

congregational or Baptist churches, in which particular groups there will be fundamentalists and modernists. And the fundamentalists will invite fundamental men to the ordaining council, the modernists will invite modernists to the ordaining council. And so within a large group, you get sort of a ~~large~~ division. And that is perhaps not so harmful as is the matter of the particular view. You try to get the friends of this church, the friends of this young man. Your people are selected, instead of ~~g~~ having a larger complexion. That is, there is an advantage to a large group. Then, we will say, that there is an advantage in having a group which takes more time than just one meeting. To make a decision. Mr. Watson spoke of the theory of the system, which is that a man is taken under care of the presbytery, and he is for a couple of years under care. Now, during those years, those couple of years, some one of the men, or some committee, or perhaps the whole presbytery should be interested in the man, and learn something about him. They take a ~~series~~ surveillance of his education, an idea of his ~~education~~ education, they take reach a point where they consider him for licensure. And he presents cases which have been prepared, he appears before a committee for questioning, he comes through this, and then he is licensed, and then after a certain length of time he is supposed to be a man on trial, and then if he gets a call from a church then he is ~~n~~ supposed to apply for ordination within a certain amount of time. That is the examination, the observation is ~~spread~~ spread over a period. Now I am speaking of theory, I am not speaking of practice. It all depends on who it is done. Whether ~~it~~ it is carried out properly or not. But there is an advantage of having a group to decide whether a man has got to be ordained or not. A group that studies him a little longer than just one meeting. I think theoretically there is a very real advantage of having it this way.

Now, aside from that, on this point, the selection, I think the two ways are identical. Aside from those advantages I have just mentioned. ~~The~~ The Pres. and the moderate Pres. method. And it is ~~is~~ a system which it is not the congregation but the congregation together with a group of elders acting jointly. The congregation having the final say, but the ~~is~~ congregation ~~is~~