

Shameful Case of Incest.

A Full, True, and Particular Account of that most extraordinary shameful and disgraceful case of Incest between the Minister of the parish of Logie, in Ross-shire, and his own sister. She was seized with the pains of child-birth, while playing at her piano, on the 5th of November last,—her brother being at the time assisting at the dispensation of the Sacrament in a neighbouring parish. Together with an account of his confession of the unnatural crime, and his resignation of his holy office.

The parish church of Logie, in the county of Ross, has again become vacant, and under circumstances of the most painful and awful description. As the case will soon come publicly before the Presbytery, and as a hundred idle reports (some of them implicating innocent persons in a neighbouring county) are afloat on the subject, we shall briefly recapitulate the facts. On the 5th of November last, Miss K., sister of the minister of the parish, who resided in the manse and superintended the domestic establishment, was suddenly taken ill while playing on the piano-forte. Her brother was absent, assisting to dispense the Sacrament in another place, but aid was immediately procured. The young lady's illness continued to increase, and at length (to the grief and astonishment of those present, who never once suspected her condition) she was delivered of a child. She had made no preparation for the event, and she refused to give any information as to the paternity of the infant. About ten days passed over, when the minister disappeared, leaving his church and flock. No person knew whither he had gone, but in a short time the Moderator of the Presbytery received a letter from him written from Aberdeen, acknowledging an incestuous connection, and resigning his living. The effect of such intelligence on the virtuous and religious inhabitants of that district, we shall not attempt to describe. The unfortunate female who had participated in the unnatural guilt of her brother, was pursued to the west coast, whither she had fled, was apprehended, and brought last week to Dingwall. From the latter place she was conveyed in a chaise, accompanied by an officer and a female attendant, to Tain; but while the man left the vehicle for a few moments to wait upon the sheriff with an account of her apprehension, or to receive fresh instructions, the offender and her attendant alighted from the chaise and escaped. We know not whether they have been closely pursued, but we sincerely trust that they will elude detection, and thus prevent a trial which would be fraught with so much sorrow, shame, and disgrace.—*Inverness Courier*, Dec. 1836.