

expediency, of seeing what methods will work out best, and so in church gov't the vital thing is to see what are those great principles which are established in the Word, or what are those principles which expediency has shown over a long ~~periods~~ time to be very vital. And then what are the ~~immed~~ immediate situations in which you try to work out the methods that will accomplish the results. If you are going, every Sunday, to say, now what would be the best time to hold church service, I think to day is a rainy day, let's have it a little later. Today is a bright day. It would be nice for the people to have a chance to get out in the fresh air, we'll have services at sunrise this morning, instead of 11 o'clock. You would get nowhere. You've got to have a set time, but there is nothing sacred about that time. But it is better to keep to something fixed than it is to be always shifting around so people don't know where they are. We had a little discussion in the faculty some time ago about the hours of classes, and I said, I am personally agreeable to any change, if people want to make it. Anything you think is a better system than what we have, I am perfectly agreeable to it, but, I said, I think the worst thing we can do is to get confusion by doing something for a semester, and something else another semester, and so on. I said, become convinced in your own minds that another system is better than the system at hand. If you want to adopt this other system and stand by it, at least for ~~ten~~ two or three years, and if your are I am perfectly agreeable to it. Well, They had a suggestion I didn't like, but they all agreed on it, and we did it, and it has worked out fairly well. The thing that I was much more interested in was getting ~~mix~~ something you can stand on so that people aren't always confused what time that would be. I think that is very important. Well, now, in this matter of your relation to your officers. There are some men and some officers who take the attitude that this is their church, the minister is a hired servant. He comes in and preaches, but this is their church and they run it, and they keep him ~~him~~ as long as they want, and when they don't like him they get somebody else. And this is a system which has been tried in some places, and which sometimes is adopted as a reaction from the opposite extreme. But it has not worked out well in experience. And it comes up against a fundamental point of human accom-