

rador not only how to handle a saw, but how to sell the product for a living wage; he can establish co-operative stores, and, what is better, make them pay, so that those fishermen who have practically been slaves to unscrupulous traders, never seeing the smallest piece of silver from one year's end to another, can accumulate their little savings in cash; and he has a "muscular Christianity" that enables him to knock down and drag out the human beast that comes into Labrador to add the illicit whiskey-bottle to the other sources of the suffering which the inhabitants have to endure.

Dr. Grenfell is an Englishman and was first sent out as medical missionary of the Deep Sea Mission of England. Later, in 1892, he sailed to the Labrador coast. In three months he had 900 patients to whom he ministered with gospel message and medicine chest. He has continued since that time working for the social and religious uplift of the people, travelling hundreds of miles by sledge and dog-team and by boat.

Labrador Fund.

A. M. Boosey, Embro, Ont., 80c.; Bright Hope Sunday school, \$3.17; A Sympathizer, Inchagela, \$5.00; E. Druce, Fletcher, Ont., \$2.00; Mrs. J. Crowland, Ont., \$5.00; Mrs. D. J. Meredith, Vernonville Ont., \$6.00; The Shea Sunday School, Langley, B.C., \$5.00; Holiday Sunday School, \$2.00; A. M. Boosey, Embro, Ont., \$1.30; B. B. Merriton Ont., \$1.00; A. D. H., Havergal, Ont., \$2.00; G. M. P., Wyld Waste, Albont, \$2.00; Mrs. Peter Keay, St. Andrew's, Que. \$3.00; Hugh McDonald Holiday, \$5.00; A. M. Boosey, Embro, Ont., 55c.; As Ye Would, \$1.00; Mrs. Thos. Hunter, Venice, J. Que., \$1.00; James Williamson, Montreal, \$5.00; H. W., Montreal, \$5.00; P. J., Quebec, \$2.00; Given over Counter, \$1.00;

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Our Work in Labrador.

FAMILIES WHO HAD NEVER SEEN A DOCTOR.

In a letter describing some of the incidents of Dr. Grenfell's last summer cruise in the 'Strathcona,' his secretary gives a vivid picture of just such work as our launch, the 'Northern Messenger,' will be engaged in next summer. He writes:—

Three weeks we spent in visiting the settlements on the French Shore and half-way up White Bay. White Bay is out of our ordinary run, being one hundred miles south of the southern hospital, St. Anthony, and here we saw families who had never before seen a doctor. One said he had been ailing for four years, 'I need pills wonderful bad, Doctor.' There were also several serious cases of paralysis of the lower limbs, called berri-berri. One case called into action our sympathetic senses.

It was that of a poor native fisherman and his wife bringing to us their two boys, aged 21 and 23, their only means of support, suffering from berri-berri, which rendered them practically useless for the fishery; and, alas! what else is there that these poor fishermen may try to do to make a living? These boys were candidates for hospital, and the

fond mother kissed them and hugged them as she bid them a long good-bye. They are now in the convalescent ward in Battle Harbor Hospital, making good recovery.

The arrival of a doctor in their cove at that precise period of their disease had saved their limbs, for had it gone on three weeks longer without check, recovery would have been both tedious and doubtful. This was the case of a lad from White Bay, who came to us last January at St. Anthony. The disease had then clutched him for ten months, and when he arrived he was so thin and weak and small for a seventeen-year-old lad that the Doctor actually carried him ashore over the harbor ice in his arms. The boy made great improvement during the winter and spring, and though not cured, still he can get around now on crutches.

A little girl living in a Roman Catholic settlement we carried to hospital with a diseased hip. Her case quite well illustrated the opportunities which our folks have missed. She is fourteen years old. The doctors report that had she been put under the care of a hospital when younger she might have been cured; but that now, were she willing to go to a special hospital in the United States, she would have a good chance under treatment such as Dr. Lorenz used with such success in Chicago.

Prayer for Revival.

The earth is weary, Lord; its blistered plains
 Give no rich fruitage to the worker's toil;
 Veil the hot sky, distil the latter rains,
 To gladden silent brook and thirsty soil.

The church is barren, Lord; her spirit life
 Is held in bondage to the world of flesh;
 O blessed Master, calm the fruitless strife
 Of carnal things, and quicken her afresh.

