

is apt to think of superficial considerations, instead of a basic considerations in deciding who is ~~qualified~~ qualified for the holy ministry. It is not made up of people who are technically ~~trained~~ trained to judge if a person's qualifications and his ~~knowledge~~ knowledge and his fitness to be set apart for the holy ministry. It has very great disadvantages. And ~~there~~ there are extremely few organizations today which follow the purely congregational system, as far as the selection of the pastor is concerned.

(question) Any type has the power to change to another type. Certainly, they have that power. But, if they exercise that power, they are changing to a different type. It is like the town meeting in New England, which was very commonly used. I attended a town meeting up there in New York State, just about ten years ago. I was visiting in ~~Houghton~~ Houghton College, and he said we are having a town meeting tonight, would you like to come with ~~us~~ us. So I went. And/ we went over to a neighboring town, we would call it, but it was the township, that is what they called it. An area which has a few what we would call towns in it. We went over there, and there were several hundred people there, and they began discussing how much the taxes should be this year, and whether they should build a new school or not, and what the traffic speed should be, and every bit of ~~the~~ business for the ~~regulation~~ regulation of the township was done by all the people coming together in the meeting. And they would bring up every matter, and they would discuss it. And it has great advantages. The disadvantage is that in a group of ~~a~~ several hundred there may be only six or eight who really know much about a good many of the problems. And the rest more or less have to say, I have confidence in ~~this~~ this man, I will follow his judgments. But they have to vote, it is the vote of all that determines. Now, they could make themselves a govt. like most have done. They select officers, a group of aldermen, ~~or~~ or whatever they call them, who are elected for a period of time.(end of record)

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But on the overall picture ~~of~~ of whether the thing is well managed or not. And if it is well managed, they continue him in office, ~~and~~ and if it is not,