which their wild foes were likely to attack them, and
thoroughly understood the necessity for meeting it
with steadiness. Towards morning the rain fell hea-
vily. Every one was glad when the *réveille* sounded,
the fires were piled higher again, and the men tried
as best they could to dry themselves. Breakfast
was eaten, and at eight o'clock the Force stood in
their ranks in the order above mentioned — silent
and ready to move forward. The first move was a
short one, as they only advanced a few hundred yards
from the spot where they had bivouacked, into fresh
ground free from litter and fires. Here they halted.
A brief inspection showed that all was in order, dis-
tances were taken up more accurately, and the ad-
vance towards Teb began in earnest.

Scarcely had the column begun to advance when
the enemy's scouts could be seen falling back, just
as they had done when Baker Pacha's Force marched
out from the same halting-place against them. With a
good glass the enemy's strong position could be seen
near the wells. A great many banners floated in the
light air, a dark swarm of men could be made out,
and, judging by the ground over which they were
scattered there was no doubt that the force was a large
one as its front extended over a mile. At various
points along the line guns in position could be seen.
To avoid their direct fire and attack in mass, the
order was given for the column to change its direc-
tion, and it accordingly swerved off to the right of the
direct route to the wells originally followed by Baker.
Frequent halts were made, and at each halt the men
fell into their fighting position, and the four sides of
the square faced outwards, so as to accustom the
men to the work they would have to do, and enable
them to prepare to resist an attack quickly, and with-
out the least confusion.

Slowly and cautiously the British Army advanced,
with the cavalry in a dark body on the left rear, bid-