

danger that this man be a man who proves unworthy ~~xxx~~ and is difficult to get rid of. You have great difficulties and dangers which come in, and it is very desirable that there be an offset, a protection against it. Very desirable. And it is so desirable that it would seem to me that there is ~~x~~ every reason that the N.T. always shows a plurality of control, and never an ~~ix~~ individual ~~xxxx~~ control. In the history of the church we have an individual control, there have been very very few groups in the history of the church that have a group of men directing it, rather than an individual having the preeminent position in the group of men, very very few. One minister developed ~~xxxxxxx~~ within very short ~~xxx~~ time after apostolic time, if not ~~xxxx~~ then. And so I think that ~~xxx~~ it is very easy for us seeing the natural situation, to develop into the episcopal idea. Which has many aspects of efficiency. The Methodist Church did not adopt it because they felt it was the N.T. teaching, they adopted it in the course of circumstances. So did the China Inland Mission, so did the Salvation Army. It is the most efficient method of organization for activity that there is. Every corporation is organized according to the hierarchical method. You may have a board of directors or trustees, who have control, who can remove the ~~president~~ president, but the president has the power to do what he thinks is wise subject to their oversight. It is necessary for efficient administration. But it has such great dangers, that the other aspect is also vital, and the N.T. stresses the other almost ~~ix~~ to the exclusion of this. And I would say for this reason.

Well, now, we don't have time to discuss this further now. Now this course has usually been given as two hours of class with only one hour of study, like a laboratory course. I thought that I had better carry it on as one hour this year, and I gave you assignments which should have taken two hours, but I haven't given you any the last two times. We don't have a great many books on the subject, there aren't near so many written as I wish there were, and if there are, there ~~an~~ aren't so many copies. And so I am wondering if we oughtn't to try, instead of having full assignments, to get in one or