

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN AFRICA.

Interesting Account of the Peoples of the Equatorial Regions of the Country.

THE EFFECTIVE AND APPRECIATED WORK OF THE
MISSIONARIES AND THE SISTERS.

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A few days ago two Fathers of a Roman Catholic order called at the office of the *Sun*. They said that they had just arrived from equatorial Africa, where for some years they had been engaged in missionary work. The object of their visit to America was to collect money to enable them to prosecute their labors. One of them is a Frenchman, the other an Italian.

The Pere Describes, the Frenchman, was born in the Hautes Pyrences about thirty-three years ago, but the looks fully ten years older. He is strongly built, with a full, flowing beard like a Capuchin. Some silvery streaks can be detected here and there in its reddish mass. His head is bald ; the brow is broad and bespeaks will power and mental vigor. His eyes are soft, and look with glances of benevolence out from his spectacles. He is endowed with the eloquence and enthusiasm of a true apostle of the faith. He studied at the African Missions in the city of Lyons, and after being ordained was despatched in 1871 on a mission to the kingdom of Dahomey. Broken in health by three years sojourn in that pestilential region, he was recalled to France, and appointed to found and direct another seminary like that in which he had himself been educated at Clermont-Ferrand, in the department of Puy de Dome. After a few years of