

## CHAPTER XLI

### THE LAST WORD

So here endeth the story of Emerson Courtright, son of Winthrop Courtright the Abolitionist, preacher of the economics of Jesus, soldier of the Common Good, one of the many found worthy of one form or another of death in the cause of the New Reformation.

Of whom Doctor Bovee, in his *Standard of Zion*, uttered the dispassionate verdict of respectable society on this man's life—a verdict upon which the world, the flesh and the devil were agreed, strange to say, with the church. And, surely, where powers so widely separated as to point of view, come to such an agreement, there can be no doubt as to the truth.

"The death of Emerson Courtright," said the good doctor, "has its message for young ministers. It was not so very long ago that he was a flame of fire in the service of God, bringing many to the altar, under God, in Pentecostal outpourings of the Spirit. Then some great spiritual temptation came to him, and he yielded. Whether it was the enticements of a wicked woman, or the allurements of a meretricious social philosophy, we may not now say. But it is a matter of history in his case, as in many others, that he took up with socialistic and anarchistic teachings, and with a low sexual morality at about the same time. These things go together.