

men would say that the examination would be suspended at this point. 'But the whole group would have heard the man preach. ~~Now they did not do that~~
~~but they did not do that~~

The primary function is, as you say, to pass on his doctrinal soundness. And on his educational fitness, on his preparation for the work. But they are not supposed to fail to notice whether he has some of the other things.

(question) Well, now then, this is the first problem, the selection of the permanent leader or preacher. How is the man to be selected. And there are very few groups, now, which ~~take~~ take the strict congregational attitude on it. There are very few. There are most, of our groups, take the ~~the~~ hierarchical plan, or they take some variation of it, as the Pres. attitude' on this. That is, it is divided into two bodies, a group of experts and a congregation to decide.

Well, now, on this particular point, we can spend a lot of time arguing on the advantages and disadvantages of a particular method, and I don't think we had better, as we have only one semester in which to continue, and we have many other points to speak about. So, I want simply to give you a brief statement on advantages and disadvantages, here, which you can think over, and we would be glad to have discussion, but I don't think we will at this point. I want to take up the brief statement. I just want to mention, on this particular point, we have noticed the disadvantages of the ~~the~~ hierarchical system, and the disadvantages of the ~~the~~ strict congregational system, which is very very rare, now I want to give you the advantages of ~~the~~ pure, or ideal, Pres. system. As against the modified Pres. system. The Pres. ~~the~~ means elders, a modified Pres. ~~the~~ system on this particular point, is the system of having your presbytery which ordains a man, ~~the~~ is not a body which meets ~~regularly~~ regularly and has a continuous membership, but a body which is born for the occasion by the invitation of certain ministers. Now the advantage of the regular Presbytery over an occasional presbytery like that, or ordaining council, the advantage of it is that, for one thing, it is a larger body. It is a larger body. I know there are large groups of