What Would Jesus Do?" By CHARLES M. SHELDON.

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The effect of this proposition as it een met and obeyed by a number he members of the First church of gond has been so remarkable that. u know, the attention of the whole try has been directed to the move-I call it a 'movement' because the action taken today it seems able that what has been tried here e First shurch in Raymond will h out into the other churches and a revolution in church methods. more especially in a new definition hristian discipleship.

is proposition. Some of the most editor of The Daily News, which nade such a sensation in the newsworld: Milton Wright, one of slum district known as the Recde, and Miss Winslow, whose repularge part of the city's worst and abandoned population

n addition to these well known le has been a gradually increasing had all things in common. ber of Christians from the First ch and lately from other churches ed in Maxwell's proposition, which would probably do in the disciplace, but the result of an honest ence to either pledge, he claims, be practically the same, and he is surprised that the largest numbers joined the new discipleship from Endeavor society.

am sure the first question you will is, 'What has been the result of attempt, what has it accomplished, w has it changed in any way the lar course of the church or the com-You already know something from

country what the results have been. one needs to come here and learn certainly apparent. ething of the changes in individual and especially the change in the merchant. He has, I am told, so revothis following of Jesus' steps so lit-To tell all that would be to te a long story or series of stories. not in a position to do that, but I give you some idea perhaps of what happened here from what has been me by my friends and Henry Maxhimself

The result of the pledge upon the t church has been twofold—it has ght about a spirit of Christian felship which Maxwell tells me never re existed and which now impresses as being very nearly what the istian fellowship of the apostolic rches must have been, and it has ded the church into two distinct taken the pledge regard the others colishly literal in their attempts to tate the example of Jesus. Some of them have drawn out of

church and no longer attend, or have removed their membership irely to other churches. Some are rd rumors of an attempt on their t to force Maxwell's resignation. I not know that this element is very ong in the church. It has been held theck by a wonderful continuance of itual power, which dates from the Sunday the pledge was taken a rago, and also by the fact that so by of the most prominent members been identified with the move-

The effect on Henry Maxwell is marked. I heard him preach at state association four years ago. He ssed me at the time as having siderable power in dramatic delivions. His sermon was well writand abounded in what the seminary dents used to call 'fine passages.' effect of it was what the average gregation would call pleasing. This ming I heard Maxwell preach again the first time since then. I shall k of that further on. He is not the e man. He gives me the impression one who has passed through a crisis evolution. He tells me this revoluis simply a new definition of Chris-discipleship. He certainly has aged many of his old views. His at-de on the saloon question is radical-Prosite to the one he entertained a ago, and in his entire thought of ministry, his pulpit and parish So far as I can understand, idea that is moving him on now is idea that the Christianity of our

element of suffering He quoted to me in the course of our conversation several times the verse from Peter, For hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps,' and he seems filled with the conviction that what our churches need today more than anything else is this factor of suffering for Jesus in some

"I do not know that I agree with him altogether; but, my dear Caxton, it is certainly astonishing to note the results of this idea as they have impressed themselves upon this city and upon this church

"You ask how about the results on the individuals who have made the pledge and honestly tried to be true to it. Those results are, as I have said, a part of individual history and cannot be told in detail. Some of them I can give you, so that you may see that this form of discipleship is not merely sentiment or fine posing for effect

ander Powers, who was superintendent cians, but I still had sufficient left to of the machine shops of the L. and T In the first place, Maxwell tells me R. R. here. When he acted upon the as astonished at the response made evidence that incriminated the road, he lost his position, and, more than that. ninent members in the church made I learn from my friends here his family promise to do as Jesus would and social relations have become so ng them were Edward Norman, changed that the family no longer ap- severe pulpitation, short breath and pear in public. They have dropped out much pain about the heart, fluttering of the social circle where once they and smothering spells, but Dr. Miles' were so prominent. By the way, Caxleading merchants in Raymond; ton, I understand in this connection ander Powers, whose action in the that the commission, for one reason er of the railroads against the in- and another, postponed action on this ate commerce laws made such a case, and it is now rumored that the about a year ago; Miss Page, one L. and T. R. R. will pass into a receivaymond's leading society heiresses. er's hands very soon. The president of has lately dedicated her entire for the road, who, according to the evias I understand, to the Christian dence submitted by Powers, was the paper and the work of reform in principal offender, has resigned, and complications which have arisen since Dr. Miles Medical Company, Elkhart, Ind. point to the receivership Meanwhile m as a singer is now national, but the superintendent has gone back to his in obedience to what she has de- old work as a telegraph operator. I met appear to intensify a positive and praci to be Jesus' probable action, has him at the church yesterday. He im- tical joy. ed her talent to volunteer work pressed me as a man who had, like ing the girls and women who make Maxwell, gone through a crisis in charpossibly to your weariness. I am unacter. I could not help thinking of him as being good material for the church which my entire stay here has increased. of the first century, when the disciples I want to tell you something of the

