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only a few months before from the Newton Theological Seminary, was called to the pastorate of the Hyannis Baptist church. Handsome, polished in manner, with a wonderful amount of personal magnetism, he was soon a social favorite. Young and old were attracted to him, and the church congregation was doubled in the first few months of his incumbency. Little comment was occasioned by the fact that he was seen frequently in the company of 17-year-old Avis Linnell, the brightest of the local high school students. She had been baptized and received into the church by the young minister, and the old gossip of the little village considered them naturally attracted to each other, and looked for them to wed.

There was no formal announcement of an engagement. But Miss Linnell had given up most of her social diversions, and was spending nearly all of her time in church work. She was the "right hand" of the pastor in most of the events, and took his part in a dispute that arose from his methods of preaching. It was Richeson's boast that he always called a "spade a spade," and his forceful preaching, in which he assailed sin in every guise, soon split the congregation in factions. In April, 1910, Rev. Richeson resigned, and stated that he had accepted a charge in Immanuel, Cambridge. He had planned to stay there only a short time, and later to marry Miss Linnell, according to what their friends understood, and go to China as a missionary.

Then Avis Linnell, who had a splendid voice, left the little country village and went to Boston. She stated that she was going there to study in the Conservatory of Music so that she might be able to "aid her husband" in his church work. At that time she was wearing a handsome diamond ring, which, it was understood by her people, had been the gift of the minister.

Meanwhile, Richeson had been installed in the fashionable Cambridge church. Here his work was crowned with success, and he became a favorite with many members of the congregation who professed to be charmed with his plain talks from the pulpit. One night at a church reception the young pastor was introduced to Miss Violet Edmonds. She was the daughter of Moses Grant Edmonds, one of the wealthiest residents of Brookline, and reputed to be in possession in her own right of half a million dollars, received from the estate of her grandfather.

Miss Edmonds was a different type from the little country village maid who had done so much for the preacher down on Cape Cod. Proud and imperious in manner, she was attracted toward the young minister, and soon he was paying devoted attention to her. In a short time he was her slave, and soon she told her intimates that she and the minister were to wed soon.

Whether Avis Linnell knew of the other woman at this time is not known. It is certain, however, that early in the summer she took the diamond ring from her finger, and wore it no more. But there was no an-

nouncement to the home people that the engagement had been broken, and there were only a few people who knew that another woman had come between the preacher and his little country sweetheart.

Miss Linnell went home in August, and shortly afterward Richeson also came to Hyannis to spend his vacation. Prior to that time the minister had been noticed dining in Boston restaurants with Miss Linnell and in Hyannis, and in the old town the couple were much together, and the rumor was soon afloat that they had patched up their differences, and would eventually be married.

In September Richeson returned to his pulpit and Miss Linnell went back to her music studies. At times, her friends say, she seemed much distraught and troubled. Finally on Saturday, October 14, the young music student told her girl friends at the Young Women's Christian Association, where she boarded, that she was going to take dinner with her "gentleman friend." Although she did not call Richeson by name, she was understood to mean him by her friends.

No one saw the couple at their meal. The last time they are known to have been seen on the street together was the day before Miss Linnell's mother, who had been visiting in Boston, returned home. Her daughter accompanied her to the railway station, and after her train left, according to the story of George Baker of Hyannis, who was there, Richeson joined Miss Linnell. They left the depot together.

Following her visit to her "gentleman friend" for dinner, Miss Linnell returned to the Y. W. C. A. in high spirits. She told her friends that she had been given some medicine, and that she was sure now that her "headaches" would be cured.

That night young women occupying adjoining rooms heard groans in the bathroom adjoining Miss Linnell's bedroom. They broke down the door, but the girl became unconscious and died before a physician arrived. For a short time it was believed that she had killed herself. It was suggested that Richeson had told her that he was to wed the "other woman," and that this fact had caused her to end her life. An autopsy, however, revealed that she was about to become a mother, and that cyanide of potassium had been the cause of death.

The fact that the girl was in a delicate condition aroused suspicion, and the police began to shadow Richeson. It developed that, when the little country girl was found dying her nearest chum telephoned to Richeson, who demanded to know whether she had said anything about him. When told she had not, it is alleged that he demanded why he had been called, and notified the girl to tell Miss Linnell's people and the police.

Richeson immediately deserted his lodging and went to the Brookline mansion of Moses Grant Edmonds, where he stayed in strict seclusion. The next day he went down town and engaged an attorney to represent his interests.

On October 19th, William Hahn, a druggist in Newton Center, where Richeson attended theological school, told the police that he had sold Richeson cyanide of potassium. "He told me that he had a pet dog

that he wanted to kill," Hahn told the police, "and I told him that he ought to use ether. He said that he didn't like the odor, and then I suggested cyanide. I gave him a package, but he insisted on more. As he was leaving he cautioned me to say nothing about the matter."

On this evidence and the known acquaintance of the minister with Miss Linnell the arrest of Richeson was determined on. The police surrounded the mansion on the night of October 19th, but admission was refused. Finally, early next morning they were admitted, and found the minister in bed. He was formally arrested on a murder charge, and protested his innocence.

The theory of the police from the start was that the minister was responsible for the girl's condition, and that he had promised to get her medicine which would effectually hide her shame from the world. Instead the latter admitted he gave her capsules filled with dry cyanide. The girl, believing implicitly in the minister, partook of the deadly drug, believing it was in reality medicine for the purpose intended.

After his arrest the members of the Edmonds family stood by the minister. They proclaimed their belief in his innocence, and it was announced that they would finance his defense. On Thanksgiving Day Miss Edmonds sent flowers and dainties to the accused man in his cell, and said she had implicit confidence that he would soon be free, and they would wed in the end.

On the night of December 20 Richeson was heard moaning and crying in his cell. Finally he asked a guard to send for a doctor. One was soon there, and investigation revealed the fact that the minister, probably in a moment of mental aberration, had fearfully mutilated himself with a piece of tin he had secured and sharpened to a razor's edge on the floor of the cell. So serious were the wounds inflicted that the doctors who were hurriedly called were forced to complete the operation the man had begun, and for a time he was in grave danger from blood poisoning.

That Richeson had planned to have the operation he attempted figure in his defense was charged by the prosecutor, and he was little surprised when, on January 6th, he was furnished with a confession of guilt by Richeson's lawyers. When the confession was repeated in court on January 9th, there was nothing for Judge Sanderson to do but impose the only penalty by law for first degree murder. Friends of Richeson started an agitation to have his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, but the governor and his council refused to act. A petition claiming insanity was filed in the case, but promptly overruled.

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H. H. Bishop, by B. St. George Bishop, His Attorney in Fact, Plaintiff.

vs.
Frank P. Sargent, Defendant.

To Frank P. Sargent, the above-named Defendant:
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication made herein, to-wit: the sixth day of June, 1912, and if you fail to so answer, for want thereof plaintiff will take judgment against you as demanded in his complaint on file herein, to-wit: For the sum of \$181.60, being balance due on a promissory note as in plaintiff's complaint alleged and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements herein. This summons is served upon you by order of the Honorable Charles Graves, Justice of the Peace of the above-entitled court, dated April 23d, 1912, and the date of the first publication being the 25th day of April, 1912, and the date of the last day will expire on the 6th day of June, 1912.

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