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Now, we notice, as a function of ch. govt. you notice how I have worded this. I have not worded this "to give orders to the congregations" to tell them what to do, or to direct their work. It is to direct cooperation of various bodies and congregations. There is a need of church govt. in helping of the relationship of various congregations. There is a vital point when two congregations work together in a denomination. But, the idea of directing them, telling them what they are to do, how they are to do it, that was tried in the 17th century in England, to quite an extent, it had ~~many~~ been in many churches where the king or the bishop has tried to say exactly what must be done. Now, in the early days ~~after~~ after the Reformation in England, when the great masses of the people were very ignorant and were ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~.....(7)

It was a great help having particular forms that were laid down, which could be used all through the church, even when there was not a sufficient number of trained men to carry it out fully. But there was great opposition and great resistance, in many points, where the attempt was ~~made~~ made to order exactly what should be done in each point in each ~~congregation~~ congregation. And there were two things which ~~it~~ resulted from that. One was, of course, was that many left the ~~Church of England~~ Church of England. And various dissenting bodies were established. And ~~a~~ many of them over disagreement of very ~~minor~~ minor points, but because they could not stand for the insistence of the carrying out of the things. The other result that came from this effort of enforcing things exactly was that in the end, in the Church of England, there ~~was~~ developed a marked amount of freedom in the different congregations, and in the different sections of the church. So that, actually, you have probably about as little actual control of the different sections in the Church in England as in most any church there is. You have a system in which there is a tremendous amount of autonomy with a form which ~~it~~ superficially permits a great amount of strong control.