

**THE ZULU YESTERDAY
AND TO-DAY;
TWENTY-NINE
YEARS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649742295

The Zulu Yesterday and To-Day; Twenty-Nine Years in South Africa by Gertrude R. Hance

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

GERTRUDE R. HANCE

**THE ZULU YESTERDAY
AND TO-DAY;
TWENTY-NINE
YEARS IN SOUTH AFRICA**



GERTRUDE R. HANCE



THE ZULU YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY

Twenty-nine Years in South Africa

BY
GERTRUDE R. HANCE

ILLUSTRATED



NEW YORK CHICAGO TORONTO
Fleming H. Revell Company
LONDON AND EDINBURGH

Copyright, 1916, by
FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

New York: 158 Fifth Avenue
Chicago: 17 N. Wabash Ave.
Toronto: 25 Richmond St., W.
London: 21 Paternoster Square
Edinburgh: 100 Princes Street

INTRODUCTION

THE charm about Africa lies in what we do not know about it; and it seems to be true that the more we learn of that mysterious country, the more intense becomes our interest in it and in its people. Always there remains something we do not know, so that an almost unaccountable fascination lingers about a new book dealing with this subject.

The author of the present work writes from the vantage ground of a personal knowledge of Africa, covering a period of well-nigh thirty years. Urged by an impulse scarcely to be accounted for, save that it was the direct leading of God, Miss Hance, in early life, gave herself to service in the Mission Field, little dreaming that she would be assigned to the Dark Continent, and, as she herself tells us, shrinking at first from the call when it came to go to this, to her then almost unknown, and entirely forbidding territory. With a courage born of love for her fellow men, however, she responded to the summons; and there, away beyond the heart of Africa, in the land of the Zulus, she yielded the very best there was in her to the work of carrying the Gospel Light to the people of that country, soon coming to love them more and more, the better she knew them, so that her very soul was wrapped up in her service.

Now, in a charmingly simple way, she tells the story of these years of victory in that far-off field. Others have written entertainingly of the history of Africa; we have many books descriptive of the scenery and the various points of interest of that vast continent. Miss Hance gives us something of these things, but she gives us more. Her great purpose, whether consciously or not, does not so much matter, is to reveal to us the heart-life of the people of Africa; to show us what a strong, earnest, sincere man the African is, even before the light of Christianity shines across his pathway, and to help us to know of what he is capable when his life has been touched by that revivifying power. In doing this she proves herself to be more than a missionary; she is to the people with whom she comes in contact a true, warm-hearted friend, always seeking to help, to cheer and to guide out into better things.

In drawing back the curtain revealing to us the inner life of the African, the author shows us how very little there is in his nature which enables him to grasp the thought that he is a part of God's great world, which He loves and for which He cares; indeed, how almost incomprehensible to him is the idea of a Supreme Being at all, and how difficult it is to bring him to a knowledge of this great truth; but she also shows us that once the African does grasp the fact of God, as made manifest in the person of His Son, and the purpose of His plan for all the world, as disclosed in the Sacred Book, he becomes the most earnest, devout, and consistent of Christians.

It is to tell us something of this brighter side of the life of the man of Africa that the writer devotes her best endeavor, fully believing that if she can do this, others will come to see the man of the dark skin and the white soul as she herself sees him, and that so she will awaken on the part of fair-minded people a determination to think more frequently of the African, to pray for him more earnestly and to give more freely of sympathy and substance to the great cause of his uplifting.

EDGAR L. VINCENT.

