

noo; I theekit (thatched) my hoosie in the calm weather.'

And thereafter she waited without fear.

Work in Labrador.

HOSPITAL WORK AND PATIENTS AT HARRINGTON.

The Need for the Launch.

This cut that accompanies Dr. Hare's short account of some of last winter's difficulties and successes at Harrington, shows the two cots supported by our readers, and named the 'Witness' and 'Northern Messenger' cots. These are in the splendid new hospital, the opening of which Dr. Hare mentions in his letter and the money for their support has duly gone forward. Nurse Mayou, the sister in charge, is here shown in the regular course of her work. It is for Harrington that the larger launch is so badly needed, a need which Nurse Mayou, in writing of her own duties in 'Among the Deep Sea Fishermen,' incidentally but very forcibly mentions.

'I have five patients in the hospital now,' she writes, 'and they, with the outside cases that I attend to in the doctor's absence, keep me busy. He is away now on the launch on a trip east. He will have been about four



hundred miles by the time he gets back. We had hoped so much he would have had a new launch for this summer. He travels in this one in so much discomfort, standing at the wheel all day on the open deck with no shelter of any kind, nowhere to cook or eat meals but between the two narrow bunks on which he and his man sleep, with the boy on the floor between them. One of the chief disadvantages is that there is no accommodation for patients, and that is really a necessity on this coast, where we have no steamer service, for, with the 'King Edward' coming but once in six weeks from the middle of June to the middle of November and not stopping between here and Natashquan, 132 miles away, the means of transport are very limited. Such people cannot come in little, open sailing boats, exposed to storms, wind and wave.'

We have by far the larger portion of the amount necessary for the new launch now on hand. A few hundred more and we can let Dr. Hare know that next summer there will be ready for him the three thousand dollar launch that will mean not only comfort for himself and companions on their long and trying trips, but what, after all, he cares far more about, safe conveyance to the hospital for the patients that at present he is often forced to leave behind him in inefficient hands. This winter we, as a country, are experiencing a return of prosperity and confidence after a period of hard times and depression, let us show our gratitude by some practical expression of it in dollars and cents.

Deep Sea Mission Hospital,
Harrington.

Dear Editor,—The hospital was opened by public meeting on the evening of January 4, but we had two patients in before that. Things are running fairly smoothly, and the place is getting known up and down the coast.

I have shown photos of the building everywhere and explained the object of all the expense and trouble. It will take some time to break down the ignorance of many of the people, but in time they must see the benefits of hospital treatment.

A very sad case occurred not far from here, where a young girl of nine years of age, was scalded by having some hot water spilt on her legs. She was neglected and died of what I suppose was blood poisoning in about ten days. The scald was not enough to set up secondary trouble in itself. The house reeks with infectious material, as they often skin seals in the house, and the grease and blood have never been thoroughly removed. The father would not hear of sending her to hospital, in fact we did not hear of it until the child was dead.

We have a young Frenchman out in a tent taking the fresh air treatment for tuberculosis. This is the first one that has consented to try it, and late news from him is that he is gaining flesh, and several of his most distressing symptoms have largely disappeared. We are gradually getting people to believe that this is a disease that they can become infected with through the carelessness of those who are suffering from it. They are getting more careful than they were.

The wharf proceeds slowly; we have five

We have at present in hospital a woman who has been bed-ridden for years, unable to help herself for the greater part of that time. Since coming into hospital she has gained weight, and is now beginning to use her fingers and sew a little.

She also suffers from tuberculosis, which, I am much afraid, we cannot get the better of. She came from a small house, leaving four children; the husband has had to remain at home to look after her and to do the cooking, very little in the house to eat. Bread and tea twice a day was keeping her alive, but she was skin and bone, and steadily going down hill.

When she was leaving home to come to us the neighbors urged her not to come, telling her the doctor would give her chloroform, and cut her up!

After coming in and getting bathed and put into clean clothes, and a clean bed, she fell asleep; finding the sister beside her when she woke, she exclaimed, 'Oh! I thought I was in glory,' and no doubt it seemed something like it to her, accustomed as she was to the dirt, squalor and starvation in the house where she had lain so long unable to move. We trust that bodily improvement will not be all that she may receive while staying in the hospital.

H. MATHER HARE.

[A very interesting letter from Dr. Hare's little daughter, Eileen, appears this week on the correspondence page giving the story of a patient who occupied one of those cots during the past summer.]

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A Much Appreciated Gift.

Some friend of our mission work paid for 20 copies of the 'Northern Messenger' for 1908 and had them sent to us directly from the publishing house. They have been used in our Sunday School and have been highly appreciated. Not knowing who the friend is, I take this means of thanking him for his kindness and help, and hope he may be able to continue in the good work.

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To the Editor,
The 'Northern Messenger,'
Dear Sir:—

I would like in a few lines to pay a tribute to the good work being done by the V. I. O. Society of Winnipeg in supporting the Famine girls and boys in Dhar (India). I had my work in Dhar for about a year, and again after about seven years, I had the opportunity of visiting Dhar and there was no part of the work I was more interested in seeing than that among the orphan children. Miss O'Hara loves her Bhil girls and they pay her back richly in the same coin. It does one good to see the enthusiasm they put into their sing-