

# THE PILLAR of LIGHT

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"You young dog, you have seen it too. Mrs. Vansittart avoids me. Something has happened. She has changed her mind. Do you think she has heard about Edith?"

"Edith! Oh, of course—Edith must be christened afresh. No; that isn't it. It would not be fair to you to say that I think you are mistaken; but, from what I know of the lady, I feel sure she will meet you fairly when the time comes."

"Ah, you agree with me, then?"

"In admitting a doubt—in advising the delay you have already suggested—yes."

"She told you I had written?"

"More than that. She asked me if I was aware of its explanation."

"And you said?"

"Exactly what I said to you. You are both sensible people. I can hardly imagine that any misunderstanding can exist after an hour's talk."

Mr. Trull looked at his watch. A carriage stopped at the hotel.

"Here's Stanhope and his mother," cried Pyne. So his uncle hurried off to receive his guests.

Lady Margaret was a well preserved woman of aristocratic pose, but her serenity was disturbed. Although the land was ringing with the fame of her son's exploit, and her mother's heart was throbbing with pride, there had been fearful hours of vigil for her. Not without a struggle had she abandoned her hope that he would make a well endowed match.

When Constance and Edith arrived she was very stately and dignified, scrutinizing, with all a mother's incredulity, the girl who had caused her to capitulate.

But Edith scored a prompt success. She swept aside the almost unconscious reserve with which Jack's mother greeted her.

"You knew," she murmured wistfully. "We did not. They would not tell us. How you must have suffered until the news came that he had escaped."

Lady Margaret drew the timid girl nearer and kissed her.

"My dear," she whispered, "I am beginning to understand why Jack loves you. He is my only son, but you are worthy of him."

Mrs. Vansittart's appearance created a timely diversion. She had obtained a black lace dress. It accentuated the settled pallor of her face, but she was perfectly self possessed and uttered a nice womanly compliment to the two girls, who wore white demitoid costumes.

"You look delightful," she said. "When all is said and done we women should never despise our wardrobe. That marvelous lighthouse had one grave defect in my eyes. It was dreadfully callous to feminine requirements."

Here was a woman rejuvenated, restored to her natural surroundings. They accounted for the subtle change in her by the fact that they had seen her hitherto under unfavorable conditions. Even Pyne, not wholly pleased with her in the past, found his critical judgment yielding when she apologized sweetly to Lady Margaret for her tardiness.

"There were two children saved from the wreck. Poor little mites, how they revelled in a hot bath! I could not leave them until they were asleep."

"I needed two hot baths," said Pyne. "No. I dug me out of the shell, and No. 2 helped me to recognize myself."

During dinner there was much to tell and to hear. Mrs. Vansittart said little, save to interpose a word now and then when Constance or Edith would have skimmed too lightly the record of their own services.

They did not hurry over the meal. All were in the best possible spirits, and the miseries of the Gulf Rock might never have existed for this lively company were it not that four among them bore clear tokens of the deprivations they had endured.

A waiter interrupted their joyous chatter at its highest. He bent over Mr. Trull and discreetly conveyed some communication.

"I am delighted," cried the millionaire heartily. "Show him in at once."

He rose from his chair to do honor to an unexpected guest.

"You will all be pleased to hear," he explained, "that Mr. Brand is ashore and has come to see us."

Mrs. Vansittart stifled the cry on her lips. The slight color which had crept into her pale cheeks yielded to a deathly hue. It chanced that the others were looking expectantly toward the door and did not notice her.

Brand entered. In acknowledging Mr. Trull's cordial welcome he smilingly explained his presence.

"My superiors sent me emphatic orders to clear out," he said, "so I had no option but to obey. I conveyed Mr. Emmett to suitable quarters and hastened home, but found that the girls were playing truant. My housekeeper insisted that I should eat, else she would not be satisfied that I still lived, but I came here as quickly as possible."

At that instant his glance, traveling from one to another of those present, fell on Mrs. Vansittart.

