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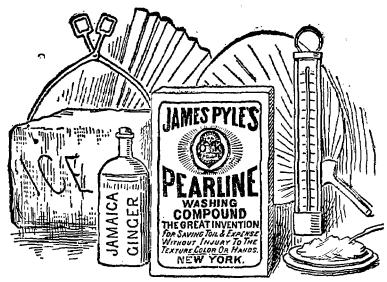
MOSSEL BAY, CAPETOWN.

The last fourteen months have been eventful ones in the history of the Mission work of this district. For ours is still strictly a Mission work among the coloured races outside the town itself, though in the town they may now be regarded almost solely as a Christian congreation, although there remain still a few unbaptized. Towards the close of last year the Bishop confirmed 127 of the coloured members of our four congregations.

But the great events have been

the completion of two good substan-

tial Mission chapels at two of our three out stations. The third has long had a sufficiently commodious building. In November 1889 the Bishop himself opened the new one at Herbert's Dale, a small hamlet in an extreme corner of this district, about 30 miles distant from the town, where we have been working only about five years. But our great success has been at Brandwacht, which is now the largest of our out stations. There, from the beginning the great difficulty has been to secure anything like a fitting place in which Divine Service could be held. The first place we were enabled to secure was a large wagon house at Dambiedykes, a farm adjoining Brandwacht, and a little nearer to Mossel Bay. This farm had been taken by a member of our Church, an exceptional case, as it is very rare to find a farm in these parts held by an Englishman. They are almost exclusively in the hands of Boers of Dutch descent. He at once gave the use of the wagon. honse to commence with, and after a time gave us the use of a small house, which, cleared of partitious, formed a sufficiently neat and commodious place for our services. Here our work prospered, but, unhappily, only for a short time. We had possessed the building for not quite three years, when the owner was compelled to part with the farm, and his successor a Dutch Roam with all his successor, a Dutch Boer, with all a Dutch Boer's prejudices, peremptorily ordered us to quit immediately. Then it was that we were ately. Then it was that we were allowed to use a small, low room at Brandwacht, and into that our people crowded for our monthly services, which it was most trying to conduct during the het weather in its stifling atmosphere. That room we took possession of in November 1888, with the utmost uncertainty of being able to retain it, and no prospect of being able to obtain any other place. The owner wished to sell the farm, and month by month we were expecting to be sent adrift again. At length the farm was sold, but, happily, to an Irish member of our Church. When he knew what a work was being carried on he freely offered us a site for a building, which would thus be secured to us perpetually, it being made over to the See of Capetown. But then came the question of the means to build. I has just, with difficulty, completed the building at Herbert's Dale, and that was only partly paid for. However, the work had to be done. The Bishop did what he could for us out mainder must be raised as best we



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of his funds. His sister, who had | can. The poor people themselves taken great interest in the work at have already contributed £25, and Herbert's Dale, generously helped in this also. The reople, poor as they are, have done what they could. Our English people in the Bay, though it is with difficulty they maintain their own Church work, yet lent a helping hand. And the S P.C.K. sent me a liberal grant. That last came very acceptably; for just as the building was all but completed the breaking up of the Cape of Good Hope Bank came, which has caused such very heavy loss to very many, and especially of the funds of the Church. I myself had £44 lying there to be paid out to satisfy the most pressing claims on the completion of the building, besides a small sum of my own. Some considerable portion of this may be lost; and for what we get, except one-fourth, which has already been paid, we shall have to wait long. However, in spite of all drawbacks, the building is completed, and was opened for Divine Service on October 19th, Of course it was a great day for our Mission people, who thronged from all sides. Crowded as had been our other buildings, this was on that day more crowded. The building will hold 200 in moderate comfort; very nearly 300 crowed into it that day. Yet all were most orderly, and joined heartily in the Service, and we had a goodly number of communicants. The chapel (we have named it St. Luke's) is very prettily situated on the slope of a hill overlooking the beautiful Brandwacht valley. The total cost has been £240, of which two-thirds are secured. The re-

will yet give more,

Last St. Matthew's Day completed the fortieth year since my ordination as priest, to go to that 'ulmost part of the earth 'Tristan d'Acunha. Thank God I have not been confined to my bed even one day during that period, and am still able to do a good hard day's work, With five distinct congregations under my charge, embracing over 2,000 souls, even with now good assistants, I don't get too many easy ones -P.G. Mission Field.



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