

you through the surf of appetite and across the waters of wrong into the dock of desired and known rightness and safety. Stretch out the old cloth of desire, paddle until you get before the winds of love, and on this shoreward tide you'll be carried to the island of hope and stand secure on the "Rock of Ages," as millions have been before you. If you have no desire or confidence to try and reform you go down with accelerated speed, and in God's commercial bulletin of tomorrow you will be rated "unsound." Will you place'd yourself as "the man who dare not do right?" It is noble to see a man stopping, reflecting, confessing, and with the inflowing consciousness of wrong done and lived, say "All wrong; no farther on this line; this is the last; I quit now." It is noble to see a man whose manifested life is respectable, yet who is inwardly conscious that he is not measuring up to his own ideas of privilege and duty to self, others and God asking, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" And then resolutely and manfully set about doing it at once. Or the young man, for whose return a father waits, and a mother prays; over whom sisters and brothers weep, and to whom still clings lovingly a deceived and broken-hearted wife, rise, under a deep sense of the pains he has made, and wrong done, and with the high impulse of re-entitled manhood wipe his eyes, shake off his rags, turn from the sins that disgraced him and the haunts that ruined him, and return to love, home, welcome, purity and heaven.

Have you the candor to avow this desire publicly? There are men in this city, who are without courage to come to church, because their paroxysms of sinful madness, they spoke against the church. They dare not avow their desire for religion, because once with lying bravado, they ridiculed it. You are not ashamed to drink or swear. Why are you ashamed to pray? You are not ashamed to sing indecent doggerel. Why are you ashamed to sing hymns? You are not ashamed to be seen with the lecherous libertine, profligate, gambler, scoffer. Why are you ashamed to be with the pure and good? You are not ashamed to enter the saloon and the door of her house whose steps lead to death, and

take hold on hell. Why are you ashamed to be in the prayer meeting? You are not ashamed to be found at the rat-pit, dog-fight, horse-race and theatre. Why are you ashamed to be in the church? You are not ashamed to wear the livery of the devil. Why ashamed to wear the livery of heaven? You are not ashamed to be known and called a sinner, and an unbeliever. Why are you ashamed to be called a saint or professor? To sin is human; to persist in it is devilish. To see wrong proves wisdom; to feel it argues conscience; to abandon it declares a true nobility and high manhood.

Have you the courage to execute this desire now and here? Many a delay between the desire and the doing ruins forever. Hell's board way is paved with good but broken promises. If I had as many hundred dollar bills as you have broken resolutions of reformation on your souls, I would buy a home for each of you and have a good one left for myself. Between duty and sin millions vibrate like a pendulum, and tens of thousands who said "I will," sat still and did it not. To the real man who means to do an honest business and show a saving profit in the end of life there but two questions, to know duty and to do it. Desire for reform and avowal of it to yourself and others degrades you the more if you don't do it. This step is the key stone to the otherwise tottering arch. This is the sheet anchor by which you must warp yourself over the bar of moral and spiritual wrongness into the peaceful waters of spiritual rightness. I appeal to each, "What sayest thou of thyself?" Say, brother man, will you tonight take God your father, Christ for your saviour, the Holy Ghost for your comforter, the Bible for your guide, the church for your helper, and Heaven for your home. Have you enough of all that tends to make your good and great, of frankness, humility, desire, avowal and energy to do and achieve? You come! Thank God, this invoice will proclaim your solvent *Weekly Pr.*

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