

so prominent. Many of us were not able to attend the Synod. We can treasure no memory of its spiritual fervour. We are struggling to pay debts or to keep out of debt. About November there is a harvest of "dunners" for farmers. The danger is that the Forward Movement may seem to such as we are, a pious preparation for the presentation of the Church's "dunner."

I hope the Forward Movement will be marked by conservation, a closer

walk with God on the part of us all, Bishops, laity and clergy, a drawing together of all who love our Lord, to enter with a new sense of comradeship and power, the battle of the Cross. To this end, may the letters from headquarters, and the literature of the Forward Movement be subject to the rigorous censorship of the Holy Spirit of God.

Yours respectfully,  
K. Anon.

### The Bishop's Shadow

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XI—(Continued.)

#### Theo's New Business.

When later that evening, he knocked at her door, Mrs. Hunt had the pieces ready for him, and the next morning, Jimmy was waiting in the hall when Theo came from Nan's room with his big basket, and the two boys went down the street carrying the basket between them. As soon as its contents had been arranged as attractively as possible on the clean white marbled oilcloth with which the stand was covered, and the coffee made and ready to serve, Theo handed Jimmy two dollars in dimes, nickels and pennies, to make change, and set off with the box of paste in his pocket, and the roll of rags under his arm.

Jimmy watched him out of sight, and then with a proud sense of responsibility awaited the appearance of his customers.

Theodore walked rapidly on till he reached the business streets where most of the handsome stores and offices were. Then he slackened his pace and went on slowly, glancing keenly at each building until he came to one that had half a dozen brass signs on the front.

"Here's a good place to make a try," he said to himself, and going into the first office on the ground floor he asked as politely as he knew how,

"Can I shine up your brass signs for you?"

There were several young men in the outer office. One of them answered carelessly, "Yes indeed, shine 'em up, boy, and see't you make a good job of it."

"I will that, sir," responded Theodore, blithely, and set to work with a will.

There had been much wet weather and the signs were badly discoloured. It took, hard, steady rubbing for nearly an hour to get them into good shining order, but Theodore worked away vigorously until they gleamed and glittered in the morning sunlight. Then he went again into the office.

"I've finished 'em, sir," he said to the young man to whom he had spoken before, "and I think I've made a good job of it. Will you step out an' see what you think?"

"Not at all necessary. If you're satisfied, I am," replied the man, bending over his desk and writing rapidly.

Theodore waited in silence. The young man wrote on. Finally he glanced up and remarked in a tone of surprise,

"Oh, you here yet? Thought you'd finished your job."

"I have done my part. I'm waitin' for you to do yours," replied the boy.

"Mine? What's my part, I'd like to know?" demanded the young man, sharply.

"To pay me for my work," replied Theo, promptly, but a shadow falling on his face.

"Pay you? Well, if this isn't cheeky! I didn't agree to pay you anything."

"But you knew that I expected to be paid for my work," persisted the boy, the angry colour rising in his cheeks.

"You expected—pshaw! Young man, you've had a lesson that is well worth the time and labour you've expended," remarked the clerk in a tone of great dignity. "Hereafter you will know better than to take anything for granted in business transactions. Good-morning," and he turned his back on the boy and began to write again.



Theodore glanced around the room to see if there was any one on his side, but two of the other clerks were, grinning at his discomfiture and the others pretended not to know anything about the affair. He saw now that he had been foolish to undertake the work as he had done, but he realized that it would not help his case to make a fuss about it. All the same he was unwilling to submit without a protest.

"Next time I'll take care to make my bargain with a gentleman," he said, quietly.

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