

## UGANDA.

The Rev H. E. Fox has received from Bishop Tucker the following letter: "Mengo, Buganda, December 25, 1892. Just a line to tell you of our safe arrival here on the 23rd, after a wonderful journey. No sickness, no accident God's blessing has rested upon us from beginning to end. Christmas day was an ever memorable day. I preached in the new church to a congregation numbering over five thousand souls. The king was present, and all the great chiefs of the country. God be thanked for the wonders of His grace. The remains of Bishop Hannington will be buried in the chancel of the new church on Saturday. The king will be present and the native Christians. Once more I say, thank God for His wonderful working. The fourteen loads of books that I brought up country with me will be sold tomorrow. They will go like a puff of smoke. There are eight thousand copies of the Scriptures in Uganda. The people are full of joy. They are nearly beside themselves with delight. I expect many thousand more books in a few weeks by the other road. The stream must be kept up. . . . The country, I feel sure, is safe. It cannot be abandoned. Uganda seems to me to be the hope of Africa. To abandon it to anarchy and bloodshed would be more than a blunder, it would be a crime."

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