

WORDS OF BROTHERLY KIND- NESS.

In this season of good wishes and good will it is very pleasant to find in a periodical of such extensive influence as the *Christian Herald* of New York an article like the following, accompanied by fine illustrations of Dominion Square, Montreal, and of the "Three Sisters" in the Rocky Mountains :

CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP.

Discussing, in a recently published article, the export trade of the United States, a prominent writer calls attention to the difficulties which exist as to an extension of our business relations with Canada. These difficulties, as he points out, have increased during the past year, and it now appears that the discouragement Canada has met, or has imagined, in Washington, has led her to turn her extended hand toward England, rather than toward the United States. That this disposition is injurious to both countries is generally admitted, for Canada can supply much that we need, and would benefit by the goods that we could send her. But the politicians regulate these matters, and certainly those at Washington have manifested feelings less friendly to closer relations than those across the border. It is fortunate that our social and religious relations are outside their sphere. The United States members of the W. C. T. U. have only recently found as warm a welcome in Canada as they could have received in one of our own cities ; and it is not long since the American members of the Christian Endeavor Society availed themselves of Canadian hospitality, while Canadian deputations to our great conventions are cordially received. It may be hoped these friendly relations will always be maintained, and it is certain that their influence on us might be beneficial. Every one who has visited the Canadian cities has admired their moral and religious atmosphere and their freedom from evils which prevail with us. The city, a picture of a scene in which appears on this page, might serve as

a model to many of our own cities in its government and its moral and physical cleanliness. Montreal has grown in wealth and population more rapidly of late than has New York. Standing at the gate of traffic from the Old World, it is connected with the far west by the Canada Pacific Railway, which affords it boundless prospects of development. That magnificent highway is one of the wonders of the world, impressing every traveller with the grandeur and beauty of the scenes through which it passes. Christians on both sides of the border deplore the unfriendly feeling that is sometimes aroused between the two countries and long for the coming of that time of which the prophet writes when pleasant relations will subsist between the peoples of all contiguous countries :

The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off : Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim (Isa. 11 : 13).

The Sun Life Assurance Company is doing an extensive business in its Thrift Department for policies of assurance under \$1000. The following letter speaks of the prompt settlement of one of these small claims, which engage the attention of the Company's officials just as closely as the larger ones.

OTTAWA, October 1st, 1897.

JOHN R. REID, ESQ.,

Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,

This letter is to ask you to convey to the Company my best thanks for the cheque handed me to-day in settlement of my late lamented husband's assurance in the Company's Thrift department. The payment has been exceedingly prompt, and by the kindness and courtesy of the Company's officials I have been saved any trouble in connection with the matter, everything having been arranged for me promptly and satisfactorily.

I feel very grateful for the kind treatment and will always recommend the Company to my friends.

Yours very truly,

ELIZABETH HARDCASTLE.