"Or take the case of Mr. Norman, editor of The Daily News. He risked Raymond. A large proportion of his entire fortune in obedience to what for him the Sunday before, and this volunteers who pledge themselves he believed was Jesus' probable action was the first time I had heard him since as Jesus would comes from the and revolutionized his entire conduct the association four years ago. His sersavor societies. The young people of the paper at the risk of a failure. I that they have already embodied in send you a copy of yesterday's paper. his sermon then as if it had been r society pledge the same principle I want you to read it carefully. To my thought out and preached by some one ne words, 'I promise him that I will mind, it is one of the most interesting living on another planet. I was proto do whatever he would have and remarkable papers ever printed in foundly touched. I believe I actually lo.' This is not exactly what is in-This is not exactly what is in- the United States It is open to criti- shed tears once. Others in the congrecism, but what could any mere man hat the disciples shall try to do what attempt in this line that would be free text was: 'What is that to thee? Folfrom criticism? Take it all in all, it is low thou me.' And it was a most unso far above the ordinary conception of usually impressive appeal to the Chrisa daily paper that I am amazed at the tians of Raymond to obey Jesus' teachresult. He tells me that the paper is ings and follow in his steps, regardless beginning to be read more and more by of what others might do. I cannot give the Christian people of the city. He is you even the plan of the sermon. It very confident of its final success.

"Read his editorial on the money question; also the one on the coming lection in Raymond, when the question of license will again be an issue. Both articles are of the best from this point of view. He says he never begins an editorial or, in fact, any part of his fession, questions as to what Jesus orts of Raymond that have gone over newspaper work without first asking, would do in special cases and prayer "Then there is Milton Wright, the

rch life, to realize all that is meant lutionized his business that no man is life, Caxton, has so moved me as that more beloved today in Raymond. His meeting. I never felt the Spirit's presown clerks and employees have affection for him that is very touching During the winter, while he was lying store was greeted with marked demon-strations. All this has been brought is not mere words, but the business itself is carried on under a system of cooperation that is not a patronizing recin the entire business. Other men on his earthly possessions, give away all the street look upon Milton Wright as his wealth or in any literal way imitate us of members. Those who have odd. It is a fact, however, that while the Christians of the order, for examhe has increased his business and is to unanimous consent. however, that if best and most successful merchants in his own particular case would do that

Raymond. has chosen to give her great talent to that he was still, to a certain degree, internal element of strife, and I the poor and wretched of the city. Her uncertain as to Jesus' probable action plans include a musical institute where when it came to the details of house choruses and classes in vocal music shall hold living, the possession of wealth, be a feature. She is enthusiastic over the holding of certain luxuries. It is, her life work. In connection with her however, evident that very many of friend Miss Page she has planned a these disciples have repeatedly carried will certainly do much to lift up the limit, regardless of financial loss. There lives of the people down there. I am is no lack of courage or consistency at not too old, my dear Caxton, to be in- this point. It is also true that some of that has also been tragic here in Ray-mond, and I must tell you that it is imitation of Jesus, and very many well understood there that Miss Wins- have, like Alexander Powers, lost valuto a brother of Miss Page, who was once a society leader and clubman and who was converted in a tent where his wife that is to be took an active part in the service. I don't know all the details of this little romance, but I can imagine there is a little story wrapped up in it, and it would be interesting reading if

we only knew it all. "These are only a few illustrations of results in individual lives owing to obedience to the pledge. I meant to have spoken of President Marsh of Lincoln college. He is a graduate of my alma mater, and I knew him slightly when I was in the senior year. He has taken an active part in the recent municipal agitation, and his influence in the city is regarded as a very large factor in the coming election. He im-pressed-me, as did all the other disciples in this movement, as having fought out some hard questions and as having taken up some real burdens that have caused and still do cause that suffering steps were taken to secure the co-oper-

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"But I am prolonging this letter. able to avoid the feeling of fascination meeting in the First church today.

