

and those who received Baptism when they were adults, do not know how old they are. The only information they give on the subject is the following : "I was born during the reign of such a king, or during such a war !" This is very indeterminate, as one can see !

Our John, according to his own statement, was an adolescent at the time of the White Fathers' coming to Uganda ; this was in 1879. He must thus be over forty years old now.

The Missionaries' arrival left him indifferent. The poor fellow owned a few goats, that was sufficient for him. Besides were not these White Men called men of prayer coming to conquer the country ? They had to be distrusted.

Nevertheless he felt ashamed to remain in his unsociableness and paganism ; he started to pray with Mahometans.

Mahomet's religion, rather accommodating, was the fashion of the day ; its followers had for them riches and honors ; the King himself was one of their disciples.

But I leave it to John to relate his story :

—"In order to do like everybody else, and especially to save my life, I also prayed with the Arabs. I could learn easily, and they expected much from me. Really I was only praying for the show of it, for never I have been a Mahometan in my heart.

One day, I met the White Fathers. Their kindness and their gentle words attracted me ; and I wished to pray as they did. I soon started to learn catechism. I was very anxious to receive Baptism. Every word of Christian Religion pleased me, except one nevertheless ; the one that forbids polygamy ; for I had several wives. Unable to make up my mind to keep but one wife, I stopped for a time to go to the Mission.

But I was soon ashamed of my conduct, and I went back to the Fathers ! I told them I was ready to do anything, and I rather go to Heaven with but one wife than to fall into Hell with several.

Then I received Baptism, and as I had dispositions for teaching, I was named a Catechist."