

SUCCESS OF CATHOLIC TEACHING.

Father Lacomme, a Jesuit missionary in Eastern Africa.

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Now what are the results which Catholic civilization in its true sense produces on such a people as that? The labors of the Jesuits of Paraguay and their success are historic. Are they exceptional? We know they are not, and the Jesuit of this century can do for the eastern African very much what his brother of an earlier century did for the South American. If you need information, read this little sketch from the same letter which gives the preceding extract:—

A few days since we held in our colony a family festival, where religion as well as gaiety and simplicity presided, as it is right on these days of rejoicing. We formed four new Catholic homes, which thus crowned an education of several years, and gave a new reinforcement to the mission. Of these four couples, two were Malagese and two Makouas. The last poor children kidnapped from the bosom of their families and their country by the Arabs, have had the happiness to fall into our hands, thus escaping, as by a miracle, from a long servitude, where they would have found it very difficult to know our holy religion, and to be saved; but with us they have found the liberty of the children of God, education, religious instruction, and, at length, a Christian family. Science does not shine brilliantly among them, but they are good farmers, and they will be, I hope, excellent Catholics. The two others who are Malagese, are endowed with more intelligence than the Makouas. They have also a certain primary instruction which is not to be contemned; they are even clever at instrumental music. Moreover, both have a trade which will procure for them an easy existence, at the same time doing good service to the country. On their part, the Sisters have brought up these young women very well, who are all good dressmakers. Those who know how small is the furniture of the Malagese will imagine that we have not been at much expense to establish these households; they would think that a small hut, two earthen pots, a mat, a few yards of linen and a little rice to begin life, would be all that was necessary, because such is, usually, the only fortune of their compatriots; but in this case it is not so, because these children have been