He stood as one petrified. The kindly words of his host, the outspoken glee of the girls at his appearance, fled away in his ears in hollow echoes. His eyes, frowning beneath wrinkles

rows, seemed to ask if he were not the victim of some unerring hallucination. They were fixed on Mrs. Vansittart's face with an all absorbing intensity, and his set lips and clinched hands showed how utterly irresistible was the knowledge that indeed he was not deceived; that he was gazing at a living, breathing personality and not at some phantom product of a surcharged brain.

She, too, yielding before the suddenness of an ordeal she had striven to avoid, betrayed by her laboring bosom that she was under the spell of some excitement of overwhelming power.

She managed to gain her feet. The consciousness that Constance, Edith, Lady Margaret even, were looking at her and at Brand with amazed anxiety served to strengthen her for a supreme effort.

"Mr. Stephen Brand—and I—are old acquaintances," she gasped. "He may misunderstand my presence here—tonight. Indeed—in this instance—I am not to blame. I could not help myself. I am always—trying to explain—but somehow—I never succeed. Oh!"

With an agonized sigh she swayed listlessly and would have fallen had not Pyne caught her.

But she was desperately determined not to faint there. This was her world, the world of society. She would not yield in its presence.

Her eyes wandered vaguely, helplessly, from the face of the man toward the others. Constance had hastened to

her assistance, and the knowledge that this was so seemed to stimulate her to a higher degree. With fine courage she grasped the back of a chair and summoned a wan smile to her aid.

"You will forgive me—if I leave you," she murmured. "I am so tired—so very tired."

She walked resolutely toward the door. Brand drew aside that she might pass. He looked at her no more. His wondering daughter saw that big drops of perspiration stood on his forehead.

Mr. Trull, no less astonished than the rest, offered to conduct Mrs. Vansittart to her room.

"No," she said, "I will go alone. I am used to it now after so many years."

There was a ring of heartfelt bitterness in her voice which appealed to more than one of the silent listeners.

As the door closed behind her Brand seemed to recover his senses.

"I must ask your pardon, Mr. Trull," he said quietly. "I assume that the lady who has just left us did not expect to see me here tonight. It would be idle to deny that the meeting was a shock to both of us. It revived painful memories."

Mr. Trull, scarce knowing what he said, replied: "What about," he exclaimed hastily.

"Mrs. Vansittart claimed you as an old acquaintance. The odd thing is that you, at any rate, did not discover that fact earlier."

The lighthouse keeper looked round the table. He saw pain in many eyes, but in Pyne's steady gaze there was encouragement.

"Mrs. Vansittart!" he said slowly. "Is that her name? I did not know. How should I, the recluse, hear of her? And in your first message to the rock you called her Etta. When I knew her name was Nanette, for the lady who calls herself Mrs. Vansittart was my wife—is yet, for aught I know to the contrary."

"Father!" Constance clung to him in utmost agitation. "Do you mean that she is my mother?"

"Yes, dear one, she is. But let us go now. I fear my home coming has brought misery in its train. I am sorry indeed. It was wholly unexpected. Poor Nanette! She ever deceived herself. I suppose she hoped to avoid me, as if fate forgot the tears in the comedy of life."

"Can I not go to her?" asked Constance, white faced and trembling.

"No, my child, you cannot. Has she claimed you? She cast you off once. I might have forgiven her many things—never that. Come, Edith! What need for your tears? We faced worse troubles together three days ago, and you, at any rate, can look forward to happiness. Good-by, Lady Margaret.

and you, too, Mr. Trull. I will see you tomorrow. Good-by. Forgive me for my unconscious share in this night's suffering."

(To be Continued)

## Additional Local.

Two of the most prominent ministers of all Southern Methodists will preach at the First Methodist Episcopal Church next Sunday. The Rev. Dr. J. D. Hammond, of Nashville, Tenn., and Secretary of the Educational Society; which position places him at the head of all the institutions of learning of that denomination will preach in the morning. This affords a great opportunity to Corvallis as an educational center. A no less distinguished person is the Rev. Dr. W. R. Lambeth who preaches at night. Dr. Lambeth is the Secretary of the great Missionary interests of his denomination. He has had large experience in China, Japan and other fields and in some respects is a notable globe trotter in church circles. His home is also in Nashville, Tennessee.

