

are the cursed people of the north," said he. "But the Russians were not known to the old Hebrews," said I, ignorant. "Nay," he answered, "read you this." Then he must run over to the Swedish mission, borrow a Swedish Bible, and show me Ezek. xxxviii., 1-4, reading in our King James Version as follows: "And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; and I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws," etc. Now in the Swedish edition, plain as print can make it, stand the words "Prince of *Russ*," instead of "chief prince," for reasons good unto Swedish philologists and unto all who love not the wide-spreading Slav.¹ A great comfort was this to one whose nature and whose creed forbade that he should curse the persecuting Petrovsky! Behold, now, him and his all cursed together by Ezekiel!

The indifference which marks the attitude of all highly developed peoples toward religion appears in the relations between Father Hendricks and the various *dramatis personæ* on our far-away scene. It is political or personal sympathy which binds or loosens amity here. If their national or individual interests chance to clash, no consuming zeal for common Christianity can weld together the half-dozen Europeans found far in a most sequestered

¹ I find our English Revised Version also reads as follows: "Set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of *Rosh*, Meshech, and Tubal," etc.