## FOR THE SHUT-INS.

Dr. Talmage Sermon to Unfortunates.

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-This discourse of Dr. Talmage, which is help-ful to all who find life a struggle, is sons probably never before addressed in a sermon. The text is Genesis vii., 16. "The Lord shut him in."

Cosmogony has no more interesting chapter than the one which speaks of that catastrophe of the ages, the submersion of our world in time of Noah, the first ship carpenter. Many of the nations who never saw a Bible have a flood story, Egyptian flood story, Grecian flood sory, of which Ducation was the Noah; Hawailan flood story, New Zealand flood story, Chinese flood story, American Indian flood story all of which accounts agree in the im mersion of the continents under universal rains, and that there was a ship floating with a select few of the hu-man family and with specimens of zoological and ornithological and reptilian worlds, although I could have wished that these last had been shut

out of the ark and drowned. All of these flood stories represent the ship thus affoat as finally stranded on a mountain top. Hugh Miller, in his "Testimony of the Rocks" thinks that all these flood stories were infirm traditions of the Biblical account, and I believe him. The worst thing about that great freshet was that it struck Noah's Great Eastern from above and The seas broke the chain of shells and crystal and rolled over the land, and the heavens opened their clouds for falling columns of water, which roared and thundered on th roof of the great ship for a month and ten days. There was one door to the ship, but there was three parts to that door, one part for each of the three stories, and I do not know on which floor Neah and his family voyaged, my text tells us what the part of door of that particular floor on which Noah stayed was closed after he had entered. "The Lord shut him in." So there are many people now in the world who are thoroughly shut in, some by sickness, some by old .age, some by special duties that will not sllowed them to go forth, some surrounded by deluges of misfortune and trouble, and for them I often receive sages, and this sermon, which I hope may do good to others, is more especially intended for them. Today I address the shut in. "The Lord shut

THE CLOSED DOOR. Notice first of all who closed the Noah did not do it, nor his son Shem, nor did Ham, nor did Japheth, nor did either of the four married women were on shipboard, nor did des-does who had scoffed at the idea of peril which Noah had been preaching close that door. They had turned their backs on the ark and had in disgust gone away. I will tell you how it was done. A hand was stretched down from heaven to close that door. It was a divine hand, as well as a kind hand. "The Lord shut him in." And the same kind and sympathetic being has shut you in, my reader or arer. You thought it was an accident, ascribable to the careless-ness or misdoings of others, or a mere "happen so." No, no! God had graci-ous design for your betterment, for the cultivation of your patience, for the strengthening of your faith, for the advantage you might gain by se-clusion, for your eternal salvation. He put you in a schoolroom, where you could learn in six months or a year more than you could have learned any-where else in a lifetime. He turned the lattice or pulled down the blinds of the sickroom, or put your swollen foot on an ottoman, or held you amid the pillows of a couch which you could not leave, for some reason that you may not now understand, but which He has promised He will explain to you satisfactorily, if not in this world, then in the world to come, for He has when in the world to come, for He has said, "Whait I do thou knowest not now, but thou shallt know hereafter!"

The world has no statistics as to the number of invalids. The physicians know something about it, and the apothecaries and the pastors, but who can tell us the number of blind eyes, and deaf ears, and diseased lungs, and congested livers and jangled nerves, congested livers and jangled nerves, and neuralgic temples, and rheumatic feet, or how many took no food this morning because they had no appetite to eat or digestive organs to assimilate, or have lungs so delicate that they cannot go forth when the wind is in the east, or there is a fog rising from the river, or there is a dampness on the ground or pavement because of the frost coming out? It would be easy to count the people who every day go through a street, or the number of passengers carried by a railroad company in a year, or the number of those who cross the ocean in ships. But who can give us the statistics of the great multitudes who are shut in?
I call the attention of all such to their superior opportunities of doing good.
It is a good thing to oreach on a It is a good thing to oreach on a Sunday morning, the people assembled in most respectable attire and seated on soft cushions, the preacher standing in neatly upholstered pulpit surrounded by personal friends, and after an inspiring hymn has been sung, and that semmon, if preached in fath, will do good, but the most effective sermon is preached by one seated in drassing gown in an armchair into which the invalid has with much care been lifted, the surrounding shelves filled with medicine bottles, some to produce sleep, some for tiles, some to produce sleep, some for the relief of sudden paroxysm, some for stimulant, some for tonic, some for anodyne, and some for febrifuge, the pale preacher quoting promises of the gospel, telling of the stories of a

