

having; but it has not yet been demonstrated that they are insuperable. It is surprising how small a concession will suffice sometimes to effect a reconciliation when the negotiating parties are in earnest. Calvinism and Arminianism are not deemed so antagonistic now as they once were. Even the "Historic Episcopate" might, in course of time, so accommodate itself to new circumstances as that it would no longer bar the way to closer relationships.

Though we may not live to see the unification of the Church of Christ in Canada, we can all do something towards its accomplishment. We can abstain from everything that would unnecessarily wound the feelings of those who belong to other churches than our own. We can extend to them the same liberty of conscience that we claim for ourselves. We can show a willingness to co-operate with them when the fitting opportunity offers. We can wait patiently.

In the meantime, intercourse, fraternal and delightful, showing real communion of heart and of interest, is increasing between the different branches of the Presbyterian family. The British Churches from time to time send to the Colonial Churches with kindly greetings some of their foremost men. Dr. Rainy, Dr. Macgregor, Dr. Marshall Lang, and other eminent Scotchmen have visited the Australian and New Zealand churches. The coming and going over the Atlantic is now a familiar incident, but it is none the less profitable. We have much in common—a common ancestry, a common system of doctrine, a common polity, common aims and common methods. Let us be "kindly affectioned one toward another"—THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE.

From the Land of the Pharaohs.

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RAINY would we have prolonged our visit in order that we might explore the mysteries of Cheops, and have another look at the Colossal Sphinx, whose wierd, vacant stare still seems to haunt us, but sight-seeing at Cairo had to be given up to nursing! After the first day, that is. As soon as my young invalid was strong enough to travel,

we were ordered off to the sea-side (Alexandria). I did manage to spend an hour in the private museum of Dr. Grant (Grant Bay), the physician, whom I had called in. He is an Aberdonian, a successful practitioner, and no mean Egyptologist. He has succeeded in getting together a most interesting and valuable collection of antiquities, chiefly, but not wholly, Egyptian. Among



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other curios was produced, with evident pride and satisfaction, the seal of the father of Isaiah, appended to which was the written opinion of the Oxford Professor Dr. Sayce that it is what it was professed to be, the veritable signet of Amoz. Since my return, I have learned that my friend and neighbour Dr. Wright, of the Bible Society, the well-known Arabic scholar, has in his possession, the seal of one of the Scribes of King Solomon! After this, one need not despair of finding, in his wanderings to and fro in the earth, the seal of Moses, or even of Abraham! At the Pyramids the Bedouins offered for sale some ancient (?) Greek and Roman coins, most of them recently manufactured in Birmingham! Now and then they would submit a real antique, but nothing of true value, though the prices demanded were exorbitant.

Deeply did I regret, and do still, that the foregoing untoward circumstances prevented my lingering in Cairo; chiefly, that I could not give a day or two, as I purposed, to the great Bulak museum, that unrivalled collection of monuments and relics of Egyptian

*From the Smith-Peloubet Bible Dictionary: Messrs. Porter, Coates & Co., Phila.