

On February 3rd, Dr. SCHWEINFURTH wrote from Cairo to the author of this pamphlet:—

“General Gordon flashed through Cairo like a meteor! I feel sure that he will have a complete success in the Soudan. His policy there will astonish the world.”

In the House of Commons, on the 12th inst., Mr. Gladstone spoke of a plan which had been submitted to the Government by General Gordon, which in any other man's hands would be presumptuous and fanatical! “But,” he continued, “it is not presumptuous nor fanatical in the case of a man with the gifts and powers of General Gordon.”

This plan could not yet be divulged without danger, but the Prime Minister stated that “General Gordon went, not for the purpose of reconquering the Soudan, or to persuade the chiefs of the Soudan—the Sultans at the head of their troops—to submit themselves to the Egyptian Government. He went for the double purpose of evacuating the country, by extricating the Egyptian garrisons, and *reconstituting it, by giving back to these Sultans their ancestral powers*—withdrawn, or suspended, during the period of Egyptian occupation.”

Here is a *role* worthy, indeed, of the Napoleon of Peace, who goes forth unarmed, like David, save with the few “smooth stones” drawn from the Word of God, with which he will destroy those “hosts” of opposition and misrule that have so long desolated the land!

General Gordon has arrived at Berber, having safely passed over the dangers of the Korosko desert, and in a comparatively few hours he ought to be at Khartoum. The intense anxiety with which his dangerous journey was watched is almost without a parallel. History records no more heroic figure than that of this simple-minded, God-fearing, Christian officer, perched aloft upon his swift-footed dromedary, and riding forth with only one English friend and companion, the gallant Col. Stewart, and a few Arab attendants, to confront the wild and barbarous hordes of the Mahdi! The eyes of the whole civilized world follow with eager but anxious gaze the progress of that little cavalcade, and great was the feeling of relief when it once more reached the placid waters of the Nile.

What may next happen is hidden in the dark recesses of the future. Of one thing we are quite certain, Gordon will do his duty.

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