

interview is reserved for that blessed and glorious state where the pure in heart shall see God.

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BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF MISSIONARY LABOURS.—SOUTH AFRICA.

It is an opinion generally, if not universally, received among christians, that the conversion of the nations to the Redeemer, will be attended with surprising changes in the appearances of the countries which they severally inhabit. The cordial reception of christianity will secure industrious habits; and by causing the termination of war between nations and, of contention between individuals, religion will lead men to the diligent cultivation of those arts on which depend the comforts and conveniences of this life. Those who peruse the following statement of the beneficial effects of the exertions of missionaries, will be ready to adopt the language of Isaiah, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there: but the redeemed shall walk there."

*Enon, on the Witte River, }  
November 50th, 1821. }*

"What I felt at first sight of this village of the Lord, no language is able to describe. I had indeed been informed of the changes that had taken place here, since I first witnessed its beginnings; but even the lively descriptions given in Brother Schmitt's Letters, presented things much more faintly, than I now saw them with my own eyes. The wilderness, and the impenetrable thicket of 1819, were still present to my imagination. Judge, therefore, of my surprise, when I saw the wilderness changed into fruitful gardens: that thicket

extirpated, and in its place a fine vineyard; the lurking-places of tygers destroyed, and in their stead, comfortable habitations of men. Imagine my heartfelt pleasure, when, on the spot where we knelt down in the fresh track of an elephant, two years ago, and offered up the first prayer for the prosperity of this establishment, I now found a beautiful orange tree, adorned at once with ripe fruit and fragrant blossoms; and, when shortly after my arrival, I was invited to tea under the huge yellow tree, in the shade of which, but lately, there were no assemblies but those of wild buffaloes, elephants, and other dreaded inhabitants of the desert. You used to say, that every tree and shrub planted at Gnadenhal, was not only an ornament to the place, but to the Gospel; and you may say with equal truth, that every tree and thorn-bush that is extirpated here, to make room for more useful plants, is not so much a proof of the strength of the human arm, as of the efficacy of God's holy Word, for by its influence the work was accomplished. It is certainly more than I had expected: to find here a piece of ground, nearly three times as large as the great garden at Gnadenhal, cleared, levelled, and laid out as a garden and vineyard for the Missionaries, besides about forty gardens of the Hottentots; and all this done amidst a variety of other needful work, such as building, making water-courses, &c. and even in the most distressing times.

"Yes, notwithstanding the faithful diligence of the Missionaries and the Hottentots, this settlement is labouring under great difficulties, not likely to be fully removed and which will keep the number of its inhabitants small. The soil is indeed very fertile when it has moisture; but for want of that, the hopes of the gardener are often blasted by a few hot days. Thus the Missionaries have, by great exertion in watering the plants, only