sympathetic Thrist, assuring the one or two or three persons who hear it of the mighty e-enforcements of religion. You say that to such a sermon there are only one or two or three feavers. Aye, but the visitor calling at that room, then closing the door softly and going away, tells the story, and the whole reignbookness it and the whole neighborhood hears it, and it will take all eternity to realize the grand and upliffting influence of that sermon about God and the soul, shough preached to an audience of Lord has ordained all such inletics, and men of 20) healthy avoirdupois cannot affect. It was not an enemy that fastened you in that one room or sent you on crutches, the longest journey you have made for many weeks being from bed to sofa or looking glass, where you are shocked at the pallor of your own cheek and the pinchedness of your features; then back again from mirror to sofa and sofa to bed, with a long sigh saying, "How good it feels to get back again to my old place on the pillow!" Remember who it is that appointed the day when for the first time in many years you could not go to business and who has kept a record of all the weary days and all the sleepless nights of your exile from the world. O weary man! O feeble an, it was the Lord who shut you in! Do you remember that some of the noblest and best of men have been miah a prisoner, Paul a prisoner, St. John a prisoger, John Bunyan a prisoner. Though human hate seemed to have all to do with them, really the Lord shut them in.

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 hillsides and the green fields where they walked and of the homes where they had lived. They had had many years of experi-ences. Noah was 600 years old at the time of this convulsion of nature. He had seen 600 springtimes, 600 summers, 600 autumns, 600 winters. We are not told how old his wife was at this reck of earth and sky. The Bible tells the age of a great many men, but only once gives a woman's age. At one time it gives Adam's age as 130 ears, and Jared's age at 162 years, and Enoch's age as \$65 years, and all up and down the Bible it gives the age of men, but does not give the age of women. Why? Because, I suppose, a woman's age is none of our business, But all the men and women that tossed in that oriental craft had lived long enough to remember a great many of the mercies and kindnesses of God, and they could not blot out, and think they had no disposition to blot out the memory of those brightnesses, though now they were shut in. Neither should the shut in of our time forget the blessings of the past. Have you been blind for ten years? Thank God as any of us can see, and let the pa-geant of all the radiant landscapes and Mumined skies which you ever looked upon kindle your rapturous gratitude. I do not see Raphael's "Madonna di San Sisto" in the picture gallery of Dresden, nor Rubens' "Descent From the Cross" at Antwerp, nor Michael An-gelo's "Last Judgment" on the celling of the Vatican, nor Saint Sophia at Constantinople, nor the Parthenon on the Acropolis, nor Taj Mahal of India. But shall I not thank God that I have seen them. Is it possible that such midnight darkness shall ever blast my vision that I cannot call them up agaia? Perhaps you are so deaf that you cannot hear the chirp of bird or olo of cantatrice, or even organ in full dations tremble under its majestic roll, or even the thunder storm that makes Mount Washington echo. But are you not grateful that once you could hear trill and chant and carol doxology? I cannot this hour hear Jenny Lind sing Comin' Through the Rye," or the ull's enchanted viol, or Parepa Rosa's triumphant voice over many thou-sands of voices and many thousands of instruments in the national peace jubilee of 33 years ago, all these sounds accompanied by the ringing of bells and the guns on Boston common. But can I ever have my ears so silenced that I will not remember that I did hear them? Are you chained to your room now, your powers of locomotion all gone, or, if coming to the house of

COMING OUT FROM THE ARK. Notice also that on the cessation of the deluge the shut ins came out, and they built their houses and cultured their gardens and started a new world on the ruins of the old world that had been drowned out.
Though Noah liver 350 years after this worldwide accident and no doubt his fellow passengers survived centuries, I warrant they never got over talking all familiar, I have admission through the newspaper press week by week to about that voyage. Now, I have seen Dore's pictures and many other pic-tures of the entrance into the ark two nd two, of the human family and the nimal creation into that ship which ailed between two worlds, antediu-ian world and the post diluvian vorld, but I never saw a picture of world, but I never saw a picture of their coming out, yet their embarka-tion was not more important than their disembarkation. Many a crew has entered a ship that never landed. Wit-ness the steamer Portland, a short time ago, with 100 souls on board, goirg down with all its crew and passen-gers. Witness the line of sunken ships reaching like a submarine cable of anguish across the ocean depths from America to Europe. If any ship might expect complete wreckage, the one Noah commanded might have expect-ed it. But no. Those who embarked disembarked. Over the plank reach-ing down the side of the ark to the Armenian cliffs on which they had been stranded the procession descended. No other wharf felt so solid or afforded such attractiveness as that height of Ararat when the eight passengers put their feet on it. And no sooner had the last one, the invalided wife of Japheth, been helped down the plank upon the rock than the other apartments of the ship were opened, and such a dash of bird music never tra of robin redbreast, and morning lark, and chaffinch, and mocking bird, and house swallow took wing into the bright sky, while the cattle began to low and the sheep to bleat and the horses to neigh for the pasture, which

