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Archdeacon Farier, of the Universities Mission, writes from Magila (Ea-t Africa) to the Times in reply to an attack on Missionin Africa by Dr. Lenz. He observes that, as that traveller's personn knowledge extends only to the In dependents and Presbyterians on Lakes Targaryika and Ny 1880, his remarks do not directly affect the Universities Mission; but he won ders what Dr. Lanz expected to see, considering that the stationhe criticises have all been formed within the last twelve years. He gives the following account of hiown work :- "Twelve years ago this station consisted of a mud hut the residence of the missionaries, a few sheds, and a small iron building used as a Church. The nativewere always fighting; no man could travel alone safely; they clothed themselves with goat-kins, and their only means of exchange were beads or cotton sheeting. Now a Church holding 700 people, with nave, aisles, porches, an hospital. schools, house for the missionaries. dormitories for boarders, and dining hall—all have been built by native converts in granite under the superintendence of an English muson. As I write I see eleven musons, native converts. nine of them apprentices, huilding a large house for Sisters. There is now perfect peace and safety in the land; a child can travel alone. The natives dress in well-made gar-ments, sewn by themselves after the coast fashion. All use pice and rupees, and our wages are paid in money. Trade has been introduced; a large market established close to this station is attended by two or three thousand traders every market-day. The natives bring their rice, maize, sorghum, sansan seed cattle, sheep, and fowls, and find ready purchasers in the coast peo-ple, who can now safely come.

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