

THE DIAMOND TREASURE REVEALED

tion of its power and commerce, and that with a zeal that was astounding, Baldy being more zealous than the other man. He had an advantage over him, some maintained, by reason of his having partaken of the "false life" and draining it to the very last dregs. It is true that in passing through this experience he had learned of the utter folly and degradation which such a life would lead a man into, and when a way was opened up for him to escape it, he had freely accepted the new life; his heart had bounded within him and he was now surcharged with a zeal for that new life that was overpowering.

He had also been redeemed, or lifted from a lower depth than Loraine, and consequently was more deeply thankful and joyous in this new life.

Fraser's capacity or talent for handling large enterprises in the commercial line appealed at all times to Baldy as most wondrous, and yet in his busiest hour he could find time for interviews with Lanice in years gone by. Provisions, clothes, and such necessary things were sent out with a free hand at that time, to anyone she would solicit aid for, without question. His commercial ventures had proved to be great money-makers and his holdings had become very valuable, both in lands, timber tracts and mines; and the hundreds of men in his employ were provided with constant labor, day by day, and that