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THROUGH THE DARK CONTINENT.

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FRED BARKER, according to Frank Pocock, had good health till the middle of April; after which he began to experience aguish fits. On the 23rd, he complained of feeling ill, and lay down, and soon the poor young man was dead. I missed young Barker very much. He had begun to endear himself to me by his bright intelligence and valuable services. When ill, my least wish was immediately gratified; he understood the least motion or sign. But Frank had other bad news to tell. Mabruki Speke,

the faithful servant of Burton, Speke, Grant, Livingstone, one of the most trusted men of my present following, was dead, and four others.

Our return to Kagehyi was followed by Sabbath repose and rest, fairly earned and much needed. I found I weighed only 115 pounds, just 63 pounds less than when leaving Zanzibar. I owed this excessive reduction of flesh to scant fare and days of hunger, not to sickness. Sweet were those first days of rest! Frank was eager to hear all that had befallen us in our thousand miles' sail round the lake, and the Wangwana formed circles many deep, to hear the Iliad of our woes. What hearty sym-