To a Mourner.

Do you know what you are saying?
All the days are dark to you—
Never comes a lift or lightening— Never strength to see them through

Do you know that every life-time Yes, the narrowest and most drear, Is a cup that still runs over With the gifts of God most dear?

Do you know that thousands, thousands, In this world of sin and shame, Bear a burden to which yours is But the emptiest, idlest name?

Do you know God's saints are chosen Often times to suffer sore, That the down may be more golden, When the suffering is o'er?

Do you know He gives them sorrow, Makes it often sharp and long, That their voices may be sweeter When they join the glad 'New Song?'

Do you know the lot He chose Him, When on earth He drew His breath, Was the cradle in the manger,— And the house at Nazareth?

Do you know the path He travell'd Firmly, strongly, day by day— How the tears and thorns commingled Till the cross barr'd up the way?

Do you know how dark the death-cave— How she wept there, Magdalene; Soon how real the Resurrection, And the great Ascension Scene?

Yes, you know it, dry your tears, then; Cease your mourning; change your ways.
Look for God's high forward meanings;
His the power and His the praise.
—Alfred Norris.

Religious News.

Those who think missionaries are likely to Those who think missionaries are likely to lead idle lives will do well to study these figures which Mr. Elwood, now of Dindigul, South India, presents. His 'parish' is 30 x 40 miles in extent and has a population of 535,000 people. He has the supervision of 100 native workers and 36 schools. There are 57 congregations and more than 3.500 Christians. One can imagine the amount of travel necessary to cover such a field, especially in a land where good roads are not universal and in districts where the means of transportation are reduced to bullock carts, carriages, and bleycles.—'Missionary Herald.'

In the town of Tsu, Japan, a Mr. Nagata is pastor of the American Episcopal Churan. The story of his conversion to Christianity is interesting: Some years ago a colporteur endeavored to persuade a soldier to buy a Gospel, when the soldier started an argument, and, becoming angry, grossly insuited the colporteur, who, however, did not retaliate, but bore the indignity meekly. Mr. Nagata, by chance passing at the time, paused and listened to the talk of the man Nagata, by chance passing at the time paused and listened to the talk of the men and was so impressed with the forbearance of the colporteur that he was led to sympathize with him, and also to purchase a Gospel himself. He took the little book home, read it carefully, and then decided to become a Christian.' Now he is himself a pastor.

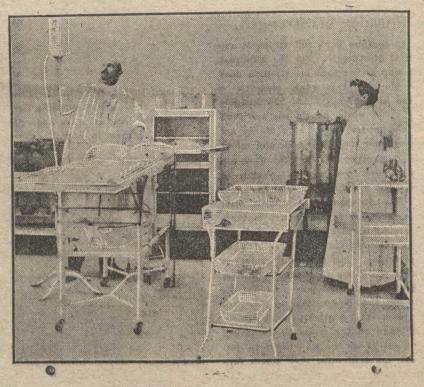
The average American Christian believes that missions do not reach the Mohammedans. But they do. In a small way, like the curious appointment of a pagan Cyrus to do the pleasure of Jehovah, is that of a rough Kabyle Mohammedan, who sauntered into a mission book-shop in Casablanca, Morocco, and bought a number of separate portions of the Bible. The bookseller, amazed, asked what he wanted the books for. 'Why, I want them to read on winter evenings,' answered the Mohammedan. Thea he explained that his friends come in of an evening to drink tea in his little room, and sit cosily by the fire while he reads to them from these books. This Mohammedan does The average American Christian believes

Work in Labrador.

In Harrington Hospital.

The long letter last week from Dr. Hare telling of his difficulty in reaching one of his patients, gave the broken, rough side of the work. Nothing speaks better for the contrast to this that is afforded by the hospital,

season, accidents being a daily possibility of the fisherman's life. While the hospital has been in use all winter, and Nurse Mayou given no chance to be idle, any more than the doctor on his rounds, yet the summer season is the hospital's important time. Pa-tients whom it was impossible to move in the winter can then be brought to its com-forts, and many others will come for skilled



with all its modern conveniences, than this photograph of Dr. Hare and Nurse Mayou, in the operating room of the Harrington Hospital. It is to this hospital and its comforts pital. It is to this hospital and its comforts that the new launch for which we are at present working will bring the patients. Everything is in readiness now for the extra work that comes with the opening of the fishing

treatment, who were forced in the winter months to content themselves with the best that home and previous experience could afford. We hope that some time in between seasons Dr. Hare will be able to make us a visit, so that we may be privileged to know him personally, as well as by letter and report. ard report.

not know it, but he is doing missionary work among those ignorant Moroccaus of the among those ignorant mountains!

The Russian Y. M. C. A., at first an experiment, is apparently proving both attractive and successful when it can secure a grant of 5,000 rubles from the minister of finance. Under several American secretaries, 1,500 men are enjoying its social and educational privileges. Count Obolenski, one of the Asmen are enjoying its social and educational privileges. Count Obolenski, one of the Association leaders and directors, is preving a stanch friend, to his influence the government award being largely due. The Association has exerted such influences on its members that the work now has the hearty support of officials in the national banks and

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