

keeping; your faith, once so strong, is already weakened, and it will be lost unless you now make one vigorous effort to free yourself. Delay only a little longer, and you will have no power to escape."

I never could deny it before God, and I will now confess it before men, that for one brief moment I saw the situation in a clear light. I saw on one side, faith, with all its sacrifices and abnegations; and on the other, the pride of life, of intellect, of will, as it had lately come before me with so intoxicating a sense of power and enjoyment. I know that in that moment a grace was given me, which, if I had only used it, would have set me free—not without suffering, but without shipwreck. I had almost resolved to choose, with the strength of my will, the path which I saw would land me safe with God, when a thought of overwhelming humiliation swept over me, serving to limit the universality of the sacrifice.

Never, by look or word or manner, had Edward Carlyon given me any reason to think that he considered me in any other way than as one of a family for whom he openly expressed his esteem and admiration. So far from giving any idea that love and marriage entered into his thoughts, his conversation had given the contrary impression, and he had expressed the greatest horror of romantic young ladies with whom there was any risk of sentimentalities or entanglements. I would have died on the spot rather than betray that I felt he was more to me than to any of the others.

(To be continued.)

Souls are never lost because their beginnings break down, but because they won't make new beginnings.—*Father Fabre.*

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