God, every step is a torture?

begin to grow green and aromatic. I tell you plainly nothing interests me more in that tragedy from the first to the last act than the "exit" and the 'exeunt," than the fact that the "shut now cheer with this ptory all the in-mates of sickroom and hospitals, and those prisons where men and women are unjustly endungement, and all the north and south and east and west by floods, by debuges of misfortune and disaster. The ark of your trouble, if it does not land on some earthly height of vindication and rescue, will land on If you have put your trust in God, you will come out in the garden of the King, among orchards bendling with 12 manner of fruits and harvests

that wave in the light of a sun that never sets. As the eight passenger of that craft of Captain Noah neve got over talking about their seafaring experiences, so you who have been the bounded interest to the conversa of heaven by recalling and reciting your earthly experiences and the rougher those experiences the more thrilling will they be to youself and others who listen. As when we sit amid a group of soldiers and hear their story of cyclones we feel stupid he cause we have nothing in our life worth elling, how uninteresting will be th souls in heaven who had smooth sallng all their lives and no accidents while Noah tells his story of the de luge, and Lot his story of escape from destroyed cities, and Paul his story of the Alexandrian corn ship, and you tell your story of the days and nights and years of the times when you were shut in. You will be interesting and sought after in heaven in proportion as you are mantyrized of persecution and pain on earth. And surely you do not want to get the advantage of heavenly association and consideration without yourself adding some in terest to the interview. I hail all the shut ins because they will be the comouts. Heaven will be all the brighter for your earthly privations and envi lived in a mansion and walked in fine gardens, and regaled his appetite or best fruits, and had warmest furs for winter, coolest linens for August heat and brilliant earthly surroundings heaven will not be so much a change of scene. He will be disposed to say me the gardens. Why, I was brough up at Chatsworth. Don't invite me into a chariot. I always had a splendid turnout. Don't invite me to the feast. I have been accustomed to Belshazzarian banquets. It would be a relief to me if I could leave heaven a

little while and rough it in some other those whose limbs are so rheumatic they could not take a step when they get wings! What it relief it will be for those who were always sick when they are always well, and after 20 of health! What a light will be the light of heaven for those who on earth could not see their hand before their faces! And what will the music of heaven be to those the tympamum of a cross and a crown upon them. Let whose ears for many years had ceased to vibrate! Denied on earth the pleasure of listening to Handel and Haydn and Mendelsshon's symchonies, at last reaching a world where there never has been a discord, and hearing singing where all are perfect songsters, and oratoriles in which all the nations of heaven chant! Great heaven it will be for all who get there, but a hundred times more of a heaver for those who were shut in.

THE TEST OF CHARACTER. Meanwhile you have all divine and angelic sympathy in your infirmities.
That Satan thoroughly understood
poor human nature was evidenced when, in plotting to make Job do wrong, the great master of evil, after having failed in every other way to everthrow the good man, proposed physical distress, and then the boils came which made him swear right out. cane which made him swear right out. The mightiest test of character is physical suffering. Critics are impatient at the way Thomas Carlyle scolded at everything. His 70 years of dyspepsia were enough to make any man scold. When you see people out of patience and irascible and lachrymose, incuring land the case and heart was and before and patience land. inquire into the case, and before you get through with the exploration your hypercriticism will turn to pity, and to the divine and angelic sympathy to the divine and angelic sympathy will be added your own. The clouds of your indignation, which were full of thunderbolts, will begin to reign tears

