

sought to support themselves while breaking to others the Bread of Life, Nitschmann, by working at his trade as carpenter, Dohér acting for a while as tutor to the children of Governor Gardelin, a position which he abandoned for conscience's sake, as too comfortable and making too large demands upon his time. That he might practise self-denial and prosecute his mission more successfully, he acted as watchman on neighboring plantations for a year and four months, the solitary missionary on the island (his companion having returned home by

prospect of future bliss. Be firm ! be firm !" Ignorant of the persecution which had been awakened, Count Zinzendorf arrived at St. Thomas with reinforcements. His presence seems to have had a salutary effect, as the missionaries were liberated the next day. The anger of those opposed to Christianity was speedily directed against the Count, whom they were happily unable to injure.

We cannot follow the story of missionary effort on behalf of the Danish West Indies at greater length. Persecution, misrepresentation. the early



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previous arrangement, leaving his small earnings with Dohér). One evening, as he sat by his watch-fire, three men stood before him. They had come from Herrnhut to preach the Word on that and the neighboring island of St Croix. Dohér was recalled to Germany that he might act as general elder at Herrnhut.

Opposition to the work soon became pronounced. Intercourse was forbidden between slaves and missionaries, the latter being cast into prison, whither they went singing triumphantly, "Mercy is our guide ; mercy prepares the way. Hope opens the

deaths of devoted heralds of the cross are recorded ; but with these came great blessing, so that at the close of the first century 13,339 persons had been admitted to the communion.

In 1734, mission work was begun upon the Rio de Berbice, in Africa. Amid disheartening opposition and discouragement the work was prosecuted and extended, with what result may be judged from the somewhat recent testimony of a planter, who, being asked if any improvement had been effected by missionary toil replied : "Formerly we could hardly procure ropes enough on Monday for