"GOD IS LOVE."

Dr. Talmage Speaks From This Great Text.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23,-In this dis- | th course Dr. Talmage describes in a new way the sacrifice made for the world's disenthrallment and deliverance. His

text is I John tv. 16, "God is love." Perilous undentaking would it be to attempt a comparison between the attributes of God. They are not like a mountain range, with here and there a higher peak, nor like the ocean, with here and there a profounder depth. We cannot measure infinities. We would not dare to say whether his omnipotence, or omniscience, or omnipresence, or immutability, or wisdom, or justice, or love is the greater attribute, but the one mentioned in my text makes deeper impression upon us than any other. It was evidently a very eld man who wrote the chapter from which I take the text. John was not in his dotage, as Professor Eichhorn asserted, but you can tell by the repetitions in the epistle and the rambling style and that he called grown "little children" that the authwas probably an octogenarian. Yet Paul, in midlife mastering an audience of Athenian critics on Mars hill, said nothing stronger or more important than did the venerable John when he wrote the three words of my text, "God is love."

Indeed the older one gets the more he appreciates this attribute. The harshnss and the combativeness and the severity have gone out of the old man, and he is more lenient and aware of his own faults, is more disposed to make excuses for the faults of others, and he frequently ejaculates, "Poor human nature!" The young minister preached three sermons on the justice of God and on the love of God, but when he got old he preached three sermons on the love of God and one on the justice of God.

Far back in the eternities there came a time when God would express one emotion of his nature which was yet unexpressed. He had made more worlds than were seen by the ancients from the top of the Egyptian pyramid, which was used as an observatory, and more worlds than modern astronomy has catalogued or described through telescopic lens. All that showed the Lord's almightiness, but it gave no demonstration of his love. He might make 50 Saturns and a hundred Jupiters and not demonstrate an instant of love. That was an unknown passion and the secret of the universe. It was a suppressed emotion of the great God. But there would come a time when this passion of infinite love would be declared and illustrated. God would veil it no longer. After the clock of many centuries had run down molished on a comparatively obscure star a race of human beings would be born and who, though so bountifully provided for that they ought to have behaved themselves well, went into insurrection and conspiracy and revolt and war-finite against infinite. weak arm against thunderbolt, man against God.

CHRIST'S DESCENT TO EARTH.

If high intelligence looked down and saw what was going on, they must have prophesied extermination, complete extermination, of these offenders of Jehovah. But no! Who is that coming out of the throne room of heaven? Who is that coming out of the palaces of the eternal?' It is the comes till he reaches the cold air of amid the bleatings of sheep and the lowing of cattle and the moaning of camels and the banter of the herdsmen takes his first sleen on earth and for 33 years invites the wandering race heaven. They were the longest 33 years ever known in heaven. Among ence to get him back! The Infinite wants to save and save now. Father looked down and saw his Son slapped and spit on and supperless and homeless, and then, amid horrors black in the face, his body and soul parted. And all for what! Why allow; the Crown Prince to come on such an errand and endure such forrow and die such a death? It was to invite the human race to put down its antipathies and resistance. It was because "God is love."

Now, there is nothing beautiful in a shipwreck. We go down to look at the battered and split hulk of an old ship on Long Island or New Jersey coast. It excites our interest. We wonder when and how it came ashore and whether it was the recklessness of a pilot or a storm before which nothing written. The world needs no inspired and he dared all and came, the most could bear up. Human nature wrecked may interest the inhabitants of other sin, for that is proved in the life of disinterested love. worlds as a curiosity, but there is nothing lovely in that which has foundered on the rocks of sin and sorrow. Yet it was in that condition of moral breakup that heaven moved to the rescue. It was loveliness hovering over deformity. It was the lifeboat putting molition. It was harmony pitying discord. It was a living God putting his arms around a recreant world.

The schoolmen deride the idea that God has emotion. They think it would web to the upholstery of a summer's tailed to fight forces demoniac. It put be a divine weakness to be stirred by any earthly spectacle. The God of the to the rounding of a world, declares world to save, another to resist and anlearned Bruch and Schleiermacher is an infinite intelligence, without feeling, a cold and cheerless divinity. But the God we worship is one of sympathy and compassion and helpfulness and affection. "God is love."

