

Reconciliation

You may live in any of the houses we have bought that will suit you, or a new one can be built."

He took up the papers again.

"I shall turn the management of the place over to you until I am able to manage it myself. You can consult with Fogg, and I will give you what instructions I can. I hope to be strong enough in another month to ride about, and then I can assist you even more. Fogg thinks it would be well to sell our canal interests and a part of our land to this Eastern man. I agree with him. I think we ought to hold a good deal of the valley land; it's going to be valuable, when that tunnel is cut. That man will bring in a colony of farmers and gardeners; a good many people can live here, with the aid of the irrigation that can be had from the Warrior River. I want to stay here, in spite of what has happened; and you and Lucy will want to stay here. There isn't a prettier valley in the state, and it's our home; and the sale of a part of our land, with the cultivation of the rest of it, and the increase in values, will make us independent."

He began to read from the papers. To Justin's surprise they held a list of names of men Davison had wronged and to whom he wished now to make restitution.

"I was over-persuaded in a good many things, and often went with Fogg against my better judgment. But I haven't anything to say against him. Whatever I did I am willing to shoulder. He is a first-class business man; I admire his ability to make money, and I wanted money, for Ben. These things