"Methodist Magazine and Review" for May.

Of special interest in connection with Sirdar Kitchener's recent victory over the Dervishes is the Rev. J. C. Seymour's illustrated article on "Fire and Sword in the Soudan," founded on Slatin Pasha's thrilling narrative of his nine years' captivity with the Mahdists. "The Glorious Return' of the Vaudois." by the venerable Samuel Smiles, LL.D., now in his eighty-fourth year, describes a stirring episode in the history of the Israel of the Alps. As a military achievement it is described by Napoleon Bonaparte as one of the greatest on record. Prof. Hovey writes a clever scientific article, well illustrated, on "The Mammoth Cave." "A Life of Trust" describes, with pictures, the remarkable story of George Muller. "Mission Work in Japan," another well illustrated article, commemorates the semi-jubilee of the Canadian Methodist Mission in that country. The Editor, in a paper on "Sunday-school Extension," makes a strong plea for a forward movement in the Home Department. Illustrations are given of two recently discovered, and possible contemporary, representations of the crucifixion of Christ. Science Notes, World's Progress, Religious Intelligence, etc., make up a strong number, with, in all, ten illustrated articles. Toronto: William Briggs. Montreal:

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