



SWEET VANITY

By RICHARD GOYNE

(Author of "That Little Blonde Girl," "The Rod of Pride," etc.)

CHAPTER I.

It was, without doubt, the most amazing letter Cynthia Marland—yes, even Cynthia—had ever written. Red lips pursed gently to brush the end of her quivering feather pen, she glanced guiltily back over the flint-hearted candour of the first sentences.

Cruel because they were utterly, undeniably true:

"Dear Peter

"It's just because you do seem to think a girl should be hopelessly dull, old-fashioned, and needing no more than her grandmother did, that I'm writing to put you off again this evening. You know, Peter, even if I do like you rather a lot, I simply couldn't endure another evening playing bridge with your aunts, dears though they are; and because, perhaps most of all, I do love a perfectly hectic time, and the Black Band are going to have one to-night on the river and have just telephoned to ask me to attend, I'll have to ask you not to call for me at seven.

"I feel quite horribly guilty about it all. I'm afraid this will hurt you, dear old thing, but when . . ."

Oh, horrors! Cynthia shivered and hastily ripped the expensive notepaper in two, flinging the torn epistle into the wicker basket at her silver-shod feet and choosing another folder.

"It will have to be," mused Cynthia, fatalistically, "the same old fib—"

Which was, of course, much easier to write:

"Dear Peter,

"I'm awfully sorry, but I cannot possibly meet you to-night. The Black Band telephoned via Dicky Smythe to remind me about a river trip we had planned for this evening, and I dare not disappoint them now. I'd ask you to come, old thing, only what would be the use? You wouldn't.

"You don't approve of them, do you? So I've got to disappoint you again. But if you're good, and promise not to lecture me about my hectic existence next time we meet, well, perhaps you shall take me out on Sunday. Will you 'phone in the morning, Peter, and we'll see?"

"Don't think me a beast. I really am in quite an awful predicament, but the Band would be furious if I let them down.

As ever,

Cynthia."

A pair of beautiful white hands hastily folded the letter. She dared not read it. Cynthia Marland was about to hurt Peter Cavendish again—deliberately—and with an astonishing fear for perpetrating the most reckless escapades of the pseudo-Bohemian younger set in Midway of which she was the accepted leader. Nevertheless, it was an embarrassing task to write Peter Cavendish the note that would disappoint him.

Because Peter, if a brilliant man of business and her father's most considerable rival—and one of his best friends—was so difficult. Peter worked so hard. He seemed quite content to run a prosperous business, to do things "reasonably," and allow two maiden aunts to keep house for him.

Peter loved Cynthia in the splendid way in which he tried to do everything, and that love, as far as he was concerned, dated from the night son after his coming to Midway.

The Black Band decided to "burgle" his house as an imitation of a newcomer. The joke was a silly one with disastrous consequences, for though Peter took it all in good part and trapped them easily in his study, a small collection of china he had gathered and treasured, had been broken in the excitement.

Yet Peter denied them even the satisfaction of his anger, and when the others had gone Cynthia alone remained to say that she was sorry. She would never forget the way he had taken her hands in his own, smiled and said:

"That's all right, Miss Marland, but—do your friends make a habit of this sort of thing?"

Quiet reproof, but it had brought a flush of shame to her cheeks. From that day the wildest pranks of the Black Band always brought back the memory of Peter and those words, together with a secret shame.

But it had marked the beginning of their friendship. Peter had proposed. Lightly she had said they would both be bored to tears if they tried to make a matrimonial alliance of their characteristic opposites—had wounded him by that, and then had spent an evening crying in her room.

Thereafter had come the inevitable quarrel when she had scorned his seriousness with life and championed the hilarious inconsequences of her set. But Cynthia had ended in Peter's arms, a tear-wet

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DIOCESAN BOARD MEETS

An Adjourned Meeting Of Women's Auxiliary Met In St. Peter's School Room Thursday Morning.

