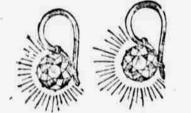
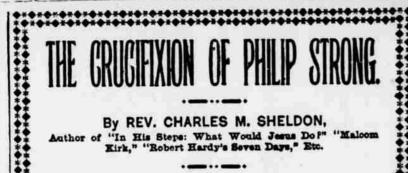


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CHAPTER XV. "Well," said Philip slowly as he

seemed to grasp the meaning of his wife's words, "to tell the truth, I never thought of that!" He sat down and looked troubled. "Do you think, Sarah, that because he is a negro the church will refuse to receive him to membership? It would not be Christian to refuse him."

"There are other things that are Christian which the church of Christ on earth does not do. Philip." replied his wife almost bitterly. "But whatever else Calvary church may do or not do I am very certain it will never consent to admit to membership a black man."

"But there are so few negroes in Milton that they have no church. I manot counsel him to unite with his own people. Celvary church must admit tim?" Philip spoke with the quiet determination which always marked his convictions when they were settled.

"But suppose the committee refuses to report his name favorably to the church, what then?" Mrs. Strong spoke with a gleam of hope in her heart that Philip would be roused to indignation. that he would resign and leave Milton. Philip did not reply at once. He was

having an inward struggle with his sensitiveness and his interpretation of his Christ. At last he said:

"I don't know, Sarah. I shall do what I think he would. What I shal' do afterward will also depend on what Christ would do. I cannot decide it yet. I have great faith in the church on earth."

"And yet what has it done for you so far. Philip? The business men still own and rent the saloons and gambling houses. The money spent by the church is all out of proportion to its wealth. Here you give away half your salary to build up the kingdom of God, and more than a dozen men in Calvary who are worth fifty and a hundred thousand dollars give less than a hundredth part of their income to Christian work in connection with Control It makes my blood boil, "n to see how you are throwing

your life away in these miserable tenements and wasting your appeals on a church that plainly does not intend to do, does not want to do, as Christ would have it. And I don't believe it ever will."

"I'm not so sure of that, Sarah," replied Philip cheerfully. "I believe I shail wis them yet. The only thing that sometimes troubles me is, Am 1 doing just as Christ would do? Am name just now." Deacon Stearns ap-I saying what he would say in this peared to speak for the committee, all age of the world? There is one thing of whom nurmuzed assent in one form of which I am certain-I am trying to or another.

witnessed the conversion of the sexter Philip had ready a list of names, mcluding several young men. It was a very precious list to him. It seemed almost for the first time since he came to Milton as if the growing opposition to him was about to be checked and finally submerged beneath a power of the Holy Spirit, which it was Philip's daily prayer might come and do the work which he alone could not do. That was one reason he had borne the feeling against himself so calmly.

Philip read the list over to the committee, saying something briefly about nearly all the applicants for membership and expressing his joy that the young men especially were coming into the church family. When he reached the sexton's name, he related simply the scene with him after the morning service.

There was an awkward pause then. The committee was plainly astonished. Finally one said: "Brother Strong, I'm afraid the church will object to receiving the sexton. What is his name?" "Henry Roland."

"Why, he has been sexton of Calvary church for ten years," said another, an older member of the committee, Deacon Stearns by name. "He has been an honest, capable man. I never heard any complaint of him. He has always minded his own business, However, 1 don't know how the church will take it to consider him as an applicant for membership."

"Why, brethren, how can it take it in any except the Christian way?" said Philip cagerly, "Here is a man who gives evidence of being born again. He cannot be present tonight when the against him, but 26 for him, and Philip other applicants come in later owing to work he must do, but I can say for him that he gave all evidence of a most sincere and thorough conversion. He wishes to be baptized. He wants to unite with the church. He is of present in the back part of the room, more than average intelligence. He is not a person to thrust himself into all the rest had gone, he and Philip had places where people do not wish hima temperate, industrious, modest, quiet workman, a Christian believer asking us to receive him at the communion table of our Lord. There is no church for his own people here. On what possible pretext can the church refuse to admit him?"

