

figure he presents. The descent of the rapids is not usually more than six or seven feet."

Under British administration the development of Egypt has been very remarkable. We made the acquaintance on the steamer of several British officers who had been through the Soudanese war, and who gave us very vivid accounts of the tragic scenes of that campaign. One of these gentlemen had gone up the river with a



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party of thirty-four comrades, of whom only thirteen survived to return. The Mahdist rebels, some of whom were expert marksmen, would pick them off from the shore, concealed behind trees or rocks. For General Gordon these officers had no words but of enthusiastic admiration, and of poignant regret for his tragic fate. Even the natives, they said, regarded him with the most profound reverence, akin to that which they felt for the prophet Mahomet himself.