

to a particular congregation. We notice that (a) under that was the selection of the permanent leader or preacher. And after the selection of the permanent leader or preacher, there are the two extreme methods again which we find in church govt. altogether. The first of these is the hierarchical.

Now, this finds a certain warrant in Paul going about and appointing leaders. ~~xxx~~ More particularly, there isn't as much evidence on this, but more particularly on Paul's telling Timothy and Titus to appoint leaders and giving the qualifications, which they are to use. The hierarchical system is the system used in the Methodist church. The bishop appoints the leaders/ Now it is not used as completely in the Methodist church in the upper regions now as it was in Wesley's day, because Wesley appointed all the subleaders, and they appointed the leaders under them, and it all come right from one head. Given a perfect man, not only perfect in goods but perfect in wisdom, this is probably the ideal system. But given a world of imperfect people, there are great dangers in the hierarchical system. We see the dangers in the Methodist church. They have worked out. I remember thirty years ago talking with a young Methodist fellow who told me he felt so badly that ~~x~~ he was going to his seminary to prevent prevent it from just becoming modernistic, and they all felt so badly about it that they said, look at Brown here, Brown they said was a Methodist minister and he was a fine active fellow. He was really doing a real work. Oh, of course, you didn't see him believing in some of these ~~x~~ old fashioned dogmas, and all that, but he was up on his toes and he was really doing a good work. And then they said the bishop put him out in a little tiny place somewhere and ~~x~~ he wouldn't give him a decent place to preach, refused to let him go ahead, partly because of his doctrines. So, he just he just grovelled at the church and he had a Congregational church and now he is at ~~xxxxxx~~ Yale Divinity School. He has a big influence in the Congregational Church, but he lost to the Methodist Church. And then they said, look at Jefferson. There is another Methodist minister. Really doing something, of course he did not believe in any of these old fashioned doctrines that some of the bishops held to, ~~these men were from~~ ~~xxxxxx-interested-in~~ seminaries where they were ~~xxxxxx~~ being told that