

Of course, no system works itself. I don't think the danger is there, but I ~~don't~~ don't think it is nearly as great for either one of them. ~~And it's not~~
When you have a larger group in control.

And then, on the other ~~hand~~ hand, the question about the minister's ruling control over the elders, the point that Mr. Hall mentioned is a good one. The minister is the man who is devoting his whole life to the work. He is a man who has special professional training. He is a man who is appearing before the people several times a week, and preaching to them, and has a direct personal influence with them. Much greater than under ordinary circumstances, /^{which} Any particular elder is apt to have. And so, though the minister is only one of the body of elders in the control, his influence is very very much greater as a rule than anyone else. Actually, the working of the system depends on a mutual sympathy and working together between the minister and the elders. But you will find in any sort of a system that if you have a prolatical system, the man is bound to get advisors. And very often ~~he~~ he will find that the decisions are more than one man can ~~make~~ make, and the tendency is to rest on his advisor's doing what they say in all kinds of things. And the difference is here that we have a set of advisors who everybody knows who they are, and they have ~~an~~ an official vote. ~~Rather~~ Rather than it being a thing that can lead to just a development of cliques, and the ~~bodies~~ bodies that people don't know who they are. But again it is an ideal which we work toward, rather than ~~something~~ something that works itself.

(question) Well, the matter of trustees is a matter on which very great dangers have come in. The trustees really don't come under this category, number 2, to direct the activities of a particular congregation. They come under 3 and 4, to protect the property rights and to oversee the expenditure of funds. Now, in the past there have been many churches which have felt, the elders are the spiritual leaders, the men who direct the work of the church, ~~and~~ and it is very vital that these be godly men. Now, they said, we have some property here, and this property has to be held ~~by~~ by men who know how to make investments, and ~~we~~ know how to oversee the legal details and keep it intact,