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## THE RESCUE OF KASIM.

sent at so happy a consummation of the arrangement whereby Russia and England came to terms.

Dr. Hedin and his caravan left Khotan for the direct journey eastward to Peking on June 29th. For two months they moved through an uninhabited and largely unknown region, the stretch of mountain range and elevated plateau which lies between the land of the Moslem Kirghiz and the Buddhist, the arid heart of Tibet. By the beginning of October they got into inhabited territory again, and many interesting glimpses are given of Mongol life. By March he had reached Peking, and was soon in the thick of European hospitalities. After twelve days he set off home. After three years and seven months' absence, Dr. Hedin arrived in Stockholm

on May 10th, 1897. During that time he had travelled 14,600 miles. The expedition cost in all £1,900, a sum which was raised by private subscription, one of the chief being King Oscar.

These are a handsome pair of volumes, well printed, on good paper, with a vast number of well executed portraits and pictures, most of them from photographs or sketches by the author. The translation from Swedish to English has been satisfactorily accomplished by Mr. J. T. Bealby, assisted by Miss E. H. Hearn.

The international significance of the regions through which Dr. Hedin passed will inevitably—especially in view of the growing Chinese question—secure a wide and increasing audience for his stirring story.