

preaching emphasis came the library and research emphasis that also made the order one of the outstanding educational promoters of its time. The Dominicans would be a great force in the Roman church and, along with the Jesuits of a later century, would expand the bounds of Rome on the frontiers of the western world.

Summary

Virtually all of these newer monastic orders grew from the defeat of the older orders and the sense of frustration that can come when one thinks nothing is being done in an area where something is needed. Each would have its own emphasis and vary the monastic rule slightly. But the general concepts were the same. As time went on the Dominicans would become the great teachers, the Franciscans the great social workers. The same problems would soon crowd these orders and make their witness nil as they had done to many predecessors. But each served with considerable zeal the cause of the Roman church in its day and I suppose we observe that there needs to be a continuance of creative and productive thinking if any move or group is to have a strong standing in history

VI.2.f Problems

Church Struggles

Heretical Groups

Albigensians

Known also as the "Cathari" or "clean", this group was something of a neo-Manichaean society and featured much of the gnostic teaching of that body. It upheld a dualism and claimed this to be the teaching of the Bible. Its companies involved the perfected and the believers. The followers also saw their church as the true church and all other churches were false.. with special emphasis on the one in Rome! The group opposed marriage and procreation and like other gnostic bodies they often went to abusive extremes in limiting the flesh. Centered in southern France, they were fiercely persecuted in the 13th century and virtually destroyed. In some ways their abusive handling of the Scripture (as well as the popular use given it by the Waldensians) helped the Roman See to formulate canonical doctrines opposing the