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KHARTOUM.

Khartoom is a town of Sennaar, Africa, the centre of government of Egyptian Soudan, situated on the the banks of the Bahr el-Azrek or Blue Nile, nearly at its junction with the White Nile; lat. 15° 36 N., lon. 32° 38 E.; pop. about 20,000. It is about 1,450 ft. above the sea, but the inundations of the White Nile frequently reach the earthen wall by which it is surrounded. The houses are mostly constructed of millet stalks, and scattered over a wide area; but the town has recently been much altered. Dr. Schweinfurth, on his return from his expedition into the heart of Africa in 1871, saw in it "a large number of new brick buildings, a spacious quay on the banks of the Blue Nile, and some still more imposing erections on the other side of the river." There are extensive gardens and rows of date palms planted nearly half a century ago. The defective drainage of the portion of the town built below high-water level renders it very unhealthy. The inhabitants are a mixture of Egyptians, Berbers, Arabs, Turks, Jews, Europeans, and negroes. They have a Coptic church, and a Catholic mission. Khartoom carries on an extensive ivory trade, mostly in the hands of six of the larger merchants, which facilitates also the operation of the regular slave traders, who pour into the negro countries annually by thousands, on the roads over Kordofan and Darfoor. The merchants of Khartoom maintain a great number of settlements in districts as near as possible to the present ivory countries, and among peaceful races devoted to agriculture. They have apportioned the surrounding territory among themselves, and have brought the natives to a condition of vassalage. They are represented by agents who command the armed men of the country, determine what products the natives shall pay tribute, appoint and displace the local managers, carry on war or make alliances with the chiefs, and once a year remit the collected stores to Khartoom. Vessels are built of Sunt acacia, a wood harder and heavier than oak, but from want of skill and proper tools they are exceedingly clumsy.

A recent writer, speaking of Gordon's attempt to reform the Soudan, says it was "a stupendous task to give peace to a country quick with war; to suppress slavery among a people to whom the trade in human flesh was life and fortune; to make an army of perhaps the worst material ever seen; to grow a flourishing trade and a fair revenue on the wildest anarchy in the world. The immensity of the undertaking; the infinity of details involved in a single step toward the end; the countless odds to be faced; the many pests, the deadly climate, the horrible vermin, the ghastly itch, the nightly and daily alternations of overpowering heat and bitter cold—to be endured and overcome; the environment of bestial savagery and ruthless fanaticism—all these combine to make the achievement unique in human history."

THE BATTLE NEAR BIRTI.

Death of Gen. Earle.

The correspondent of the London *Standard* gives the following further particulars of the engagement in which Gen. Earle lost his life: The British force consisted of the Black Watch and South Stafford regiment, a squadron of Hussars, two guns of the Egyptian artillery, an Egyptian camel corps and a section of the field hospital corps. The troops at once set to work to form a zareba. In the meantime the enemy fired several shots from high hills. Our picket advanced and drove back the Arabs who had descended the hills to make the attack. Night ensued and guards were posted. Everything passed quietly during the night. On Tuesday morning the troops formed and advanced to the enemy's position, marching in two parallel columns. Two companies of the South Stafford regiment and two guns occupied ground directly in front of the enemy to attract their attention. At 8 o'clock our guns opened the attack and for some time a desultory fire was maintained. In the meantime the main body of our troops was advancing steadily over almost impracticable ground—pushing the enemy before them and seizing each successive ridge by a short, determined rush. The forward movement was continued until the advanced troops reached the right rear of the enemy which rested on the river. This completed the movement whereby the rebels were surrounded. The enemy's position was a very strong one. It was on rocky, broken ground, and was strengthened by loopholed walls from which they maintained a heavy, well-directed fire.

HOW THE ENEMY'S WORKS WERE CARRIED.

The following additional particulars are given of Gen. Earle's capture of the enemy's works near Birti on Tuesday: After the British forces had succeeded in completely surrounding the enemy's position Tuesday morning, Gen Earle commanded the Black Watch regiment to carry the enemy's works at the point of the bayonet. The regiment responded gallantly to this command, the pipes struck up, and with inspiring cheers the men moved forward with a steadiness and valor which called forth expressions of admiration from Gen. Earle. From loop-holes in the enemy's works rifle puffs shot out continuously, but the Black Watch kept bravely advancing. They sealed the difficult rocks which lay in their path, and drove the rebels from their shelter at the point of the bayonet. Unhappily, Gen. Earle fell at this point as he was gallantly leading his troops to victory. Meantime, the cavalry pushed past the scene of conflict and captured the enemy's camp, three miles to the rear of their entrenched position. This manœuvere was accomplished before the Black Watch had succeeded in carrying the main position. While the main attack was being delivered two companies of the South Stoffordshire regiment were directed to seize a high rocky hill which the riflemen were stoutly defending. The British sprang boldly to the charge, but the enemy clung desperately to their position and disputed the ground inch by inch.

Royal Colonial Institute.

At a recent meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute a paper by Sir Lyon Playfair, entitled "The British Association in Canada," formed the subject of discussion.

