

Scholastic Work

that they might be able to help in the morning school which was getting beyond the work of one person. Elementary astronomy was added to their list of subjects, and was a theme of intense interest and wonderment to them. One afternoon a very simple explanation had been given them on how the world was held up in space by the law of gravitation. After asking a number of questions they begged me to teach them nothing more that day, for they wanted to take the words away and think them out. One man, who was a Muganda, stayed behind and very apologetically, as if afraid of suggesting that he doubted the veracity of my words, he asked if the world is held up by gravitation, how did it manage for the first three days, for in Genesis we read that the sun, moon, and stars were created on the fourth!

Uganda to-day presents a land rising from a sleep of centuries. The outside world in its onward march has stepped in, and with its Babel of Tongues roused the people from their long deep slumber. Thus startled out of lethargy, the surprised nation stands gazing in wonderment at a great world controlled by undreamed-of mental and moral forces. And a new desire has been born within them, a desire to bring themselves under the same irresistible powers. The possibility is there, but the guiding of the mind and soul of the people cannot be undertaken by itself. England holds herself responsible for the protection of its national life, and it is for the Church of God to-day to stand at the helm, and steer past the rocks and shoals till the people have learned to take over the control themselves.