

end of Luther's activity was to put the power in the hands of the state, over the church.

Well, now, Calvin, of course, looked at the matter from ~~xxx~~ a more detached viewpoint. Coming at a time when Luther had already done the first part of his great work, and the issues were clear before the world, and Calvin as a student and a scholar could spend many months before he started with vigorous activities studying the whole problem, ~~h~~ going all through Luther's works, and ~~it~~ running all through the problems in the light of the Scripture, and of the writings of the fathers, and trying to get a ~~xxxxxx~~ consistent general view, and so he wrote his Institutes which give us a picture of Christian theology as a whole, such as Luther never made. Luther gave us wonderful writings on ~~the~~ the particular teachings, but Calvin gave us the first comprehensive picture of the viewpoint of protestantism, in the institutes.

(question) And so Calvin felt that it was vital that the church in church functions be not subject to the state. That was what he felt. Well, now, Calvin, as you know, wished just to be a writer and a student, but against his will he was made an active administrator and teacher and worker in the church at Geneva. And ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Geneva was a ^{town} ~~xxxxxx~~ that had revolted from the bishop, and they had turned to Protestantism under Farrell's teaching, and they had taken their churches and had turned them over to Prot. teaching, but the ~~h~~ local democratic govt., the syndicate elected by the people in Geneva, these officials ruled not only the civil govt., but ruled the church. And when Calvin went into Geneva, the govt there was ~~xxxx~~ exactly the same as you find in Germany/2 and in the other places where Luther had been. It was the state running the church with this idea that the state was a ~~xxxxxxxx~~ democracy. But the officials were elected officials for civil purposes, and they were running the church and they selected the ministers, and they said when the services would be held, and they said how the communion was to be conducted. And Calvin coming in there was all his life under that system of control. So the ch. govt. under which Calvin was, was a govt. of the church by the state.