fin id a job. Somehow I get pussied when I see so many Christians living laxary and singing, 'Jeans, I my in cr ms have taken, all to leave and follovy thee,' and remember how my wife diesd in a tenement in New York city, ga sping for air and asking God to take the little girl too. Of course I don't expect you people can prevent every one from dying of starvation, lack of proper pourishment and tenement air. But what does following Jesus mean? I understand that Christian people own s good many of the tenements. A member of a church was the owner of the one where my wife died, and I have wondered if following Jesus all the way was true in his case. I heard some people singing at a church prayer meet-ing the other night.

"All for Jews, all for Jews, All my being's ransemed powers, All my thoughts and all my doings, All my days and all my hours,

and I kept wondering, as I sat on he steps outside, just what they meant Jy it. It seems to me there's an awful lot of trouble in the world that somehow wouldn't exist if all the people who sing such songs went and lived shem out. I suppose I don't understand. But what would Jesus do? Is that what you mean by following his steps? It seems to me sometimes as if the people in the city churches had good slothes and nice houses to live in, and money to spend for luxuries, and could go away on summer vacations and all that, while the people outside of the churches, thousands of them, I mean, die in tenements, and walk the streets for jobs, and never have a piano or a impulse at all to go on and break to picture in the house, and grow up in misery and drunkenness and sin." The nan gave a queer lurch over in the di-action of the communion table and laid

the grimy hand on it. His hat fell upon the carpet at his feet. A stir went inrough the congregation. Dr. West half rose from his seat, but as yet the silence was unbroken by any voice or movement worth mentioning in the www.le. The man passed his other has leross his eyes and then, without any warning, fell heavily forward on hil face, full length, up the aisle.

Ienry Maxwell spoke, "We will con-sider the service dismissed." He was down the pulpit stairs and kneeling by the prostrate form before any one else. The autience instantly rose, and the ais o was crowded. Dr. West pronounced the man alive. He had fainted

"Some heart trouble," the doctor also muttered as he helped to carry him

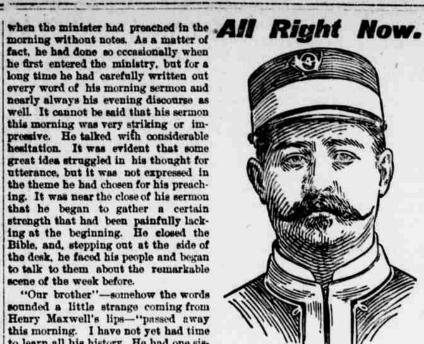
into the pastor's study. Eenry Maxwell and a group of his church members remained some time in the study. The man lay on the couch there and breathed heavily. When the question of what to do with him came up, the minister insisted upon taking him to his house. He lived near by and had an extra room. Rachel Winslow mid: "Mother has no company at present. I am sure we would be glad to give him a place with us." She looked .ent, the strangest that First c arch people could remember. Bu the minister insisted on taking charge of the man, and when a carriage cane the unconscious but living form wis carried to, his house, and with the entrance of that humanity into the minister's spare room a new chapter in Henry Maxwell's life began, and yet no

fact, he had done so eccasionally when he first entered the ministry, but for a long time he had carefully written out every word of his morning sermon and nearly always his evening discourse as well. It cannot be said that his sermon this morning was very striking or im-pressive. He talked with considerable hesitation. It was evident that some great idea struggled in his thought for utterance, but it was not expressed in the theme he had chosen for his preaching. It was near the close of his sermon that he began to gather a certain strength that had been painfully lack-ing at the beginning. He closed the Bible, and, stepping out at the side of the desk, he faced his people and began to talk to them about the remarkable scene of the week before.

"Our brother"-somehow the words sounded a little strange coming from Henry Maxwell's lips-"passed away this morning. I have not yet had time to learn all his history. He had one sister living in Chicagos I have written her and have not yet received an answer. His little girl is with us and will remain for the time."

He paused and looked over the house. He thought he had never seen so many earnest faces during the entire pastorate. He was not able yet to tell his peohim to them, and it did not seem to worked and disordered nerves." him that he was acting under a careless them this morning something of the went on:

