



OUTDOOR TEACHING IN-KAFFRARIA.

were very attentive and well-behaved, and occasionally asked sensible questions on the subject of the sermon. After service we got the children round us and showed them pictures.

"We stayed in the same spot till Thursday, preaching every day and visiting at the kraals. In preaching we endeavored to build as much as possible on the traditions and customs of the natives themselves. More can be done in this way than one unacquainted with Kaffir traditions would think possible. When we left, the majority of the people expressed themselves anxious to have a school established in the vicinity, and there seems a likelihood of our being enabled to start a Mission there next year.

"Our next visit was to the chief of the Abambo tribe, living on the banks of the Umkomazi River. He did not receive us very favorably and we only had one service in his kraal, which was held in the hut of his eldest son. There were about sixty people present. After the service their conduct quite changed towards us, and they wished us to come again another time. Next time we go there I am sure they will receive us far more readily. After leaving Ungangezwa's kraal, the chief mentioned above, we stayed for a while at another kraal, which was not far off, where they also expressed themselves very anxious to have a teacher in the neighborhood, and where we had very fair congregations.

"We next proceeded to a chief of the name of Umkehlangani, who received us very favorably, and did all in his power to assist us. As a boy he had seen a good deal of Europeans, and understood more what we had come for. Some of the others rather mistrusted us, supposing that we only made our preaching, etc., a sort of a blind to cover some other object for which we had come amongst them. Both the chief and his induna, or head man, asserted that if there was a school in the neighborhood neither of them would put any obstacle in the way of their children being taught, if they themselves wished it. The chief also narrated to us a dream by which he affirmed that he had been forewarned of our coming. If, as we hope, a new Mission is started at the Umkunya, the missionary there will be able easily to hold services, etc., at the places we visited during our tour." And so, in spite of all difficulties, the heathen are willing to listen to the Gospel.

ALONG the West African coast there are now about 200 churches, 35,000 converts, 100,000 adherents, 275 schools, 30,000 pupils; thirty-five languages or dialects have been mastered, into which portions of the Scripture and religious books and tracts, and general educational books, have been translated and printed, and some knowledge of the Gospel has reached about 8,000,000 of benighted Africans.