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Organization #3

Fine, consecrated young men, anxious to serve the Lord, went to these seminaries, and there they were taught the higher criticism and gradually the younger ministers in the church ~~were~~ were changed from men who were seeking to win men to the Lord to men who were seeking to change the ~~social~~ social order and had little interest in religion. One of them ~~later~~ later even wrote a book/which he entitled, "How to Become a Bishop without Being Religious." In this book he said, "Be sure often to say in a sermon, 'The Bible says.'" Then, after this statement ~~is~~ is made you can say anything you want; the people will be pleased that you will be referring to the Bible."

The more able of these young men gradually came into positions of authority in the church/. With the Methodist type of organization, once unbelieving men become bishops the whole organization can be ~~quickly~~ quickly and radically changed. I have known several very godly men who have been put into little isolated sections, way away in the back ~~woods~~ woods, because ~~f~~ of their loyalty to Christ. (nc) they would have practically no influence. One good friend of mine was dropped (nc) from the ~~ministry~~ ministry altogether, with upon no ground grounds at all. When we ~~think~~ think of the glorious heritage of the Methodist church ~~during~~ during two centuries it is sad indeed to see how much of it has come into control of the modernists. Thus the strong type of organization has great efficiency, for if control is in the hands of godly men, but great possibilities of evil if the leadership comes into wrong hands.

(which two?) The ~~Presbyter~~ Presbyterian system tries to strike a half-way place between the two. It emphasizes the right of the individual to stand alone before God, and the right of the local ~~church~~ church to plan its program in the way/that is best suited to in its judgment, to deal with the problems of its particular area. But it has representatives from the ~~churches~~ churches meet in presbyteries and synods in order to discuss larger problems together, and in order to take action to root