

The Grenfell Association

(To the Editor.)
Dear Sir,—I am venturing to send you for the information of the public a copy of the work of this Association for the past year, which has just arrived. It may be that you will not care to publish the whole thing, but I want you especially to allow me to draw your attention and that of the public to the hospital work. The number of patients treated has increased steadily every year and already this year by the end of August more patients had been treated both in and outside of the hospital than any previous year. The actual cost of St. Anthony hospital alone rose to nearly \$29,000 last year, though that only allowed \$242 per day for hospital care. The staff at the present moment includes—Dr. Charles Curtis, M. A. Harvard, Surgeon-in-Chief; Dr. Hayden, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, House Officer; Mr. Washburn and Mr. Richards, Harvard, Laboratory and Bedside assistants; Dr. C. Mullineaux, Dental Surgeon; Dr. Joseph A. Andrews, California, Eye Specialist; Miss Hoamer, X-ray Expert with the General Electric Company, N.Y.

I have done most of the orthopedic work while in residence. Eight trained nurses, with occasional assistants, form the nursing staff. There has been added to the hospital a new portable besides X-ray apparatus, large new fluoroscope and a large house has been secured for additional tubercular patients, together with our big tent. Including the patients in the wards of the hospital itself, 10 to 80 patients have been treated at one time. A great deal of other surgical apparatus has been added to bring the capacity for modern work as high as we can make it.

The patients themselves who come from all parts of the country, are best evidence of the results. When I left in June there were 800 patients waiting for admittance to the General Hospital at St. John's, according to figures here. At the end of 1918, I had to warn the people of the coast that unless money was forthcoming in Newfoundland I might feel obliged to close down the hospital. The patients have taken this matter up in earnest with the people of the coast, with the result that although the majority come during the summer part of the year, though we are probably the poorest section of the coast, and though many of the patients have to come long distances and pay their own passages both ways, they contributed this year at St. Anthony \$5872, as against \$2137 the year before. The other hospitals show an increase. With the increased cost of transportation and living commodities the budget for this year cannot possibly be under \$30,000 for St. Anthony, and it must be remembered that a good deal of the expert work is practically volunteer, thus the two trained nutritional workers who laboured all year among the children of the coast, paid not only

their travelling expenses, but all their board and lodging. This invaluable work has taken the fancy of the people, and we are expecting good results. The work will go on during the winter, and one can see already very plainly by the children the improvement that is taking place, not alone for the children, but for the generations that will follow.

Besides General Sir Robert Jones, the great orthopedist who is expected next year, Dr. Emerson of Boston will give us the benefit of his advice, and we shall again have a full staff in each branch for consultation work. The criticism that our sick brethren in the North should not be offered the opportunity for up-to-date treatment because they are poor and needy, as a criticism answers itself when the facts are put down in black and white, but at the same time we have had patients from various parts of the country.

I have been obliged to submit to the Council of this Association, that even if I were physically able after thirty years work to spend several months each year raising money, I have been led to consider that my time could be more profitably spent on the coast itself, and infinitely more pleasantly. The uncertainty of being able to raise money, with the increasing expenses of the hospitals becomes a heavier mental burden each year, and it was realized that some endowment must be raised if the work is to continue. There were many when the Seamen's Institute was built who severely criticized the undertaking as an unnecessary "white elephant." There are those still in doubt in their own minds as to whether the hospital work in the north should continue. Can anyone say to-day that a self-supporting institution like the Seamen's Institute has not justified its existence. Everyone who knows it feels that it would be a great thing for St. John's if some kind person would build a similar institution in the West End. His Excellency the Governor Rev. George Bond, and many others have this year visited the work in the North, and are on the spot to express their opinion as to the value of it. A very delightful letter from Lord Morris reached us very recently. He paid us a personal visit to St. Anthony some years ago, and he refers to it in his letter as the "fine efforts and work on the Labrador."

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Personally, I do think that the grant of \$5,000 towards a hospital the size of St. Anthony is not commensurate with the sum of \$165,000 given to the General Hospital in St. John's. No one who has studied the problem can believe that the best interests, as far as the people go, are conserved by centralizing all hospital work in the south, even if it is in St. John's, and while the population of White Bay and the Straits is a small one, it is a coast that raises a very large revenue through the fish it catches. An absolutely impartial Commission appointed by the Government two years ago after a thorough investigation into the methods of the work, gave it its unqualified endorsement. This latter is not in any way to criticize the attitude the various Governments have taken towards the size of the grant to the hospitals; they have done what they thought their constituents would approve. What I do want to bring before the public is that they are unfamiliar with the importance of the work done as were those who claimed there was no use for an Institute in St. John's, that the fishermen would never care for clean beds and separ-



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ate rooms, or baths, reading rooms or the only place that many of them had lecture halls, because they have always bunked on a schooner while in again, to get in out of the cold in the port and had always been satisfied with it. There was however a general feeling that we ought to deprive them of the comfort and cheer of the saloon

the city, the plan of raising an Endowment Fund for the hospitals was unanimously approved. The unusual position of the money market at the present time and the large pledges given for the Maternity Hospital and Educational work in St. John's makes it inadvisable to enlarge upon the scheme to render permanent this work, but already some of our friends have promised help and we hope in the spring, before next summer's season opens, to raise at least a partial Endowment. We have had moving pictures made of the hospitals and some of the phases of the work which will be ready to show to the public together with the figures for this year's work. The appeal for help and for more proportional Government aid, will be considered, and I hope will be granted on the merits of the work, apart from any prejudice of sect, creed or politics.

I would like to close by saying that the hospital at Twillingate is fast approaching realization. Alas, Magistrate Roberts, so generous and so earnest in his efforts to see it materialize passed to his account before the work could be begun, but already plans have been drawn, the site chosen, funds in hand, and an unusually able surgeon selected to oversee and carry out the work as soon as the Committee is ready to go ahead. Pilley's land, in charge of Dr. Patrick Gear, has been doing excellent work this

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summer, and will probably continue without trained nurses or any hospital to go ahead even after Twillingate accommodation or the best means of starts, as a sub-station. Every surgeon in the outposts I am sure will endorse it when I say it is impossible to give to others what we should want for ourselves if they have to work

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor.
Faithfully yours,
W. T. GRENFELL,
M.D., L.R.C.S., C.M.G., C.B.

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