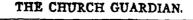
## THE MISSION FIELD.

## AFRICA.

The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette gives the following interesting account of a tour made in September last, by the Rev. J. J. Cooper, formerly of St. Stephen's, Dublin, and the Rev. A. H, Turpin, round some of the Mission Stations in the Diecese of Grahamstown. Mr. Cooper writes :-

"At the close of our first day's journey (Saturday, September 27) we had reached Breakfast Vlei. We had intended starting early the next day to a small Mission Station to give the natives their quarterly celebration of Holy Communion, but it became so stormy and wet in the night that we were obliged to wait a little, but the weather moderating we left about 7.30 a.m., and reached the catechist's cottage in about an hour. Here we some of our friends at nome could have heard the Peddie natives sing in Kaffir, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,' as we came into church. I can quote the words, 'ingewele, ingewele.' and the tune was breakfasted. The natives felt cold and wet, so much that it would have been useless coming on earlier. Moreover, at this place, the 'Rura,' the only place at present available for service is a Kaffir hut, far from waterproof. This is the first of a group of Mission Stations worked by the catehours and a half over a rough country chist and native readers under him ; both are again under Mr. Turpin, who visits these and other stations English church, school-house, and every three months to note their prothe native church building. Here we gress, enquire into cases of discipline if need be, and celebrate Holy Comhad Kaffir evensong at 5, with several baptisms, which made the service a munion, also Holy Baptism. At 11 a.m.we had matins, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion, in Kaffir-about little fatiguing—it is very difficult not to be wearied after a little in joining 40 people. We had 16 communicants. It was a solemn service; the people in the Kaffir service. A chapter in the Bible in Kaffir is about as long as the was a solenin service, the people so reverent, and all in a poor mud hut—but still a sanctuary of God. They sing so sweetly. They sing everything; it is perfectly natural to them. No instrument is needed. I three chapters in English. On Monbeautiful scenery; I was perfectly charmed. After a ride of 31 miles gave a short address on the Gospel for the day. Then dinner, and talk with the catechist. He lives on the very of miles to Kuffir evensong, and reedge of his district, which extends turned via Lovedale, the great Presat least 30 miles from his home sea wards; but the small town of Peddie, 9 miles off, where the strongest congregation exists, ought to be the centre and will be as soon as possible. At present Mr. Patteson, the catechist, his back, and was quite hors de combat, hence I had to go on next day with-out him to Fort Beauport. About 2 is building a little church at the 'Rura,' (it takes its name from the stream). They had a little building miles from Beauport is Holy Trinity here, but being rudely built it was blown down some time ago. Mr. P. works hard himself at it; he has made the bricks with the help of his people, and he did nearly all the brickwork himself. It is, of course, plain, but will be quite suitable. When this church, St. James's, is finished, which will be about Christmas, he will move into Peddie, and there set to work at the new church. At present the native Christians at Peddie worship in a building in the yard where the English temporary church is, but it is so close that it is not possible to hold services at the same time owing to the noise. How I wish



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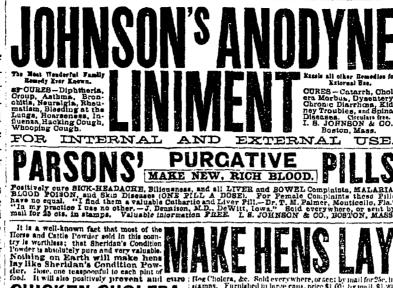
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some of our friends at home could

our own. But I must hurry on. We

saddled up after dinner, and rode two

into Peddie, a pretty little spot, a fort

of some note in the old days of war.

Part of the fort is now used for the

day we visited another Mission Sta-

tion, matins and Holy Communion. Next day we rode to Alice-most

we had dinner, then walked a couple

byterian Missionary Institution, and

back to the English evensong, when

I preached. It had been a hot day,

and I confess I felt done up at night.

My companion, however, had strained

Mission. Mr. Turpin was to have

north-east of the Diocese, nearly 400

miles from Grahamstown, is interest-ing and encouraging :-- 'The district

of Herschel is anything but an invit-ing spot. 'The Mission is situated

amongst the mountains at the eastern end of the reserve. The people are

about as wild a set as you could find.

and rank heathenism exists on all

sides. Ot how odious is heathenism

when one is right in the centre of it,

and how feeble one's efforts also ap-

pear when compared with the gigantic

enemy which one has to grapple. It

was a day of great rejoicing with us on the Feast of St. Michael and All

Angels. It was the sixth anniversary of the foundation of the Mission. All

the people came in their festive attire,

so that the station looked very gay

with their vari-colored handkerchiefs,

parasols and dresses. There were 18 candidates for baptism, so that we commenced with the Baptismal Office.

We have no font in the church, but

the late Bishop selected a spot in the

river close by to serve for that pur-

pose. It is quite a natural fout worn

out of the solid rock by the action of

air and water for many years. We

formed a procession from the church

to the river, singing, in Kaffir, the hymn, 'As pants the hart.' The banks

of the river were lined with people,

both Christian and heathen, to wit-

ness the reception of their friends

into the Church of Christ. The usual

method of baptism here is immersion,

but it was too cold on this occasion,

celebrated here for them, and I now so that each candidate knelt by the did so. We had a large congregation. river while Mr. Cox poured water The native deacon, Stephen Muyupon them. We then returned to the church for the sermon and Com-munion office. The church was filled. kama, assisted me, and said the necessary parts in Kaffir, commandments, It seemed so strange to have such a congregation of black faces all so atcreed, etc., while I said the rest in English, and preached, he interpreting. Fifty communicants ! A solemn tentive. The service was choral, and and impressive service, which I much there were 60 communicants. It must have been a joyful sight to Mr. Cox (the clergyman in charge of the Misenjoyed. I finished my day by riding 12 miles with Stephen to a farmhouse, where I spent the night. I had ridden more than 150 miles in sion), and to everyone else who saw One could but thank God and it. take courage. It was quite evident how the work in the past had been five days." A letter received by Mr. Cooper from a deacon examined by him for Holy Orders, in the extreme signally blessed. OUR ILLUSTRATED CATALOCUE FOR 1885, OF OUR ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE FOR 1860, OF "EVERYTHING FOR THE CARDEN." full of vsiuable cultural directions, containing three, Jored plates, and embracing overything more and rearce in Needer and Planata, will be mailed on receipt of stamps to cover postage (d centu). To customers of last acadou sent free without applications. PETER HENDERSON & CO., 85 & 37 CORTLANDT STREET, NEW YORK.