the newspaper press week by week to tens of thousands of God's dear chil-dren who cannot enter church on the Sabbath and hear their excellent astors because of the age of the suf arers, or their illness, or the lameness of foot, or their inespacity to stay in their poverties, or their troubles some sort will not let them go out of doors, and to them as much as to those who hear me I preach this sermon, as I preach many of my sermons, the invisible audience always vaster than visible audience always vaster than the visible, some of them tossed on wilder seas than those that tossed the eight members of Noah's family, and instead of forty days of storm and 5 months of being shut in, as they were, it has been with these invalid 5 years of "shut in," or 10 years of "shut in," or 20 years of "shut in." or 20 years of "shut in." O comfort-ing God! Help me to comfort them! Give me two hands full of salve for their wounds! When we were 300 niles out at sea, a hurricane struck us, and the life-boats were dashed from the davits and all the lights in from the davits and all the ignus in the cabin were put out by the rolling of the ship and the water which through the broken skylights had poured in Captain Andrews entered and said to the men on duty: "Why don't you light up and make things brighter, for we are going to outride this storm? Passengers, cheer up! And he struck a match and begin to light the burners. He could not silence officer the mind. could not silence either the wind or the waves, but by the striking of that match, accompanied by encouraging words, we were all helped.

ANGELIC COMPANIONSHIP.

And as I now find many in hurri-canes of trouble, though I cannot quiet the storm I can strike a match to ight up the darkness, and I strike a ratch, "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." I strike another match, "Weeping may endure for a night, but cometh in the morning." I strike ther match, "We have a great High est who can be touched with the ling of our infirmities, and He was in all points tempted like as we are." will make you everlastingly young again. Have you aches and pains? They insure Christ's presence and sympathy through the darkest December nights, which are the longest rights of the year. Are you bereft? Here is a resurrected Christ whose voice is full of resurrectionary power.

Are you lonely? All the angels of heaven are ready to swoop into your our panionship. Here is the Christ of Mary and Martha when they had lost Lazarus, and of David when he had lost his son, and of Abraham when he had lost Sarah, and of your father and mother when in time of old age they parted at the gates of the tomb, close of the Sabbath morning service was asked to go and see a Christian oman, for many years an invalid. I ent. I had not in all that beautiful city of splendid men and gradious wo-men seen a face brighter than hers. Reaching her bedside I put out my hand, but she could not shake hands, for her hand was palsied. I said to her. "How long have you been down on this bed?". She smiled, and made no answer, for her tongue had been paisied, but those standing around said, "Fifteen years." I said to her, "Have you been able to keep your courage up all that time?" She gave a very little motion of her head in afirmative, for her whole body was paralytic. The sermon I had preached that morning had no power on others compared with the power that silent sermon had on me. What was the secret of her conquest over pain and privation and incapacity to move? Shall I tell you the secret? I will tell you. The Lord shut her in. HEAVEN'S TWELVE GATES.

But do not think that heaven is ade up of an indiscriminate popula-on. Some of my friends are so generous in their theology that they would let everybody in without reference to condition or character. Do not think that libertines and blasphemers and rejecters of God and His gospel have "letters of credit" that will draw anything from the bank of heaven. Pirate crafts will not be permitted to go up that harbor. If there are those who as to heaven are to be shut ins," there are those who will eleng to the "shut outs." Heaven has 12 gates, and while those 12 gates imply wide open entrance for those who are properly prepared to enter them they imply that there are at shut cut, because a gate is of no use unless dt can sometimes be Heaven is not an unwashed mob. Show the unrepentant and the ville and the off scourings of the earth enter heaven as they now are, and they would depreciate and demoralize it so that no one of us would want to enter, and those who are there would want to move out. The Bible speaks of the "withouts' as well as the "withins"— Revelation xxii., 15, "Without are dogs and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whoso-ever loveth and maketh a lie." Through the converting, pardoning, sanctifying grace of God may we at last be found among the shut ins and not among the shut outs!

MARINE MATTERS.

Repairs are being made at the Vineyard on the schooner Pefetta.

Sch. Carrie Belle will load lumber for New York at \$3.

Sch. Clarisea, from Bay of Islands for Halifax, put back dismasted; had been out 0 days in gales.

