

THE STENOGRAPHER'S STORY.

I had dismissed my typewriter operator, had reviewed the record of an important criminal case upon which we had been working all day, had put the papers on my desk in order, and, lighting my pipe, lay back in my chair, gazing idly at the blazing coals in the grate, and listening dreamily to the howling of the wintry storm without and the dash-dash-dashing of the sled against the windows.

turned his head slightly toward the door in the attitude of one listening intently. The pause was brief, the movement slight, but neither escaped my attention. I was about to ask a question, but he had already once in a full of the room without I thought I heard a stealthy footstep on the landing without, but had paid little heed to it, although at that hour the building in which my office was generally untenant.

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READING FOR SUNDAY. Faith. I ask not the world of science For proof of my Father's might, But long the world of science Through ages of darkest night: I question not His power Or doubt His holy grace, I but know my savior liveth, And long to behold His face.

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THE STENOGRAPHER'S STORY (Continued).

He looked at me for a moment, and then he said: "I am not a man of many words, but I have a few things to say to you."