"As I said, I heard Maxwell preach. At his earnest request I had preached mon this morning was as different from gation were moved like myself. His would take too long. At the close of the service there was the usual after meeting that has become a regular feature of the First church. Into this meeting have come all those who made the pledge to do as Jesus would do, and the time is spent in mutual fellowship, con-'What would Jesus do?' The result is that the one great guide of every disciple's conduct may be the Holy Spirit

"Maxwell asked me to come into this meeting. Nothing in all my ministerial ence so powerfully. It was a meeting of reminiscences and of the most loving fellowship. I was irresistibly driven in dangerously ill at his home, scores of thought back to the first years of Chrisclerks volunteered to watch or help in tianity. There was something about all any possible way, and his return to his this that was apostolic in its simplicity and Christ imitation

"I asked questions. One that seemed about by the element of personal love to arouse more interest than any other introduced into the business. This love was in regard to the extent of the Christian disciples' sacrifice of personal property. Henry Maxwell tells me that so far no one has interpreted the spirit ognition of inferiors, but a real sharing of Jesus in such a way as to abanden he has lost heavily in some directions ple, of St. Francis of Assisi. It was the day respected and honored as one of the any disciple should feel that Jesus in there could be only one answer to the "And there is Miss Winslow. She question. Maxwell frankly admitted course in music which, if carried out, their obedience to Jesus to the extreme terested in the romantic side of much the business men who took the pledge low expects to be married this spring able positions owing to the impossibility of doing what they had been accus-tomed to do and at the same time doing what they felt Jesus would do in the same place. In connction with these cases it is pleasant to record the fact that many who have suffered in this way have at once been helped financially by those who still have means. In this respect I think it is true that these disciples have all things in common. Certainly such scenes as I witnessed at the First church at that after service this morning I never saw in my church or any other. I never dreamed that such Christian fellowship could exist in this age of the world. I am almost in-

tury in America. "But now, dear friend, I come to the of the whole question as the First me. Before the meeting closed today st represent a more literal im- of which Henry Maxwell speaks, a suf- steps were taken to secure the co-oper- he do? Shall I tollow his steps?

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credulous as to the witness of my own

enses. I still seem to be asking myself

if this is the close of the nineteenth cen-

took this step after long deliberation He said as much to me one day when I called upon him and we were discussing the effect of this movement upon those closely the path he made? the church in general.

" 'Why he said 'suppose that the church membership generally in this country made this pledge and lived up to it What a revolution it would cause in Christendom! But why not? Is it any more than the disciple ought to do? has he followed Jesus unless he is willthe to do this? Is the test of discipleshap any less today than it was in Jesus "I do not know all that preceded or

followed his those at of what ought to Assistant Postmaster General Heath be done outside or Enymond, but the idea crystallized today in a plan to secure the fellowship of all the Christians

in America. The churches through their pastors will be asked to form disciple gatherings like the one in the First church Volunteers will be called for in the great body of church members in the United States who will promise to do as Jesus would do Maxwell spoke particularly of the result of such general action on the saloen question. He is terribly in earnest over this. He told me that there was no question in his mind that the saloon would be beaten in Raymond at the election now near at hand. If so, they could go on with some courage to do the redemptive work begun by the evangelist and now taken up by the disciples in his own church. If the saloon triumphs again, there will be a terrible and, as he thinks, unnecessary waste of Christian sacrifice. But, however we differ on that point, he has convinced his church that the time has come for a fellowship with other Christians. Surely, if the First church could work such changes in society and its surroundings, the church in general, if combining such fellowship, not of creed, but of conduct, ought to stir the entire nation to a higher life and a new conception of Christian following.

This is a grand idea, Caxton, but right here is where I find myself hesitating. I do not deny that the Christian disciple ought to follow Christ's steps as closely as these here in Raymond have tried to do, but I cannot avoid asking what the result will be if I ask my church in Chicago to do it. I am writing this after feeling the solemn. profound touch of the Spirit's presence. and I confess to you, old friend, that I cannot call up in my church a dozen prominent business or professional men who would make this trial at the risk of all that they hold dear. Can you do any better in your church? What are we to say-that the church would not respond to the call, 'Come and suffer?' The actual results of the pledge as obeyed here in Raymond are enough to make any pastor tremble and at the same time long with yearning that they might occur in his own parish. Certainly, never have I seen a church so signally blessed by the Spirit as this one But am I myself ready to take this pledge? I ask the question honestly, and dread to face an honest answer. I know well enough that I would have to change very much in my life if I undertook to follow his steps so closely. I have called myself a Christian for many years. For the past ten years I have enjoyed a life that has had comparatively little suffering in it. I am-honestly I say it-living at a long distance from municipal problems and the life of the poor, the degraded and the abandoned. What would the obedience to this pledge demand of me? I hesitate to answer. My church is wealthy, full of well to do, satisfied people. The stand-

