

their feet naked, and their foreheads bound round with a light rose-colored ribbon. They salute us singing in Sisoutou the welcome song : *Loumeta Morena* (Hail, Monsignor !). They have a good ear, are fond of singing. Their collection of songs includes almost all the popular airs of France. The most of them

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and even a little English, not to speak of French, which is taught chiefly to them by the native Sisters. For we have already six lay Sisters, well trained and instructed, who are of great use in the classes as well as in household affairs. Let us examine their needle-work ; they have a little exhibition of it which is interesting, and proves that the children have not lost their time at the school of the Sisters. We go to the neighboring hall ; there is a manufactory for the fabrication of wool-len and linen stuffs with which our little Caffirs are clothed. It is probably the only manufactory of wearing apparel which exists in all South Africa. It has done great good, and has excited the astonishment, not only of the Caffir chiefs who have seen it at work, but also of English magistrates, who are anxious to see industry take root amongst the Caffirs. It is, however, an old and very imperfect machine, and we must replace it as soon as possible by something better, if we have the means. We have finished our first visit to the Sisters and to their pupils, who are forty in number. The boys are fewer in number. Here is their school, with walls white as snow, built on a small eminence above the church. Our young Caffirs, in their Sunday clothes and drawn up under the veranda, expect us, proud as can be. Their dress is irreproachable, they are clean and neat ; but at what cost has this been attained ? Ask that of the poor Sister who has charge of their wardrobe. They are almost all baptised, or at least prepared for baptism. They read and write their own language very well ; many of them gabble English prettily, with a slight Sisoutou accent. They are already well instructed in arithmetic, children of parents who do not know how to reckon a hundred. They are somewhat employed in agricultural labor. They will have to be