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## Dr. Grenfell.

THE MAN HE IS AND THE WORK WE ARE HELPING HIM DO.

Those who know Dr. Grenfell and his work will enjoy reading what Dr. Henry van Dyke

way and Sweden—the modern Viking, when he gets into his boat goes to explore strange coasts also, but not to carry death and destruction; he goes forth to carry life, healing, health and brotherhood. We have in Dr. Grenfell—an Oxford man—doctor of medicine, and doctor of some other things, too, perhaps

an opportunity to practice the religion of Jesus Christ, and he found them both on the wild coast of Labrador; away up there where the very summer is almost like winter, and where the winter is a male, adult winter, without any mistake.

Up there on that wild, rock-bound, and yet strangely fascinating coast, he found a class of human beings, "Liveyeres," as they call them, and fishermen visiting the coast from year to year who seem to have drifted absolutely beyond the horizon of all that stands for civilization and Christianity, and who are there needing that very kind of help and brotherhood which he could bring to them. For fourteen years he has spent his life up with that people, working for their welfare, physical, social, mental, moral and spiritual, giving himself as a man to their service, learning to know them, to understand them, to love them; to realize the meaning of their life; learning how to help them; building his hospitals, one, two, three, four; opening his co-operative stores to save the people from the grasp and greed and avarice that is crushing the life out of them; ministering to them in every way—ministering to them in the higher life as well as in the physical life; and he says he has had "good fun" while he has been doing it. He says that he has lived a real life; he says that every day, every week, every month, has been full of interest and full of joy. He says that it pays; he says it is worth while; he says that it counts.

Christian Sociology.

It has been said that Dr. Grenfell is surgeon, master-mariner, a magistrate, an agent of the Lloyds in running down rascals who wreck their vessels for the insurance, a manager of a string of co-operative stores, a general opponent of all fraud and oppression. . . . He can amputate a leg, contract the walls of a pleuritic lung by shortening the ribs; he can handle dynamite, and blast out an excavation under one of his simple hospital buildings in which to place a heating apparatus; he can start a lumber mill and teach the starving inhabitants of lonely Lab-



DR. GRENFELL ON THE 'STRATHCONA.'

has to say of him, and those who have not before known him will feel that it is a real introduction to a remarkable man, and will be proud to know him and watch for news of his work as that of a personal friend.

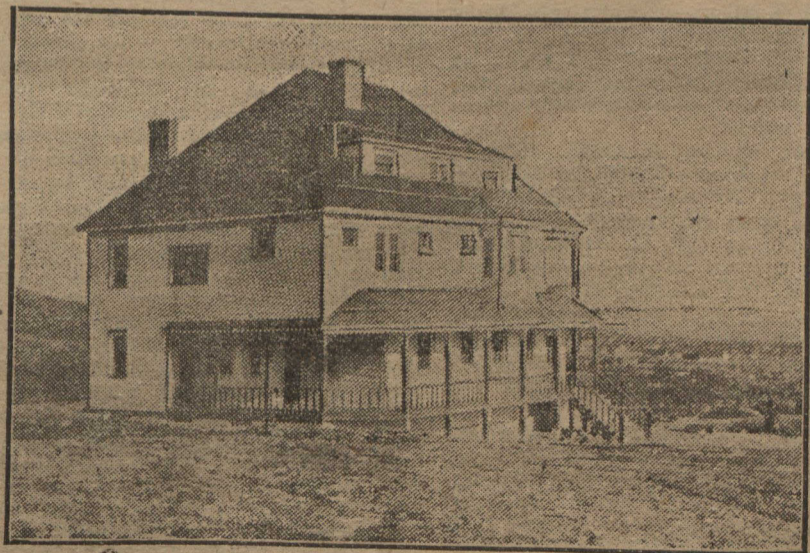
The story of Dr. Grenfell's work as medical missionary along the bleak shores of Labrador is one of the most interesting and inspiring in the annals of modern missions.

'A Modern Viking.'

In introducing Dr. Grenfell to a representative New York audience recently, Dr. Henry van Dyke said:

'People often ask nowadays whether the world is growing better or not. If I wanted to find a demonstration of the fact that the world is growing better, I should ask you to compare the modern Viking with his ancestors, the old Vikings. They would have come with fire and sword to harry our coasts, to plunder our houses and to carry off our young women, but the Viking of to-day—a descendant of those same old chaps who set sail in their galleys from the viks or creeks of Nor-

—who set out in the world to find two things. First, a chance for fine adventure; and, second,



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