

# Latest Miracle of Science

Anaesthetic Has New Discoveries.

the most important made during the last few years is that a new anaesthetic has been discovered, which has the advantage of those previously known in that it does not produce any of the drawbacks which have hitherto been associated with the use of ether, which will soon be used to all for before long superseded chloroform in the operating room.

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## An Occasional Diary

CONTRIBUTED BY THE "DOCTOR OF THE NORTH."

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Mr. Editor.—It is a long while since I wrote you, but now having just finished a voyage along the Labrador Coast and having visited North Newfoundland and South Labrador, I have been thinking of you and the good friends who have helped to keep this work alive. The thing for which we should be most grateful is for the fact that the "Fishermen's" back again—thanks to the generous help of Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal, who even in this time of stress and sadness calls for help, most generously paid for the new plates and all repairs done to the ship last year. No one who has not taken a trip on the boat can begin to know what a busy craft she is—indeed to economize time we now use both an assistant doctor, a trained nurse, and this year our new business manager has been with us studying our problems with a view to helping us to reduce our expenses. This must be done if we are to meet our budget.

Heavy clouds hang over Newfoundland, the direct rebound of war. Our main customers in the Mediterranean cannot pay the prices for fish that we must have in order to live; for our supplies are still at war prices owing to the heavy duties levied to meet a public debt which the country cannot afford. Practically all our industries are closed or at such a low ebb that the fisheries have to carry practically all the load, and are not able to do it. This means starvation to quite a number of our people. It is an ugly word, and we do not like to use it, but only the successors of the "Priest and the Levite" in our day can pass by and fail to see it, and the direct challenge to us to avert it.

The Canadian Labrador is all right, thank God, as far as Harrington knows. Only one starving woman did I see and Dr. Bradlock had her safely lodged in the hospital, where her problem will be fought out and in that case the reason for hunger is an individual one. But there in this district the fishery has been unusually good. One day the clergyman of that section, Mr. LeGallais, who has just returned to his old charge after seventeen years' absence in Canada, came aboard the "Strathcona." The people of this coast have changed wonderfully since I was here," he said, "physically, spiritually and morally the whole people have made very real advancement."

Dr. Bradlock is just starting on his visit from place to place along that section, which will be far more thorough than I could devote time to make it. He is going with his able life partner, as he always does, and will have a valuable report to make when he has completed it. The conditions on parts of the North Newfoundland shore are, however, grim and grim, hunger stalks along into many homes, and unless the windows of heaven open as in Samara, the death from chronic, if not from acute starvation, is accurately recorded, will be a heart-breaking history for a British Colony.

During the last six weeks we have ourselves visited from White Bay to St. John's Bay and along the North Labrador, and our workers have been spread out and reporting their experiences from many other centres. Let me give a few examples, and this is still the middle of summer. One home with three tiny children—father travelled as far south as Grand Falls last winter seeking work, lying by roadsides and in shacks developing consumption, and is dying. There was not a bite in the house and no earning power. Such charity as neighbors could give had kept them alive. The family could not keep the window open to admit the necessary fresh air as they had no bed clothes, and their personal clothing was insufficient to withstand the cold. I can see now the tears falling on the face of the baby that lay in her lap, as the mother tried to tell her husband and protector the truth which he had to know. My friend, the new clergyman for St. Anthony, happened to be with me. Yet it seemed small satisfaction to pray with the poor fellow, and know that in an hour we must get up anchors and go. It goes without saying that we helped. Were there only a dozen such cases we should owe them a great debt for the joy they gave us of seeing them through; but it is more serious this year than we ever saw it, and we must get emergency help before it is too late.

One beautiful feature in these cases is the real Christianity of our people. On my return voyage I called in at a harbour some six miles away from the family spoken of above. A smiling fisherman said, "I sent over milk and butter and some supplies to Dr. Bradlock." "Thank you so much, let me have the bill," I replied. "No indeed," came the answer, and I saw his kindly eyes dancing, and I was glad, for I knew that he had many troubles of his own, and there is no help for ourselves as earth like sharing with a brother in trouble. It is the old story of what is not enough for one being plenty for two. At another place an urgent letter from an old friend said "Please call on me on Sept. 11" and try to save

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his life for the sake of his family." L. H. — had been an old worker of ours, was a splendid carpenter, a keen fisherman, and a thoroughly earnest man. Dr. Hanrahan, my colleague on board, and a complete volunteer from John Hopkins Hospital, visited the home with me. Double lobar pneumonia had the patient in its grip. It was a struggle between the latest treatment from the great leading school of learning, and a fell disease which has killed many even without the aid lent by poverty and poor food, as in this case. The temperature was running at 104; the heart seemed failing, air only entered the upper part of one lung. The weeping family looked only for the death of their loved one. Stimulants, strong and nourishing food, nursing and fearlessness of fresh air, by God's help saved the situation. We reached shore on the 5th day. On the eighth came the crisis, and our friend and brother weathered it. But here again the joy of it came in later. I wrote an order for food to St. John's to give a chance during convalescence to his unimpaired constitution to pull through. The bill came back yesterday. We had ordered one-third more goods than the money we had sent. But the bill was receipted, and the "plain business man" had noted below the difference "my share." Doesn't that do one good? How many more knights of the kingdom of God there are than we know. Why to-day we ran into Quirpon, a harbor where I had been telling about

