

dame Briche," said he; "my handwriting is known to her, and will not alarm her, I shall be able by degrees to break the sad news to her; and, on our return, if God brings us back we shall be able to finish the work of consolation which you have committed to us." "Thank you, sergeant; when all is over, you will take this book, for I shall keep it to the end, which is not far off. Stay near me with your wife, the rest can leave me; I cannot profit by their kind kind attentions; they will be more useful elsewhere." At a sign from Robert they departed, and he knelt down near his wife to assist supporting their young friend. Soon the blood began to flow from the mouth of the dying man, the death rattle was heard, delirium followed. An hour thus passed. At length his senses returned for a moment, he feebly murmured, "Pardon—my mother,—thanks—my God." His head fell backwards, he was no more. The young woman leant towards him, gave him the last kiss, and took from his hands already growing cold, the book which had led him to eternal life.—*Juvenile Missionary Record of Church of Scotland.*

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