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By way of postscript.

Considerably over one hundred more pages of my printed book are devoted to the many and varied incidents of our return journey, few mentions being made of the increased difficulties entailed by the care of a helpless invalid. This journey took us over another pass of the Drachensherg mountain, directly into Natal, and not by way of the Free State as had been deemed necessary nine months before. It occupied us between six and seven weeks.

On Saturday, March 18th, 1876, at 8 p. m., we found ourselves once more at Howick, with its lovely wayside flowers, its rushing waters, and its beautiful view of Pietermaritzburg nestled below it. One trek more, and we had outspanned on the sward outside the city, to await the verdict of such momentous import to us both. On the 29th our camp was pitched for the last time just beyond Briar Ghyll, and there the hope which had sustained me for so long died utterly away, but it was there also that many hands in active friendship grasped ours, lifting from me the heavy weight of responsibility which had well nigh overwhelmed me, so it seems but fitting that a beautiful Briar Ghyll, with all its beneficient memories and its tender ministrations, should end the story of our Trek in the Transvaal.

One note more with reference to what had occurred, even before my little book the few months of our own stay in the had left the printer's hands in 1878, to mining settlement of Eersteling was one change the whole political aspect of the of very definite tragic import to our relations between England and the Transselves. My little book says but little vaal, a solution which had seemed so happy and peaceful, but which lacked the necessary quality of finality. Although it has passed into history, as has also that later cruel conflict which which, it was apparent to all, could it was hoped it might have averted, it have but one ending, an ending which, is thus in appendix fashion, I ventured while it left me stranded upon life's to make optimistic allusion to the fact which at that time had set all hearts rejoicing:

"Although my tale is ended, and my last page somewhat blurred in the telling, yet a fair new leaf has just been turned for the Transvaal. It tells of old discords healed, fears allayed, anxieties set at rest, strength taking the place of weakness, and substance that of shadow. The Transvaal has lost the name of an independence it could not maintain, but it has gained in its place the security ensured by the protection of a great power, and "the prestige which so large a political relationship confers."

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