

One night 13 50 shots were fired just outside of his window. in order to disturb and upset him. One made called his dog Calvin. One time when he came through the street there was a group of men there talking about what they thought of Calvin, and as he approached them they were talking so violently, and one said: "If I could get my hands on that fellow I'd just strangle him." He lifted his knife up this way. And Calvin had to pass through there. As he got to them he opened his shirt and said, "Here the place to strike." The fellow cowered back and he waled on.

Fourteen years of terrible difficulty he had. At the end of the fourteen years a group was elected to the city council that took a completely different attitude, and the last nine years of his life he was almost completely supreme in Geneva.

During this time despite all this tremendous activity that changed Geneva from a licentious wicked city to what John Knox called the greatest center of Christianity that he knew of in the world, during this time, in spite of all these efforts he was constantly revising his Institutes to the Christian Religion getting out new editions in French and in Latin. He wrote thousands of letters. He wrote letters to people in any kind of trouble or difficulty, and any time he would hear of any noble or king who was thinking of becoming a Protestant, he would write him a letter urging him, or of a Protestant leader who was in danger of making a false step he would write to him, urging him to stand true to the Gospel. People would write him about all kinds of problems and he wrote thousands of letters to them. He preached constantly. His commentaries == Armenius, the founder of Armenism says: There are no greater commentaries ever written than the commentaries of John Calvin. They open up the Scripture as nothing had done up to that time.

But his commentaries vary tremendously in quality. Isaiah for instance he worked over and over, and got out several editions., Other commentaries just represent his lectures as they were taken down in shorthand. So there is tremendous variety among them as to those he worked over a great deal and as to those which represent the thoughts he gave .But his influence was such that Geneva became the center for French Refugees. Calvin organized a school in Geneva which became known all through Europe, and they these refugees and they went back to France. Many of them were seized and killed. Many of them were burned to the stake, but many escaped. Calvin got a fine poet to translate the Psalms into French and he did such an excellent job of it that soon all over France they went singing the Psalms. Even the enemies of the Gospel were singing. Orders were given by the Inquisition that these Psalms should not be printed, should not be distributed, should not be sung. But one day in Paris in the Park one young boy began singing one of these Psalms and somebody else got up and somebody else and somebody else and soon there were 5000 people singing this Psalm that Calvin had gotten translated. Soon all over France there were these groups of Christians.