A very pleasant birthday party was enjoyed at the country home of W. H. McBee some 10 or 12 miles south of Corvallis. It was in honor of Mr. McBee who was 67 years old. There were 23 guests present.

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Yesterday afternoon Clerk Vincent issued a marriage license to Ivan Hawley and Miss Rose Hull, both of South Benton.

The members of the W. H. M. S. of the M. E. church, were very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. G. H. Fees, Wednesday afternoon.

A half dozen "new" men of OAC were given a ducking in the college fountain Sunday night, according to report. The hazers wore handkerchief masks and were unrecognizable. As people were en route home from church a party of the mischief-makers were seen, sky-larking on college street, their actions exciting comment as they were in the middle of the road, and it was surmised that some luckless "freshie" was "up against it."

Persons coming from Newport say that a fisherman caught a man-eating shark in the bay there a few days ago. The fish weighed over 500 pounds, and was ten feet in length. The shark was caught in a net and is the first of its species known to have been caught at Yaquina Bay.—Albany Herald.

People coming in from the country Monday stated that rigs and horses were tied to the fences for miles out from town, while the owners hunted china pheasants in the adjoining fields. Some young ladies who drove to town that day declared that every moment on the way they expected to be riddled with bullets, and as a result of the nervous strain they were on the verge of hysteria when they reached Corvallis safe and sound.

In this city at nine o'clock yesterday morning the Columbia annual conference of the M. E. church, South, convened, and is still in session. The opening service was conducted by Bishop James Adkins of Nashville, Tenn. Other notable who are here to participate in the meetings are Dr. Hammond, secretary of the general board of education; Dr. Lambeth, secretary of the board of Missions; and Dr. Lamar, agent of the publishing house, all from Nashville, Tennessee; also Dr. Vaughn, editor Pacific Methodist Advocate, and Dr. Read, superintendent of home missions, of San Francisco and bay cities. The meetings are held in the M. E. church, South, and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall moved yesterday into the Porter house on college street, for the winter.

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## ORDINANCE BILL NO. 217.

Material to be Used—Other Specifications.

Following is a continuation and conclusion of Ordinance Bill No. 217, regulating the manner and mode of procedure as relates to the matter of sewers in this city.

Sec. 13. Every safe under a basin, bath, water closet, urinal tank or other fixture, shall be drained by a special pipe of lead or iron not less than one inch in size, and not directly connected with any soil pipe, drain or sewer, and shall be made to discharge outside the house into an open fixture or on cellar floor.

Sec. 14. The terminals of all vent pipes must be at least five feet from any chimney, air shaft or window, and in case of a window said vent pipe must be at least three feet above said window of the house or building it serves. Where one building is attached to or joins another of greater height, having windows or openings overlooking the lower building, the terminals of all soil or vent pipes of the lower building must be at least twelve feet distant from said windows or openings, or may be carried up above the eaves or fire walls of the higher building undiminished in size. All soil or vent pipes must terminate at least twelve feet from line of building.

Sec. 15. All soil, waste, air and drain pipes inside of buildings, before being covered up must have all openings stopped up and be filled with water; the said test shall be made in the presence of property owner, and if satisfactory the work may be covered up.

Sec. 16. Every tenement, lodging house or hotel shall be provided with one water closet for every ten rooms or less, and one additional water closet for every additional ten rooms or less. In no case shall water closets be located in sleeping rooms or apartments of any building.

Sec. 17. No owner, builder, lessee, tenant or occupant of any building or structure, or of any premises within the limits of the City of Corvallis, nor any agent for any such owner, builder, lessee tenant or occupant, shall cause, suffer or permit any plumbing to be done in or about such building, structure or premises contrary to, or otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of, this ordinance. Nor until he shall have filed with the Chief of Police of the City of Corvallis an application for a permit to do or perform such work or plumbing or cause the same to be done or performed, stating the location, nature and extent of such work or plumbing, the manner of doing or performing the same, and the material thereof, and shall have obtained from such Chief of Police a permit to do such work or plumbing or cause the same to be done. Such application shall be sufficient if it states the location of such proposed work, construction or plumbing, the character thereof, and that the same is proposed to be done in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance applying thereto. Nor shall any such person make or cause to be made any connection with either any water main about such premises, or with any sewer about or running through the same without such permit, and the Chief of Police is authorized to issue permits for such plumbing, work or constructions upon application filed therefore as provided in this ordinance.

