

right about, leaving us masters of the field, with the gallant old gentleman safe and uninjured. A brigade of cavalry soon came thundering up at a hand-gallop, with the whole staff of the division at its head,—most of them were sent in pursuit, but our opponents were too nimble for them, and we all returned to camp together. Of the twenty-nine men, who charged with me, eleven were killed, eight escaped without a scratch, and the remaining ten were all, more or less wounded, and several of them died in hospital afterwards,—not a man of the infantry was touched.

When the evening orders were issued, I was, you may believe, a proud man. The whole affair was detailed in the most gratifying manner to all concerned, and great credit was given to me for my "judicious conduct and gallantry." The survivors among the troops were all promoted to non-commissioned officers, and I was directed to select ten men of our own light company for promotion. Old Shaick had "the order of merit" conferred upon him, and I was appointed A. D. C. in the room of the fine young lad killed in the morning. I was taken to head quarters, and nursed with great skill and kindness, and was soon fit for duty again. I served on General Gordon's staff for two years, and saw a good deal of hard fighting, and was at length so severely wounded, that a trip to Europe was deemed necessary to my recovery; the parting between the General and myself was a melancholy one. I was leaving the only being who had ever called forth the best and kindest emotions of a heart naturally affectionate,—to him it was like losing an only and much beloved son; and never did son love and revere a parent more than I did the good old man, who for two years had been, indeed, a father and friend to me.

The sea air soon brought me round, and by the time the voyage home was over, I had perfectly recovered. I went down to Scotland, chiefly to see Mary, but I was also impelled by other motives: the General had advised me to leave no stone unturned to remove the unjust prejudice against me, from the minds of my parents, and I myself was most anxious to effect so desirable an object—but I had only faint hopes of accomplishing it. I was received at the Park, by all, except Mary, with the most chilling indifference. I staid there upwards of a month, striving my utmost to gain their love and esteem—and with what success think you? I was accused of fawning on my father for money. I could have easily undeceived them in this, had I thought proper. I had saved something in India, which, with my pay, was more than I could spend; besides this I had a large yearly allowance from the General, and permission to draw on his agent in London to any extent; but, as I said, I had enough without availing myself of his generosity. I could not bear, however, to remain in my father's house, after being thought capable of such des-