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“But you will ask, who cares for the souls of these hapless inmates? Who will venture to enter in at this dreadful gate to carry the message of the Saviour, never to return again? Two Moravian missionaries, impelled by a divine love for souls, have chosen this leprosy prison as their field of labor. They entered it never to come out again, and I am told that as soon as these die, other Moravians are quite ready to fill their place. Ah, my dear friends, may we not blush, and be ashamed before God, that we, redeemed with the same blood, and taught by the same Spirit, should yet be so unlike these men in vehement, heart-consuming love to Jesus and the souls of men?”

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