

The appeal written hurriedly, and included in the letter left at Usavara, was as follows:—

“ I have, indeed, undermined Islamism so much here that Mtesa has determined henceforth, until he is better informed, to observe the Christian Sabbath as well as the Muslim Sabbath. He has further caused the Ten Commandments of Moses to be written on a board for his daily perusal, as well as the Lord's Prayer and the golden commandment of our Saviour, ‘ Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.’ This is great progress for the few days that I have remained with him, and, though I am no missionary, I shall begin to think that I might become one if such success is feasible. But, oh ! that some pious, practical missionary would come here ! What a field and harvest ripe for the sickle of civilization ! Mtesa would give him anything he desired—houses, lands, cattle, ivory, etc. ; he might call a province his own in one day. It is not the mere preacher, however, that is wanted here. The bishops of Great Britain collected, with all the classic youth of Oxford and Cambridge, would effect nothing by mere talk with the intelligence of Uganda. It is the practical Christian tutor, who can teach people how to become Christians, cure their diseases, construct dwellings, understand and exemplify agriculture, and turn his hand to anything, like a sailor—this is the man who is wanted. Such an one, if he can be found, would become the saviour of Africa. He must be tied to no church or sect, but profess God and His Son and the moral law, and live a blameless Christian, inspired by liberal principles, charity to all men, and devout faith in Heaven. He must belong to no nation in particular, but to the whole white race. Such a man or men, Mtesa, Emperor of Uganda,—an empire 360 geographical miles in length, and fifty in breadth—invites to repair to him. He has begged me to tell the white man that, if they will only come to him, he will give them all they want. Now, where is there in all the pagan world a more promising field for mission than Uganda ? Colonel Linant de Bellefonds is my witness that I speak the truth, and I know he will corroborate all I say. The Colonel, though a Frenchman, is a Calvinist, and become as ardent a well-wisher for the Waganda as I am. Then why further spend needlessly vast sums upon black pagans of Africa who have no example of their own people becoming Christians before them ? I speak to the Universities Mission at Zanzibar, and the Free Methodists at Mombassa, to the leading philanthropists, and the pious people of England. ‘ Here, gentlemen is your opportunity—embrace it ! The people on the shores of the Nyanza call upon you. Obey your own generous instincts, and listen to them ; and I assure you that in one year you will have more converts to Christianity than all other missionaries united can number. The population of Mtesa's kingdom is very dense ; I estimate the number of his subjects at 2,000,000. You need not fear to spend money upon such a mission, as Mtesa is sole ruler, and will repay its cost tenfold with ivory, coffee, otter skins of a very fine quality, or even in cattle, for the wealth of this country in all these products is immense. The road here is by the Nile, or *via* Zanzibar, Ugogo, and Unyanymbe. The former route, so long as Colonel Gordon governs the countries of the Upper Nile, seems the most feasible.