

“But the Missions are now threatened with destruction by the very nation, the Umdumbi, whom the Morley people unwisely assisted. They captured cattle from the Buntingville station on the very day Mr. Thomas was killed by their opponents at Beecham-Wood. Another attack on Buntingville was only prevented by the watchfulness of the Missionary and his people; and on the Sabbath after Mr. Thomas's funeral, they sent a message to Mr. White that he must remove from the station, or his house would be filled with blood.

EVANGELICAL CIVILIZATION.

The following extract of a letter from a Wesleyan Missionary at Faku's Station, South Eastern Africa, exhibits the legitimate effects at Christian teaching; and though the Teacher has to adapt himself to duties perhaps strange to him, this is the process for accomplishing his object. The concomitants of this African scene are very much like some of the Wesleyan Indian Missions of Canada and the Hudson's Bay, and the results the same here, and there, and everywhere on Wesleyan Missions in all countries.

“Some time ago I informed you, that our people were making pleasing efforts to advance in civilization, and that they had built several brick cottages in European style. You will be glad to hear, that we have now again completed nearly thirteen more in our village; beside several rooms that have been added to other cottages for the better accommodation of their increasing families. Certainly this is a great advance from their former habits; for, in their Heathen state, all the family, old and young, were huddled together in one hut; but now they are becoming anxious to have substantial houses, each containing two and three rooms.

“The erection of our cottages, I am happy to say, has created new wants among our people, which call for continued perseverance in industry. With their white-washed rooms, they feel the want of chairs, tables, &c. I am therefore instructing a few young men to make these useful articles; and I am glad to say they are making no mean proficiency. Then, again many are anxious for such articles as tin pails, dishes, &c.; and some I am instructing in this department. Thus it is that I am occasionally employed at every description of work; sometimes with the plumb-rule and trowel, at brick-work; sometimes at the bench, instructing in all sorts of carpenters' work; sometimes at the forge and anvil; and sometimes again at tin-plate-working, &c., &c. In fact, necessity is laid upon me, like the memorable Williams of the South Seas: but all is delightful, if I can only do a little to raise the degraded Heathen from his beastly condition. In evangelizing and civilizing the Heathen, every step advanced is a point gained, in which we have no little delight. Some of our people united together and purchased a plough, for which they gave £7 10s.; and with it they have been hard at work during the last season. Others now seem bent on following their example. It is also pleasing to see their anxiety to be clad in European clothing, instead of the cow-hide, their former dress. The hide is now being generally laid aside, and the cotton and woollen cloth of British manufacture takes its place in every part of the country. But on this station our people are wishful for something still better. Trowsers, shirts, coats, &c., are sought by the men; and the women are not disposed in the least to be behind their lords. Some of our men have lately travelled to Natal, a distance of nearly two hundred miles, to make purchases of these necessary articles; buying for their wives and children, and widowed mothers, decent and comfortable articles of clothing. How different from their Heathen state! Then the wife was only thought needful to provide for the wants of her master; and when she failed in this, her services were no longer required, and she was too often sent off. But Christianity has raised her to her rightful rank, to be the companion, friend, and equal of her husband.

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“I now beg to acknowledge my deep sense of gratitude to those kind friends who have presented us with various articles,—such as nails, screws, hinges, gimlets,