In all the Bible there is no more onsolatory statement. The very best peoexplicable. They are bereft of persecuted or impoverished or invalided. They have only one child, and that dies, while the next door neighbor has seven children, and they are all spared. The unfortunates buy at a time after the market falls. At a time when canvas and in marble, on arch and pil-

********************* eed to feel the best for charge of some duty they are selzed with physical collapse. Trying to do a good and honest and useful thing, they are misrepresented and belied as if they had practiced a villainy. There are people who all their lives have suffered injustices. Others of less talent, while they go on and down. There are in many lives riddles that have never been solved, mysteries that have never been explained, heartbreaks that have never been healed. Go to that man or that woman with philosophic explana-tion, and you will make matters worse instead of making them better. But let the oceanic tide of the text roll in that soul and all its worriments and losses and disasters will be submerged with blessing, and the sufferer will say: "I cannot understand the reason for my troubles, but I will some day understand. And they do not come by accident. God allows them to come,

> THE WORLD'S WICKEDNESS. But for this divine feeling I think our world would long ago have been lished. Just think of the organized wickedness of the nations! the abominations continental! Behold the false religions that hoist Moham med and Buddha and Confucius! Look at the Koran and the Shastra and the Zend-Avesta that would crowd out of the world the holy scriptures! Look at war digging its trenches for the dead across the hemispheres! See the great cities, with their holocaust of destroyed manhood and womanhood! What

> blasphemies assail the heavens! What butcheries sicken the centuries! What processions of crime and atrocity and woe encircle the globe! If justice had spoken, it would have said, "The world deserves annihilation, and let annihilation come." If immutability had spoken, it would have said: "I have always been opposed to wickedness and always will be opposed to it. The world is to me an affront infinite, and away with it." If omniscience had spoken, it would have said, "I have watched that planet with minute and all comprehensive inspection, and I cannot have the offense longer continued." If truth had spoken it would have said, "I believe that they who offend the law must go down under the law." But divine love took a different view of the world's obduracy and pollution. It said: "I pity all those woes of the earth. I cannot stand here and see no assuagement of those sufferings. I will go down and reform the world. I will medicate its wounds. I will calm its frenzy. I will wash off its pollution. I will become incarnated. I will take on my shoulders and upon my brow and into my heart the consequences of the world's misbehavior. I start now, and between my arrival at Bethlehem and my ascent I will weep their tears and suffer their griefs and die their death. Farewell, love."

to his child, and the child, afrighted portals of pearl and the land where the Son of the Emperor of the universe, at his appearance, ran, shrieking, sun never goes down. Yes, he knew Down the stairs of the high heavens he away. Then the father put off the ar- the world, how cold it is, and knew mor that caused the alarm, and the pain, how sharp it is, and the night a December night in Palestine and child saw who he was and ran into his how dark it is, and explation, how exarms and snuggled against his heart. cruciating it is. Out of vast eternity Creeds must not have too much iron he looked forward and saw Pilate's than attracting. They must not hide bluff with three crosses, and the lacerthe smiling face and the warm heart ated body in mortuary surroundings, to return to God and happiness and of our Father, God. Let nothing im- and heard the thunders toll at the many high intelligences, what impatiall and around us all a mercy that would hear the sorrow of a bereft God.

CHRIST THE COMFORTER.

If one paragraph of the creed seems his soul left his sacred body for awhile that made the noonday heavens turn to take you, like a child, out of the and went down into the prison of arms of a father, let the next para- mortal night, and swung back its great graph put you in the arms of a mo- door, and lifted the chain of captivity ther. "As one whom his mother com- and felt the awful lash that would forteth, so will I comfort you." Oh, have come down on the world's back, what a mother we have in God! And and wept the tears of an eternal sacrimy text is the lullaby sung to us when fice, and took the bolt of divine indigwe are ill, or when we are mal-treated, nation against sin into himself, and, or when we are weary, or when we are having vanquished death and hell, trying to do better, or when we are came out and came up, having achievbereft, or when we ourselves lie down ed an eternal rescue if we will accept to the last sleep. We feel the warm it. Read it slowly, read it solemnly, cheek of the mother against our read it with tears, "He descended incheek, and there sounds in it the hush to hell." He knew what kind of pay of many mothers: "God is love."

