

graduates of the theological school, will soon follow, and under the guidance of white missionaries, do good work for the Master in that new field.

In Natal itself the missionary prospects were never brighter.

Then and Now.

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The outlook for missions is as hopeful as the providences and promises of God can make it.

Our blessed Lord said: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations. Lo, I am with you always, unto the end of the world." For three hundred years after the ascension of our Lord, His disciples, in carrying out the commission, were subject to persecutions, revilings, scourgings, imprisonments, and martyrdom by the authorities and people in accordance with the laws of the empire of Rome. These things existed in addition to the ignorance, superstition, idolatry, wickedness and enmity to God which everywhere filled the hearts of the people. With the accession of Constantine to the throne this exposure to legalized opposition and violence was removed, and freedom and safety in the prosecution of evangelistic work were secured.

A hundred years ago, when the first Protestant missionaries were sent forth, the lands in which the 800,000 heathen and Moslems lived were closed to the entrance of the missionaries. The whole of Asia and Africa were closed. Now the countries in which the 1,000,000,000 of the non-Christian populations are, are open to the unrestricted entrance of the missionaries of the cross. There is safe and comfortable conveyance on the vessels of commerce to every land. In every land the messengers of the Gospel are under the protection of the rulers of the Christian Powers of the world. The free use of all evangelizing agencies and the liberty to converts to profess Christianity are guaranteed by the rulers of the lands in which they

labor, in treaty stipulation with Christian Powers.

The Bible is translated into the languages used by nearly *nine tenths* of these vast multitudes of people. Christian labors have already been commenced in *all these lands*. Converts have been made, churches organized, schools and colleges have been established, Christian teachers and preachers have been trained, and a Christian literature prepared in all these lands. The fields are everywhere white to the harvest. Those who go forth now enter into the labors of their predecessors. These are a few of the favoring providences of God. How great and glorious they are!

The promises are all "yea" and "amen." "I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh." "All the ends of the earth shall see His salvation." "The knowledge of God shall cover the whole earth." "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of the Lord and of His Christ." The outlook, therefore, of Christian mission is as hopeful and sure as the existence and faithfulness of God. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but not one jot or tittle of all that God hath spoken shall fail of a glorious accomplishment.

The Day is Dawning.

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When Dr. Judson was once asked, after several years of labor in Burma, without a single convert, "What the prospect of success was?" he replied, "Success is as sure as the promises of God."

In any outlook for success on mission fields, the promises of God afford a sure resting-place for the feet of the weary worker, and by faith the future is full of a glorious victory. Jesus "*shall* see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied."

In the present age, however, there are many "signs of the times" which give us a lively hope of great successes in the near future. These signs are so mani-