Sch. Nightingale, from —, lost mainboom by collision at Halifax recently with steamor Hoddon Hall, from New Orleans for Lamburg.

er Hoddon Hall, from New Orleans for Hamburg.
Steamer Bonavista, on the way to Montreal about two weeks ago, was run into by a saving vessel below Quebec and had bow-plate crushed in; repairs since made and sailing vessel was libelled.
Two iron masts of the British steamer Gerona, sunk between Cape Sable Island, still project out of water and should be removed by the government.
Sch. Herbert Rice, from Turk's Island for Weymouth, with salt, arrived at Yarmouth Sound on the 12th.
Sch. Yarmouth Packet was at the bar awaiting a chance to sail for St. John on the 12th. 12th.

Bark Hilechiena Helena, Capt. Brouwer, from Avonport, N. S., for Papenburg, has put into Bremerhaven leaky.

Sch. Lizzie Dyas, from New York for Yarmouth, N. S., which was driven ashore at Fort Warren in the sale of the 27th, was floated on the 12th, after cargo had been removed. Would dry dock for examination next day.

capt. S. Maxwell, late mate of the tern chooner Syanara, has asumed command of the schooner Demozelle, now loading here

cultarly subject to this terrible disorder, and if not promptly arnested it will become chronic. Dr. Chase made a special study of Eczema and disease of the skin, and we can confidently recommend Dr. Chase's Cintment to cure all forms of Eczema. The first application soothes the irritation and puts the little sufferer to rest.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Dec 13—Coastwise—Schs Sea Flower, 10, nompson, from Musquash; barge No 4, 439, liter, from Parraboro; str Beaver, 57, Potr, from Campobello; barge No 5, 443, Warsch, from Parraboro; schs Eliza Bell. 30, adlin, from Beaver Harbor; Helen M, 62, atfield, from Bear River.

Dec 14—S S Kanawha, 431, Evans, from sw York via Bastport, R H Fleming, general.

Dec. 15.—S S Laurentian, 1238, D from Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Th and Co, mails, mase and pass.

Coastwise—Sch Lady Aberdeen, 9, from Grand Manan.

S S Kanawha, Evans, for New York via Dec. 15.—Sch S A Fownes, 123, McKiel, for Coastwise—Sch Essie C, Whelpley, for

CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived. At Dorchester, De 11, sohs Georgia, Odell, from Brunswick; Jennie Palmer, Palmer, from Boston-both hard pine.
At Parrsboro, Dec 12, schs No 1, Warnock, from Bath; No 5, Warnock, from do; Willie D. Oglivie, from Calais; Cygnet, McDullough; Alice, Benjamin; Hattle McKay, Conlon; No 4, McLeod, from St John; Gipsy, Jarey, from Wolfville. HALIFAX, N S, Dec 13—Ard, str Minis phine, Merriam, for Philadelphra; Geo Farwell, Hanson, for do.

At Quaco, Dec 12, sohs Abana, Floyd, from Boston; Evelyn, McDonough; Ida M, Smith, from St John.

At Hillsboro, Dec 12, soh Adelia Carson, Wheaten, from Boston; Hattle A Marsh, Mehaffy, from Boston; Hattle A Marsh, Mehaffy, from Boston.

At Yarmouth, Dec 10, sch Lyra, Wood, from New York.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 15.—Ard, str Elton, from Ipswich; str Tyrian, Angrove, from New York.

Cleared.

At Parraboro, Dec 12, schs Urbain B, Liewelyn; Whilie D, Ogilvie, for Rockland; No 4, Saitter; No 5, Warrock, for St John; Gipsy, Carey, for Wolfville.
At Quaco, Dec 12, schs Ida M, Smith; Rex, Sweet, for St John.
Att Charlottetown, PEI, Dec 8, bark Meteor, Griffiths, for Penarth; str Horton, McGragor, for Sharpness yla Avonmouth.

From Canning, Dec 10, sch Brenton, Hat-leld, for Havana. From Yarmouth, Dec 10, bark Stadacona.

BRITISH PORTS. Arrived.

At Cardiff, Dec 9, bark Enterprise, Cal-At Cardiff, Dec 9, bark Enterprise, Carboun, from Sharpness.
GLASGOW, Dec 13—Ard, str Sarmatian, from Portland (not previously.)
SHARPNESS, Dec 10—Ard, bark Active, from Hopewel, NB.
PRESTON, Dec 12—Ard, bark Carrie L Smith, from Hillsboro, NB.
CARDIFF, Dec 12—Ard, bark Ingomar, from Catham, NB.
At Glasgow, Dec 12, str Keemun, Hosburgh, from St John.
Sailed.

