
CHILD OF DESTINY

postmark. The date showed that it must have lain there for years. The strange happenings of but a few moments ago had at once drawn her thoughts to the letter.

"Sister, look at this letter, please," she said nervously. "I found it in the vault the other day."

Sister Benita raised her eyes excitedly. "Let me see, auntie. It bears the Place o' Pines postmark. I must examine it closely. It was posted the year after Arthur and I visited the island. I cannot think. My senses reel. I believe, auntie," she said, some minutes later, "that I had this very letter in my hands years ago. It arrived after Arthur's death, I remember. I had not the heart to open it then and read it. Where did you find it?"

"In Arthur's old letter box."

"Just where I placed it years ago. I wonder whose letter it was!"

"Read it, dear! It seems providential that I should have thought of it now."

Sister Benita opened the envelope. Her eyes took on a joyful look as she read the contents.

"There is news here, auntie," she cried with joy. "Come, let us hurry to the drawing-room!"

"Please, your Eminence—read this letter," Sister Benita cried excitedly, as she ap-