

in the old mission are here visible. Let us hope that with time and patience we may make Christians of them. Our first care will be to establish here also a convent of the Holy Family for the education of children.

SUCH IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING

for the conversion of the Caffirs. I say nothing of what could be done, if we had the means ; that would be a boundless subject. We now go to make a visit to Bloemfontein, the capital of the Free State of Orange. The Dutch boërs of the Cape and Natal, flying from English domination, founded this State, the independence of which England has recognized. Almost all the lands, divided into immense farms, are in the hands of the boërs, who do not cultivate them and are content with rearing cattle. But at Bloemfontein, and in almost all the little towns, the English element predominates ; and although the Dutch, or rather the dialect of the boërs, is the official language of the country, in the town the English is generally spoken. Bloemfontein is reputed to be the healthiest in the world. The Anglicans, from their numbers and their social position, have great influence in it. Their clergy affect to come as close as possible to the Catholic practices and doctrines. We see the ministers walking in soutanes through the streets of the town, and they display, in the exercise of their ministry, a zeal worthy of a better cause. They repudiate the name of Protestant ; they have founded a convent of Anglican nuns, who have charge of a boarding-school, and do their best to attract to it the rich young girls of the land. No one can see, without a pang, such exertions made in behalf of error : and we can hardly understand how educated men can remain in a schismatic and heretical church, without jurisdiction and valid ordination, repudiated equally by the East and the West, and whose sacerdotal pretensions are despised by the immense majority of its followers. When, two years ago, I came to Bloemfontein, I found a small group of the faithful, who met in a chapel to hear Mass, except when the priest was away on a journey, which often happened.