

a very good thing to say, instead of one part of the church trying to raise all this money, it would be very nice if all the differnt ~~congregations~~ congregations would contribute something to this, And we will say that if they were to give on this proportion, that would meet the need. It is very nice to get acquainted that way, so that the interest can be ~~not~~ spread out. There is no use having a great deal given for one thing and less for another. But it is purely a matter of advice. There is no taxing power in the Pres. system. And if you think it ~~is~~ wise to ~~institute~~ institute this idea of storehouse tithing it is very important to not make any attempt to have anybody think that you are doing any taxing of the congregation. It should be entirely a matter of moral persuasion. First, of convincing them, if you believe it, that it is their duty to give a tithe, or a tenth of their income, to the Lord's work, and then ~~to~~ to give over and ~~above~~ above that such offerings as ~~they~~ they think wise. And second, to convince them, that for the tithe, at least, perhaps not for the other offerings, but at least for the tithe, that ~~it~~ it is a ~~very~~ desirable thing that they have men in whom they have confidence, who examine the various worthy causes, and decide among them which are worthy of having the money, and apportion the money, rather than have the responsibility to give on each individual. But, it should be very carefully kept understood that it is a voluntary matter, of moral persuasion. And the people, then, if they are dissatisfied, they will withhold their money. But it should be worked in such a way that instead of withholding their money, they will simply elect other officers.

(question) I would think that for the American Council, or ~~for~~ for the higher officials of the church, or the supreme and upper bodies, to amek advice is a very excellent thing. When it comes to the actual expenditure of the funds, it ~~is~~ certainly should not be ~~by~~ by a group higher than the session of the local church. But, as to whether then it is not desirable ~~for~~ for the officers of the church to have a certain amount of money that they can decide, instead of having to convince each individual, I mean there are matters which you can't give a great deal of publicity to. You can determine if you have opportunity to do so. And you say something that is critical, and somebody in the church gets