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this time that the great wave of revival which, beginning with America and Ireland, and sweeping over the Eastern World, rolled in gladness also over South Africa. There was at Worcester a very marvellous manifestation of the convincing and converting power of the Spirit of Christ. A multitude of souls were gathered into the Kingdom, and the hands of the Lord's servants were full of work. Those who knew Mr. Murray intimately speak in the warmest terms of the wise and gracious influence he exercised at that time, in the way of endeavoring to seize and turn to the best account the spiritual earnestness of the time, and yet prevent it from falling into confusion and fanaticism.

It was while pastor at Worcester that Mr. Murray began to present some of his utterances in literary form. Amongst the first of his books was a little volume entitled, "Waarom geloofst gij niet?" ("Why do you not believe?"), and another named, "Het nieuw Leven," ("The New Life"), a series of counsels to young Christians who have lately entered the narrow way. Both of these, and especially the latter, have been much blessed to many, and are still widely circulated at the Cape and in Holland. As we have indicated, they were first written in Dutch. So also were two other volumes which he published at this period, "Abide in Christ" and "The Children for Christ." After remaining at Worcester for four years, Mr. Murray accepted a call to Capetown, where he remained about the same length of time. The work here was felt by him to be encompassed by many difficulties. There were three Dutch churches in the city, in which, according to the method still pursued in Holland, three ministers preached in turn. The arrangement prevented the growth of that strong pastoral sympathy which Mr. Murray had hitherto found a most valuable element in his work. He asked that he might have a church and a portion of the people as his own congregation. This being declined, he felt free to wait for a door of the Word in another quarter. This at last came through a call to Wellington, a pleasant town about forty-five miles from Capetown, on the part of a congregation largely composed of descendants of French Huguenot families who had fled thither in the days of their tribulation,