The adjourned meeting of the Women's Auxiliary met in St. Peter's School room Thursday morning. Capt. Kelly of the Church Army read a portion of Scripture and gave a short address. He said the great need in the world today is personal witness for Christ. The apostles and early martyrs were not afraid of persecution, they were ever faithful to the Master. We pride ourselves on belonging to the Church of Christ, and we enjoy its benefits. Only by personal witness, showing that our religion means something, shall we win other souls for Christ. Arguing is not going to win a man. The missionary spirit is needed at home as well as abroad. The laity should help, not expect the minister to do all the work in the parish.

Canon Malone expressed regret at not being at the Wednesday meeting. He extended a welcome to all, and sincerely hoped all would return to their respective parishes with renewed vigour and energy and as the Rev. W. J. Phillips said in his sermon Tuesday night, with a mind to work and build up the walls broken down in the West.

Further reports of work were given at this session, and Miss Jackson of Summerside gave an interesting account of the Junior work carried on in Summerside. Mrs. E. Bell of Charlottetown was nominated and elected Sec.-Treas. of the Juniors in place of Mrs. E. Champion who resigned. All other officers of the Board were re-elected.

The Rev. W. J. Phillips conducted mid-day prayers and briefly addressed the meeting. He said one gets tired hearing the money side of everything discussed so much these days. If we would carry through the suggestions of Christ, we would not need to worry about the money part. We seem to be losing the vision, it is time we got down on our knees earnestly asking God to reveal Himself to us. We need to be more conscious of His nearness and seek His guidance in everything we do. The speaker said he felt grateful for the privilege of speaking to this W. A. gathering and hoped everyone would return home with a greater vision, inspired to do greater things.

At 1 p. m. luncheon was served in St. Paul's Parish Hall by the ladies of St. Paul's W. A. The clergy and delegates to the D.C.S. meetings were also present. In the evening an interesting illustrated lecture was given in St. Paul's Hall by Miss McCabe who is a nurse at the Aklavik Hospital. Pictures of the mission buildings at Aklavik and other centres were shown, also summer and winter scenes inside the Arctic Circle, including one of the midnight sun. Seeing these pictures makes one realize more fully, all that the missionaries and other helpers give up, when they go to these northern posts. As the Rector of St. Paul's said they are doing the difficult task in difficult places. Surely we at home with our many comforts can do our small share in this great work.

Station Calls To Be Changed OTTAWA, March 17.—The call letters of the radio stations formerly owned by the Canadian National Railways and now the property of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission will eventually be changed, Rector Charlesworth revealed today. The first three letters of the identification will probably be "CRB" with the last letter corresponding to the city in which the station is located. For example, the call "CNRO" for the Ottawa station will probably be changed to "CRBO."

"I want to get a good novel to read in the train—something pathetic," said a woman to a book salesman. "Let me see. How would 'The Last Days of Pompeii' do?" "I never heard of him. What did he die of?" "I'm not quite sure, ma'am," replied the salesman; "some kind of eruption I believe."

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PREACHED RENEWED CONSECRATION

Stirring Sermon Was Preached by Rev. W. J. Phillips, Al-ber-ton, At Annual Meeting of Dioces-an Church Society

Rev. W. J. Phillips delivered the following sermon at the Y. P. S. meeting on March 14. Nehemiah, 2:17 and 4:6:

Then said I unto them, ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire, come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

I (a) Let Us View the Distress

Nehemiah looked upon the razed walls. Why had Jerusalem become so desolate? Why had her bulwarks been razed to the ground? Because the laws of God had been disregarded. Because His children had ceased to walk in the way He had set before them. God throughout the ages has been endeavoring to deal with men. When they heeded Him, blessings were showered upon them in abundance, but when men turned from Him and began to rely upon themselves, when they ceased to acknowledge the hand that enabled them to become strong, they having lost their strength, became weak and vacillating, and their end was desolation.

(b) Let Us View the Distress We Are In:

My friends, we can well look around us and what do we find? We see the distress we are in. The new Jerusalem lieth waste and the gates thereof are burned with the fire of unrighteousness. The laws of God, the precept of Jesus Christ have been disregarded. We and our children have ceased to walk in the way He has set before us. We had eaten and were filled but we forgot the Lord, the Provider of all things. Man has forgotten that he does not live by bread alone.

