

will is, then their vote is a bad vote/ But their vote does not decide the matter ~~w~~ as to what God's will is.

(question) Now the Congrega~~t~~tional church up in, I read the life~~s~~ of a noted Congregational minister, and he told of how about ~~sig~~ 1890, something like that, amylbe a little later, in Boston he graduated from seminary, and he had quite here~~b~~etical views on many points. And he expected in having great difficulty in being installed as pastor of a Congregational church up there. And then he said, the ~~p~~ representatives of the different churches came together, the week before he was to be installed, and they had a man before them, there was a quest~~h~~ about him doubting the Virgin Birth. But believing all the other doctrines, most of which this man did not believe. And he said, these men got together, and they argued for ten or twelve hours whether they should install a man who did not believe in the virgin birth. And he said, after this long long discussion. they put the thing to a vote, and b a small majority it ~~went~~ won out to install the man. And they pro ceeded to install him. And the next week he came up, and he thought if they made all this fuss about a man who did not believe in the virgin birth what will they do with me. And he said, to his surprise, they almost ~~unanimously~~ unanimously voted for him at once. And the way he ~~gan~~ gathered was that those who wer e in favor of conservative views had put up a big fight ~~x~~ and they thought that on a ~~majority~~ majority ~~be~~ vote they would have lost, so they lost, and the thing was decided. ^And so from then on ~~th~~ they no longer insisted on ~~xxxx~~ accepting literal interpretation of the Bible/ But it was decided by a ~~majority~~ majority vote. And I think you will find that in many church that is the idea. Many people have the idea, that is what democracy is, that the United States is a govt. in which anything the majority watns is right. ^But that was very definitely not the view of the founders of our nation. They believed thatwe should be a govt. of laws, and not of men, and that the majority should vote to maintain the laws. But of course, the question is, where does tha ~~xxxx~~ authority come ~~xxxxx~~ from. ^And aturally, if your authority is from the majority ~~xxx~~ and you can proceed, even if it is not the original idea, if you have the idea that many have today, anything the majority decides