

taught useful trades ; up to the present, this portion of their education has been necessarily neglected. To complete our staff we still want a tailor, a shoemaker, a carpenter, a wheel wright and a smith. The Fathers and the Brothers do their utmost to supply every necessity,

BUT THE TASK IS BEYOND THEIR STRENGTH.

We have a small printing press here which is only used for printing leaflets ; we are compelled to get our Sisoutou books, necessary for the Christians, printed at a great expense at Natal. Below there, on the river which forms the boundary of the mission, we have a mill which grinds the corn for all our numerous family. It was made by the good Brother Bernard, who has grown old in the labors of the mission, of which he has been the chief teacher, engineer and factotum. Sunday will be a great feast day for Motsi-wa-ma-Jesu. The Fathers desired that their Bishop should taste the sweetest joy that the heart of the missionary even can know. For a long time, foreseeing his visit, they have been instructing and preparing a large number of adults for baptism. The interior preparation has been a work of time and of holy solicitude ; at present they are preparing the exterior adornments. The rustic temple is ornamented with flowers, garlands, and many colored draperies ; on all sides they are making dresses for the catechumens. Those are not always the white garments of baptism ; but they are a symbolical clothing, which recalls to our neophytes the rules of Christian modesty. The small printing press of the mission has already struck off the invitations to the chiefs and the notabilities of the neighborhood to come to the celebration. For such is the march of civilization in our valley, that those sorts of invitations must be issued in this style, even when they are sent to a far off village where no one can read. Amongst the catechumens is the wife of a chief, a sensible man, kind to us, but kept in paganism by the strength of bad habits. The woman got some one to write to her husband, to tell him she was about to become a Christian, and that for the future he would have