Sir Charles Tupper, K. C. M. G., C. B. (High Commissioner for Canada) said: I regret very much that I was unable to attend, as I should very much like to have done, the interesting meeting of the British Association recently held at Montreal, but I am glad to have had the opportunity of listening to so interesting an account of the meeting, and to learn as we have done, both from the gallant General who has read the Paper and the right hon. gentleman who followed him, that the meeting was in every sense of the word an unqualified success. At the meeting of the British Association at Southport I ventured to say that the members of the Association, and such members of their families as were able to accompany them, would meet with a warm and hearty reception at the hands of the people of Canada. I am glad to know that what I held out as an inducement to go has been fully realised, my Canadian fellow-countrymen being only too happy to have the opportunity of extending the courtesies of the country to so eminent a body of scientists as the members of the British Association; and I am also glad to learn that the fears entertained by those members who at the outset were of opinion that it was foreign to the objects of the Association to engage in what they called a somewhat extended picnic, and that the meeting would not be fraught with advantage to the objects of the Association, have been thoroughly disappointed. It is now admitted on all sides that, even from the special point of view of the Association—the promotion of science—the meeting was one of the most successful that has been held While the meeting was not a profitless one to the distinguished members of the Association, I believe that the holding of the gathering in Canada will have a lasting and beneficial effect in stimulating among all classes of the people an increased veneration for science, and an increased desire to promote its cultivation in that important part of Her Majesty's dominions. In following the interesting Paper submitted by the gallant General, I was a little struck with that part relating to the defence of the country, and I was somewhat surprised that the only allusion he made to that question was that in which he threw some little ridicule upon the maintenance of the great fortress of Quebec as a means of defending the country. In relation to that subject, all I can say is that the people of Canada have not been unmindful of the important duty they owe to themselves and to the country in endeavoring to contribute to the defence of the Dominion. The Government and Parliament of Canada have provided annually a very large sum—especially since the confederation of the Provinces—for the purpose of training and maintaining a body of some 40,000 volunteers and militiamen; in addition, military schools have been organized, and means have been taken for promoting the defence of the country in a still more important way even than direct expenditure for such a purpose could secure. It will, I am sure, be admitted that the strength of the country consists in bringing into the country and promoting the settlement of able-bodied men, and of that duty Canada has not been unmindful. A large public expenditure is annually incurred in bringing into the country men who, in that northern clime, will, I believe, be found ready to cope with a similar number of men in any part of the world. Apart from this, there is no one thing that, perhaps, so contributes to the strength of a country as providing means for the transport of armed bodies of men and munitions of war from one place to another. At the time of the *Trent* affair, in 1862, I remember the great difficulty experienced in throwing a body of troops from Halifax to Montreal; but I am able to state that, as one result of the expenditure of something like 20,000,000*l.* sterling in the past seventeen years by the people of Canada in the construction of the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific Railways, a force could be transported from the city of Halifax to the shores of the Pacific Ocean at the end of the coming season with infinitely greater ease and less trouble than was encountered in sending a similar body of men from Halifax to Montreal. Then, again, some fifteen years ago Lord Wolseley was engaged in an arduous struggle to send a British force to the Red River to quell an insignificant rising of half-breeds, who for six months had entire possession of the country, owing to the fact that at the time the place was inaccessible by any other way except through the United States of America, and of course to send a force by that way was impossible. What is the fact to-day? Why, that the force could be sent in an infinitely shorter number of hours than days were consumed in getting across the four hundred miles of inaccessible ravine and river. It is true that on that occasion the gallant General acquired the very knowledge and experience that have been found so useful to him in encountering the cataracts of the Nile—and I am right glad to know that, acting with his usual foresight and consideration, he availed himself, not only of that knowledge, but of the services of the Canadian *voyageurs*, whom he had found of such use in his former expedition. I have been led to say these things in consequence of the remarks of the gallant General concerning Quebec, whose defences will, I trust, long be maintained, if only for the purpose of handing down to posterity some visible sign of the gallant deeds done on those heights; and I also wished to point out that we have not been unmindful of the duty of providing for the defence of the country.

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—A personal item informs us that "Victor Hugo mostly goes to bed on a cracker and a herring." A funny notion, that. If the cracker should get mashed, and scatter itself, Victor would be apt to pass a very restless night.

—The Italian Government will propose to the Chambers to issue bonds, in twelve series, for twelve years, for $20,000,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent., for improving the sanitary plight of Naples.

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In response to a letter from Mr. K. C. Tapley (no relation of Mark Tapley), of Indiantown, N. B., Mr. Bill Nye gives the following warning and chunk of advice to Young Writers:

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You should use great care, however, in selecting the field of literature which you intend to perspire in.

Do not be a humorist! If you are a humorist everybody else will have more fun out of it than you will. You will make some money out of it if you get the genuine afflatus, but you won't have any fun. Humorists do not have fun. It is all a mistake. I am acquainted with one, and he says he has not smiled since he lost his twins. Once I heard of a humorist who had laughed twice in one summer, and I hunted him out.

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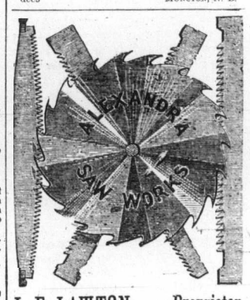

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