

live together and work in happiness."

And the people nodded their heads, because they felt with what he said.

"It is not we alone who search. All over this country there are people, like ourselves, who are searching for the same thing."

Then there was a low rumble of disapproval from the old people, for what he said sounded like politics. But Frans February raised his hand and said: "Let him speak." And they were still.

"They are like us because they also do not know where they will find such a place. But can any of us find it on our own!"

Once more the old people shook their heads, and this time they called on him to stop speaking of things which concerned other people, but which did not concern them. And once more Frans February said that they should allow Dirk Jaftha to speak.

"There is no Promised Land for us alone, and we cannot find it alone. Things are changing. But if we stand together and show these others that we shall not be moved from our plan, then there must be a day when they will join us. And together with them we shall make this the Promised Land."

Now the murmurings of the old people were angry, and whereas, before, they had respected him because of what he had seen of the world, they now said: "To think that

he was born among us. There is his mother, who is eighty years old; almost as old as Frans February. You can see that he has been away from his people. You can see what it has done to him. He can no longer speak like us. He is no longer one of us."

But Frans February did not listen to the murmurings of the old people, for all the while that Dirk Jaftha had spoken, he had watched the faces of the younger people; and he had noticed the new light of excitement that had come to their eyes and the secret smiles of agreement that had been on their lips while Dirk Jaftha spoke. And he was uncertain.

While the old people were still murmuring, Manie Damens came to the front of the assembly. He did not belong to the community by birth, but had come to it as a teacher in the Mission School twenty-five years before, in the days when the settlement at Elandskloof was still controlled by the church. When it had withdrawn its support from the school, he had remained to teach the children, depending on the community to supply him with food, clothing and shelter. And when the white farmer had locked the door of the school, he had continued to teach them in the fields. Because he wished to speak, the people were silent. After all, he was a teacher; a man of education.

"People of Elandskloof," he said; "we have heard the words of Dirk Jaftha. But we know that the things he says

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