

to two or three heads, each of them serving for life, each of them controlling each of them a consecrated, holy, godly man, doing a tremendous work of extending the Gospel and spreading it out, and using, on the whole, very good principles and very good plans for doing it. And it has its great advantage this system, but it also has tremendous disadvantages.

Well, I think perhaps for our very brief survey of the history, which we are calling A, I think that will do, now. And I think I will call B the Two Opposite types of Church Government. The Two Opposite Types of Church Govt. Now, what are the two opposite types. The opposite types, extreme opposite types, are the hierarchical and the absolutely independent. The two exact opposites. The hier. says, here is the pope appointed of God, he appoints the cardinals, he appoints the bishops, they appoint the men under them, they do what they are told. That is the hier. in extreme theory. In actual practice it is nothing like that in the Roman Catholic Church. You have all the ~~forms~~ forms of that in the English church, but in ~~actual~~ actual practice it is nothing like that in the ~~English~~ English church. But it is like that without the theory, but in the practice in the Methodist church. At least it was in the days of Wesley and of his immediate successors. Now I don't know there is one bishop who has the authority like Wesley had. But a group of bishops, certainly, and the one bishop in his own area, I believe.

It is the practice of the Methodist church, though ~~it~~ not the theory, and it is the practice of the China Inland Mission, and others ~~now~~. Now that is the extreme hier. method, which Wesley ~~never~~ never thought of as anything to do with the church. It was not to him a matter of religion at all. The govt. of the church. The China Inland Mission and the Salvation Army, I am sure, have thought of it simply as an expedient system, as a means of control. But the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England, they are theoretically the divinely ordained method of ruling. And actually they are very different from what they would be if they carried this theory out. As they have declared. Their declaration of this church is that hier. is the system.