Consequently he has been brought to a state of consciousness that self reliance is not sufficient in itself. There is no reason to doubt that the unhappy condition of the world is due to selfishness. The whole economic structure had been built on the principle of everyone for himself.

This principal was not by any means original. It was advocated and practised, as the histories of Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Rome will show. As the ultimate collapse of those mighty systems, is the collapse of this artificial structure which we and ours helped to erect.

No one is so blind as those that will not see. Can we keep our eyes closed to the conditions that prevail even here on Prince Edward Island. Your attention must be drawn to the increase in venial sin, to the apparent flourishing of the dens of vice, known as speak-easies, and to the growing apathy in the observances of religious ordinances.

Let there be any suggestion of pessimism, we may be assured that much has been done by the few. The Ministerial Association of Charlottetown may especially be commended for their efforts and may God grant more power to your arms.

But the warning is directed to those who until now, have treated these matters with indifference as being no concern of theirs. To you comes the reminder that as professing Christians you are all witnesses, and if witnesses, then it is incumbent that you all take your part in this God's work.

The present economic collapse of the world, the new Jerusalem, is a challenge to the Church.

It has been conclusively proved that economic science—so practised has done its best and its worst, resulting in a complete collapse. The welfare of mankind must not be left in the hands of the unscrupulous few. They have exploited and plundered in their selfish greed and the blood of their victims must not be shed in vain sacrifice. Now comes a great opportunity for the Church to lead the way in this momentous task of rebuilding.

The unhappiness and the unbalanced and unequal distribution of God's gift to men at present existing, is paramount proof that the Church has not fulfilled Her destiny.

This draught may be bitter to swallow, but it is first essential that we realise we have fallen down upon our job.

The Church is not an inorganic conglomeration. She is composed, or should be composed of organic, living, vital beings. Of men and women who in their quest for life are prepared to lose their own, that by so doing they might find it.

In our confession we acknowledge before God not only the sins of commission but also the sins of omission.

The Church must get a deeper consciousness of Her failings. We must be made to realise that the wrongs we individually have committed as a contribution to this universal collapse, are not the most grievous.

What are more important are the many things we omitted to do, the doing of which would have made such a state of affairs impossible.

We have been taking the line of least resistance which is another way of saying, that the principles as enunciated by Jesus have not been our first consideration in our dealings with our fellow-men.

It seems that the man who likened the present day Church to the old time stage coach may indeed be right.

The old stage coach had first, second and third passengers. It may seem incredible that such a means of conveyance could thus cater.

However, the meaning is not apparent until the coach approaches the foot of a hill.

Then the voice of the guard rings out: First class passengers, keep your seats; second class passengers, get out and walk; third class passengers, get out and push.

Yes, we have too many passengers of the first class type. People who are content to contribute a little and just sit back in their seat and snooze. Also too many of the second class type. Those church members, who on the least pretext leave the fold and throw stones in criticism.

And alas, too few of those who, by putting their shoulders to the wheel, carry the fabric of Christ's Kingdom to its Canaan.

The challenge has been sounded. We have had sufficient time and opportunity to see the result of the mistakes that have been made. Let it no longer remain a reproach. In the name of Jesus let us as followers of Him accept the challenge and commence rebuilding.

A depression is a state caused by pressure from above. Numerous theories have been put forward as to the cause, as others have been suggested to lift it.

In our heart we know the cause—Selfishness, and moreover we know the only way to lift it.

"And if, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. That is what we must do.

The people in this modern Babylon are looking unto the hills for deliverance. They are seeking a new Science of Living, and it is on the love of God and man they must be brought to rely.

Do not think that this depression will not be lifted. The Devil is too subtle for that. But the whole point at issue is just this—unless we, the members of Christ's body—the Church—take resolute action the same will recur with probably greater devastation, not merely to the material fabric of economic science—but to the disappointed souls of men.

When Nehemiah had viewed the desolation, he did not ask the people to wall and fold their hands in despair. No, rather he urged the people to take off all superfluous garments that would encumber them, and get to work on the rebuilding.

