### MISSION FIELD.

BOMBAY.

In a letter to the Cowley Magazine for December, the Rev. W. L. Nanson gives an interesting ac count of the conversion of a young man at Poona named Xrao, and of the severe persecution which he had to undergo from his father and relatives. Having escaped from their hands, he was pursued and recaptured at Hubli Station on the railway, and brought back to Haveri. Here he was kept in a sort of imprisonment. His books and writing materials were taken from him, and he was not allowed to do any work. His letters were intercepted and destroyed. A report was spread that he had turned mad, and they threatened to force him to hear the Puranas, and to worship idols. He was severely besten, and all his money was taken from him. He wrote as follows: "My father and his friends pro-posed that I should be bound hand and foot, tied to a post and beaten, thinking they would extort from me a promise to think no more of Christianity. They would take me to hear the Puranas, and worship idols to rid myself, as they believed, of my madness. I, however, escaped again, and came on foot to Gadag where the Games. Gadag, where the German Mission-aries have a station, a distance of about sixty miles, and put up in the Mission House. The Rev. J. K. Waltz is kind enough to permit me to remain here till I receive pe-cuniary aid from you. I came here without a pice." Mr. Nanson adds, "God grant that he may reach us in safety. Of course the poor fellow is now penniless, and an outcast among his own countrymen, and must be entirely dependent upon the Mission for everything. As he is a student at the Poona Engineering College, and has already passed his first examination, and is a clever fellow, it seems very desirable that he should finish his studies there, and then possibly he might get government employ, and so be quite independent. Not only worldly goods, but wife and child are lost to him, I fear. How could natives of this country ever make up their minds to face the terrible effects of becoming Christians, were not help and strength given them from above?"

### CENTRAL AFRICA.

The news from the Central Africa Mission continues to be of special interest. In the Island of Lukoma in the Lake Nyassa, a school has been commenced and placed under the management of two of the former pupils of Kiungani. Before long it is hoped that there will be scores of boys able to read and write. Mr. Maples says the island itself is most populous, even if the people are somewhat rough and disorderly; a regular content of presching and visiting system of preaching and visiting in the many villages that stud the little bays all round the island will soon work a great change. Among the places visited by the Bishop in the steamer Charles Janson, is the

town known as Makanjilas de scribed by Mr. Maples as the large est native town he had ever seen; in such a mass of people there must be a great capacity for good. Makanjila was willing that a school should be commenced for his boys and young men. Massai and Newala have again been threatened by a detachment of the Gwangwara, but after lingering for a time in the neighbourhood, and causing a panic, they passed on without molesting any one.

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