

political changes had occurred since M. Coillard's last visit six years before. Robosi, the king of the Ba-Rotshi (Barotse) resided at Lialui, higher up the Zambesi, but while the French missionaries were at Shesheke, a revolution broke out, and the king had to fly for his life. A new king named Maina, otherwise Akufuna, was elected; when securely installed on his throne, he sent messengers to M. Coillard to come to him, and our last news is from him on his road with only native followers to Lialui.—The Roman Catholic missionaries had not been able to get beyond the Zambesi.

Missing African Explorers.—We are glad to learn that the explorers Dr. Junker and M. Casati, about whose fate there was much concern, are safe at Lado, on the Upper Nile.

The Expedition to Gilghit.—The Indian mission to Gilghit has mainly political objects in view, but it is also intended that full surveys of the region lying to the north-west of Kashmir should be executed. The party consists of Colonel Lockhart, whose services in connection with the negotiations for the release of the *Nisero* crew will be fresh in the memory of our readers, Colonel Woodthorpe, R.E., of the Survey Department, who has recently returned from the eastern frontier of India, where he has been examining the trade route from Assam to Burmah by the hills to the north-east of Manipur, Captain E. Barrow of the Intelligence Branch, and Dr. G. M. J. Giles, who undertakes the work of geologist and naturalist. An escort of twenty sepoy's will accompany the party. A political post of observation is much needed in this remote angle of British territory, as there are several passes of no great difficulty leading towards the Russian possessions, which here approach our frontier very closely. Major Biddulph and Colonel Tanner have both done important exploring work round about Gilghit of late years, and Colonel Woodthorpe will have an opportunity of completing their gaps and possibly of extending his surveys into Kafiristan, Hunza-Nagyr, and across the Hindu Kush. Colonel Lockhart's party left Srinagar on the 26th of June, but according to recent intelligence their progress has been delayed by a fall of snow in the Kamri Pass.

Colonel Woodthorpe in the Singpho Country.—Colonel Woodthorpe's travels on the Eastern Frontier commenced at Sadiya, whence he started in January last, taking a south-east course along the Dehing. Having passed through two large and well-known Singpho villages, Bhusa and Kumki, the party crossed the snowy range forming the water-parting of the Dehing and Irawadi by a pass about 8000 feet high. The country was very difficult, and almost uninhabited. With a reduced escort Colonel Woodthorpe descended into the country of the Bor Khamptis on the northern Irawadi, where no traveller is believed to have penetrated since Lieutenant Wilcox's tour in 1828. The country is said to be well