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a starting family whom I had seen in the Straits. The master of a fishing crew and owner of small store took us off to tea—by "us" I mean Mrs. Granfell and myself, for she is secretary on board again. "I was up at Ship Cove last Sunday to my motor, Doctor," said our host. "Well, surely you need one day's rest." "Couldn't take it," came the reply. "I was just off for church when that poor fellow came into my mind, and I knew it would be an good my evening, so I got in the boat and went up to see him. It's only about fifteen miles. We are going to take up two collections for him and the family next Sunday." "Only be forgot to add, I left a little of food that I took up with me." "Did you get back to prayers in the evening?" I asked. "Yes, we had a splendid service," he answered. "I thought of what I had seen heard D. L. Moody say. It was 'Christians should be satisfied with one good meal on Sunday.' They would be stronger men if they got out in the evening, and shared with others what they had received in the morning." Surely it is carrying our end of His yoke that makes man's spiritual muscles grow, not everlastingly praying for Him to carry the whole thing, with ourselves travelling on as well at the other end.

Now I must close. We are running in on the land, and passing some of the finest scenery that I have seen in all these thirty years past. They are wonders of beauty, and dignity and tragedy—God's wonderful creations. Also, alas, how cold they are, and how useless, just melting away without leaving a helping hand to anyone. I wonder if we spent a little less energy and talents on outward appearances, if our hearts would not beat the stronger for the "least of these His brethren," here, there, and everywhere; and so, when we too fade away and leave behind us only our record, it should be something to guide the footsteps of those who come after us, even as our Master left us His.

Battle Harbor hospital is in sight now. We are landing three orphans, and much freight. What an invaluable helper is the little steamer Strathcona—old and worn though she is. She still does such a heap of work. In the roll this morning in the Straits, with her heavy deck load, the engineer called me to see clear salt water running in through the coal bunker. Her sides are thin and her rivets nowhere so good, but she keeps busy all the time. Some day we hope to take her to Montreal or Boston so that our friends may see that she has fairly worn herself out in the service of humanity, and needs to house her spirit in a stater hull. (Sgd.) WILFRED T. GREENFIELD.

## Greece Marching On.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

The Sakaria river, where, it appears, the Greeks have again badly beaten the Turkish Nationalists, is practically the last natural defensive line of Turkish interior Anatolia, and if the Greeks advance in force beyond it, Ankara, the Nationalist capital, must soon be theirs. The hubbub of Turkish resistance will then have completely burst. What will be the consequences? The Great Powers have proclaimed their neutrality in the contest between the Greeks and the Turkish Nationalists. Does that mean that they will permit the Greeks to possess themselves of the whole of Anatolia? They are apparently free to exert their full military strength against the forces of Mustafa Kemal. But it is hardly likely that they will care to go beyond Ankara, at the same time establishing themselves in the towns along the Black Sea where Greeks are, as they have been for all the centuries since the downfall of the Byzantine empire, the preponderant population. The Greeks, though ambitious, have shown a certain reserve in their demands not only under Venizelos but under the Constantinian restoration, and they are not likely to "bite off more than they can chew." Very likely the Turks will be left undisturbed so far as the Greeks are concerned, at Kars, Erzurum, the ancient Caesarea, to which they have already removed their capital. But when we have said "the Greeks," we have not ended with the Turkish opponents. To face the Greeks, the Turks have already withdrawn their forces from Armenia, where, in co-operation with the Bolsheviks, they have been over-riding the population. The triumph of the Greeks over Mustafa Kemal, supposing it to be complete, can have no other effect than to revive the Armenian hopes and stimulate their resistance and an attempt to expand the Armenian republic, which was heavily restricted to an improper and inadequate area by the Treaty of Versailles.

The Greek success will indeed open up several Eastern questions of importance. In the meantime, King Constantine stands to gain more than the promise of a victorious commander. His campaign in Asia Minor is a dynastic struggle, and by its success, if he can consolidate it, his position at home and in Europe will be greatly strengthened. If he now has the sagacity to call M. Venizelos to his counsel, almost any coup is possible for him—even the addition of Constantinople to the Hellenic realm.

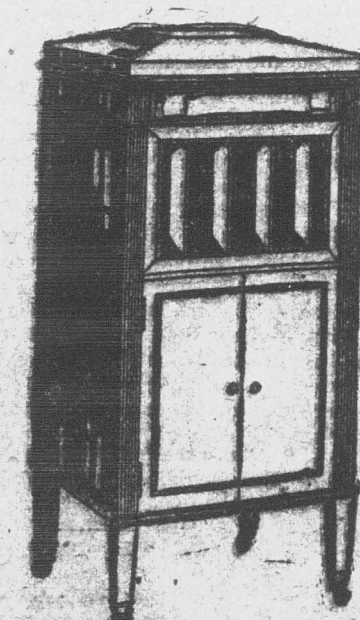
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