Sec. 18. No plumber or other person shall do or perform any plumbing or other work contemplated or provided for by this ordinance unless a permit to do or cause such work to be done shall have been issued as provided in Section 17 of this ordinance. All plumbers shall make a report in writing to the Chief of Police within three days after making any connections or doing any work the manner, character or material of which is provided for by this ordinance stating the location of such work and the manner, character and extent thereof and the material entering into the same.

Sec. 19. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or neglecting, failing or refusing to comply therewith shall upon conviction thereof before the Police Judge be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offense.

Passed the Common Council of the City of Corvallis and approved and signed by the Mayor, September 25, 1906.

## Important Event.

An event of interest to church people in general and to the Methodists in particular is related in Tuesday's Herald as follows:

Exercises attendant upon dedication and presentation of Kimball Theological School, one of the most important events that has transpired in the history of Methodism in the Northwest, occurred at the M. E. church in Salem yesterday afternoon. The ceremonies began at 2 o'clock and occupied the entire afternoon. One hundred and fifty-nine people, including the most prominent Methodists on the Pacific Coast, arrived on the noon train from Portland. The crowd was so large that it was impossible to accommodate it in the building itself, and it was necessary to hold

exercises in the church.

The first number on the program of importance was the presentation of the building to the university by the donor, Dr. H. D. Kimball, which was followed by an address of acceptance by President John H. Coleman, of the university, and by Bishop H. W. Warren, on the part of the Methodist Church.

The building is the only one of its kind on the Pacific Coast, and the event is regarded as the most eventful that ever happened at the University. It was erected at a cost of \$20,000.

## Clark-King Nuptials.

At the home of the bride's brother, Arnold King, in this city Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of Guy E. Clark to Miss Ella King, both of Corvallis.

Promptly at eight o'clock the young people, led by Rev. Edward Forest Green, marched to a position in the parlor and standing under an arch of white clematis and asters were united with a simple but very impressive ceremony.

The bride was very pretty in a costume of white Persian lawn, and carried an arm bouquet of white roses.

The guests were the immediate relatives of the interested parties. After congratulations a delicious wedding supper was served by Mrs. Arnold King.

Numerous handsome presents of silverware, china and linen were presented the young couple.

The bride is a well known Corvallis girl, being the estimable daughter of Mrs. T. Briun; The groom is the youngest son of

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, highly respected citizens. He is a young man of irreprouchable character, and is the trusted agent of the Willamette Valley Electric company at Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have gone to housekeeping in the house recently vacated by J. H. Harris. They have the good wishes of a wide circle of friends.

## Additional Local.

Mrs. E. F. Pernot entertained a small party of friends Tuesday evening. Five hundred was the amusement.

Mrs. H. S. Pernot is to arrive today or tomorrow from Portland, where she has been for ten days.

Mrs. C. T. Hird left yesterday for Portland, to be absent a month or six weeks.

Regular services at the United Evangelical church Sunday, morning and evening. A minister from the South Methodist conference will preach.

Mrs. Cecil Cathey and little daughter are visiting at the G. W. Simpson home in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simpson are in Portland this week.

The Central District Convention of Christian churches will be held in Albany next Thursday and Friday at the Christian Church. The members are preparing to entertain the delegates. An excellent program has been prepared and the different missionary interests of the religious body will be presented by prominent workers and speakers from the different towns in the valley. The sessions begin Thursday noon.

Besides the new men interested in football at OAC, mentioned in a recent article in the Gazette, is Ernest Holmberg of Portland, who has had experience as a 220-yard dash man on the Multnomah Club team. With the promising material now on hand OAC should be able to "do things" on the gridiron this season.

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