Our hearts are restless, Lord; there is no
 peace;
 Time-husks are no fit food for souls of men;
 Make Thou the tempter go, vain longings
 cease,
 Fill us with Thy salvation's joy again.

Thou seest the people, Lord—their unbelief;
 Poor slaves of mammon, blind and passion-
 led;
 And on this dying waste the waters shed.

How long, O Lord! Will not Thy saving
 power
 Ever return to vivify the dead?
 Oh, hasten on the now long halting hour
 When these dead bones shall live, as Thou
 hast said.

—Francis Ferguson, D.D., in 'Mid-Continent.'

Religious Notes.

The Mission Synod of the New Hebrides met in Tongoa in June, 1906, and the committee which examined the reports on stations gave the following summary:

'This year the note throughout the group is one of encouragement and hope; in fact, the progress at some stations has been such as to make one marvel at the great change wrought by the Gospel in so few years. Still, in several islands, the difficulties are enormous, on account of a comparatively new element of antagonism to the work—namely, intoxicating drink. The opposition of the heathen is certainly bad enough, but, coupled with the drink habit, it is very much greater. It is nearly hopeless to work among those who are being supplied with strong drink in such quantities as are being sold to the natives of North-east Ambrim, Epi, and elsewhere. Moreover, the deathrate in those districts is so high that, if the traffic continues, there is reason to believe the natives will be exterminated. War, too, continues to hinder the progress of the Gospel in several islands. An outstanding example of this is furnished by the missionary of South Santo, who reports 12 murders and 3 cases of cannibalism since last Christmas. The number of communicants for the whole group is about 3,500, and out of that number no fewer than 411 were admitted to church membership during the past year. The natives subscribed

£727 in cash, and over 7,000 pounds of arrowroot. The students of the Teachers' Training Institute made copra to the net value of over £33. Several missionaries continue to plant cocoanuts for church purposes. Several elders were ordained, a number of European churches built, English classes conducted, and, speaking generally, there can be no doubt that considerable advance has been made in the education of the natives.'

For seven years the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has been doing a missionary work in Nauru, an island separate from all other groups in the Pacific Ocean, of which work little has been known, owing to the infrequency of the mails. That island is distant 400 miles from the Marshall Islands, and 165 miles from the nearest of the Gilbert group. There is no relation between its inhabitants and those of its nearest neighbors. Its people seem to be hardy and vigorous, numbering less than 2,000 souls at the present time. A German missionary, the Rev. De la Porte, has labored there since 1899 under the American Board with extraordinary vigor and success. He has gathered converts in numbers that parallel, it is said, the earliest beginners at Jerusalem. At the beginning of 1905 there were 248 communicants church-members. During that year 284 more were added. There were 177 children of church-members baptized, so that by the end of the year there were, including children, 840 baptized—not far from one-half of the total population of the land. The average attendance at the Sabbath services for the year was 742, on one occasion 1,053 persons being present.

The Rev. Howard A. Johnston, writes that a missionary in Hong Kong said the Chinese had discovered two things in recent years:

First—That the missionaries had told the truth about themselves. The Chinese now realize that Protestant missionaries are not seeking theirs, but them. They could not believe, at first, that any foreigner had no ulterior selfish motive in coming to China.

Second.—The Chinese had come to realize their backward condition, and that Christians had told them the truth about that matter also. Naturally, in consequence, there is a greater readiness to listen and learn from the foreigner. Very often this eager quest is due to the desire to learn that which will improve their material condition; but at the same time the Holy Spirit carries home the truth to many hearts that turn to Christ as their Saviour.

There is a genuine awakening of a moral consciousness in China.

Fret Not Thyself.

Art thou laid low with sore depression?
 Dost feel thou hast no strength at all?
 Art forced to make the hard confession,
 Thy human powers indeed are small?

God leadeth thee to know thy weakness,
 Thyself all powerless to be,
 To learn to say with lowly meekness,
 'God does not rest for aught on thee.'

He can do all at His good pleasure,
 Nor needs the aid of any man;
 His strength is great, yea, knows no measure;
 Nor weak, nor strong, can mar His plan.

Why should'st thou then be fretting, strain-
 ing,
 As if all hung upon thy might?

A Father's hand above is reigning;
 Through Him, not thee, all will be right.

In God's own peace and patience hide thee;
 In quietness go on thy way;
 And know thy Father will provide thee
 With strength sufficient for thy day.
 —Unknown.

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