

know that as late as 1920 - I know that right through the 1914-18 war there was a big Protestant Huguenot church in the center of Berlin where the Protestant services were still being held in French. And these people included many of the finest skilled workers, of the artisans and the businessmen of France. And it was a tremendous loss to the nation - the great numbers of these people who fled and escaped from the nation at that time. Many of course gave up their faith, thousands of them gave up their faith, others however stood to it, were unable to escape, were driven into the woods and killed, many of them would hide in the woods, a few managed to continue their faith to the present day - but comparatively few. France became 95% of it, Romanist. And it has alternated in different sections between Romanism and atheism but Protestantism has hardly again had a chance to enter. And so this nation in which Protestantism had such a tremendous start, nothing seemed able to stop it, over a third of the people were Protestant, the next one in line for King was Protestant, this nation which looked as if it would become one of the great Protestant nations of Europe had Protestantism completely wiped out of it because of the propaganda of the Jesuits, their ability to stir people up, their patience and skill in not continuing to oppose Henry but in taking him over when he was willing to come and then being patient to wait for time when they could attack and utterly destroy Protestantism in France. It became a nation in which Protestantism was practically unknown, as it has been since - it is today a nation in which there is a small group of very, very ardent Roman Catholics but the great mass of the nation, while nominally Romanist, has little interest in Romanism. There is much more of atheism than there is of any other attitude, has been for the last 150 years in France. Well, it is one of the great triumphs of the Counter-Reformation and without the Jesuits it never would have occurred. Without the activity of the Jesuits, humanly speaking, France would have become a nation in