

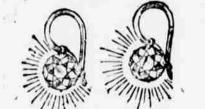
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MALCOM KIRK.

A Tale of Moral Heroism In Overcoming the World.

BY CHARLES M. SHELDON, Author of "In His Steps," "Crucifizion of Philip Strong," "Bobert Hardy's Seven Days."

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CHAPTER IX.

KIRK PREVENTS A LYNCHING. As Malcom Kirk and Carver ran on directly in the face of that wild line of fire and smoke there was only one supreme thought in the mind of Malcom. He saw the boy's mother, and while he ran he heard her voice as she had appealed to him in his study.

Instinctively the two men bore off from the road over which the horses had entered the town toward a swale where the grass and rosin weeds grew deep, and it was but a few feet from the beaten track of the prairie road that they saw the body of Phillp Barton, lying face downward, the hands clinched and holding tightly a broken piece of the lines of the harness.

No time then to stop and ask whether he were living, but up with him between them and back to the town with all the power of their pulsing manhood.

Carver was entirely sober now. He was naturally a man of great muscular endurance. Malcom had kept up his physical training in his work with the young men in the church. Not a word was said. They realized

that the time was short, and they ran with their unconscious, heavy burden between them. Meanwhile men, women and children

had organized in a desperate effort to save the town. There was one fact in their favor. It had been the custom for those living on the edge of the town to picket their animals out on the prairie near by. The grass was cropped short on this account. Under any ordinary circumstances this fact would have insured safety from any usual fire. But the whole prairie was aflame, everything was as dry as two months of drought and hot winds could make it, and water for a long time had been very scarce in wells and cisterns. Back of all that advancing line of fire was a prairle gale that shot the flames straight forward, and old settlers, some of whom had seen the great fires in Dakota in the early sixties, looked at the sight now before them with grave faces.

Dorothy came to the door of the parsonage, stood there a moment and then ran, with other women, her neighbors, down to the main street.

Bucket lines were being formed from all the wells and cisterns that were e instantly joined with availabie. the others in handing the water. A large company of men armed with wet cloths to whip out the fire began to form as far from the houses as they dared. It was too late now to plow fire breaks and too windy to make a back fire. The only hope that any one had was that the shortness of the grass near the town would check the fury of, the advancing whirlwind of flame. "Have you seen Mr. Kirk?" Dorothy asked as she first joined the others. And they told her. Her face blanched and her lips breathed a prayer as she worked on silently. She knew that he

They ran with their unconscious burden

between them.

him at that moment was in the line of

duty, and she would not have called

him back from it. But her heart cried

out for help, and she agonized for him

Down came the great wall of fire and

smoke. The hot air scorched the faces

of the fire fighters. Dim figures out on

the advance line were seen desperately

struggling with the element. The town

was enveloped in smoke and burned

out ashes of prairie grass that sifted

over the workers until the faces and

hands of all were black and grimy.

Scores of men rushed upon the fire line

as it came on, checked some by the

short grass, and stamped out the

and as it broke out in new places fresh

groups threw themselves upon it and

Dorothy could not remember bow she came to be with the fighters on the

prairie instead of with the water car-

riers, but it was undoubtedly her anx-

fought for the We of the town.

whom her soul dearly loved.

lety for Malcom's safety that urged her out toward the fire. Her dress had caught on fire and been put out several times. Some one had thrown water

over her, but she had hardly known it. She worked with all the others in a silent frenzy. Suddenly she was conher, looming up through the smoke, thrashing at the fire with powerful enand stubborn refusal to surrender.

of him.

"Dorothy! Thank God, we got back with him just in time!"

There was no time to say more. The danger was still great. Near together guilt seemed almost sure. Two or now, husband and wife fought on. The titizens of Conrad afterward bore wit- of the parsonage yard that afternoon ness to the way in which they fought. "Say, did you see Mr. Kirk?" A

group of men at the postoffice, several minutes after Dorothy had left the pardays after the great fire, were talking sonage. it over.