Sailed. LIVERPOOL, Dec 13-Sld, str Turanian, from Penarth, Dec 13, bark Alex Black, Buck, for Pernambuco.

> FOREIGN PORTS Arrived.

Holder, Mointyre, and luree Sisters, 1980, 1990, Rose Mueller, from St John for New John Rose Mueller, from St John for New Locket.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 13—Ard, str Carthagenian, from Glasgow and Liverpool via St Johns and Hakifax.

At Bremerhaven, Dec 12, bark Hillechiena Helena, Brouwer, from Avonport, NS.

At Buenos Ayres, Nov 17, bark Plymouth, Davison, from Nortolk.

At Havana, Dec II, str H M Pollock, Newman, from Philadelphia.

At Montevideo, Nov 11, barks Glenafton, Mundy, from Bridgewater; 12th, Trinidad, Oard, from Annapolis, NS; 14th, Golden Rod, McBride, from Buenos Ayres.

At Jersey, Dec 9, brig Union, Davey, from Paspebia?. Paspebia: At Rosario, Nov 16, barks Cuba, Earle from Buenos Ayres; Persia, Malcolm, from do.

At New York, Dec 12, ships Sofala, Auld from Buenos Ayres; sch Gallie E, Ludlam Kelson, from St John.

At New York, Dec 12, schs Romeo, Campbell, and Cora B, Butler, for St John.
At New York, Dec 13, bark Saranac, Bartaby, for Zanzibar.
At Baltimore, Dec 13, sch Abbie and Eva.
Hooper, Foster, for Revere, Mass.

Sailed. NEW YORK, Dec 13-Sld, str Majesti NEW YORK, Dec 13—Sld, str Majestic, for Liverpool.

BOOTHBAY, Dec 13—Sld, tug Ice King, towing sch Robert Graham, Dunn, for Portland; schs Three Sisters, for Boston; H A Holder, for do.

Ard, sch Susan and Annie, from Cheverte.

BOSTON, Dec 13—Sld, strs Pro Patria, for St Pilerre, Miq; Boston, for Yarmouth; schs Fellis B, for Sheiburne, NS; George M Warner, for Bridgetown, NS; Joseph McGell, for Bridgetwaiter, NS; Adelaide, for Parrsboro and Windsor, NS; C H Perry, for St John; Hatble A Marsh, for Hillsboro, NB, NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 13—Sld, schs Wm H Waters, from St John for City Is-Harold Borden, from Halifer for do; Prohibition, from Yarmouth, NS, for New
York; alon, from Bangor for New York.
From Astoria, O, Dec 10; ship Wm Law,
Abbott, from Portland for Queenstown.
From Rosario, Nov 11, bark Florence B
Edgett, Kay, from New York.
From Port Reading, N J, Dec 12, sch Hattie E King, Johnson, for Perth Amboy.
From Perth Amboy, Dec 12, sch A P Emerson, Haley, for Salem.
From Colon, Nov 25, brig Estelle, Bustin,
for Pascagoula.

MEMORANDA.

Passed Cape Race, NF, Dec 10, str Tongariro, Miller, from St John for Liverpool; Parisian, Barrett, do for do.
Parsed Cape Aguihas, Nov 22, bark Austria, Anderson, from Cebu for Boston, Passed Prawle Point, Dec 11, str Ardova, Smith, from Dunkirk for New Orleans. In port at Colon, Dec 5, brig Westaway, for —.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

New York lower bay, about 100 feet NE of present Gowanus Flats bell buoy.

SANDY HOOK, N J. Dec 11—The lights in Gedney Channel are extinguished tonight.

PORTLAND, Me, Dec 12.—Notice is hereby given that the fixed red lens lantern on Jerry's Point Beacon, which was discontinued Dec 7, was relighted Dec 12.

Notice is also given that the captain of the tug Ice King reports that on Dec 3, while towing the Robert Graham Dun, he ren on a shoal spot between Pumpkin Island and Speciacle Ledge, Lowest depth at low water fifteen feet. Bearings reported from stoal:

Speciacle Ledge, WNW.

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Spectacle Ledge, WNW.
Pumpkin Island Light, E ½ S.
Two Bush Ledge, S by W.
SANDY HOOK, Dec 12—Gedney's Channel lights are burning all right tonight.