page to tell it that God will chastise illustrious example in all the ages of many an offender. You can look. You, it was most expensive love, through the wicket of any prison and There is much human love that costs see the fact which the world under- nothing, nothing of fatigue, nothing of stood thousands of years before Solo- humiliation. But the most expensive. mon wrote it-"The way of the trans- movement that the heavens ever made gressor is hard." The world needed was this expedition salvatory. It cost no Bible to tell it that God is omnipot- the life of a King. It put the throne out into the surf that attempted its de- ent, for any one who has seen Mont of God in bereavement. It set the uni-Blanc or Niagara or the Atlantic ocean verse aghast. It made omnipotence in a cyclone knows that. The world weep and bleed and shudder. It taxneeded no Bible to tell it of God's wis- ed the resources of the richest of all dom, for everything, from a spider's empires. It meant angelic forces desunset, from the globe of a dewdrop three worlds into sharp collision-one that. But there was one secret about other to destroy. It charged on the God that was wrapped up in a scroll of parchment, and it staid there until of human and diabolic hate. Had the apostolic hand unrolled that scroll and expedition of love been defeated the let out upon the world the startling throne of God would have fallen, and fact, which it could never have sur- satan would have mounted into sumised, never guessed, never expected, premacy, and sin would have been forthat He loved our human race so ar- ever dead. The tears and blood of the ple have in their lives occurrences in- dently that He will pardon sin and subdue the offender with a divine kiss part of the infinite expense to which and turn foaming malefactors into the Godhead went when it proposed worshippers before the throne. Oh, I to save the world. am so glad that the secret is out and that it can never again be veiled! Tell it to all the sinning, sufferng, dying when the market is rising, and the day race; tell it in song and sermon, on

lar; tell it all around the earth-"God

THE DOMINATION OF FEAR.

nations for thousands of years did not, amid their idolatries, make something to represent this feeling, this emotion. They had a Jove, representing might Neptune, the god of the sea; Minerva the goddess of wisdom; Venus, the god dess of corn, and an Odin, and an Osiris, and a Titan, and a Juggernaut, whole pantheons of gods and god-es, but no shrine, no carved image, lptured form has suggested a god of pure love. That was beyond human brain. It took a God to think that, a God to project that, a God let down rom heaven to achieve that.

Fear is the dominant thought in all false religions. For that the devotees cut themselves with lances and swing on iron hooks and fall under wheels and hold up the right arm so long that they cannot take it down. Fear, brutish fear! But love is the queen in our religion. For that we build temples. For that we kneel at our altars. For that we contribute our alms. For that martyrs suffered at Brussels market place and at Luck-now and Cawnpur and Pekin. That will yet bejewel the round earth and put it an emerald on the great, warm,

throbbing heart of Gou. The world has had many specimens of slandered men and women, their motives elandered, their habits sland-ered—slandered until they got out of the world, and then perhaps honored by elaborate eulogium and tall shaft of granite, all four sides chiseled with the story of how good and great they were. But no one under the heavens or over the heavens has ever been so much slandered as God. Bad men have fought against him and have thought they heard his voice in the crash of a thunderstorm, but have not seen him in the sunshine of the spring morning. They have blamed him for wrongs which they had done themselves. The sight of a church building excites their disgust. They like the madrigal of a saloon better than the doxology of a temple. They do not want to live with him in heaven, but would prefer on leaving this world to go into some realm where God has abdicated the throne and from which he is exiled forever. The reason is, they do not know him. They do not realize the fact that God is the best friend this world ever had or ever will have and that he would do more for their happiness than any one in the wide universe; that he would help them in the wear and tear and tussle of this life: that he would hush their sorrows: that he would help cure the evil habits with which they sometimes struggle; that he would at their request not only forgive but forget the wrong things in their life. Yes, forget! And that is the only thing that God ever does forget-pardoned trangression. The best memory in the universe is God's memory, and he remembers all that has transpired in all time and in all eternity save one kind of occurrence. That passes completely out of his memory. He declares, "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

PROOF THAT GOD IS LOVE.

