

not do." "It is no use, Shock," said the Don bitterly. "My head is all right. I believe in you. But you are not the feeling I have for that."

"I know, I know. I feel it, too, old man. But you are not the feeling I have for that."

"The Don winced. "I am not excusing him, nor blaming you," continued Shock eagerly. "but a man has got to be honest. Isn't that right?"

"Oh, yes, it is true enough, Shock. I was a beast, as you know, at that time in my life, but I had put it all past me, and I believed that God had forgiven me. And then those two raked it all up again, and broke my darling's heart, and drove me away, an outcast. He is a minister of the gospel, and she is a member of the Christian church."

"Don," said Shock gravely, "that won't do. You are not fair to me. The door opened quietly, and the nurse came in and sat down out of Shock's sight behind the bed."

"Now, Don, I want you to read for me that letter of the Don and the woman who was a sinner. For my sake, mind you, as well as for yours, for I was wrong, too, on that point. I confess I had her for a time, but I cannot help thinking that he has done me a great wrong, and I have found it hard enough to say the Lord's Prayer, perhaps, and to read his letter."

"He took from under his pillow Mrs. Fairbanks' letter and gave it to the Don. The Don read it, and then he said: 'I was opening up wounds that none had ever seen, or even suspected, and the mere uncovering of them brought him keen anguish and humiliation. I am sure you are right, that you may understand.'"

"As the Don read the letter he began to swear deep oaths. 'Stop, Don. You mustn't swear. Now listen to me. I think she has a perfect right to do as she has been doing. But—Lloyd—' Shock seemed to get the name out with difficulty—'was my friend, and I think he has not been fair.'"

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The announcement to Shock through his conveyer that the superintendent proposed making a visit in the spring, filled him with more or less anxiety. He remembered only too well his failure at the Fort; he thought of that, and he thought of the letter to his conveyer; he knew that even in Loon Lake and in the Pass his church organization was not anything but a mere name, and he considered that the results he had to show for his year's labor were few and meagre.

The winter had been long and severe. In the Pass there had been a great deal of sickness, both among the miners and among the lumbermen. The terrible sufferings these men had to endure from the cold and exposure, for which they were all too inadequately prepared, brought not only physical suffering upon them, but reacted in organs unexpectably degraded.

The hospital was full. Nell had been hurried by the Don as nurse, and she stood for a long time, and she bore herself with gentle humility, and did her work with such sweet and untrifling patience, that the men began to look upon her with respect and courteous consideration that men of their class never fail to give to pure and high-minded women.

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He resolved to deal with Ike seriously, but the initial difficulty in this was that he seemed to be quite unprepared about the whole matter, and entirely unafraid. Shock's difficulty and distress were sensibly increased when on taking Ike over the "marks" he discovered that the man, as he had heard them so fully and searchingly set forth in the "Question Meetings" in the congregation, was no, and he discovered that the Ike was apparently ignorant of all the deeper marks, and what was worse, seemed to be quite untroubled by them, reacted in organs unexpectably degraded.

While Shock was proceeding with his examination he was exceedingly anxious lest he should reveal to Ike any suspicion of his own physical condition, and even offered to withdraw his name, but he was not to be so easily deterred. He decided to cast to the winds all his preconceived notions of what constituted fitness for enrollment in the Church of the Living God, and proceeded to ask Ike some plain, common sense questions.

"You are sure you want to join this church, Ike?"

"That's what," said Ike.

"Why do you want to join?"

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Then Jack took his hands. "Ike, you are a better man than I am, but I promise you I will stay all I can with you. But there will be days when you will be all right, except that I will be with you. Now listen," and Shock, turning over the leaves of his Bible, read, "Lo, I am with you always," and a little further on, and read again, "I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me."

"That is His solemn promise, Ike. He has promised to save us from our sins. Do you think you can trust Him to do that?"

"Why, sure," said Ike, as if nothing else was possible. "That's His promise, ain't it? I guess He'll stay with it. He will stay with it. Don't you be afraid, Ike. He will see you through."

"The Communion Roll when it was called, numbered about one hundred names, and of these eighteen none were more sorely pressed to the wall in God's battle than Ike, and none any more joyfully than he stayed with the game."

Owing to miscarriage in arrangements, when the superintendent arrived on account of financial matters, he found no one to meet him. This had an appearance of carelessness or mismanagement that unfavorably impressed the superintendent as to the business capacity of the congregation. He was too experienced a traveller, however, in the remote and unformed districts of the West, to be at all disconcerted at almost any misadventure.

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