

ber of officers instead of one. Our experience has taught us that one man cannot do all the work. We might realize the experience that a number of men *could*.

For information, I corresponded with the Rev. Leroy Warren, State Superintendent of Michigan. Mr. Warren responded in a most kindly and fraternal spirit. The general State Association annually appoints a Board of Trustees, composed of one representative from each local Association. This board appoints a "Home Missionary Committee," a State superintendent, and an evangelist. It also appoints a Mission committee of three members in each Association.

The Superintendent has the oversight of the mission field. His chief duties are "the caring for newly-planted churches, and prospecting for new organizations."

The local Association committee assists the Superintendent. The value of the aid they afford, will be seen by the request of the general Association:

"1. That the Home Missionary committees of the several local Associations be requested to keep an accurate and permanent record of their action in regard to applications for aid, including the principal facts in regard to the field and the men in whose behalf aid is sought.

"2. That it is the sense of the board of trustees that it would be desirable, and they hereby recommend, that the committee on Home Missions for each Association, after a careful personal canvass of the field so far as practicable, hold a meeting, and after thorough discussion of the needs of Home Missionary churches in their Association, on or before the first of May, furnish a written report of the same to the executive committee of Home Missions for the State, giving so far as may be the condition of each church, and any other information or suggestions which shall aid the executive committee in making the wisest and best disposition of the funds at its disposal.

"3. That the members of the local Home Missionary committees be requested to meet annually with the board of trustees on the opening day of the General Association, to consider the interests of the several Home Missionary fields."

A practical objection with us, is that we cannot afford to pay a salary, that amounts to thirty-five per cent. of our actual contributions. It remains then for us to devise a way in which we can superintend our work at less expense.

We now have a committee appointed at the annual meeting. Each Association appoints one representative on the Mission Board. If in addition we had a committee of three members in each local Association, this committee could perform all the duties of superintendent, and the cost would only be travelling expenses. The chairman would

be the superintendent. Let this committee do its work according to the request of the General Association of Michigan, and we will have better work than we have seen so far.

It may be said that we cannot get men to do this work. Give them something to do, and you will see that we have men who will work, and make sacrifices if necessary. It can be done, and done well.

CHAS. E. BOLTON.

"MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE."

"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest,"

O, word of grace divinely sweet! A word supremely blest! Thy presence! O, we know not what that may mean in full,

We only know a little of its bliss ineffable.

Thy presence with us when the day is bright and joy is near:

Thy presence with us when we think that we have nought to fear.

And when come heavy trials, making dark the day once bright,

With Thy sweet presence with us, the darkness shall be light.

When weary with our daily toil, or bowed with care and pain,

Then this sweet precious word of Thine, shall make us strong again.

That word of promise sweetly given; that word so true, so blest,

"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

Rest even in the midst of toil; rest to the weary mind: Rest which the world can never know, nor can by seeking find.

'Tis only given unto those who walk the narrow road, Which leads through many trials up to the throne of God!

'Tis like the peace that Jesus gives, enduring, great, and free,

To all who will but trust in Him, and His disciples be; This rest the world can never give, nor ever take away; O, come to Christ, ye weary ones, and find this rest to-day!

Then shall you find this promise true, extended unto you: And you may prove its sweetness all your homeward journey through:

This promise all enduring, this word supremely blest. "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

B. L. B.

He cam till his ain, and his ain were fremit till him. But as mony as took him till them, to them gied he rich to be God's bairns; e'en to wha lippen till him.—*John i: 11-12.*