

Sir Wilfred Grenfell, K.C.M.G., writes in the extremely interesting sixth annual report of the Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland on Medical Work in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland under the heading "The Land Vision of a Sailor."

"At Flower's Cove Nurse Weir had had cleared five acres of land in return for the food and clothing which she was able to give out last winter to those in dire need. The Government has made a grant here of fifty acres. In the fall, as I walked at Flower's Cove with the new nurse, Miss Mansfield, and gathered some of the endless wild fruit in the form of raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and currants, the same joyful feeling of being linked with the Infinite, if only by faith in our value to Him, made me want every moment of life and want more life. The nurse's last message was—'Don't leave me this winter unable to help the destitute in distress.'"

Again: "Nothing better has lately come to our Coast than the idea of Dr. Curtis' ever helpful wife which she calls community cooking and canning. She provided the cooker, the fuel, a stock of cans which she estimated would be sufficient, and the apparatus necessary for sealing the cans. Word went round that all mothers might come along and bring their own food—salmon, cods' tongues, capelin, rhubarb, berries, garden produce, etc.—and that the only cost to them would be for the cans and for the tiny share of the heat."

So the good work goes on.

The Trained Nurses' Association of India is now appointing a full time General and Organising Secretary ready to work equally in the interests of Nurses in Government Institutions, on public bodies, in Missionary associations and in private practice.

She is also required to be ready to do propaganda work on behalf of the Association in any part of India.

The post will evidently be a most interesting one, requiring a trained nurse with organising ability, secretarial training, administrative experience and the power to speak in public, a valuable combination of qualifications possessed by a limited number of nurses.

Mrs. Breckinridge, Volunteer Director of the Kentucky Frontier Nursing Service, in an open letter in its *Quarterly Bulletin* gives the good news that her long holiday has been entirely successful and she is entirely restored to health again. She writes: "The last X-rays have been taken of my back and are perfectly satisfactory, and for the first time in over two and a half years I am free from pain. I am most awfully grateful to each of you for helping us to carry on while I was away. The field has been run superbly in my absence and everything is in splendid shape."

She refers to a visit she paid to the British College

of Nurses and THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and gives a charming account of the part she took as a Canterbury Pilgrim, and describes the origin of the Pilgrimage to gather funds for the distressed areas, conceived by the Dean of Canterbury who appealed to the English people who could afford it to buy tickets at half a crown each and make a spiritual pilgrimage like those of the Middle Ages, to the great cathedrals, where they would be received for special services and where their tickets would be laid before the altar as their gifts to God and to their fellow men. Funds from the sale of these tickets all go to aid the Distressed and Derelict Areas.

Of special interest at this time is the Prize Essay written in 1914 by Miss J. C. Cowie, at present Matron of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley, on "Modern Nursing" when she was awarded the "Nightingale" Medal by the

Nightingale Prize Committee of the Scottish Society of Trained Nurses. She traces the development of Nursing from pre-Christian times down through the Middle Ages, when it was mainly in the hands of the Religious Orders until Miss Nightingale's epoch-making work, which placed it on a modern scientific foundation. Now "every day sees a fresh opening for the trained nurse," and we have in nursing an essentially womanly occupation—no one can accuse us of underselling the bread-winning man—yet one that calls for the best that is in us of hand and intellect and heart.



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Representing St. Elizabeth of Thuringia in the "Living Pictures"  
at the I.C.N. Congress, Paris, 1933.

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