"These New England folks beat every other kind when it comes to never giving up."

"Yes, or fighting the devil. Our minister beats all the rest at that," said Carver, who spoke of Kirk as "our a crime. The citizens were exasperatminister," although he had never been ed and nervous from the great strain a member of any church and rarely went to hear even Malcom preach. But it was a tribute to the hold Malcom had secured on such men that they appropriated him somehow to themselves or to the best that was strug gling in them.

It was nearly the middle of the afternoon of that eventful day that the people of Conrad, exhausted, burned, blackened, saw the great danger pass around them and the galloping whiriwind thundered off beyond the town, leaving a mighty and desolate expanse of black and smoldering prairie behind it.

Then it was that the severest trial of all came to Malcom and Dorothy. They had gone into the house of one of their parishioners, where the body of Philip Barton had been carried. He was living, but had received some injuries from falling out of the wagon probably when the team ran away.

They had come out of the house and were on their way home when some corner where the crowd now gathered. one in the street suddenly clutched Malcom's arm and, pointing through the smoke, cried out:

"Look there! The church is on fire!" The church and parsonage stood at the opposite end of the town from the head, and every man in Courad reprairie fire, and the danger had been the least in that quarter. That part of the town had been entirely deserted while the fight had been going on at Kirk asked some of the men to drag it the other end.

"If the church

They had been talking excitedly together.

"Mr. Kirk, we are of the opinion that this fire was incendiary." "How is that?" asked Malcom, rous-

ing up a little. The first seen of it was in the tow-

er. Now, the fire from the prairie could not possibly have caught up there. Some one must have set it." Then different ones began to whisper

their suspicions. The next day, while Malcom and Dorothy were staying with one of the church members who took them into his home, the rumor grew that the fire was the work of the whisky men.

Down on the street excited groups of men gathered that evening, discussing the matter. Every one knew that Malcom Kirk had fought the saloons from

the first day of his entrance into Conrad. He was feared and hated by them more than any one else. He had scious of a tall, awkward figure near succeeded to a large degree in getting the other churches to act together in the agitation now going on all over the ergy, a very incarnation of resistance state. He was already noted for his leadership throughout the county and "Malcom!" she cried, and, faint as had written and spoken on every possishe was, she felt new life at the sight ble occasion for the proposed prohibitory amendment.

So there was reason in the suspicion held by the citizens. As the evening

wore on proof of a certain saloon man's three persons had seen him coming out of the fire. A child had seen the same man on the steps of the church a few

It was now 10 o'clock. The crowd at the corner by the postoffice grew every minute larger and more threatening. Groups of men stood surrounding some speaker who urged lynching as the only satisfactory punishment for such of the last two days.

Malcom Kirk came down town late that night to get the mail from the east bound express and walked into the mob just as cries of "Lynch the firebug!" rose from many voices. As soon as the crowd saw him it surrounded him excitedly.

"Mr. Kirk, we've proof that 'Big Jake' set fire to your church."

Malcom looked over the crowd a moment in silence. He had not been thinking so much about the loss of his church and parsonage as he came down town as about Dorothy and his future prospects. But the sight and sound of that mob of citizens brought his mind back to the situation not only in the town of Courad, but throughout the entire state. For the time, therefore, he let his own personal plans go as he faced the fact of a grave crisis in the temperance movement.

He had more than one Sunday evening held outdoor services at the very had often helped him at Dore ces by playing and singing. such / Every in Conrad was familiar with the tall, homely, awkward figure that now towered over almost every

spected him. There was an empty dry goods box near one of the stores, and Malcom Kirk asked some of the men to drag it out to the corner of the sidewalk. The minute he had mounted it the corner.

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While a tail Is a sad sight, you'll agree, It's an evil that everywhere must prev For it's bound to a cur, you see. -L. A. W. Bulletin.

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Maud (pettishly)-Oh, how I do wish I were a man! I'd love nothing better than to be a soldier and fight for my i pronounced sentence of death. country.

