

changed into the same image, and therefore mighty works showed themselves forth in him. It is impossible to describe the force of his preaching, or the love and faith which colored all he did. He unfolded Scripture in the plainest manner, and was content with such a setting forth of God's truth as made men forget the preacher in thoughts of God.

A great change soon began to appear in the place, and now its equal can hardly be found among the churches in either hemisphere. No house is without its family prayer. Only sickness keeps people away from church, and almost every adult is a communicant. Meetings during the week are as well attended as on the Sabbath, and the laborers in the fields instead of songs sing the grand old German hymns. Drunkards and beggars are alike unknown, and the neatness of their homes testifies to the excellence of their occupants.

Not content with the change effected at home, Pastor Harms suggested a mission to the heathen and his people at once entered heartily on the work. They did not, however, give to some missionary society, and then never inquire what had become of their money. But in response to the "*Goye*" of the master, they rose up and went, and such as could not go in person supported them that did go. So in 1849, just one year after he became their pastor, twelve members of the little church entered on a four years' course of study in preparation for the work. For as the universities were poisoned by rationalism, the good man had to educate his missionaries before he sent them out. Then, as both he and they were poor, they engaged in daily manual labor; for, as he told them, "This is both that you may earn your own bread and remain humble, being no more ashamed to work than Paul was ashamed of tent-making."

He proposed to send them among the Gallas, a savage race of robbers and murderers in Northeast Africa. Few churches would furnish twelve men to go to such a people, and fewer country pastors with a poor parish would assume the entire cost of training, sending them out, and supporting them. In this case, as in many others, the Lord selected a different field from that chosen by His servant. For He will not have us forget that He is the Lord of the vineyard and sends the laborers here or there as He thinks best, that we may recognize His wisdom in placing them, and attribute the success He gives to its true source. When I was in Turkey I hardly knew one missionary out of the scores then in that empire who was laboring in the field to which he was sent at first, and the Lord of the vineyard sent Pastor Harms' recruits to Southern Africa. Then the idea of a Christian colony, animated by the missionary spirit to form the center whence missionaries should go forth in all directions, was added to the other work. As many as sixty persons offered themselves for this, but the candidates were sifted down till only eight remained.