considered as a heretic who deserved death and was burned at the stake . But if they would repent and recant of their views, then they might be forgiven and burned at the stake without torture instead of with the torture. But it got rid of the people that Ferdinand was anxious to get rid of - hundreds of them - thousands of them were killed, hundreds of them were burnt. The terrible Spanish Inquisition before the beginning of the Protestants. Well when Protestantism began it was ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ all ready then. And it was actively put to work and while Luther's writings got a good hearing in some cities in Spain and there were groups of ardent Christians who began coming to gether, they were very soon wiped out by the Inquisition which was