

CHAPTER VI.

RETURN OF DR. JUNKER.

Dr. Junker's departure from Wadelai—The Bahr-el-Jebel and Lake Albert—Salt pits at Kibiro—Unyoro—King Kabrega—Mohammed Biri—Correspondence with Mr. Mackay—Marches in Unyoro—Arrival at Rubaga—Uganda and its inhabitants—King Mtesa and King Mwanga—Murder of Bishop Hannington—Emin Pasha relieved—Passage of Lake Victoria—Arrival at Msalala mission-station—Appeal to Europe—Arrival at Zanzibar.

ON the 2nd of January 1886 Dr. Junker left Wadelai. He went on board one of the steamers belonging to the station, accompanied by Vita Hassan, an Egyptian doctor, who was on his way to Unyoro.

The two travellers ascended the Nile, at that part of its course known as the Bahr-el-Jebel, and measuring nearly three miles across from bank to bank. As far as Lake Albert navigation is unimpeded by rapids, although it is rendered somewhat difficult by numerous islets of reeds and papyrus, and by shallows where hippopotami congregate in considerable numbers.