So also with us. Breaches have been made in the wall, but thank God we still have the foundation. The visible fabric had been built, but it had been cemented with an inferior material. Or perhaps in building, we were so concerned with things that were unimportant that we became careless in the assembling of the material.

First therefore let us remove those things that might retard the work. Controversies, high, broad and low church, this, that, and the other thing have been going on for too long. During this time of usefulness, inroads have been made and breaches have appeared. So then may it be suggested that we remove everything and start to build on the old foundation, who is none other than Jesus Christ. Upon that foundation can be built a great super-structure of love which we all daily pray for—the Kingdom of Heaven here upon earth. "So we built the wall and all the wall was joined together, because the people had a mind to work."

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with our great task of rebuilding, and like all good architects we must each seek a vision of the completed structure—the Kingdom of God here on earth. Let each individual earnestly seek this vision because not until then dare we venture on our work.

Each individual then will accept a measure of responsibility as he or she is best fitted for the same.

If we would each take up the task allotted to us, we would be so occupied as to have no time to exercise our prejudices and petty differences. Nothing can be accomplished effectively without cooperation.

This which we are planning to do, cannot be done unless we are like-minded. Let this same mind then be in us as was in Christ Jesus, the King-dom must be our very first consideration. All else must be subservient to that. All we possess, our worldly possessions, our bodies, our souls must be dedicated to His service.

Does this make us feel sorrowful? If it does, it simply proves how far we have been from truly serving God. He will not be satisfied unless we render far more than mere lip service. In our prayer of oblation, we ask God to accept our souls, our bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice.

An appeal will be made shortly to replace the lost endowment in Western Canada. In our hearts we know these sums of monies must be replaced or the work of rebuilding will be seriously hampered. Moreover there is sufficient wealth among our members throughout the Dominion to replace this money without great sacrifice.

We know it can be done if we have a mind to do it. Perhaps even you are like myself. When the appeal was first made I sent a contribution, but since writing this address I feel so ashamed because I could have sent more. But now I have a mind to work on that breach and will do better. Will you?

The Restoration Fund is not the only concern of the Church here in Canada. I feel sure that objective will be reached if we all realise that the possessions we have, are ours only in trust, to be used for the furtherance of the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Henceforth the Church must lead in all matters pertaining to the welfare of man. As yet she seems not to have fully realised Her mission. Her work, we must remember, is not confined to any particular sphere of labour, as has been erroneously thought. Churchmen must realize that the principles of Christianity must be applied in all things. The principles of righteousness must be applied not only inside the building, but also outside. God's people must be led to perfect freedom and the politician and statesman must be governed by the law of the greatest good for the greatest number, and not subject the masses to exploitation for the satisfaction of a selfish and unscrupulous few.

This must apply not only in municipal and provincial, but also in national and international affairs. A beautiful vision you'll say perhaps. It is the vision we all must have. It is the vision of men recognizing his fellow as his brother in Christ. It is the vision our Lord had when He prayed that we all may be one, with one common interest—our fellowship in God.

And now in conclusion: We must always remember to put first things first.

You and I henceforth must cease to walk alone. Like Enoch we must learn to walk with God. The work, the great work of rebuilding lies before us and we must be well equipped to perform the separate tasks allotted to us. A legacy of three figures has been bequeathed to us. You would not be content to accept it as represented by one figure, would you? Neither would you be satisfied to accept it as represented by two. You naturally would demand the full legacy of three figures, because each figure, added, increases the value of the legacy ever so much more.

The love of God is ours, and the grace of Jesus Christ is ours too, yet by the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the whole legacy of God is ours for the taking. "Lo I am with you always." May we in all our doings seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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(Canada Press)

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These committed today were Corbett Boyd, Philip Cormier, Herbert Hollingsworth and Stanley Sullivan. The preliminary hearing of three more prisoners, Rufus Gaudet, Robert Guthro and James Murphy, also charged with rioting was begun this afternoon. Deputy Warden E. H. Cummings and A. B. Cummings were called to the witness stand, and after their evidence had been taken the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

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