

## Church History

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Bishop , "What are you doing to do about it?" "Well," he said, "I'm just going to keep on as I've been." The Archbishop of Canterbury is theoretically head of the church but the Bishop of Birmingham, like the Archbishop of Canterbury, is appointed by the government and there is nothing he could do. In this country I've been told that a rector--well, I remember a case in this country twenty years ago when there was a very conservative bishop in New York and there was a rector of one of the churches who used to put on descriptive dancing instead of preaching and who went to an extreme in the wild and the bishop could rebuke him, tell him he didn't want it done, say what he thought about it, and the man could go right on doing what he wanted to do. There is an organization in which there is the assumption that assumption of power, the appearance of power, but actually it is mostly a , mostly position, and honor, rather than actual power to enforce anything. Yes? (Student) Yes, in this country of course that is much more democratic than in Britain. In this country there is a general conference in which the bishops originally, the conference of bishops had the power, but I believe in recent years that the lower clergy has received a certain measure of power. Yes? (Student) Well, I suppose there is a procedure which , but it would be very difficult. If the man, of course, was quite insignificant, the bishop probably could give some orders and he wouldn't have any way of interfering with it but he'd have to be pretty insignificant, I believe, to reach that position. I know there are evangelicals in England, in the Church of England, who have bishops over them who are rank modernists, who have no use for them, who are, nevertheless, in their own area able to carry on without the bishop being able to do anything. (Student) They have to be appointed by the bishop but the previous / appointed him or they might have gotten in without the man realizing it, but they have to (student) He's usually within. Now the result of that is that the thing that we tried in the Presbyterian church in the United States twenty years ago and which couldn't work here in the Presbyterian church, has worked in England-- not twenty years, twelve years ago, we appointed an Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions and it was declared that this board was to send out missionaries whom