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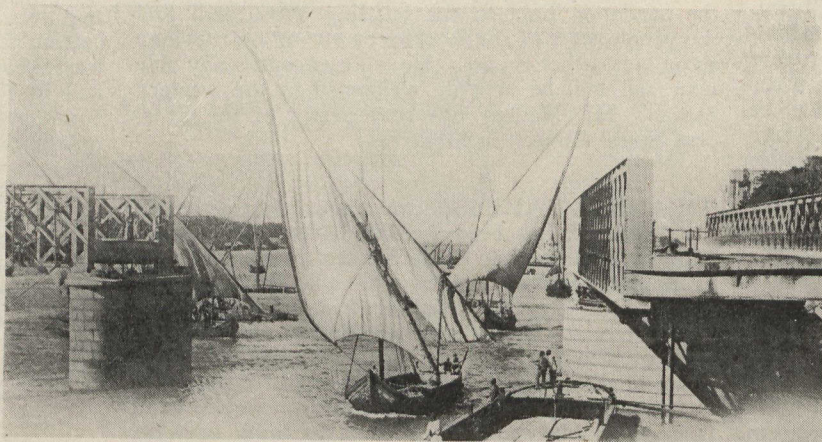
BRITISH NOTES

THE centenary of the birth of Charles Darwin occurs on February 12th, 1909—less than eleven months hence. A movement is now on foot at Cambridge University to mark the occasion by founding a Chair of Biology, whose occupant shall devote himself to the study of those subjects which were the chief concern of Darwin's life. The year 1909 will also see the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the great professor's crowning work, "The Origin of Species," which adds still further to the appropriateness of the Cambridge movement. An anonymous member of the University has already promised to guarantee \$1,500 a year for five years, provided that the University will make the income of the new professor up to \$2,500. It is suggested that the professorship shall be called the Darwin Professorship of Biology. The University authorities have accepted this offer, but with the reservation that Darwin's name shall not be attached to the professorship until it has been placed on a permanent footing. It may be recalled here that Darwin had a double tie with Josiah Wedgwood, the celebrated potter, whose daughter married Darwin's father. Young Darwin came back from his extensive travels

extend over a week, namely, July 22nd to 29th. It is understood that the Prince of Wales will make the voyage on board the *Renown*, which is the same vessel that took him and the Princess to India. The *Renown* is one of the newest and finest of British warships, and was specially fitted up as a yacht for the voyage to India. She will, in all probability, be accompanied by the *Dominion*, as well as other first-class battleships. The presence of the Heir-Apparent will undoubtedly add to the interest of the occasion, and it will afford him another opportunity of acquainting himself with the Dominion, its people, and their aspirations.

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EGYPT is yearly becoming more popular as a pleasant resort for such English travellers as wish to escape the winter rigours. The blight of the globe-trotter, grumbles the true lover of the East, has fallen upon the cities of this river-blest land. These are fast losing their old-time charm and becoming a hunting-ground for antiquities, many of which, say the Wise Men from the West, are of Birmingham manufacture. But the most inveterate globe-trotters and curio-



Scene at Cairo, a popular winter resort for British tourists

on board the *Beagle* in the then little known Antipodes to marry his cousin, Miss Wedgwood.

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THE most interesting wedding of April will probably be that of Lord Errington, eldest son of Lord Cromer, and Lady Ruby Elliot, second daughter of Lord Minto. Lord Cromer's career in Egypt forms one of the most interesting chapters in modern Empire-making, while the Earl of Minto has served Great Britain in both army and state. Canada and India, alike, have found him a satisfactory representative of the sovereign. The union of these two families seems in accordance with the imperial fitness of things, a consideration, however, which has probably not occurred to those immediately concerned.

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GRATIFICATION has been aroused on both sides of the Atlantic by the official announcement that the Prince of Wales will attend the celebration in connection with the tercentenary of the founding of Quebec by Champlain. The proviso is made that the celebration shall take place during the last week in July. This arrangement has been suggested in order to make the Prince's visit coincide with the stay of the Atlantic fleet in Canadian waters. If the arrangement holds good, the visit will

fiends are unable to divest Egypt of its attractions for the serious student who takes care to go far from fashionable Cairo, even unto the temples of Luxor. There is the modern, industrial Egypt, also the new financial miracle which Saxon supervision, whose visible sign was Lord Cromer, brought into being. This is of supreme interest to the modern politician, especially since it has been rumoured that all is not serenity under the new regime.

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THE Seventeenth Universal Peace Congress will be held in London—at the Caxton Hall, Westminster—on July 27th and succeeding days. Not since 1890 has a conference of this kind sat in London, and the occasion of July next is to be celebrated on a big scale. Last year's Peace Congress was held in Munich, when four hundred delegates, representing fourteen countries, attended the sittings. It is anticipated that Lord Courtney of Penwith—who is better remembered, perhaps, as the Right Hon. Leonard Courtney, a former Colonial Secretary—will preside over the Congress. In connection with this gathering of peace advocates from all parts of the world, a united conference of Christian churches is being organised to demonstrate the feeling of the churches on the subject. Also, peace services are to be conducted in the English, French, German and Italian languages.

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