

sister of the Duke of Guis and the Cardinal of Lorraine. We discussed all that in connection with Scotland - the Scottish Reformation. She was over in Scotland, reigning in Scotland, Mary of Lorraine. Her niece, Mary Stuart, was the wife of the King of France and her two brothers were the real power in the kingdom and would have remained so for a long time except that the little boy only lived for about 15 months and then he died. A very delicate youth he was and of course he had no power in the kingdom but he had power enough to turn the power over to his wife's relatives. And so the Cardinal of Lorraine and the Duke of Guis, his brother, ran France during this brief period and they were bitterly anti-Protestant and the Duke's retainers occasionally would simply come to a place where Protestants were holding a service and break in and kill the people and brand them and they'd say they were holding a meeting of insurrection or sedition and they were very cruel - it was a brief period though but it ended with the death of Francis II and that meant that the Guis family was no longer supreme in the kingdom. He was succeeded by his brother, Charles IX, a boy of nine. And Charles IX reigned for 14 years. Now when the boy of nine became King, the Guis family no longer had any reason to have control in France but they were important in their own right. They were rulers over a fairly large section on the border of Germany, part of their possessions were in France, part were in Germany, they were considered foreigners ~~XXXX~~ by the great bulk of the French - they were from Lorraine but they were very powerful at this time in France but they were no longer in control because the little boy of nine naturally turned the power over to his Mother. And so Catharine de Medici after all her years of unpopularity, and of having no chance to be much of an influence, now became the real ruler of France for the next 30 years. Yes? (Student question) Her son, Charles IX was nine years old so that he was the ruler but with no power but the power all came to his Mother. And for the next