BOSTON, Dec 12—First Officer Baker or steamer H M Whitney, reports the bell buoy at Chatham not yet replaced. All lightships are in position in Vineyard Sound, but several buoys yet to be returned.

The can buoy on SE breakers off Baker's Island has dragged to a mile to the westward from Half Way Rock (replaced by Capt Lunt of sch Fredde Easton.

TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that the electric buoys in Gedney Channel, New York Lower Bay, which were extinguished during the recent storm, have been relighted, the necessary repairs having been made thereto. BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Pollock Rep Lightship has been replaced on her station, and Relief Lightship No. 9 withdrawn.

DEATHS.

ALLISON—At Sackville, N. B., Dec. 14th, after a Higgering illness, borne with uncompleting submission to the Divine will, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Dr. Allison, president of Mount Allison Univer-BATES.—At the Mouth of Jemseg, on Mon-day. Dec. 12th, William Bates, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their loss.

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

McROBBIE—At Liverpool, G. B., Dec. 14th,
James R. McRobbie, inspecting engineer,
in the 47th year of his age.

OWEN.—At Apohaqui, Dec. 15, Matilda
Owen, widow of the latte 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 Mc-Carthy, Independent, is Conceded.

The Liberals Carry Bagot and Montmagny -In the Latter Martineau Has Five Hundred Majority.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 14. -The result of the East Prince election at 7.45 stands hus: Bell (liberal). 1,863; Lefurgey (conservative), 1,738. Three places are yet to hear from hich gave conservative majorities in

SUMMERSIDE, Dec. 14.snow fell yesterday to make g sleighing for by-election day in E onthusiastic, and a large number votes were polled. There is a lib majority of sixty-three, with Emyvale poll to hear from. The latter will ikely give the conservative forty ma-

CHARLATTETOWN, Dec. 14.-At 10 o'clock the returns give bell a major-ity of fifty-six, with one place (Emyvale) to hear from. In 1896 this place gave the conservative a majority of 41. Kinkoras returns are doubtful and may, if incorrect, make a serious

SARNIA, Ont., Dec. 14.-The byelections in West Lambton today resulted in the return of Johnston (liberal) by 941 majority. The town of Sarnia alone gave him a majority of

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Full returns from Bagot show the election of Mar-cil (liberal) by 64 majority. The result was a surprise to the conserva-tives, who had confidently expected to win. QUEBEC, Dec. 14.—Partial returns

Martineau, the government candidate, by about 500 majority.

BARRIE, Ont., Dec. 14.—It will be impossible to secure complete returns in West Lambton tonight. So far twenty-two polls out of thirty-four give McCarthy (independent), 147 ma-

jority over Martin (liberal. Mc-Carthy's election is conceded. Dominion lodge, No. 18, L. O. B. A.,

at its annual session elected officers as follows for the ensuing year: Mrs. Robert Hamilton, W. M.; Mrs. John Sarah, D. M.; Miss Priscilla S. Mc-Connell chaplain; Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, recording secretary; Miss Mary A. M. Connell, treasurer; Mrs. George Bsty, D. C.; Miss Emma Jackson, lecer; Miss Agnes Esty, T. G.; Rob-Hamilton, O. G.; Icommittee, Mrs. ert Hamilton, O. G.; Icommittee, Mrs. C. Sullivan, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. S. Cater, Mrs. Thos. Leathan; Past Master John Kenney, guardian; trustees, Mrs. Robert Hamilton, Mrs. W. Cronk, Mrs. George Esty; auditors, Edward Moran, Annie Fowlle, Miss E. Hamilton.

GRAIN BLOCKADE.

An Unprecedented Condition of Affairs at

BUFFALO, Dec. 15.—The grain blockede at this port continues and is unprecedented. At moon today fully 80 large steamers were in the river, waiting to be unloaded or frozen in. They carry about nine million bushels of grain, while in the different elevators seven million bushels are at present stored. This total of sixteen million bushels of grain affoat and temporarily in store is a record breaker of the first dimension. Ice is forming too rapidly to permit any of the boats atsimpting another trip up the lakes, consequently this great fleet of grain carriers will be forced to winter in this port. The railroads are greatly hampered in their efforts to get the grain to the seaboard by the continued snow blockades.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The Evening Telegram's London cable gays: Among usiness men here interested in Canadian trade the opinion is universal that if Lord Strathnoona retires from the high commisionership, Hon. Mr. Mulock is the man to succeed him.

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