

arbitration not only for the sake of Christianity, but also on account of the common heritage, language and kinship which the people of Britain and the United States claim; and we also refer to it as one of the great heartfelt desires expressed many times by Her Majesty that there shall be peace, that a recognized tribunal be established on a high, honorable and firm basis, for the settlement of all serious questions likely to arise and disturb the amity of the two countries.

We do not forget that the first message conveyed by the Atlantic cable, July, 1866, was from Her Majesty to the President of the United States; that message was, *peace and good-will*.

At the opening of Parliament January 18, this year, the Queen in her Speech from the Throne, said:

"It is with much gratification that I have concluded a Treaty for General Arbitration with the President of the United States, by which I trust that all differences that may arise between us will be peacefully adjusted. I hope that this arrangement may have a further value in commending to other Powers the consideration of a principle by which the danger of war may be notably abated."

Unfortunately that ratification on the part of the United States has not yet been signed, but postponed, but we trust not for long.

President Grant, of the U. S., when visiting Newcastle, England, in 1877, said these famous words: "I will not speak of the British and American as two peoples, because in fact we are one people with a common destiny, and that destiny will be proportionate to the friendship and co-operation of the brethren dwelling on either side of the Atlantic."

Let us seek peace; let us pray for peace; let us cultivate the spirit of good-will among all nations, and if our fervent prayer be unanswered, and our efforts fruitless, and there be no peace, but jealousy, strife and hatred, then shall such "prayer return," as once said the King of Israel, "into mine own bosom."

THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The discovery of Canada first, and later on that part now the United States by the two Cabots, father and son, will be commemorated very shortly in Nova Scotia. The Royal Society of Canada and a large representation of the British Association of England will unite in observing the occasion. Invitations have been received by us to be present. The day will be memorable. Records will be preserved. History will be enriched. The dawn of England's bright day in the reign of Henry VII. will be seen to have increased to a noon-day brightness in the reign of Victoria.

The same event—the Cabotian discovery of this continent—will be duly celebrated, also, in Bristol, England, this month. From that port the two

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