

pathizers those poor, black, untutored men were! Kaduma was all amazement. Then came sickness. The African fever, having found my frame weakened from privations, attacked me vigorously, and reduced me seven pounds in weight. But I quininized myself thoroughly from dawn of day to set of sun, and on the fifth day stepped out, sallow, pale, weak, and trembling, it is true, with jaundiced eyes, palpitating heart, and ringing ears—but the fever had been conquered.

My duty urged me to proceed to Uganda. Lake Albert must be visited, for I had given my word of honour that I would attempt it. Yet the land route was impassable, and to all appearance so also was the lake route. On the 29th, after providing myself with presents such as might win any African's goodwill—fine rugs, blankets, crimson cloth, and striped cloths of Kutch and Muscat, besides beads of a rare quality, and other things too numerous to mention, equal to about eight hundred dollars' worth—I started for Msossi. When I arrived, the king, a handsome, open-faced, light-coloured young man of twenty-six years old, merely gazed his fill. No business could be commenced on this day. On the second day, with the greatest possible suavity, I proposed that he should either sell or lend me thirty canoes. All his objections were met and over-ruled by the exhibition of my presents. But when he saw me thus publicly expose the gorgeous cloths in broad daylight, he trembled, and bade me cover them up quickly, saying that he would visit me in my hut at night, and that I might rest assured he would do his best for me. On the evening of the 4th of June, he stole into my hut at night, in company with his faithful premier and four principal chiefs, and here I presented him with two fine rugs, one Scotch plaid, two red blankets, ornaments of copper thirty fine cloths, fifty fundo of beads, and two coils of brass wire, besides various other things, such as dishes, plates, tin pots, etc. His chiefs received five cloths each and five fundo (a fundo consists of ten necklaces) of beads, and two fathoms each of brass wire. Said he, "I am going to give you twenty-three canoes and their paddles. Good-bye. I have said all."

Meanwhile I had despatched messengers to all the districts around to summon the people to a grain market, whereat all grain brought to Kagelhi would be purchased. By the 19th of June, twelve thousand pounds of grain, millet, and Indian corn,