

hair left on, and the edges bound with red silk ribbon. Besides these slippers there were a pair of small, strong shooting half-boots. The other skeleton was in a more perfect state, and was enveloped with clothes and furs; it lay across the boat under the after thwart. Close beside it were found five watches, two double-barrelled guns, one barrel in each loaded and cocked, standing muzzle upwards towards the boat's side.

"It may be imagined with what deep interest these sad relics were scrutinised, and how anxiously every fragment of clothing was turned over in search of pockets and pocket-books, journals, or even names. Five or six small books were found, all of them scriptural or devotional works, except *The Vicar of Wakefield*. One little book, *Christian Melodies*, bore an inscription on the title-page, 'From the donor to G. G.' (Graham Gore). A small Bible contained numerous marginal notes, and whole passages underlined. Besides these books, the covers of a New Testament and Prayer-book were found."

Of the fate of the ships it seems certain, from the plausible statements of the Eskimos, that one sank in deep water and left no salvage; while the other, much broken by the elements, was driven on shore, and furnished them with relics and materials of which they made use. The *Erebus* and *Terror* had been for eighteen months beset by the ice, and had lost a whole summer, during which officers and men hoped for freedom in vain. Their trusted leader had succumbed to physical weakness or the rigours of that terrible