Do you want more proof that "God my throne, my crown, my scepter, my is love?" Yea, disinterested love. No angelic environment, my heaven, till reward for its sacrifices. But I call I have finished the work and come that back. The world did pay him. It back?" God was never conquered but paid him on Calvary, paid him with once, and that was when He was con- brambles on the brow and four spikes, quered by His own love. "God is two for the hands and two for the feet, and one spear for the side near the In this day, when the creeds of heart; paid him in execration; paid him churches are being revised, let more with straw pillow in a barn and a emphasis be put upon the thought of cross on a hill; paid him with a third my text. Let it appear at the begin- of a century of maltreatment and ning of every creed and at the close hardships save one year-yea, is pay-The ancients used to tell of a great ing him yet in rejection of his mission military chieftain who, about to go to of mercy. Having dethroned other battle, was clad in armor, helmet on kings, the world would like to dethrone head and sword at side, and who put the King of kings. But he knows what out his arms to give farewell embrace he was coming to when he left the in their make up, terrorizing rather criminal courtroom, and the rocky ply that there is a sheriff at every funeral of heaven's favorite, and undoor ready to make arrest, but over us derstood that the palaces of eternity

What do the Bible and the church liturgies mean when they ay, "He descended into hell?" They mean that he would get for exchanging celestial This was the reason the Bible was splendor for Bethlehem caravansary,

spears and rang with the battleaxes martyr of the heavens were only

ECHOING BACK DIVINE LOVE. Now, the only fair thing for human hearts to do so to echo back that sov-

one distinct word the echoes would some back with a romance startling and captivating, and from all our tearts there should sound. heavens responses glorious and long continued. Let the world change its style of payment for heavenly love. No more payment by lances, by hamners; no more payment by blows on the cheek and scourging on the back and hooting of mobs, but payment in ardors of soul, in true surrender of the heart and love to the God that made us and the Christ who ransomed us and the eternal spirit who by regenerating power makes us all again.

Alexander the Great, with his host, was marching on Jerusalem to capture and plunder it. The inhabitants came out, clothed in white, led on by the high priest, wearing a miter and gilttering breastplate on which was emblazoned the name of God, and Alexander, seeing that word, bowed and halted his army, and the city was saved, and if we had the love of God written in our hearts and on all our lives and on all our banners at the sight of it the hosts of temptation would fall back, and we would go on from victory unto victory, until we

stood in Zion and before God. Leander swam across the Hellespont guided by the light which Hero the fair held from one of her tower win-dows, and what Hellesponts of earth-ly struggle can we not breast as long as we can see the touch of divine love held out from the tower windows of the King! Let love of God to us and our love to God clasp hands this minute. O ye dissatisfied and distressed souls, who roam the world over looking for happiness and finding none, why not try this love of God as a solace and inspiration and eternal satisfaction? When a king was crossing a desert in caravan, no water was to be found, and man and beast were perishing from thirst. Along the way were strewn the bones of caravans that had preceded. There were harts or reindeer in the king's procession, and someone knew their keen scent for water and cried out, "Let loose the harts or reindeer!" It was done, and no sooner were these creatures loosened than they went scurrying in all directions looking for water and soon found it, and the king and his caravan were saved, and the king wrote on some tablets the words which he had read before, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

Some have compared the love of God to the ocean, but the comparison fails, for the ocean has a shore, and God's love is boundless. But if you insist on comparing the love of God to the ocean put on that ocean four swift sailing craft, and let one sail to the north, and one to the south, and one to the east, and one to the west, and let them sail on a thousand years, and after that let them all return and some one hail the fleet and ask them if they have found the shore of God's love and their four voices will respond: "No shore! No shore to the ocean of God's mercy!"

KING-On December 26th, to the wife of Harry J. King, north end, a son.

MARRIAGES

OUNFIELD-GODDARD-At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, N. B., Dec. 24th, 1900, by Rev. W. Camp, John Havelock Dunfield to Miss Eliza Lury Goddard, both of Spring-dale, Kings county, N. B. ODDARD-DUNFIELD-At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, N. B., Dec. 24th, by Rev. W. Camp, Edmund Delancy Goddard to Miss Cassie Dunfield, both of Springdale, Kings county, N. B.

RASS-SMITH—At Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 4th by Rev. Dr. McLeod, Donald Grass to Jane Smith, both of Burton, Sunbury Co., KERR-McDONALD—At the home of N. 11. Eaton, Canning, N. S., Dec. 25th, Samuel Kerr of St. John, to Miss Julia McDonald

of Canning. LONDON-BROWN—At 181 Waterloo street, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Charles F. London to Miss Elizabeth A. Brown, both of St. John.

