

congregational system. The semi-pres. system as far as the removal or change is strictly a ~~xxxx~~ congregational system.

(question) That is to say, there may be a local body within the church which takes the interest in that. A body of elders with in the church. To that extent it would be the pres. rather than the congregational. In that regard. But no outside group that can come in when your~~xxxx~~ deacons and congregational get pretty evenly split, and try to adjust things.

Now, I want to go on to our next main point, and I would rather, unless some of you have some ~~x~~ very definite points or illustrations of interest, I would rather not spend too much time on this, because we haven't much left of the year. But I just mention d, the presbyterian system. The pres. system which is ahlfway between the hierarchical and the congregational . The N.T. warrant of he pres. ~~xxxxxx~~ system, ~~it~~ has the warrant of the laying on of the hands of the presbytery spoken of to Timothy, it has the warrant of the fact that the N.T. always speaks of the church as governed by a group, rather than by an individual. In theory it has great advantages in that it has a permanent group for the determination for the man's fitness for the ministry, while leaving the selection among men qualified to the congregation. And that in regard to ~~xxxx~~ change of pastors and removal of an erring paztor, ~~xxxxxxx~~ supplies a machinery by which such matters can be peacefully adjusted. ^that is, it supplies a machinery by which, when there comes a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ situation approaching an impasse in the church, the presbytery can send in a committee to investigate and report to the presbytery, talk to individuals privately, try to iron the thing out, see who is at fault, and enable the church to go on without too big erruptions. ~~xxxx~~

I was talking to a Baptist minister of a large church down in Texas, and he made the statement, he said, my ~~xxxx~~ church, unlike most Baptist churches, has never had a bog fight in which the ~~xxxxxxx~~ church has split into two very hostile fighting camps. He said, the Lord has been wonderfully good to us, and we have been unable to avoid ~~xxxx~~ many such things ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ through the years. Now, I don't think it is right to say that is particularly