

CHAPTER XI

THE HOME CALL—AND AFTER

BUT it was not to be. Bishop French was already weakened by fever, and at Sib he broke down altogether. With deep reluctance he allowed himself to be taken back to Muscat, where he was attended by Dr. Jayaker, an Indian surgeon in the service of the British Government. Against his wish, he was moved, almost unconscious, to the Residency, where he was kindly received by Colonel Mockler. He was beyond writing; indeed, his last letter home had been posted on May 3, two days before he left for Sib. He quickly sank, and died at noon on the 14th.

The last offices were performed by Christians, Goanese Roman Catholics who had heard of him; and their whole small community attended the funeral the same