"You do not know some of the members of Calvary church, Mr. Strong, if fice. you ask such a question. There is a very strong prejudice against the negro in many families. This prejudice is especially strong just at this time owing to several acts of depredation committed by the negroes living down near the railroad tracks. I don't believe it would be wise to present this

the name, you do so on your own responsibility."

"With mine," said Deacon Stearns. He was the last to shake hands with the minister, and his warm, strong grasp gave Philip a sense of fellowship that thrilled him with a sense of courage and companionship very much needed. He at once went up to his study after the committee was gone. Mrs. Strong, coming up to see him later, found him, as she often did now, on his knees in prayer. Ah, thou follower of Jesus in this century, what but thy prayers shall strengthen thy soul in the strange days to come?

Thursday evening was stormy. A heavy rain had set in before dark, and a high wind blew great sheets of water through the streets and rattled loose boards and shingles about the tenements. Phillp would not let his wife go out. It was too stormy. So he went his way alone, somewhat sorrowful at heart as he contemplated the prospect of a small attendance on what he had planned should be an important occasion.

However, some of the best members of the church were out. The very ones that were in sympathy with Philip and his methods were in the majority of those present, and that led to an unexpected result when the names of the applicants for membership came before the church for action.

Philip read the list approved by the committee and then very simply, but powerfully, told the sexton's story and the refusal of the committee to recommend him for membership.

"Now, I do not see how we can shut this disciple of Jesus out of his church," concluded Phillp, "And I wish to present him to this church for its action. He is a Christian; he needs our help and our fellowship, and as Christian believers, as disciples of the Man of all the race, as those who believe that there is to be no distinction of souls hereafter that shall separate them by prejudice, I hope you will vote to receive this brother in Christ to our membership."

The voting on new members was done by ballot. When the ballots were all in and counted, it was announced that all whose names were presented were unanimously elected except that of the sexton. There were 12 votes declared that according to the constitution of the church he was duly elected. The meeting then went on in the usual manner characteristic of preparatory service. The sexton had been and at the close of the meeting, after a long talk together. When Phillp reached home, he and Sarah had an other long talk on the same subject. What that was we cannot tell until we come to record the events of the communion Sunday, a day that stood out in Phillp's memory like one of the bleeding palms of his, Master, pierced with sorrow, but eloquent with sacri-

CHAPTER XVI.

The day was beautiful and the church as usual crowded to the doors. There was a feeling of hardly concealed excitement on the part of Calvary church. The action of Thursday night had been sharply criticised. Very many thought Phillip had gone beyond his right in bringing such an important subject before so small a meeting of the members, and the prospect of the

tere tous far said and to ask the church to take the action I now propose. We are met here this morning in full membership. Here is a soul just led out of the darkness by the spirit of truth. He is one known to many of you as an honest, worthy man, for many years faithful in the discharge of his duties in this house. There is no Christian reason why he should be denied fellowship around this table. I wish, therefore, to ask the members of the church to vote again on the acceptance or rejection of Henry Roland, disciple of Jesus, who has asked for permission to this body of Christ in his name. Will all those in favor of thus receiving our brother into the great family of faith signify it by raising the right hand?"

For a moment not a person in the church stirred. Every one seemed smitten into astonished inaction by the sudden proposal of the minister. Then hands began to go up. Philip counted them, his heart beating with anguish as he foresaw the coming result. He waited a minute-it seemed to many like several minutes-and then said. "All those opposed to the admission of the applicant signify it by the same MISS N. J. LOCKHEART, BOX 16, ELIZAsign.

Again there was the same significant, reluctant pause, then half a dozen hands went up in front of the church. Instantly from almost every part of the house hands went up in numbers that almost doubled those who had voted in favor of admission. From the gallery on the sides, where several of Philip's workmen friends sat, a hiss

arose. It was slight, but heard by the entire congregation. Philip glanced up there, and it instantly ceased.

