

tyranny, remain, reinforced. The Emirs to-day are maintained by British bayonets, so that there are men holding these positions at this time who would not last a week once the bayonets were to cease." Captain Fitzpatrick alleges that taxes are collected twice over; that men who are turned out on public works are either not paid at all, or are paid much less than is due to them, although the money has been provided in full by the Treasury; that the people are subject to other kinds of extortion; that the Political Officer is helpless although he knows what is going on. He says that it is a real proximate danger that the people, in whose hatred of the Native Administration Egyptian anti-British agitators find a fruitful soil for their propaganda, will presently rebel. He would do away with the system altogether, and replace it with an augmented European and African staff all directly responsible to the Nigerian Government. Allegations such as these made by a man of Captain Fitzpatrick's experience cannot pass unnoticed. They demand full inquiry.

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JUST before the publication of this number of the Journal, **The White Rhinoceros.** not a few members of the African Society have read with dismay, surprise, and regret in *The Times* newspaper that a woman-traveller of Swiss nationality who had gone out a year ago with her father, a native of French Switzerland, to the western interior of Uganda, to collect specimens for Swiss Museums, had, shortly after her father's death, proceeded to the south-western part of the Uganda Protectorate on the western bank of the upper Nile and had there shot "a fine specimen" of the White (the Square-lipped) Rhinoceros. This was done, we were told, to supply a need of the Berne Museum.

Considering that at the present day the existing numbers of the White Rhinoceros within Uganda limits can scarcely be guessed at more than a dozen, this incident has jarred the nerves of the British people, who are no longer desirous of slaying every large and remarkable beast in Africa. The Governor of Uganda had already departed down the Nile to take up his appointment in the Sudan; so it may be supposed that during the interregnum this Swiss traveller committed the deed we so much deplore.