LOBBAN-BURBIDGE—At Chatham, N. B., Dec. 19th, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. W. C. Matthews, James Earle Wright Lobban to Miss Mary fourth daughter of Henry Burbridge, all of Chatham. McKEEN-LAYTON—At St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, Northumberland Co., N. B., on Dec. 5th, by the Rev. P. G. Snow, John McKeen, proprietor of the Waverley hotel,

Newcastle, to Miss Ella Layton, daughter of J. G. Layton, Newcastle. PERKINS-ANDERSON-At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, N. B., Dec. 24th, by Rev. D. Camp, Charles Perkins of Jeffries Corner, Kings county, to Miss Frances Anerson of Ward's Creek, N. B. SPRAGG-FOLKINGHAM—At the residence of G. S. Black, Main street, on Dec. 25th, by Rev. David Long, Wm. A. Spragg to Flora Folkingham, both of St. John.

DEATHS.

BAMFORD-At St. David Ridge, N. B., Dec. 7th, William Bamford, aged 67 years, S BISSETT—In St. John city, December 24th, Mary Ann, widow of Capt. Thomas Bissett, aged 87 years.

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FISHER—At Digdegussh, N. B., Dec. 11th, John Fisher, aged 77 years, 8 mouths.

GOLER—At Boston, Mass., Dec. 23rd, Hattie Grace, wife of James H. Goler, and daughter of Mrs. E. H. Jordan, Prince street West, Truro. HALL—At Upper Mills, N. B., Dec. 16th, Hannah E. Hall, aged 62 years, 10 months. HICKEY-At St. George, N. B., Dec. 9th, Catherine, aged 46 years, wife of Gideon

Hickey. HAZEN—At Oak Bay, N. B., Dec. 11th, Maria Hazen, aged 83 years, 10 months.

HEFFLER—At Dartmouth, N. S., Dec. 24, Mary Ann, widow of John Heffler, of Halifax, in the 87th year of her age. MURRAY—In this city, Dec. 24th, at 48 Mecklenburg street, Kate McAlpine Murray, daughter of Mrs. E. M. A. Murray, aged 15 years.

McCARTHY-Suddenly, in this city, on Dec. 24th, of appendicitis, John J., son of Michael and the late Mary C. McCarthy, aged 9 years and 4 months. McDONALD—At Moncton, N. B., Dec. 25, Isabella, widow of the late John McDon-ald, formerly of Sunny Brae, aged 65

QUILTY—At his residence, St. George's street, Carleton, on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, 1900, John B. Quilty, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn their loss. STANFIELD—At Truro, N. S., Dec. 23rd, Charles E. Stanfield, a native of York-shire, England, in the 72nd year of his

age.

ROSS—At Malta, of Mediterranean fever, on Nov. 27th, Lieut. Angus A. Ross, R. A., aged 38, oldest son of the late Donald Ross of Kinross, and brother of Dr. Ross of Alberton, P. E. I.

THOMPSON—At Reno, Nevada, Nov. 27th, Sarah A., aged 71 years and 8 months, widow of the late William Thompson of St. Stephen, and daughter of the late Daniel Brown of Ledge Road, Dufferin, N. B.

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SHIP NEWS

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

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Dec 24—Sch Domain, 91, Wilson, from Boston, J W McAlary and Co, bal.
Sch Onward, 82, Colwell, from Boston, J W McAlary Co, bal.
Sch Lotus, 98, Granville, from New York, A W Adams, bal.
Sch Jennie C, 98, Barton, from New York, A W Adams, bal.
Sch Scuthern Cross, 98, Hayes, from Joggins for Brier Island, coal.
Coastwise—Schs Bobs, 97, Sterling, from St Stephen; Meteor, 12, Griffin, from Grand Manan; Linnet, 14, McKay, from Tiverton; Nina Blanche, 30, Morrell, from Freeport; Silena, 59, Matthews, from Point Wolfe; Ya mouth Packet, Shaw, from Yarmouth.
Dec 25—Str Lake Champlain, 4110, Stewart, from Liverpool via Halifax, Troop and Son, general cargo.
Sch Roger Drury, 343, Dixon, from New York, coal.
Sch Nimrod, 257, Haley, from New York, Coal. Sch Sallie E Ludlam, Kelson, from Boston, ballast. ST. JOHN, Dec 23—Ard, str Malin Head, 2,223, McKee, from Gwansea, Wm Thomson 2,223, McKee, from Swansea, wm Thomson and Co, bal.

