

be, and ought to be, dissolved. None of the men or women on the Board are there primarily to serve a Board, or a Church; They are there to serve Christ just as faithfully and as fully as faith and honesty can serve.

Being itself free, within the scope of its charter, the Board believes that there should be as much freedom given each individual missionary and each Mission as is consonant with the respective responsibilities of Board and Mission, for the Board desires every Mission and every missionary to be in such a position that the Holy Spirit of God can directly suggest, guide and control all the work that is being done and that is to be done. To those in immediate charge God's Spirit usually gives His most definite instruction. The Board desires every missionary to be in a position to receive and obey those instructions.

In order to insure these essential rights, these necessary responsibilities and this wonderful guidance of the Spirit of God in every part of the work, no better system has ever been devised than that of a series of graded courts, or bodies, the Presbyterian system, applied to the Mission field. That system this Board believes to be truly Biblical and admirably adapted to the work of missions. It stands in sharp contrast to every dictatorial system, whether of a Board, or of an individual. In this representative Biblical system we have

The individual missionary, responsible to

The Station, responsible to

The Mission, responsible to

The Board.

In a small Mission the whole Mission may be comprised in one Station in which case there are but three, rather than four bodies in the system, and the functions of Mission and Station coalesce.

In the very nature of the case, in certain matters the Board must retain the power of review and control over its Missions. These, ^{matters} however, should be as few as possible. To the Mission also must be reserved certain powers over its Stations; and to the Stations over its individual members. In each case, however, these should be as few reservations as consistent with effectiveness in the work and as large an amount of liberty for each body