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

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Henry Maxwell sat there staring at the great sea of faces all intent on him, and no answer to this man's question seemed, for the time being, to be possible. "O God!" his heart prayed.

All this and more did Henry Maxwell ponder. All the others were thinking in the same way. The bishop sat there with a look so stern and sad that it was not hard to tell how the question moved him.

"I think I can safely say that I have many times been in just such a condition and have always tried to be a Christian under all conditions. I don't know that I have always asked this question, 'What would Jesus do?'"

The old man's voice trembled, and he looked around the room timidly. A silence followed, broken by a fierce voice from a large, black haired, heavily bearded man who sat three seats from the bishop.

And Henry Maxwell again, as before, called up that other audience at the Rectangle, with increasing longing for a larger spread of the new discipleship. What had he seen and heard at the settlement burned into him deeper the belief that the problem of the city would be solved if the Christians in it should

He was more and more impressed with the appalling fact that the comparatively few men in the hall, now being held quiet for awhile by Rachel's voice, represented thousands of others just like them, to whom a church and a minister stood for less than a saloon or a beer garden as a source of comfort or happiness.

Carlsen had evidently forgotten all about the three minute rule and was launching himself into a regular oration that went, in his usual surroundings, before his usual audience, an hour

at least, when the man just behind him pulled him down unceremoniously and rose. Carlsen was angry at first and threatened a little disturbance, but the bishop reminded him of the rule, and he subsided.

When he sat down, a man who bore every mark of being a street laborer sprang to his feet and poured out a perfect torrent of abuse against the corporations, especially the railroads.

Finally the bishop called time on the "free for all" and asked Rachel to sing. Rachel Winslow had grown into a very strong, healthful, humble Christian during that wonderful year in Raymond.

Again Henry Maxwell, sitting there, was reminded of his first night at the Rectangle in the tent when Rachel sang the people into quiet. The effect was the same here. What wonderful power a good voice consecrated to the Master's service always is!

Carlsen, with his great black bearded face, absorbed the music with the deep love of it peculiar to his nationality, and a tear ran over his cheek and glistened in his beard as his face softened and became almost noble in its aspect.

The bishop said to himself that night while Rachel was singing that if the world of sinful, diseased, depraved, lost humanity could only have the gospel preached to it by consecrated prima donnas and professional tenors and altos and basses he believed it would hasten the coming of the kingdom quicker than any other one force.

At first he hesitated, but finally accepted, seeing in it the hand of the Spirit's guiding power. He would test his own question. He would prove the truth or falsity of the charge made against the church at the settlement meeting.

He had never been what would be called a great preacher. He had not the force or the quality that makes remarkable preachers. But ever since he had promised to do as Jesus would do he had grown in a certain quality of persuasiveness that had all the essentials of true eloquence.

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armies of men would walk the streets for jobs and hundreds of them curse the church and thousands of them find in the saloon their best friend?

Henry Maxwell kept asking this question even after Rachel had finished singing and the meeting had come to an end, after a social gathering which was very informal.

This was the one question that continually demanded answer. He had planned, when he came to the city, to return to Raymond and be in his own pulpit on Sunday, but Friday morning he had received at the settlement a call from the pastor of one of the largest churches in Chicago and had been invited to fill the pulpit for both morning and evening services.

The great church was filled to its utmost. Henry Maxwell, coming into the pulpit from that all night vigil, felt the pressure of a great curiosity on the part of the people.

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