Without another word he stepped down from the platform and began to read the list of those who had been received into church membership. He had almost reached the end of it when a person whose name was called last rose from his seat near the front, where all the newly received members were in the habit of sitting together. and, turning partly around so as to face the congregation and still address Philip, he said:

"Mr. Strong, I do not feel as if, after what has taken place here this morning, I could unite with this church. This man who has been excluded from church membership is the son of a woman born into slavery on the estate of one of my relatives. That slave woman once nursed her master through a terrible illness and saved his life. This man, her son, was then a little child. But in the strange changes that have gone on since the war the son of the old master has been reduced to poverty and obliged to work for a living. He is now in this town. He is this very day lying upon a sick bed in the tenement district. And this black man has for several weeks out of his small earnings helped the son of his mother's master and cared for him through his illness with all the devotion of a friend.

"I have only lately learned these facts. But, knowing them as I do and believing that he is as worthy to sit about this table as any Christian here, I cannot reconcile the rejection with my own purpose to unite here. I therefore desire to withdraw my application for membership here. Mr. Strong, I desire to be baptized and partake of the communion as a disciple of Christ simply, not as a member of Cal-

vary church. Can I do so?" Philip replied in a choking voice, "You can." The man sat down. It

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earth with sorrow and heartache. He had been in the habit of going out to communion Sunday with the emblems of Christ to observe the rite by the bedsides of the aged or ill or those who could not get out to church. He carried with him this time a basket containing a part of the communiservice. After going to the homes of one or two invalid church members he thought of the person who had been mentioned by the man in the morning as living in the tenement district and in a critical condition. He had secured his address, and after a little inquiry he soon found himself in a part of the tenements near to him.

He climbed up three flights of stairs and knocked at the door. It was opened by the sexton. He greeted Philip with gl.d surprise.

The minister smiled sailly, -----"So, my brother, it is true you a serving your Master here? My heat is grieved at the action of the church this morning."

"Don't say anything, Mr. Strong. You did all you could, but you are jus. in time to see hire " The sexton boild

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spring from my failure to interpret his nction right. And yet I do feel deep in me that if he was pastor of this church today he would do most of the things I have done. He would preach most of the truths I have proclaimed. Don't you think so, Sarah?"

"I don't know, Philip. Yes, I think in most things you have made an honest attempt to interpret him."

"And in the matter of the sexton. Sarah, wouldn't Christ tell Calvary church that it should admit him to its membership? Would he make any disfunction of persons? If the man is a Christian, thoroughly converted and wants to be baptized and unite with Christ's body on earth, would Christ, as pastor, refuse him admission?"

"There is a great deal of race preludice among the people. If you press the matter, Phillip, I feel sure it will meet with great opposition."

"That is not the question with me. Would Christ tell Calvary church that the man ought to be admitted? That is



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evening following the Sunday that had enurch will receive bim. If you pre-

do just as I believe he would. The "And yet," said Phillp, roused to a mistakes I make are those which sudden heat of indignation, "and yet what is Calvary church doing to help to make those men down by the rail-

road tracks any better? Are we concorned about them at all except when our coal or wood or clothing is stolen or some one is held up down there? And when one of them knocks at the door of the clourch can we calmly and coldly shut it in his face simply because God made it a different color from ours?" Philip stopped and then finished by saying very quietly, "Brethren, do you think Christ would receive this man into the church?"

There was no reply for a moment. Then Deacon Stearns answered: "Brother Strong, we have to deal with difference of speech or social surhumanity as it is. You cannot make people all over. This prejudice exists. and sometimes we may have to respect it in order to avoid greater trouble. 1 know families in the church who will certainly withdraw if the sexton is voted in as a member. And still," said the old deacon, with a sigh, "I believe Christ would receive him into his church."

Before much more could be said the different applicants came, and as the custom was, after a brief talk with them about their purpose in uniting with the church and their discipleship, they withdrew, and the committee formally acted on the names for presentation to the church. The name of Henry Roland, the sexton, was finally reported unfavorably, three of the committee voting against it. Deacon Stearns at last voting with the minister to present the sexton's name with the others.

