



## Church Polity: Or, What Is an Apostolic Church?; A Semi-Centennial Discourse, Delivered May 12, 1875, Before the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Church Polity: Or, What Is an Apostolic Church?; A Semi-Centennial Discourse, Delivered May 12, 1875, Before the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention The nineteenth century presents to the world the spectacle of church government in three forms. Borrowing from the vocabulary of the state, we may call them the monarchical, the aristocratic, and the democratic or republican. The Episcopal form of government is monarchical, specimens of which may be seen in the Roman Catholic Church, the Greek Church, the Church of England, and modified by union with an aristocratic element, in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States and the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Presbyterian form of government is aristocratic, softened by some infusion of the popular element. The popular form is represented in the Congregationalists, the Wesleyan Methodists, and the Baptists - most thoroughly by the Baptists. These existing forms of church government is what we mean by the church polity of the nineteenth century. New Testament church polity covers only the apostolic period, and by this the church polity of the nineteenth...

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