"The appearance and words of this stranger in the church last Sunday made a very powerful impression on me. I am not able to conceal from you or myself the fact that what he said, followed, as it has been, by his death in my house, has compelled me to ask as I never asked before, 'What does following Jesus mean?' I am not in a position yet to utter any condemnation of this people or, to a certain extent, of myself, either in our Christlike relations to this man or the number he represents in the world. But all that does not prevent me from feeling that much that the man said was so vitally true that we must face it in an attempt to answer it or else stand condemned as Christian disciples. A good deal that was said here last Sunday was in the nature of a challenge to Christianity as it is seen and felt in our churches. I have felt this with increasing emphasis every day since, and I do not know that any time is more appropriate than the present for me to propose a plan or a purpose which has been forming in my mind as a satisfactory reply to much that was said here last Sunday. Again Henry Maxwell paused and looked into the faces of his people. There were some strong, earnest men and women in the First church. The minister could see Edward Norman. editor of the Raymond Daily News. He had been a member of First church for ten years. No man was more honored in the community. There was Alexander Powers, superintendent of the railroad shops. There was Donald Marsh, president of Lincoln college, situated in the suburbs of Raymond. There was Milton Wright, one of the great merchants of Raymond, having in his employ at least 100 men in various shops. here was Dr. West, who, although still comparatively young, was quoted as authority in special surgical cases. There was young Jasper Chase, the author, who had written one successful book and was said to be at work on a new novel. There was Miss Virginia Page, the heiress, who through the recent death of her father had inherited a million at least and was gifted with unusual attractions of person and intellect. And, not least of all, Rachel Winslow from her seat in the choir glowed with her peculiar beauty of light this morning because she was so is moved by the Divine Spirit what he may do or how he may change the cur-There was some reason perhaps, in view of such material in the First church, for Henry Maxwell's feeling of satisfaction whenever he considered his parish as he had the previous Sunday. There was a large number of strong individual characters who claimed membership there. But as he noted their faces this morning Henry Maxwell was not measure as he looked into the faces simply wondering how many of them of these men and women on this occawould reepond to the strange proposi- sion. tion he was about to make. He continued slowly, taking time to choose his words carefully and giving the people an impression they had never felt him, and almost with the first syllable before, even when he was at his best, he uttered there was a distinct presence with his most dramatic delivery. "What I am going to propose now is prayer went on this presence grew in something which ought not to appear power. They all felt it. The room was unusual or at all impossible of execution, yet I am aware that it will be so visible. When the prayer closed, there regarded by a large number perhaps of was a silence that lasted several mothe members of the church. But, in ments. All the heads were bowed. order that we may have a thorough Henry Maxwell's face was wet with understanding of what we are considering, I will put my proposition very plainly, perhaps bluntly. I want volunteers from the First church who will ent could have felt more certain of the pledge themselves earnestly and honest- Divine blessing. And so the most serily for an entire year not to do anything without first asking the question, 'What would Jesus do?' And after asking that question each one will follow Jesus as exactly as he knows how, no matter what the results may be. I will, of course, include myself in this company of volunteers and shall take for granted that my church here will not be surprised at my future conduct as based upon this standard of action and ous change has come over my life withwill not oppose whatever is done if they think Christ would do it. Have I made my meaning clear? At the close of the since last Sunday has left me so dissatservice here I want all those members isfied with my previous definition of of the church who are willing to join discipleship that I have been compelled such a company to remain, and we to take this action. I did not dare bewill talk over the details of the plan. gin it alone. I know that I am being Our motto will be, 'What would Jesus led by the hand of Divine love in all do?' Our aim will be to act just as he this. The same Divine impulse must would if he were in our places, regard- have led you also. Do we understand less of immediate results. In other fully what we have undertaken ?" words, we propose to follow Jesus' steps _____ want to ask a question," said words, we propose to follow Jesus' steps "I want to a ts closely and as literally as we believe Rachel Winslow.



"Overwork and loss of necessary sleep made me very nervous and it was with the greatest difficulty that I could execute my solos. A friend Jesus would do after going to that advised me to give Dr. Miles' Nervine source of knowledge." a trial, which I did and received im-"What if others so ple his experiences, the crisis through mediate benefit. In a few days I was which he was even now moving, but entirely relieved. I recommend it to something of his feeling passed from all musicians who suffer from over-

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Henry Maxwell paused again and looked over his church. It is not easy describe the sensation that such a simple proposition apparently made. Men glanced at one another in astonishment. It was not like Henry Maxwell to define Christian discipleship in this way. There was evident confusion of thought over his proposition. It was feasible to follow it. But we need to understood well enough, but there was apparently a great difference of opinion have asked the Spirit to tell us what as to the application of Jesus' teaching Jesus would do and have received an and example.

Henry Maxwell calmly closed the ervice with a brief prayer. The organist began his postlude immediately after the benediction, and the people began to go out. There was a great deal of conversation. Animated groups stood all over the church discussing the minister's proposition. It was evidently provoking great discussion. After several minutes Henry Maxwell asked all who expected to remain to pass into the lecture room on the side. He himself was detained at the front of the church talking with several persons there, and when he finally turned around the church was empty. He walked over to the lecture room entrance and went in. He was almost startled to see the people who were there. He had not made up his mind about any of his members. but he had hardly expected that so

Every one turned toward her. Her face glowed with a beauty that no loveliness could ever create.

"I am a little in doult as to the source of our knowledge concerning what Jesus would do. Who is to decide for me just what he would do in my case ! It is a different age. There are many perplexing questions in our civilization that are not mentioned in the teaching of Jesus. How am I going to tell what he would do?"

"There is no way that 1 know of." replied Mr. Maxwell. "except as we study Jesus through the medium of the Holy Spirit. You remember what Christ said speaking to his disciples about the Holy Spirit:

" 'Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth is come, he shall guide you into all the truth, for he shall not speak from himself. But what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak, and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come. He shall glorify me. for he shall take of mine and shall declare it unto you. All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I that he taketh of mine and shall declare it unto you."

