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Our Namesake the 'Northern Messenger,' and its Rival, The 'Winter Messenger.'

Last year the children who are readers of the 'Northern Messenger' sent to Dr. Grenfell money to furnish and maintain two cots in the new hospital at Harrington, on the Canadian Labrador, and the older folk sent money

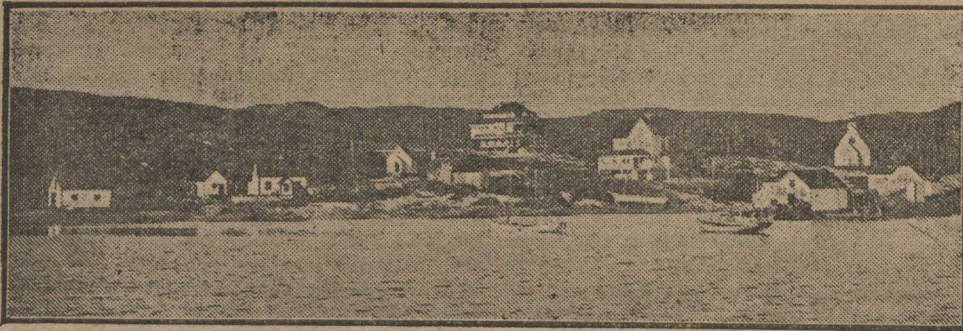
gin. Here is Dr. Grenfell's own note of the first summer's work for the 'Northern Messenger':—

"The new launch, "Northern Messenger," was run all last summer, but she had to be used at Harbor Hospital, because I could not get a pilot to take her up the Straits of Belle Isle and the Gulf, and as there was no one who understood her engines except the build-

cause he wishes to work for Christ. He is paying his own expenses, and is a Montrealer—as good a man as ever walked a deck. Not a preacher, some would say, because he does not talk much, but I should say the most effective preacher; not one to argue with the Pharisees, but appealing by what he does. Late in the fall, after he had served the doctor at Battle Harbor as long as we dare keep her on the North Side, he ran her over to St. Anthony's, and there was using her for the doctor's visits when I left in November. She is now hauled up in winter quarters there.

'She carried such a lot of patients, but I am sure I cannot remember who; and one thing she did very well was running in and out to the mail vessel, and now and again taking out a batch of sick children and tuberculosis invalids for fresh air on the sea. She did a great deal of work, and will leave the first thing after open winter in charge of Mr. Cushing and a young lad trained on the coast, called Eddie McNeil, for Harrington, and she will go while the ice is still on the outside, so as to keep the water smooth. I have some photographs of her, but do not know that I can get at them; however, I will try.

'The expenses of the launch last year were



Harrington, with the hospital in the centre and the Doctor's house to the right, nearer the shore.

to assist in the work. The readers of the Montreal 'Witness' also joined hands with us in the good work, and enough was gathered to provide the Harrington Hospital with a \$2,000 launch, provide several cots at \$25 for the furnishing, and \$50 for one year's maintenance, and what the readers of the Boys' Page of the 'Witness' were proudest of, built two Komatiks, and provided dogs and driver for them. Now, when you have read what Dr. Grenfell himself has to say of the work our 'Messengers' are doing, you will want to have a share in one or all of them. You will be pleased to hear that we have already over one hundred and fifty dollars, though we have just opened the fund.

In the midst of his winter campaign for funds and workers for the magnificent work he is carrying on in Newfoundland and Labrador, Dr. Grenfell has taken time to write a special letter to our readers, that they may know just what the money they subscribed last spring has accomplished. There is no question as to its having been a good investment, for the interest is paid in lives saved, suffering abated, and light carried to those who sat in the darkness of ignorance and isolation. Dr. Grenfell has given the name of the 'Northern Messenger' to the launch, the money for which was sent by the readers of the 'Witness' and 'Northern Messenger' last spring. The launch was planned for use at the new hospital at Harrington, on the Canadian Labrador, but we asked Dr. Grenfell to make use of her as soon as she was built, and not let her remain idle while waiting for the work at Harrington to be-

er, whom we were using at Battle. She was not ready for me to tow up on my first trip in the "Stratheona," and it was taken in



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[Of this lad Dr. Grenfell writes:—On my first Komatik trip I brought in this boy of 9½, with a bad gunshot wound, with compound fracture of knee. He is recovering well. The alternative is best left to the imagination, as the boy lived in a wretched poor cottage, far from anywhere, and no help but our's could have reached him.]

charge of by Mr. Cushing, of McGill University, a qualified electrical engineer, who has volunteered his services for twelve months be-

about \$280, or possibly \$300 a year would cover her expenses. She uses kerosene, and if she does much more running at Harrington than she did at Battle, she will overrun that probably.'

Mr. Cushing is spending the winter at St.

