

endeared by some pleasing recollection. Father and Mother are very comfortable. Charles is, I think, in some respects the best of the whole family, and he does his duty, so far as I can see, to his parents. I feel that we are under obligations to his wife for her kindness and attention to them. She attends to them as well as any of their daughters could do. Charles is an elder in the kirk, and takes a lively interest in religious matters.

1868.

FROM MY BROTHER CHARLES TO ME.

30th Nov.

Father has been pretty comfortable for the last three months, more so than he has been since he took poorly in March last, but now that the cold weather is setting in he is feeling it very much. His mind has been nearly as good as formerly all summer, but now both body and mind seem to be getting much weaker. He moves about the house a little when he is on his feet, but he cannot sit down or rise up without assistance. He does not think he has long to live, and seems quite resigned. He often inquires for you and your family, and thinks you might come and see him.

1869.

In the end of August 1869, I was at last able to pay a short visit to my father. I crossed the Atlantic in the *City of Paris*, and preached one Sunday in Cork Harbour, the next in Halifax. Prince Arthur, now the Duke of Connaught, was on board, and no pains were spared to make the ship go. I found my father much aged from