

the I.F.C.A. would be a semi-pres.

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(~~question~~) If I understand you correctly, in the Southern Baptist a council is called. And the council says, we do not find this man qualified. They would not, the congregation, would not proceed to ordain him. But in the G.A.R.B. the council might come ~~together~~ together and say, we do not consider this man qualified to ~~be~~ be a minister, and the congregation might say, well, we thank you for your ~~time~~ time, but we are going to ordain him anyway. I would think that if it happened very often they would stop bothering to call a council. They would simply go ahead and make the decision.

(question) It would seem to me that if a congregation ~~ordains~~ ordains, there ought to be a new ordination if a man moves to a new congregation. Because ~~it~~ it is rather silly for a congrega~~tion~~tion to ordain a man to be a preacher of another congregation. It would seem to me that it would be rather illogical to do this, in such a case. But you will find ch. govt. shot through with illogical things, because the bulk of ~~people~~ people don't give a lot ~~of~~ of thought to it. And they simply do what they are told was done last year.

~~Instead~~ Instead of thinking what ~~is~~ is the best way of ~~doing~~ doing it.

Well, now, I just want us to have these four main types in mind. The first was ~~the~~ the hierarchical. Now the opposite extreme is pure congregationalism. Now, as c, I called it semi-presbyterian. And from what we have been ~~told~~ told, the Baptists are between the b and the c, some being nearer one, and some nearer the other. Oscillating between the two. But ~~my~~ my guess would be that most of them are nearer the semi-pres. in actual practice than they are ~~the~~ the congregationalists. That is to say, the times when they would call an ~~ordaining~~ ordaining council and then would ~~not~~ simply pay no attention to it, would be comparatively few. They might decide they didn't like what the council had done, and tell the man to go and study another three or four months, and then call another council. But that they would simply disregard this one and just go straight ahead. My guess would be extremely rarely. They probably would in general follow the semi-pres. system. Now, it does have the advantage of being able to say that the N.T. warrant of the putting on of the hands of the