

That our eyes this glory see,
That our ears have heard the sound !

Loud and long
Lift the old exulting song :
Sing with Miriam by the sea
He has cast the mighty down :
Horse and rider sink and drown ;
"He hath triumphed gloriously !"

Ring and swing,
Bells of joy ! On morning's wing
Send the song of praise abroad !
With a sound of broken chains
Tell the nations that He reigns,
Who alone is Lord and God !

AFTER THE WAR.

The hour of triumph is not the time for recrimination, but we would be blind not to see in this glorious victory the just judgment of God upon the instigators of a cruel and unjust war. Paul Kruger is fond of quoting Scripture. We wonder if, when by his insolent ultimatum he flung the sword into the scale, he thought of the passage, "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword," or of that passage in the Psalms, "He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate."

Violence and oppression are never so hateful as when they are committed under the pretext of piety. The Boers robbed the natives of their land, of their liberties, denied them the rights of humanity, and made it a crime to teach or preach them the Gospel. They profess a deep and ardent love of liberty. Yes, they loved it so much they would keep it all to themselves and grant none to the native victims of their oppression and the outraged Uitlanders. But that is all over now. Under the protection of the red-cross flag—the symbol of law, order, and liberty, wherever it waves—there will be maintained equal rights of whites and blacks, of Boer and Briton alike. We thank God for the new era of peace and prosperity which shall dawn upon the dark continent.

After two centuries of Boer rule, the Dutch of the Transvaal were among the most reactionary despots in the world. In ten years of British administration they will make more progress than in two hundred years before.

Mr. Stead and his pro-Boer friends are greatly exercised at the prospect of the merging of the misgoverned Transvaal with the well-governed Empire. But they

had no word of protest against the annexation to the Transvaal of large portions of the loyal Natal and a wide fringe of Cape Colony.

We trust that the largest liberty consistent with the safety of the loyal colonists will be granted the misguided and deluded Boers. As Grant said to the conquered Confederate soldiers at Appomattox, "Take your horses and return to your spring ploughing," so said General Buller to the Boers at Botha's Pass. "Return to your farms and leave your big guns."

Lord Roberts and his generals may be trusted to treat with the greatest magnanimity those who surrender, acting on the Gospel principle, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him ; if he thirst, give him drink,"—in noble contrast to the barbarism that did to death defenceless women and children with famine and fever, with shot and shell. Even Boer bitterness cannot resist the mollifying influence of this Gospel revenge, and in a few years Boer officials will administer British laws, and probably a Boer premier will rival the loyalty shown by a Sir Etienne Cartier and a Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in Canada.

THEIR OCCUPATION GONE.

The Boer envoys find, like Othello, their occupation gone. At least, if they do not, everybody else does. Notwithstanding their being exploited for party purposes by a few reckless politicians, their mission has utterly failed. Murat Halstead, expressing the samer American sentiment, truly says : "The Boer mission is the most impertinent, insolent, anti-American and pro-barbaric, odious and abominable intrusion upon our affairs ever undertaken by foreigners."

The *Outlook* remarks : "Mr. Montague White went far beyond the limits of international courtesy when he declared that the President of the United States must be forced to do what he wished him to do. It is quite certain that many of the friends of the Boers in this country have forfeited public sympathy by their rash and ill-considered appeals to dying prejudices, and their intemperate and unbalanced statements in regard to the points at issue. The American and the Boer are centuries apart, as, for that matter, the Boer is centuries away from his Dutch ancestors, who stood for entirely different ideals of government."

Yet the envoys are well paid for their services, and must do something to earn well their money, therefore Mr. Wol-