

THE BOARD AND ITS MISSIONARIES

All persons, ordained or lay, men or women, under full appointment by the Board to life service are missionaries; and, as such, are subject to the regulations and entitled to all the privileges described in this Manual.

An ordained missionary is an evangelist in the Scriptural sense of the word. He receives ordination from his Presbytery and ordinarily should retain his ecclesiastical connection with his home church although laboring in the foreign field. However, when Presbyteries are formed in the field in which he labors, the best practice would indicate that he should become a member of that Presbytery also, so that he can aid in the work and in the guidance of the new Presbytery and Church on the same plane of responsibility and service as are all the native ordained ministers. Yet he should retain also his original membership in his home Presbytery, being subject to its discipline and partaking of its privileges in order that close association and fellowship may be maintained with the Home Church. This practice of dual membership is recognized as extraordinary and temporary, for eventually the Church on the Mission field will be able fully to govern and direct all its activities and life; but in the training of a new Church it would seem to be the part of wisdom, both from the standpoint of the Home Church and from that of the rising Church on the field.

The ordained missionary's functions are to preach the Gospel and to make plans for a true Gospel witness throughout the whole territory assigned to him; to aid in forming Presbyteries when the Church on the field is prepared for that step; to translate the Word of God when it is not already in the language, or languages of the field; to train ministers, evangelists, Bible women and other workers; to educate, as far as possible, the whole Christian constituency, including the children, in the Word and will of God; and to do whatever else may be necessary to the winning of souls, their training in Christ, the founding, organizing, developing and guiding of the Church on the field. He should seek to put upon every member, and lead every member to accept gladly, every responsibility God's Word puts upon every member of the body of Christ, as, for example, the responsibility for growing in grace, for personal work with the unconverted, for supporting, according to his