

true of Baptist churches, but I think it is true of churches in general. That people feel very keenly about things, that they are deeply concerned about, and in every denomination you have many cases where churches get split into groups with ~~xxxxxxx~~ very hot feeling, and often it is over very minor matters. I know of one church where a minister and his wife got into disagreeemtn, and finally separated, and the minister left the church. But seven years later, the church was~~it~~ divided into two groups, which were fighting and bickering constatnly. And somebody who made an investigation said, the real point of issue seems to be that half ~~it~~ of them think that the minister ~~thinkx~~ was right, and half of them think his wife was right in this disagreeemtn. And th~~e~~ minister had been away for all these years, from that place, though the woman was still a mem~~ber~~ of the church.(end of record)

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Often these splits are connected with very very minor matters. And a man through little or no fault of his own can get ~~it~~ into a very very tough ~~sitxatix~~ situation where people are so emotionally aroused that it is hard for them to think straight.

Now, there are many cases where you have, there are denominations where you have a presbyterian organization, where you have self-seeking men in the presbytery. Who come in and do harm rather than good. And there are cases where the ~~peix~~ people and the presbytery in general ~~indix~~ are indifferent. But in the pres. system, there is a machine by ~~whixex~~ which, if the members of the presbytery take an interest, not just in their own church, but in the welfare of the group ~~of~~ as a whole, there is a machinery whereby the presbytery can step into a ~~sitix~~ situation like that ~~befexex~~ before it becomes too bad/ And try to iron it out, and see if the ministe is badly at fault, or if he has just made mistakes, but perhpas they are such that it would be better for ~~he~~ welfare of the church and himself if rather than staying and fight it out he quietly withdraw and go somewhere else. And they try to unify the congregatix And they go on. ^And perhaps there are one or two trouble-makers in the church; The Pres. system supplies the possibility of a means to try to handle such situa-