

know all the particulars. The wife was more than glad to see the pastor, but she cast a frightened glance towards Henry, since she desired he should receive this visit. Meanwhile, Nelson extended to the pastor his left hand and thanked him for his friendliness in visiting him.

The pastor seated himself as though he expected the injured man to say something. Then Nelson's lips quivered, and the tears fell from his eyes. He wanted to talk, but could not. He finally pointed to his wounded hand and said: 'God's heavy hand!'

'Nay, not God's heavy hand,' said the pastor, 'but God's merciful hand! It was He who was concerned with you to hinder you from sin. Is it not so?'

'Yes, yes,' replied Nelson, softly. 'I would have taken revenge, but God hindered me.'

'So His hand, which seems to us to be so heavy, can be used for happiness and blessing.'

'For blessing!' Nelson's lips quivered. 'For blessing, oh, God! But now, wife, child and myself must suffer now.'

'Trust in God,' said the pastor. 'He turns all things to good.'

The pastor talked thus with him for a long time, and Nelson gradually opened his heart to God's Word, and he confessed his sin. Some days afterward, he could get up, and as he sat one day upon the front porch, he burst into tears and said, 'What useless work! oh, God, what compassion!'

While he thus spoke, the door opened and his foreman stepped in. After he had conversed awhile, he said, 'Nelson must not take this matter so hard. I have sufficient work for Nelson with me.'

'There, you see,' spoke up his wife, 'God is so good. And I—I shall work twice as hard as heretofore. I am sure that, with God's help, we shall get along.'

At this time, another person entered the door. It had become so dark that one could not instantly tell who it was, but when the man came nearer, the wife exclaimed with astonishment, 'Nils Hansson!'

'Nils Hansson,' also said Nelson, and sprang from his seat.

'Yes, it is I,' said the man, softly. He stepped nearer and continued: 'You may hate me, if you will, but hear me out.' He then told them he had repented of having injured Nelson.

'And when I heard what a misfortune had befallen you, I came,' continued he, 'to offer you a part of my weekly wages.'

'Nils!' exclaimed Nelson, 'I am a thousand times worse than thou! I had evil designs against thee. Oh, let us not talk about it—here is my hand.'

Nelson laid his left hand in Hansson's, and from that hour was sealed a fast bond of friendship between the two men.

The pastor counselled rightly when he exhorted Nelson to trust in God. He and his wife suffered for nothing. Nelson soon learned to make his left hand do good service, and he is now a quiet, godly man who always has sufficient work.

But year after year he used to say, with tears in his eyes, 'God's hand!'

A Model Village.

In a slight hollow among the Surrey hills there stands a model village, which is approached by quite a private road, bounded on each side by grass paths (says a contemporary). The village is shut off from the outer world by gates. There is a village green, a duck pond, a swing, a see-saw and even a set of stocks. The village also boasts of a quaint old inn, where no intoxicating liquors are sold, but where one can enjoy a very good tea whilst listening to the clang, clang of the blacksmith's hammer over the way.

Expiring Subscriptions.

Would each subscriber kindly look at the address tag on this paper? If the date thereon is June, it is time that the renewals were sent in so as to avoid losing a single copy. As renewals always date from the expiry of the old subscriptions, subscribers lose nothing by remitting a little in advance.

Acknowledgments.

LABRADOR FUND.

We have handed over to Dr. Grenfell for his work the sum of \$1,772.39, being the total of the amounts acknowledged week by week in the 'Messenger.' Of this \$1,000.00 is set apart for the building of a launch to be used in connection with Harrington Hospital, and \$296.25 has been contributed by our younger readers for the equipment and maintenance of two cots there. The remaining \$476.14 is placed at his own disposal for the general work, and is sent through the Montreal Association. These ladies have taken upon themselves to secure \$2,000 yearly for the maintenance of the new Hospital at Harrington. The work will require constant attention, and they should receive the heartiest support from all those interested in the grand work among the sick and suffering of our coast lands. All subscriptions will be acknowledged by Miss S. Macfarlane, 753 Sherbrooke street, Montreal, and clothing, etc., should be sent to Miss Roddick, 80 Union Ave., Montreal.

LABRADOR FUND.

E. R. D. W., 50c.; Susan Morrison, East Mines Station, N.S., 60c.; Cloverknowe, Avening, \$5; Proceeds of show given at 106 Arlington Ave., Westmount, \$10.00; M. McDonald, Embro, Ont., \$5.00; A. M. Boosey, Embro, Ont., \$4.30; total, \$25.40.

ABOUT THE COT FUND.

