

## LABRADOR.

In studying geography at school you have sometimes pointed out on the map the large peninsula of Labrador. You have learned something of the people living there and how they have to hunt and fish to provide for their families.

Do you ever ask what is being done for their souls. There are a few missionaries from the Moravian, Episcopal, and Methodist churches laboring among them, but sad to tell many are perishing for lack of knowledge. Our own church a few years ago sent a missionary down in the summer months, but none is now sent.

Last summer a student from Dalhousie College labored as a colporteur along the coast. Owing to failure in the fisheries during the past two years he found great scarcity of food. Travelling over a distance of 400 miles he saw but two schools in operation. The majority of the children are growing up without being able to read, and many are without religious instruction. In several places on the coast from one end of the year to the other no sermons are preached, no Sabbath Schools held, and the Bible is a sealed book.

How sad thus to think of souls sitting in the region and shadow of darkness.

A PASTOR.

## CROOKED HABITS.

While shaking hands with an old man the other day we noticed that some of his fingers were quite bent inward, and he had not the power of straightening them. Alluding to this fact, he said, "In these crooked fingers there is a good text for a talk to children. For fifty years I used to drive a stage, and these bent fingers show the effects of holding the reins for so many years."

This is the text. Is it not a suggestive one? Does it not teach us how oft-repeated acts become a habit, and once acquired, remain generally through life? The old man's crooked fingers are but an emblem of the crooked tempers, words and actions of men and women.

## MAKE YOUR RECORD CLEAN.

You have all been hearing or reading of the sudden death of John B. Gough, the great temperance orator. On the evening of the 15th Feb. he stood on the platform of a church in Frankford, U. S., delivering a temperance address. Whilst uttering the following sentence, "Young man, make your record clean," he immediately fell unconscious on the platform. For 40 years his voice which had been used as a powerful force for good was silenced forever in this world.

These words should never be forgotten. It is important that every young person begin well in order that they may end well. Boys and girls, make your record clean if you wish to succeed. Much depends on a clear record in order to success here and hereafter.

Abstain from all appearance of evil, and love that which is good. Be like the child Jesus who grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. To make a clean record we must be like Him.

Your Friend,

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## WHAT YOU MAY DO.

If it's only a poor little penny,  
If 't is all you have to give;  
But as pennies make the dollars,  
It may help some cause to live.

A word now and then of comfort,  
They will cost you naught to say,  
But they cheer the weary pilgrim  
And help him on his way.

If it's only some out-worn garment,  
If it's all you have to spare,  
They will help to clothe the needy:  
The poor are everywhere.

"God loveth a cheerful giver,"  
Though the gift be ever so small;  
But what does he think of his children  
When they never give at all?

- S. L.