

"Many curious cases have been recorded by Mr. Braid in his small treatise on *Human Hibernation* published in 1850, the most celebrated of which is that of a fakir who was actually huried alive at Lahore in 1837, in the presence of Runjeet Singh and Sir Claude Wade, and who was dug up and restored to consciousness several months afterwards, after every precaution had been taken to prevent any one from disturbing the grave in the interval."

I am free to confess, however, that in speaking of an arrest of the action of the heart I have sought dramatic impression by straining probability very close to the breaking point.

That a regular system of aerial navigation is quite possible is apparent from the fact that at the present moment a partial passenger service is at work in Germany, while for scouting and military purposes the conquest of the air is already an accomplished fact.

Before bringing these prefatory remarks to a close there are some words of acknowledgment to be spoken.

The formal dedication of this book is an "In Memoriam" of the beloved dead, but there is one among the living whose name cannot well be omitted from any work dealing with the great subject of Christian Union in Canada. I refer to Dr. H. Symonds, of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, who has been so kind as to read the manuscript of the book, and, while not acting as sponsor for all the details, to adjudge it as worthy of publication. My own hope is that the work, in spite of its limitations, may have some part in forwarding the cause whose