We have received for this Fund in all \$295.25 which we have now handed over to Dr. Grenfell. This sum is to equip and maintain two cots in the new hospital being built at Harrington. How many poor little children of the Labrador coast will find health and comfort in the little white cots it has been your privilege to help in providing, it is impossible to say, but that they will mean hope for some little sufferers who would have been almost hopeless without them, may be reasonably certain. You will not forget the little white beds in Labrador and their little white occupants.

[For the 'Messenger.']

The Victorian India Orphan Society.

Opening of V. I. O. S. Girls' School, Dhar, C. India.

Tuesday, the 10th of April, 1906, was an important day in the annals of the Christian community of Dhar. On that day two buildings were formally opened by His Highness, the Raja of Dhar, the one being an addition to the Hospital for Women, in the form of an operating room, with wards adjoining, and the other a new girls' school for the Victorian India Orphan Society. The latter building had been ready for some time, but owing to the absence of so many of the residents from Dhar, and the presence of other work, it had not been formally opened. In the meantime, however, it had come into use, especially in connection with the revival meetings which have been held continuously in it for the past three months.

As the two buildings to be opened were in adjacent compounds, it was decided, in order to save His Highness the Raja unnecessary trouble, to combine the ceremonies. The proceedings began with a dedicatory prayer by the Rev. D. J. Davidson. The Rev. F. H. Russell then addressed the Raja and those present, welcoming them on behalf of the Mission staff, and giving a brief account of the progress of the work of the Mission during the eleven years which have elapsed since its inception in Dhar. He referred to the interest which the late Maharaja of Dhar had always taken in this work, and the generosity which had always marked his attitude towards it, and expressed pleasure at the presence of the present Raja as an indication of continued interest and sympathy.

The Raja replied briefly, thanking the Mis-

sion for asking him to open these buildings, and assuring them of his interest in the work. He said: 'When I first received the kind invitation to perform the opening ceremony of these two institutions, I was very much in doubt whether the choice had fallen on a worthy head, when I knew that others more suitable for this occasion would be present. But after considering the kind feelings which you have always shown towards the Durbar and myself personally, I accepted it. I feel sure that I can say on behalf of the Durbar no less than myself, that those kind feelings are warmly reciprocated.'

'Everybody in the Bazaar knows of the charitable works of the Canadian Mission, and every one who has ever come to them, whether as orphan, leper, or ordinary hospital patient, cannot fail to be grateful to them for their kindness, that true, unselfish kindness which does not expect anything in return.'

'His late Highness always followed with much interest this work of charity, and I shall long hope to do the same. These extensions are yet another proof, if proof were needed, of the energy of the Mission. I trust that this surgical ward and operating room will long remain useful for the poor and distressed people, and that Miss O'Hara will remain many more years to preside over it. And now thanking you once again for asking me to perform this pleasant duty, I most gladly declare the operating room and girls' school open.'

His Highness then opened the door of the surgical building, and after viewing this, the party repaired to the School building, where the girls were gathered, arrayed in new saris for the occasion. The lateness of the hour did not permit of the performance of any programme, but the girls sang several action songs, concluding with one of farewell to the Raja and the others present. A few moments were spent in going over the school building, after which the Raja took his leave, and the people dispersed.

Address of the Sec.-Treasurer, 142 Langside St., Winnipeg.

Free Flags for the Schools.

CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM.

Since the reopening of our offer of Canadian flags for the schools of Canada, our Flag Department has been kept busy with applications for sample papers and flag cards, by schools that are only too glad to have this chance of getting a really fine flag, without paying one cent of money.

The following letter shows the satisfaction our offer has given in one school. As they had sent us a certain sum above what was needed for the flag, we were able to offer the choice of several patriotic books as an extra premium:—

Brooklet, Que., May 14, 1906.

Messrs. John Dougall & Son,
Montreal, Que.,

Dear Sirs,—Received the flag to-day, in good condition. It is fine.

Kindly send us the book of 'Canadian Poems' and drills. One of my pupils has taken up your 'pin' offer.

I shall give you an account of the flag raising later. Thanking you for promptness.

I remain, yours, etc.,

(Teacher.)

EVERY ONE DELIGHTED.

Victoria Road, Ont., May 7, 1906.

John Dougall & Son:—

Dear Sirs,—I received the Maple Leaf brooches, pins, badges and flags. They are lovely. All my friends were well pleased.

I remain, yours truly,

LILY TRIPP.

N.B.—All club orders to be accompanied by the list of addresses to which we can send the papers. Persons ordering pins my, where they already get our papers, choose a friend anywhere in Canada to receive the month's FREE subscription to the two papers in their stead. This is a chance to interest your friends in what interests you.