

real heart of the problem is found. I refer to the
~~to me that which is it seems to me where the problem comes in.~~ This is in the

activity of the ~~mis-~~ ~~ministry~~ ministry, as the pastoral leader of the church.

God in - Going among the people, dealing with their ^{specific} personal problems, and ~~exhorting~~ ^{exhorting}

~~disci-~~ discipline where necessary. At this ~~point~~ ~~we~~ point we find that women by

virtue of her ^{their} ~~place in life~~ and ^{and} her physical constitution is often carried away by

~~her~~ emotions and ~~apt~~ to be less stable and more changeable ~~than~~ than men; therefore,

as a matter of order and procedure, it is doubtless normally the best thing ~~is~~ that

such activity be carried on by a man. Women can do pastoral work with ~~other~~ men

in the sense of trying to help them and lead them, but ordinarily the leadership of

the men in this regard would be done by a man.

Now, it ~~k~~ seems to me that the carrying out of God's work is much more important than the question of who does it. Yet, one has to think about the permanent situation. In your situation in India, there were certain considerations for you and

the board both to ~~fact and~~ face and to consider. You worked in a crisis there.

The people of the Columbus Synod were taking ~~it~~ away the work that the Independent

Board had built up. Those that ~~were~~ wanted to stand by the Independent Board

urged to lead in their services and to give them the ~~the~~ Word of God. The problem

for you and the board was the question of what is ^{of} the greatest importance. On

the one hand, if you accept the leadership and carry on the services there may develop

a situation in which they may become accustomed to ~~have~~ having a woman occupy

a ~~post~~ position very similar to what a pastor ordinarily occupies, ~~And the~~ ~~precedent~~ precedent

may cause difficulty for the future. One woman ^{might} ~~may~~ be very excellent in this situation

but ~~the~~ the next one might prove to be unstable and the whole work ~~it~~ might come into

confusion and be lost. Is it best to just write the work off and say, ^{that} the woman will

devote ~~the~~ her major activities to work among women and will refuse to carry on the se

services as desired and let the whole work be taken over by the Covenant group, or