

When he began his work his conception of himself was that of a mere missionary laborer, but better acquaintance with Africa's wants and woes gave breadth to his aim. He said there was need of one whose plans would embrace a whole continent and its whole future. The entire land must be surveyed and mapped out; the accursed traffic in the bodies and souls of men abolished; the resources of the country developed, and new facilities devised for travel and traffic. Before the missionary could go, his path must be explored. Some John the Baptist must go before Jesus to make a level highway for our God. And this humble missionary-worker unconsciously developed into the MISSIONARY GENERAL AND STATESMAN. Restraining the natural impatience of visible progress, he was willing to wait a century for the fruits of his works to be seen; as he grandly declared, the "END OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL FEAT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE ENTERPRISE."

And so this humble man had a passion to act as a PIONEER, and open a path for others to follow; if he could not himself sow the seed, he could break up fallow ground, where as yet neither sower nor reaper had ever trodden.

Livingstone's ideas of mission work were evangelical and catholic.

He offered himself to the London Missionary Society, because its sole aim was to send the Gospel to the heathen; setting up no particular form of church order, but accepting laborers from different denominations, it concerned itself mainly with rearing churches of Christ on Pagan soil. Paul's motto was also Livingstone's: "THE REGIONS BEYOND." He took no "other man's line of things made ready to hand," but yearned to preach Christ where He had not hitherto been named. As he told the directors of the London Missionary Society, he was at their disposal to "*go anywhere provided only it be FORWARD.*"

The views of Blantyre's great hero, as to missions, are such as we wish might prevail everywhere. With him the foremost law of missions was NOT CONCENTRATION BUT DIFFUSION! However important to secure conversion of individuals or of communities, the field is the World, and seed, scattered broadcast over the whole area, is far better than seed sown however thickly over a limited area. We are to seek to sow the whole field, rather than seek harvests however abundant in any part of it. He favored *colonization*, transplanting a body of Christian workmen into the midst of the dark places of the earth and the habitations of cruelty, to show how men and women in every calling, may "abide therein with God;" and he yearned to see twenty or thirty families going together, at one time, to build up a Christian community in the heart of paganism. He gauged missionary success not by the shallow showing of so many converts for so many pounds, shillings and pence; but by the diffusion of better principles which