

FOR THE SHUT-INS.

Dr. Talmage Sermon to Unfortunates.

He Talks of the Compensations of Sickness.

Disasters Are God's Designs for Our Betterment—Sermon to Invalids.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—This discourse of Dr. Talmage, which is helpful to all who find life a struggle, is especially addressed to a class of persons probably never before addressed in a sermon. The text is Genesis vii. 16. "The Lord shut him in."

sympathetic Christ, assuring the one or two or three persons who hear it of the mighty reinforcements of religion. You speak to such a number of people as only one or two or three seavers. Aye, but the visitor calling at that room, then closing the door softly and going away, tells the story, and the whole neighborhood hears it, and it will take all eternity to realize the grand and uplifting influence of that sermon above God and the soul, though preached to an audience of only one man or one woman.

THE WOMEN IN THE ARK.

No doubt, while on that voyage Noah and his three sons, and all the four ladies of the antediluvian world often thought of the bright and shiny old piece of earth and sky.

ANGELIC COMPANIONSHIP.

And as I now find many in hurried cases of trouble, though I cannot quote the storm I can strike a match to light up the darkness, and I strike a match, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." I strike another match, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

HEAVEN'S TWELVE GATES.

But do not think that heaven is made up of an indiscriminate population. No, my friends, it is not so general in their theology that they would let everybody in without reference to condition or character.

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DEATHS.

ALLISON—At Sackville, N. B., Dec. 14th, after a lingering illness, borne with extraordinary submission to the Divine will, Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Allison, president of Mount Allison University.

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ESTABROOK—At Upper Gagetown, N. B., Dec. 8th, Nelson M. Estabrook, youngest son of James Estabrook, aged 29 years, leaving a wife, two children, father, mother and two brothers to mourn their loss.

DEATHS.

OWEN—At Sackville, N. B., Dec. 15, Matilda Owen, widow of the late Wm. H. Owen, aged 74 years.

THE ELECTIONS.

The Contest in East Prince, P. E. I., is Very Close.

In West Lambton the Election of McCarthy, Independent, is Conceded.

The Liberals Carry Bagot and Montmagny—In the Latter Maritime Has Five Hundred Majority.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 14.—The result of the East Prince election at 7.45 stands: Husel (Liberal), 1,883; Lefurque (conservative), 1,788. Three places are yet to hear from, which gave conservative majorities in 1896.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 14.—At 10 o'clock the returns give a majority of fifty-six, with one place (Emyvale) to hear from. In 1896 this place gave the conservative a majority of 41.

MONTEREAL, Dec. 14.—Full returns from Bagot show the election of Martin (Liberal) by 64 majority. The result was a surprise to the conservatives, who had confidently expected to win.

QUEBEC, Dec. 14.—Partial returns from Montmagny show the election of McCarthy, the government candidate, by about 200 majority.

MEMORANDA.

Passed Cape Race, N. F., Dec 10, str. Tonquary, Miller, from St. John for Liverpool; Paris, from St. John for New York.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HALIFAX, Dec 12.—The government str. Aberdeen returned from sea Saturday having been engaged in replacing the Sambre automatic buoy.

GRAIN BLOCKADE.

An Unprecedented Condition of Affairs at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 15.—The grain blockade at this port continues and is unprecedented. At noon today fully 80 large steamers were in the river, waiting to be unloaded at frozen in. They carry about nine million bushels of grain, while in the different elevators there are at present 100 million bushels of grain at present.

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