

organization comes to stifle this out, it is necessary to have a big ~~is~~ move in the direction of ~~independence~~ independence. You see here, is independence, here is ecumenicity. Independence in the extreme is every man as an ~~individual~~ individual or every little group of Christians as an individual with no relationship to the others. Ecumenicity, ~~is~~ as an extreme, means all in one big organization, with a complete control of the organization which is equally bad, whether it comes from one individual or from the whole number, with the majority stifling the minority. A control from above is not the Lord's will. But neither is the ~~fragmentation~~ fragmentation the Lord's will. In between is the point for which we must strive. We must strive to have the individual initiative, and the freedom which we need, to carry out the Lord's work. We must also try to have the recognition of ~~our union as Christians~~ our union as Christians, which we should have in our working together in groups, sufficiently strong so that we can feel the true fellowship of Christians, and that we can have the benefit of our common association together.

(question) ~~is~~ Now, point 3 I have already stated, but not as a point. The Bible does not require a close-knit union of all ~~believers~~ believers, nor does it permit fragmentation ^{into tiny groups.} That is a summary.

~~is~~ Now, number 4, Our present denominational systems, I mean in general, not exactly, our present denominational system is without specific Scriptural warrant, but is not contrary to any ^{Biblical} ~~specific~~ teaching, and has much to be ~~said~~ ^{said} for it on the ground of ~~practical advantage~~ practical advantage. Now, this is a thing which requires a little thought. Our present denominational system, I mean something which is giving to some extent in the latter days of the ancient church of Europe. But, which has never existed quite as it does today. Ordinarily ~~the church~~ the church has been the church of an area, it has not been attempted as ~~a~~ a universal church, but as a church of an area. But now we have large groups, which are knit together nation-wide or world-wide, knit together tightly or ~~loosely~~ loosely, but they are knit together in denominations, and each of them having a govt. tight or loose, some type of govt. over the whole country or the whole world, but which exists parallel with other govts.