"Now, brethren," said Philip, with a sad smile, as they rose to go, "you know I have always been very frank in all our relations together, and I am going to present the sexton's name to the church Thursday night and let the church vote on it in spite of the action here tonight. You know we have only recommending power. The church is the final authority, and it may accept or reject any names we present. I cannot rest satisfied until we know the verdict of the church in the matter." "Brother Strong," said one of the committee who had been opposed to the sexton, "you are right as to the extent of our authority, but there is no question in my mind as to the outcome of the matter. It is a question of expediency. I do not have any feeling against the sexton, but I think it would be very unwise to receive him into So when the committee came in that membership, and I do not believe the

approaching baptism and communiton of the sexton had drawn in a crowd of people who ordinarily staid away from that service.

Philip generally had no preaching on communion Sunday. This morning he remained on the platform after the opening exercises, and in a stillness which was almost painful in its intensity he began to speak in a low but clear and impressive volce:

"Fellow disciples of the church of Christ on earth, we meet to celebrate the memory of that greatest of all beings, who, on the eve of his own greatest agony, prayed that his disciples might all be one. In that prayer he said nothing about color or race or roundings. His prayer was that his disciples might all be one-one in their aims, in their purposes, their sympathy, their faith, their hope, their love. "An event has happened in this church very recently which makes it necessary for me to say these words, The Holy Spirit came into this room last Sunday and touched the hearts of several young men, who gave themselves then and there to the Lord Jesus Christ. Among the men was one of another race than the Anglo-Saxon. He was a black man. His heart was melted by the same love, his mind illuminated by the same truth. He desired to make confession of his belief, be baptized according to the commands of Jesus and unite with this church as a humble disciple of the lowly Nazarene. His name was presented with the rest at the regular committee meeting last Monday, and that committee, by a vote of 3 to 2, refused to present his name with recommendations for membership. On my own responsibility at the preparatory service Thursday

night I asked the church to act upon this disciple's name. There was a legal quorum of the church present. By a vote of 26 to 12 the applicant for membership was received according to the rules of this church.

"But after that meeting the man came to me and said that he was unwilling to unite with the church, knowing that some objected to his membership. It was a natural feeling for him to have. We had a long talk over the matter. Since then I have learned that if a larger representation of members had been present at the preparatory meeting there is a possibility that the number voting against receiving the applicant would have been much larger than those who voted for him. "Under all these circumstances I

was not the place for any demonstration, but again from the gallery came a slight but distinct note of applause. as before, it instantly subsided as

Philip looked up. For a moment every one held his breath and waited for the minister's action. Philip's face was pale and stern. What his sensitive nature suffered in that moment no one ever knew, not even his wife, who almost started from her seat, fearing that he was about to faint. For a moment there was a hesitation about Philip's manner so unusual with him that some thought he was going to leave the church. But he quickly called on his will to assert its power, and, taking up the regular communion service, he calmly took charge of it as if nothing out of the way had occurred. He did not even allude to the morning's incident in his prayers. Whatever else the people might think of Philip they certainly could find no fault with his self possession. His conduct of the service on that memorable Sunday was

admirable. When it was over, he was surrounded by different ones who had taken part either for or against the sexton. There was much said about the matter. But all the arguments and excuses and comments on the affair could not remove the heartache from Philip. He could not reconcile the action of the church with the spirit of the church's Master, Jesus, and when he finally reached home and calmly reviewed the events of the morning he was more and more grieved for the church and for his Master. It seemed to him that a great mistake had been made and that Calvary church had disgraced the name of Christianity. As he had been in the habit of doing

since he moved into the neighborhood of the tenements, Philip went out in the afternoon to visit the sick and the sorrowful. The shutting down of the mills had resulted in an immense amount of suffering and trouble. As spring came on some few of the mills had opened, and men had found work in them at a reduction of wages. The entire history of the enforced idleness of thousands of men in Milton during that eventful winter would make a large volume of thrilling narrative. Philip's story but touches on this other. He had grown rapidly familiar with the different phases of life which loafed and idled and drank itself away during that period of inaction. Hundreds of men had drifted away to othhave deemed it my duty to say what I er places in search of work. Almost as

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