

At first the girl had believed that she was the innocent cause of the quarrel between the two men and the resultant shooting, but Allan gently told her that a dark charge had been brought to the door of Roland Gregory and that the rash youth had apparently lost his reason when he discovered his guilt was known.

As the full import of the tragedy dawned on the mind of Mr. Graham he lost his proud self-righteous air. The repeated shocks which he had been receiving one after another began to tell upon him; his removal from the board of trustees of the Central Church; his defeat for the office of mayor; the failure of his newspaper enterprise; and the crowning blow of the discovery of the character of Roland Gregory and his tragic death. He became despondent and his wife asked Dr. Rutledge to call and see him. Very gently the minister pointed out to the disappointed man the meaning of the sore providences which had turned the joy of his life into bitterness.

"Adversity is a time to consider," said Allan Rutledge. "You have had much mercy mixed with your judgments. No blow has fallen on your family as might have been the case."

As a result of the minister's talk the repentant lawyer expressed a desire for further conferences, and in a short time Allan Rutledge had the pleasure of receiving Mr. Graham into the Central Church on profession of his faith in Christ.

The day after his union with the church Mr. Graham called at the office of the Tribune. Reginald Nelson was at his desk and he greeted the lawyer with pleas-