

MISSION FIELD.

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ABYSSINIA.

Through Mr. J. M. Flad, of Kornthal, the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews has been informed that King John of Abyssinia is in great trouble. The Dervishes, followers of the Mahdi, have destroyed Dembea and burnt Gondar. The whole of Western Abyssinia has, in fact, been destroyed by the Mahdists. Thousands of Abyssinian Christians have been massacred in cold blood for refusing to become Mahomedans. Women and children have been driven away and sold as slaves, among whom is the only daughter of the King of Gojjam. This king and the king of Schoa are rebelling against King John.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Bishop Knight-Bruce, of Bloemfontein, has lately returned from his arduous tour through our new protectorate of Bechuanaland, which now is extended to the Zambesi river, as 'exclusively within the sphere of British influence.' He says that unless immediate action is taken by the Imperial authorities, the Matabele tribe will reduce the Mashonas to the most cruel slavery; the latter people begged him earnestly to send them Christian teachers. Certain unprincipled white traders have recently been selling rifles to the Matabeles, so that the danger he warns against is imminent. He speaks of the Mashonas, on the contrary, as a most engaging race.

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