

wisdom that condemns folly and makes the foolish wise, a book of truth that detects all lies and confronts all errors, and it is a book of life that shows the way from everlasting death.

It contains the most ancient antiquities and strange events, wonderful occurrences, heroic deeds, unparalleled wars.

It describes the celestial, terrestrial, and infernal worlds, and the origin of the angelic myriads, the human tribes, and the devilish legions.

It will instruct the accomplished mechanic and most profound critic.

It teaches the best rhetoric, and exercises every power of the most skilful arithmetician, puzzles the wisest anatomist and exercises the wisest critic.

It is the best covenant that ever was agreed on, the best deed that ever was sealed, the best that ever will be signed.

It brings the very best comforts to the inquiring and disconsolate.

It is a brief recital of all that is to come.

It settles all matters in debate, resolves all doubts, and eases the mind and conscience of all their scruples.

It reveals the only living and true God, and shows the way to Him, and sets aside all other gods, and describes the vanity of them and all that trust in such.

Our Work in Labrador Grows

A Larger Launch Needed Already, so let us all Build Together.

We have all been so intensely interested in the work done by Dr. Grenfell in Labrador, and more especially in the work at Harrington, which he has given us the pleasure of helping with, that we hardly require to be told of its needs. The boys are feeding and keeping the dogs that do the work in the winter; the cots which Miss Mayon has charge of are arranged for and we have paid for the Main-

summer, has no words strong enough to praise her behavior in the heavy seas, her reliable little engine, and her staunch timbers. She is, however, not fast enough and is too small for the work.

Last summer she took Dr. Hare, Mr. Cushing and the boy on one trip of about four hundred and fifty miles, but it was a perilous voyage. All up and down that coast there are islands and rocky points, treacherous reefs and rushing currents in narrow passages. There are no good maps, no charts to show where the danger is even in the few fine weeks of their summer and in the long weeks of spring and fall the ice and fog and storms make it a terrible coast to navigate.

Our little launch, whether the weather is good or bad, has no choice but to creep along in behind the islands or close to them, adding greatly to the danger of being wrecked. If we had a larger boat she could stand out from shore into clear, deep water until the fog or storm blew over. Then in very heavy weather the great waves sweep right over our little boat's deck. Mr. Cushing has put up planking on the bow to keep her from being swamped, but even that does not make her dry.

When three are aboard her two sleep on the narrow bunks in the low gallery, and the third on the floor between.

When patients are brought on board the crew must remain outside, which is not without danger as well as real hardship in that cold air, with the water washing over the deck.

Now the question is what can we do?

We have even with this little launch enabled Dr. Hare to carry healing and food to many who would have suffered unaided, but for our efforts. Let us stand by to enable him to do still more.

The Deep Sea Mission have need of just such a launch as our little 'Northern Messenger' for one of their more sheltered stations, and they will credit us with the thousand dollars we spent in building her.



tenance of our Launch the 'Northern Messenger,' which has all summer been Dr. Hare's only means of getting to his patients and the needy ones who must be helped up and down the coast from Harrington Island, where our hospital is.

Now we find that the work needs a larger and better launch. We want Dr. Hare to be able to go faster and further to those who need him, and not only that, but we want him to have a cabin in which he can put those who are too seriously ill to be left in their cheerless poverty-stricken homes and carry them safely to the hospital.

Now, don't think for an instant that our little launch has not done brave work. She certainly has, and Mr. Cushing, who, from love of the work, ran her last year and this

Then we have gathered during this year not only the \$300 necessary for the expenses of the launch, but \$800 in addition. So we have \$1,800 to start with if we buy or build a large launch. We can keep our name of 'Northern Messenger,' transferring it to the new launch. Why not do it at once?

Why not have it ready for next summer's work?

Every week now you may watch this page for accounts of Dr. Grenfell's work with the 'Stratheona.' It is just such work Dr. Hare is doing, and would do more of with the larger boat.

Here is a picture of the type of boat we want, if possible, to build, and we can do it if we each buy a share in her.

'Plant trees, they will grow while you

sleep,' the writer was told by the old folk, and as the impression on the childish mind was so strong that the first thought in the early morning was often, 'Oh, dear, all that long night lost, for I had nothing growing.' Will we not wake with sweeter thoughts and go about our daily task and daily pleasures with fresh zest and a new interest in life, if while we do so our 'Messenger' is carrying help to the helpless and our share in Christ's work is growing and blossoming and bearing good fruit in the far north land.

Let us keep the Christmas spirit and begin our New Year by generous self-denial that will enable us to send our new 'Northern Messenger' up to the North in the coming spring laden with the good will and healing for the people to whom her coming will bring the knowledge of the love of Christ through their appreciation of our gift to them.

Religious Notes.

Mr. Ishii for eighteen years has conducted a Home for Orphan and Destitute Children at Okayama. This year it has had to be enlarged on account of the famine in the northern part of the country. Mr. Ishii visited that region and advertised his willingness to receive any destitute children that might be sent to the Okayama Orphanage, with the result that in less than two months 825 children were added to the 375 that were already there. 'It is one of the great transformations of the times, and is a work in which the world may well take an interest. Simple-minded, non-Christian Japanese peasants passing by the children's cottages throw over the fence one-yen or even five-yen bills, calling out to the house-mothers, "Here's a trifle to help your good work."—'Missionary Herald.'

Professor Ladd, now in Korea, a warm friend of Japan, has spoken with great plainness of her need of a higher commercial morality, and prominent leaders in the business world are using their influence in favor of higher ethical standards. It is interesting to read such a statement as the following in one of the great dailies:

'As individuals many Japanese are dishonest, but as a nation the people are over-honest. On the contrary, Europeans are comparatively honest as individuals, but as nations they are cunning and crafty. If our people desire to be victors in the international struggle they have much to learn from the Europeans.'

China's thirst for knowledge is indicated by the business done at the Commercial Press of Shanghai. There are eleven branch houses of this press in different parts of China, and this year two more are to be opened. It carries on 70 per cent. of the book trade of China—that is, trade in modern books. Last year it did 450,000 taels' worth of business (\$300,000), not including 400,000 taels more transacted by branch houses. The following statement of the sale of modern readers in Chinese during 1906 is interesting: National readers, 280,000; elementary, 110,000; primary geography, 73,000; historical readers, 63,000. Most of these were sold to native modern schools and not to the mission schools.

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