not of a nature to respond to the call to suffering or personal loss I say, 1 am aware. I may be mistaled as 1 say, 1 have erred in not stirring their deeper life. Caxton, my friend, I have spoken my inmost thought to you. Shall I go back to my people next Sunday and stand up before them in my large city church and say, 'Let us follow Jesus closer; let us walk in his steps, where it will cost us something more than it is costing us now; let us pledge not to do anything without first asking, What would Jesus do?' If I should go before them with that message, it would be a strange and startling one to them. But why? Are we not really to follow him all the way? What is it to be a follower of Jesus? What does it mean to imitate him? What does it mean to

walk in his steps?" The Rev. Calvin Bruce, D. D., of the Nazareth Avenue church, Chicago, let his pen fall on the paper. He had come to the parting of the ways, and his question, he felt sure, was the question of many and many a man in the ministry and in the church. He went to his window and opened it. He was oppressed with the weight of his convictions, and he felt almost suffocated with the air of the room. He wanted to see the stars and feel the breath of the world.

The night was very still. The clock in the First church was striking midnight. As it finished a clear, strong voice down in the direction of the Rectangle came floating up to him as if borne on radiant pinions:

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone And all the world go free? No! There's a cross for every one, And there's a cross for me."

It was the voice of one of Gray's old converts, a night watchman at the packing houses, who sometimes solaced his lonesome hours by a verse or two from some familiar hymn.

The Rev. Calvin Bruce turned away from the window, and after a little hesitation he kneeled down. "What would Jesus do? What would Jesus do?" Never had he yielded himself so completely to the Spirit's searching revealing of Jesus. He was on his knees a long time. He retired and slept fitfully. with many awakenings. He rose before real cause of the letter, the real heart it was clear dawn and threw open his window again. As the light in the east church of Raymond has forced it upon grew stronger he repeated to himself: me. Before the meeting closed today "What would Jesus do? What would he do? Shall I follow his steps?"

this country I think Henry Maxwell was a space. When shall the dawn of a new discipleship usher in the con quering triumph of a closer walk with Jesus? When shall Christendom trend

It is the way the Master trod. Shall not the servant tread it still?

With this question throbbing through his whole being the Rev. Calvin Bruce went back to Chicago, and the great crisis of his Christian life in the ministry suddenly broke irresistibly upon

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#### RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Strongly Urges Its Extension Washington, Nov. 6.—A vigorous plea for rural free delivery is made in the annual report of First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath Mr. Heath says the service so far has resulted in increased postal receipts enchancement of the value of farm lands reached by rural free delivery o from \$2 to \$3 per acre, a general improvement of the condition of the roads traversed by the rural carrier.

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Rural free delivery has been exceeded to nearly 180,000 persons, at an au-nual cost of about 84 cents per capita against an average per capita cost of \$2.80 in towns of 5,000 population. "It is a small matter to a resident of a town," says the report, "to be saved a walk of a few hundred yards to the postoffice, while it is a great accommodation to the farmer to be spared a five mile drive for his mail."

By illustration it is shown that the rural service at West Chester, Pa., not only paid for itself, but left a balance of \$593 in nine months, after delivering 155,805 pieces of mail matter.

Iowa Volunteers' Welcome Home. Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 7.- The Cifty-first lowa volunteers returned to their native state yesterday after service in the Philippines, and received a welcome in this city that warmed their hearts. A crowd of fully 5,000 people flocked hither from all parts of the state to join in the greetings. At Bay liss Park Governor Shaw, Mayor Jennings and others welcomed the boys after a parade for which 40 ban is furnished music. After the exercises in the park the soldiers were served a banquet.

Anti-Trust Baking Powder. Indianapolis, Nov. 7 .- The Anti-Trust Baking Powder company, promoted from this city, has been incorporated under the laws of Delaware. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, it shares of \$10 each. The factory of the company will be temporarily established in this city, and within two weeks will be making "anti-trust" baking powder.

Indian Chief Killed by Train. Richmond, Nov. 7.-Riley Bradby, second chief of the Pamunky Indians, was struck yesterday by a locomotive on the Southern railroad, near Lester Manor, and so badly injured that he died soon after. Bradby was a full blooded Pamunky. He was 54 years old, and was very deaf.

Chicago's Municipal Pawnshop. Chicago, Nov. 7 .- A municipal pawnshop, operating under a law passed by the last legislature, was opened here yesterday, and judging from the number of applications for loans will be a success. The institution loans money at I per cent a month.

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