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'No paper so well fitted for the general needs of Canadian Sabbath Schools.'—Wm. Millar, McDonald's Corners, Ont.

## 'A Beauty.'

Dr. Grenfell Says So and He Knows.

The new launch for the Canadian Hospital at Harrington has been secured.

Dr. Grenfell writes: 'I have ordered the new 'Northern Messenger' to be despatched to Dr. Hare. She is a beauty and will do you full justice.'

The new launch takes the place and name of the small launch built by the readers of the 'Northern Messenger' and 'Witness,' for

little launch anxious to secure for Dr. Hare a greater measure of safety in his work.

Our first launch is to continue her good work under another name, as tender for one of the hospitals, and the work at Harrington will be greatly enlarged this summer by the help of the new 'Northern Messenger,' which is being taken up for the opening of the season.

Our new launch was built especially for Dr. Grenfell's work, and the hearty interest of her builders at Lynn in that work made them cut

everybody's praise. She is just the boat we want.'

We may well be proud of having a share in the sending of such a boat, and when the storms are howling and the news comes of a gale off the Labrador, we will think with more peace of mind of the sturdy, cheery doctor steaming off on his errands of mercy. We will be glad that we have sent him a boat in which, if caught in a storm, he and his patients will be able to run out to sea away from the treacherous, uncharted coast, with its border miles deep of islands and rocks and shoals. In calmer weather her speed will mean the saving of many a life.

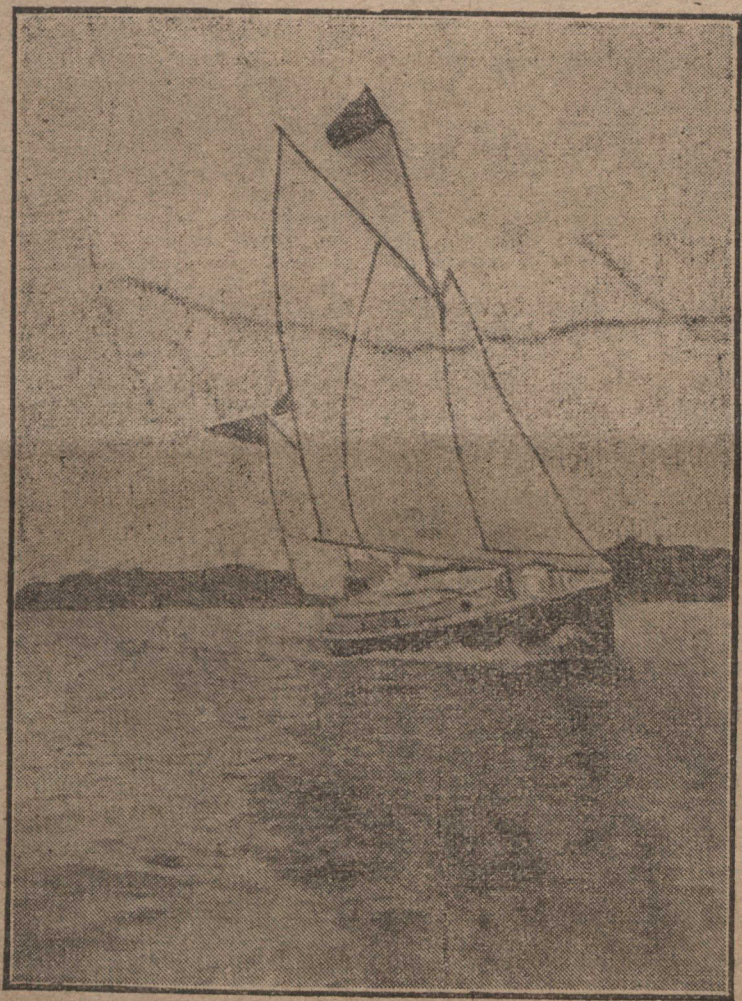
And now that we have given to the work such a boat, let us not stop. Because she is a larger boat, because she is faster, because she can weather worse storms, because she will carry more patients, because she will do double the work of our old launch, she will cost more to keep. Those of you who own boats and motors know that. So let us complete our gift by generously supporting her. We have written Dr. Grenfell and Dr. Hare for an estimate of the yearly cost for crew and fuel, furnishing and provisions, and in the meantime we will begin our fund, knowing well that if we get too much for this special summer's work of our launch, Dr. Grenfell will find use for all we have over, and will with it do work we will be thankful to share with him.

Address all subscriptions for Dr. Grenfell's work to 'Witness' Labrador Fund, JOHN DOUGALL & SON, 'Witness' Office, Montreal.

## 'Please Bless Massa's Little Boys.'

This remarkable tribute to the religion of the Negro is from the Rev. Dr. R. H. Allen, a southern man:

'I have felt a deal of interest in this people. I have given up my lifework to help them on. I have carried the prayer of an old colored man in my heart ever since I was a boy. He was the slave of my father. We children loved him much. My father had great respect for him; he was a good man. When the prayer-bell was rung, all my father's house-servants could go in and worship if they chose. He never compelled them to go. This man, Joe Price, could neither read nor write; but, if there ever was a child of God, I believe that man was one. I have often heard my father ask him to lead in family prayers. Late one evening I was coming through a field on my father's plantation. As I came up toward the house I heard a strange noise that frightened me. I stopped to listen and recognized a human voice over in the tall grass. It was Joe Price at prayer. I stood still, not wishing to disturb, and heard a part of his prayer, and I think I can repeat the very words of the old man yet: "Now, Lor' Jesus, I am most at de journey's end. Put on me de white robe of righteousness. Wash my heart all over in de blood." And then I heard him say: "Now, 'member de cotton fields and de corn crops and de old people up at de house. And, oh Lor', please bless old massa's little boys; 'member old massa's little boys." When I heard that I



THE NEW 'NORTHERN MESSENGER.'

the work at Harrington. It was found that in the long trips which had to be made by Dr. Hare it was necessary for him to live on board a great deal more than any of the other doctors connected with the Grenfell hospitals. The little launch was staunch, and has done good service for two years, but when the doctor got a couple of patients into the low little cabin, by poking them through head first, he and his helper had to remain on deck. Just what that meant, those who have cruised on the Labrador know. The loss of one of Dr. Grenfell's best helpers, Captain Roberts, who was swept overboard from a much larger launch than the first 'Northern Messenger,' and lost last fall, made those of us who know how often the waves swept the deck of our

down the price to almost lower than cost. A friend of Dr. Grenfell's, Mr. Webster, of Harvard, who has for two summers done launch work for the Association, overlooked her construction and the doctor enthusiastically declares:

'She is almost ideal. Her model, etc., is all there'; and again he says:

'She is all oak, 36 feet long, 9 feet 2 inches beam. She is rigged as a yawl and has a fifteen horse-power kerosene engine. She is a perfect boat, and an admirable sea boat, as you may judge by four men steaming her down all the way from Boston, crossing the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence with perfect ease. It certainly was a perilous voyage for such a boat and she earned