

began to attack the Huguenots on one thing after another in war after war, even including the terrific massacre of St. Barthobmew. We can't lay that specifically at the feet of the Jesuits - that was the Duke of Giis but he persuaded Catharine de Medici and her son, Charles IX and they had the authority, if they had refused he could not have done it. So that they have to take the responsibility for it and historically it is blamed on Catharine de Medici. But all of these measures seemed only to increase rather than to decrease them. The Huguenots were growing in strength and in power and finally as we noticed Henry II has to flee from the enmity of the Catholic leagues the Jesuits organized and fled to the camp of Henry of Navarre, the leader of the Protestants and someone sneaked into the camp and assassinated him there. That left Henry IV, the grandson of Margaret, the heir to the throne. He was next in line and we notice how in battle after battle he so valiantly and brilliantly led his forces often against greatly superior numbers and they had all of France at their disposal, partly of course due to the fact that he was recognized as the legitimate King. There were many who were not so greatly concerned with the religious question as there were those who did feel that the one who was next in line was the one who should be their true king just as in England the mass of the people were satisfied to be under Edward VI ultra Protestant, satisfied to be under Queen Mary (2.75) Protestant, satisfied to be under Elizabeth, the next in line, and who was by blood entitled to be the ruler - so Henry IV was the one. And so we'll say that there was a sizable portion of France perfectly content to be under him - he was the next in line - but that there was rather a large group which was rejoicing in his being king because they were strong Huguenots and they looked on this dashing and able young fellow, this man of such wonderful Christian background, this man who was ^{known as} ~~normally~~ their political leader, they rejoiced that now