

Canadians is the Canadian Branch of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen which works among the 30,000 poverty-stricken dwellers on the cold, barren coasts of Labrador and Newfoundland. There are two hospitals, one at Battle Harbour, Straits of Belle Isle; and one at Indian Harbour, under the charge of Dr. and Mrs. Aspland, and Dr. and Mrs. Wellway. In addition to medical and spiritual work—both these gentlemen are licensed lay readers—much other work has to be done. Among many families the poverty is so great that they have to face the inclemencies of a long arctic winter both naked and hungry. Each year thousands of dollars have to be distributed in the form of flour and molasses, the staple articles of diet among these poor people. They are dependent on the result of *three* months fishing, which, if the weather be stormy, pass very rapidly, and the people are left with a bare subsistence for the rest of the year. By the end of September, ice and snow begin, and the harbours can be crossed on drift ice till the second week in July. Dr. Grenfell has appealed to the Woman's Auxiliary for help for these bleak, outlying regions of our land. May the day come when we may be able to reach out our helping hands to them.

Letters from our Missionaries.—Domestic.

QUEBEC. *From Rev. E. H. Bassing, St. Andrew's Mission, Kutawa P.O., Assa., to Miss Von Iffland, July 11th, 1899*

"The barrel has arrived safely and has, and will, afford much pleasure to all who share in it. Some of the things have been already distributed amongst the white people and Indians and all have been greatly pleased. What we should do without the W.A I do not know, for a missionary has to minister to the bodily as well as the spiritual needs of his people. Hardly a day passes without applications for clothing, or some article of food. The sick and old people always, when possible, receive help without any return, but where there are able-bodied men in a family they are expected to do some work about the mission—cutting wood, etc., etc.—in return for what they receive, this plan keeps them from becoming chronic beggars. There are several very needy cases amongst the Indians and Halfbreeds, so I trust I may have the great pleasure of receiving some further help from your Branch in the near future. Trusting that every blessing may attend you in all your works."