

minister, the hands of the presbytery, is being applied. That the group of elders is ordaining, rather than the congregation. That is, if they follow that. ~~xxxxxxx~~ If they don't, of course, they do not have that.

Now, the disadvantages of this system are as regards the selection of the permanent leader, or the preacher, the disadvantage, of course, is that you do not have a group of ~~xxxxxx~~ elders or ministers, a group of experts, you might say, who are giving continued thought to the problem. Of judging of a man's ~~xxx~~ qualifications for the ministry. You have a varying group.

(question) I think there is a very great danger in that regard, that there is, it can vary tremendously. This standard, depending on who the particular ministers are who are called together, in a particular case. And, of course, congregations desires vary tremendously too. But there is an advantage in trying to get a standard that is more or less level, rather than having it way down here somewhere, or way up here other times. It is rather frustrating for a person to be turned down because he doesn't come up to the standard up here, and then to be turned down somewhere else flatly because he can't meet the standard down here. And so that is the minor disadvantage of it, that there is a tendency of the standard being pretty hard to maintain a more or less steady standard in it. But for the selection of permanent leaders or preachers, it doesn't have so very great disadvantage as compared with the full presbyterian system. But on the other two, the change of ~~pastor~~ pastor, and the removal of the pastor who falls into sin or into heresy, on those two points, this system does not give any help at all. In regard to those two, the semi-pres. becomes a purely congregational system. Because there is no body ~~xxxxxx~~ other than the congregation to have a say or to do anything in such a case. There is no continuous oversight over a man to see if he is maintaining the standard with which he entered. So that from the viewpoint of the selection of the permanent leader, it is not so extremely different from the presbyterian ~~xxx~~ system. But on these other two, it doesn't have any of the points that the pres. system theoretically has.

(question) As far as these other ~~two~~ two points are concerned, it is the