

That is the danger of the pure congregational system. Well, now, there are two ways of trying to alter that. One would be for the congregation to elect a minister for a certain term of years. And to say, he is our minister for one year or two years, we have ~~xxxx~~ confidence in him, we will be loyal to him, we will let him run the affairs of the congregation. And at the end of that time we will have a resurvey. That is a possible method. A method which is rarely, if ever, used. But it would have certain advantages. Far better than to have a permanent pastor, who, in actual practice, was the sole ruler of the congregation.

Now, the presbyterian system ~~is~~ tries to ~~maintain~~ maintain the advantages of the prolatical system, and of the congregational ~~y~~ system, while avoiding the disadvantages. And the pres. system is the ~~system~~ system in which you have a group of elders in whom the authority rests, to determine the ~~direction~~ direction of the activities of the congregation. Now, whether you call these men presbyters and follow the presbyterial system, whether you call them deacons, whether you call them an ~~official~~ official board, the terminology really doesn't make much difference. It is the principle involved, that the determination of the details of the direction of the ~~congregation~~ congregation is not something which rests in the ~~hands~~ hands of one man, nor something which the whole congregation attempts to carry out, but the congregation, for a period of time, places these in the hands of a ~~group~~ group of elders. The congregation, in most pres. churches, today, the congregation from time to time re-elect~~s~~s the elders. In many pres. churches, not so long ago, it was the custom to elect the elders for life. And(end of record)

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The elders are elected, generally, on a rotating system, so that a man is an elder for about three years. And the result is that the congregation is overseeing the ~~work~~ work ~~of~~ of the church as to its general results. Rather than trying to determine the little details. ~~And~~ And they are ~~determining~~ determining, from time to time, as to the continuance or change in the governing group.

(question) Well, now, in the pres. system, you have a presbytery, or a