

they had said anything. But the church was just sort of holding its own - in fact it was starting to go back. And eventually people got more and more tired of him and finally when he left the church, a lot of people who should have stood for the fine gospel he preached and the fine points he had, were just tired of him. And they got a man who was about as different from him as a man could be. And they asked this man well what do you think about the Deity of Christ and so on. "Oh", he said, "I never preach on controversial subjects." He was a graduate of Union Seminary, an able speaker, could give beautiful ethical messages. And there was very little in his preaching you could object to for a while. But he got right into the organization of the Sunday School and those people who were standing up for the Gospel, one by one he got rid of them. And the place was just ruined. And this happened after I left - when I was off to seminary. When I came back, he was there in the church. But while I was there when he was in this situation where, as far as the work of the church was concerned, he had outlived his usefulness. Nothing wrong with him, nothing bad, a good man, a man who had done good work but he was getting old, getting tired, he was getting ineffective. And it was a growing community, people were coming in, many visitors to the church. Comparatively few of them stayed and lots of the older ones drifting away. And there was a Methodist Church over - not so far from us there which had a minister in it who wasn't doing particularly good and the conference met and this minister was assigned to another church. And a man was put into this church and the people loved that other minister and they didn't like him to move but at the conference room he was moved. But this man didn't appeal to them - they didn't like him particularly. They said, "Why do we have this fellow? We liked the other one much better." But you know that bishop in that case had studied the situation, the people in that church, their needs, their opportunities, the man he put in. And the man he put in there was a man who, thought those people would probably never have called him, when he'd been there a month they felt he was just the ideal man for their church. And their church went ahead and grew and progressed and I saw that happen at that particular time in two or three churches where that Methodist bishop, who happened to be an unusually able fellow probably, put just the right man in the right church - men who wouldn't have done so well at some other