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"I'm going to change my horse' name and call him Love Letter." "Love Letter? Why?" "He's left at the post so often!"-N Y. World.

> As Always. On the wings of the lightning The Truth may fly.



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will go, too," thought Malcom, as he and Dorothy ran through the street.

flying timber blown off the church His voice was a splendid instrument. tower. The water of the town was ex- and he knew how to use it. It is said whom she never loved as she loved hausted. The well in the parsonage yard was already nearly empty. Malcom rushed into the house and by desperate work, helped by several other men, succeeded in carrying out some furniture and a few of his books.

One of the boxes in Dorothy's room was blazing as he carried it out and threw it over, and a pile of papers in a portfolio was scattered. Dorothy, as she worked helping to carry some pieces of furniture to a place of safety, felt something blow against her face, and, putting up her hand, she caught a piece of paper.

Even in the excitement she saw what it was. It was the sketch that Francis Raleigh had drawn on board the Cephalonia three years before, the sketch of Malcom holding the baby. Dorothy sobbed as she saw what it was. Her own baby! And now their home and nearly all the things they home and nearly all the things they bition. counted dear!

It was over soon, and in a little while the church and parsonage, the work of many a weary struggle for their little company of disciples, were dreary heaps of ruin. A hard fight on men that if you attempt to use violence the part of the wornout citizens had kept the other houses from being burned. The church and parsonage had stood in a large lot by themselves.

"After all," said Malcom when it was all over, as he sat down by Dorothy on a trunk while a little group of neighbors stood by discussing the incldents of the fire, "after all, dear, we have a good deal to be thankful for."

"Yes," said Dorothy, with a smile. It was a little hard for her as she sat there to imagine that Dorothy Gilbert who once back in the old New England home had been noted for the elegance and refinement of all her ways and surroundings. Nothing but the her insensible to that former life before she was married.

ruins of his home and his church, and deep down in his heart there, was a mighty conflict going on. He had lost his books, nearly all that were of salue, and the other losses were great, He was blackened and burned bis clothes hung in ragged rents about him, his greut fists were bleeding, and bere beall for-what? To shars such priva-For a moment he hardly heard what some of his parishioners were saying.

became silent.

It is a rare gift to be able to speak to When they reached the parsonage, a great crowd of men out of doors and the roof had already caught from a hold them. Kirk possessed that gift. of Gladstone that in the days of his greatest power as a speaker people would linger in the corridors of the house of commons when he was talking simply to enjoy the sound of the tone of his voice, although they could not distinguish a word that was said. Something of this same quality made Kirk's voice a fascination for an audience. Whatever it was it could truly

be called a great gift of God. And he used it now in a godlike manner. He began by calling attention to

the fact that the people of the state were trying to abolish the saloon by legislative amendment to the constituwhat it was. It was the sketch that tion. At such a time as that, for the

> "I am perhaps," continued Malcom, "the most interested person in this whole matter. It is my church that has been burned and my home that has been destroyed. And yet I say to you toward 'Big Jake' or any other saloon keeper on the ground of this circumstantial evidence and take the law into your own hands I will defend him from such violence at the risk of my own life. Let us act like men' in this matter-like men who see further than

> personal vengeance and are determined that our fight shall be directed not against the saloon keeper so much as against the business he represents. That is what we want to fight for in behalf of all our homes and churches and our state and computy fluolla yd a

He got down off the hox after he had spoken and appealed in a guies but powerful manner, to some of the more great love she bore the man who had asked her to share his life now made her insensible to that former life be-and appear had their effect. A small group of men on the edge of the crowd Malcom Kirk sat there gazing at the gathered farther of the street, and after Kirkihadigone/home they marched up to "Big,Jaky's", saleen, only to find it closed and the proprietor fied.

> House and Lot for Sale [TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

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Add at the end of the first paragraph of said section, after the words "shall be entitled to vote at all elections, "the words, "subject howy ever to such laws requiring and regulating the resignation of electors as the General Assembly may enact," so that the said section shall read as follows.

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