"There is no other test that I know of. We shall all have to decide what

"What if others say of us when we do certain things that Jesus would not do so?" asked the superintendent of railroads.

"We cannot prevent that, but we must be absolutely honest with ourselves. The standard of Christian action cannot vary in most of our acts.

"And yet what one church member thinks Jesus would do another refuses to accept as his possible course of action. What is to render our conduct uniformly Christlike? Will it be possible to reach the same conclusions always in all cases?" asked President Marsh.

Henry Maxwell was silent some time. Then he answered.

pect that But when it comes to a genuine, honest, enlightened following of Jesus' steps I cannot believe there will he any confusion either in our own minds or in the judgment of others. We must be free from fanaticism on one hand and too much caution on the other. If Jerus' chample is the example for the world, it certainly must be remember this great fact-after we answer to it we are to act regardless of the results to ourselves. Is that understood ?"

All the faces in the room were raised toward the minister in solemn assent. There was no misunderstanding the proposition. Henry Maxwell's face quivered again as he noted the president of the Endeavor society, with several members, seated back of the older men and women.

They remained a little longer, talking over details and asking questions. and agreed to report to one another every week at a regular meeting the result of their experiences in following Jesus in this way. Henry Maxwell prayed again. And again, as before, the Spirit made himself manifest. Every head remained bowed a long time. They went away finally in silence.

There was a feeling that prevented many were ready to enter into such a speech. Henry Mazwell shook hands literal testing of their discipleship as with them all as they went out. Then now awaited them. There were perhaps he went to his own study room back of 50 members present. Among them were the pulpit and kneeled down. He remained there alone nearly half an hour. When he went home, he went into the room where the dead body lay. As he looked at the face he cried in his heart again for strength and wisdom, but not even yet did he realize that a movement had been begun which would lead to the most remarkable series of events that the city of Raymond had ever known.

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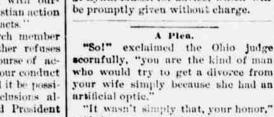
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me, himself least of all, dreamed of the

This event created a great sensation in the First church parish. People talked of nothing else for a week. It was the general impression that the man had wandered into the church in a condition of mental disturbance caused by his troubles and that all the time he was talking he was in a strange delirium of fever and really ignorant of his surroundings. That was the most charitable construction to put upon his action. It was the general agreement also that there was a singular absence of anything bitter or complaining in what the man had said. He had throughout spoken in a mild, apologetic tone, almost as if he were one of the congregation seeking for light on a very difficult subject.

The third day after his removal to the minister's house there was a marked ge in his condition. The doctor toke of it and offered no hope. Saturday morning he still lingered, although he had rapidly failed as the week drew near to its close. Sunday morning just before the clock struck 1 he rallied and asked if his child had come. The minister had sent for her as soon as he had been able to secure her address from some letters found in the man's pocket. He had been conscious and able to talk coherently only a few moments since his attack. "The child is coming. She will be here," Henry Maxwell said as he sat there, his face showing marks of the strain of the week's vigil, for he "Ad insisted on sitting up nearly every ight

"I shall never see her in this world," the man whispered. Then he uttered with great difficulty the words: "You have been good to me. Somehow I feel as if it was what Jesus would do." After a few moments he turned his head slightly, and before Henry Maxwell could realize the fact the doctor said. "He is gone."

The Sunday morning that dawned on the city of Raymond was exactly like the Sanday of the week before. Henry Maxwell entered his pulpit to face one of the largest congregations that had sver crowded First church. He was haggard and looked as if he had just risen from a long illness. His wife was at home with the little girl who had come on the morning train an hour aft-er her father died. He lay in that spare oom, his troubles over, and Henry Il could see the face as he opened he Bible and arranged his different notices on the side of the deak as he had a the habit of doing for ten years. service that morning contained a lemme. No one could remember

Rachel Winslow and Virginia Page, Mr. Norman, President Marsh, Alexander Powers, the railroad superintendent; Milton Wright, Dr. West and Jasper Chase.

The pastor closed the door of the lecture room and stood before the little group. His face was pale, and his lips trembled with emotion. It was to him a genuine crisis in his own life and that of his parish. No man can tell until he is moved by the Divine Spirit what he rent of a lifetime of fixed habits of thought and speech and action. Henry Maxwell did not, as we have said, yet know himself all that he was passing through, but he was conscious of a great upheaval in his definitions of Christian discipleship, and he was moved with a depth of feeling he could

It seemed to him that the most fitting word to be spoken first was that of prayer. He asked them all to pray with of the Spirit felt by them all. As the filled with it as plainly as if it had been tears. If an audible voice from heaven had sanctioned their pledge to follow the Master's steps, not one person presous movement ever started in the First church of Raymond was begun.

"We all understand," said Henry Maxwell, speaking very quietly, "what we have undertaken to do. We pledge ourselves to do everything in our daily lives after asking the question, 'What would Jesus do?' regardless of what may be the result to us. Some time I shall be able to tell you what a marvelin a week's time. I cannot now. But the experience I have been through

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