

own elected officials. And the system which he ~~xi~~ laid out was a ~~xxx~~ system in which there should be the teaching elders in each church, or one over several churches~~xxx~~ if there were not enough to have one for each church, who should do the preaching and who should direct the doctrine in the main, but the local officials or the ruling elders, who should determine the affairs in the particular church, elected by the people and ordained by the ~~teaching~~ ~~g~~ teaching elders. And this system which he laid out was carried out in France, and so among the Huegenots of France you have this system of rule by elders, carried out, with the elders in the local church, and ~~k~~ representatives in the local church to provincial leaders, and representatives from them to national leaders of France. And the thing grew up without the knowledge of the state of France, and before the French King knew what was happening, they were having big national meetings with representatives of the local Huegenots of France.....(end of record)

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Knox sat at Calvin's feet for he knew that he was a great scholar. But Knox was in England for a time, /and they were faced with a ~~xxx~~ situation, in England, where the strong protestants who were following Calvin's views were asked to become~~xxx~~ bishops in the English church. And Knox, with his views on the matter of bishops, could not accept the position. But others of them did, and Calvin siad, the idea of the bishop controlling the diocese, that sort of bunk, he siad, I do not consider to be the Scriptural type of govt. He siad, I do not ~~think~~ think it is what ought to be had, but the pure teaching of the Word, and the theology of the Bible is far more important than this matter. And he said, on this matter it is ~~n~~ not wrong for you to conform, for the sake of the advance of the Gospel. And of course, Calvin was only consistent in saying this, ~~xxx~~ for in Geneva he was conforming to a system which was not solely what he thought was in the light of Scripture. And he advised that there was no objection to falling in line with the bishops, if necessary, though the other was better.

Well, the church at Scotland was organized pretty much along the lines that