Sch Lizzie D Small, 181, Ricker, from New York, coal.
Sch Southern Cross, from Parrsboro, coat.
Dec 26—Sch Temperance Bell, 76, Tufts, from Boston, F Tufts, iron.
Dec 27—Sch Clifford I White (Am), 259,
Faulkingham, from Boston. J J Johnston Sch A P Emerson (Am), 231, Maxwell, from Newburyport, R C Elkin, bal.
Sch Avalon, 116, Howard, from New York,
J W Smith, steel billets. Sch Emma D Endicott (Am), 279, Shanks,

Cleared. Dec 24-Str State of Maine, Colby, for Bos-Sch Harvard H Havey, McAloney, for Boston.
Coastwise—Schs Surprise, Curry, for Harborville; Nina Blanche, Morrell, for Freeport; L M Ellis, Lent, for Westport.
Dec 28—Coastwise—Sch John T Cullinan, Cameron, for Point Wolfe.
Dec 27—Str St Croix, Pike, for Boston.
Str Malin Head, McKee, for Dublin and Belfast.
Sch Frank and Ira, Whittaker, for Port Coastwise—Schs Yarmouth Packet, Shaw for Yarmouth; Athol, Knowlton, for Advocate Harbor; Linnet, McKay, for Tiverton.

DOMESTIC PORTS. Arrived.

At Parrstoro, NS, Dec 22, schs Wallula At Parrstoro, NS, Dec 22, schs Wallula, Greenfield, from Boston; Annie Blanche, Randail, from St John; Sam Slick, Ogilvie, from River Hebert; Carrie Maud, Winters, from Kingsport; Maitland, Merriam, from Port Greville; Star, Smythe, from Windsor. At Parrsboro, Dec 24, schs St Anthony, Dexter, from Gloucester; Helen W, George, from Kingsport; barge No 5, Warnock, from St John; barge No 4 McLeed from St John. Llewelyn, from Parrsboro.

HALIFAX, NS, Dec 23—Ard, str Lake Champiain, from Liverpool, and sailed for St John; Lewisham, from Pascagoula for Havre, for coal; sch Annie Greenlaw, from Gloucester for Banks, with main gaff broken; str Halifax, from Boston.

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At Parrsboro, NS, Dec 22, schs Roland, Reynolds, for St John: Susan and Annie, Merriam, for do; Star, Smythe, for Windsor; Annie Blanche, Rangall, for Canning At Parrsboro, Dec 24, sch Gertie, Ogilvie, or West Isles, NB.
HALIFAX, NS, Dec 22—Sld, str Silvia, for

BRITISH PORTS. Arrived.

At Bermude, Dec 11, sch Sainte Marie, from Charlottetown, PEI.
LIVERPOOL, Dec 27-Ard, str Manchester Commerce, from St John, NB, via Halifax.
At Queenstown, Dec 26, str Majestic, from New York for Liverpool.

At Cape Town, Dec 25, ship Howard D Troop, Corning, from Tacoma—80 days.

At Port Spain, Nov 26, seb Walleda, Kemp, from New York (and sailed Dec 6 for Hayti);

28th, bark Sayre, Cogswell, from New York (and remained Dec 5, fc New York);

29th, sech Alcaea, Zinck, from Halifax (and sailed Dec 5 for St Martins.)

At Hong Kong, Dec 27, str Empress of China, from Vancouver New York for Liverpool. China, from Vancouver.

Sailed.

From Barbados, Dec 8, bark Angara, Rod-From Barba'os, Dec 8, bark Angara, Rod-enheiser, for Sabine Pass; brig Iona, Bark-house, for Wilmington, NC; 10th, sch Mys-tery, Richards, for Turks Island; 12th, sch La Plata, Fisher, for Carthagena; 13th, sch Fruna, McDonald, for St Johns, NF. From Hong Kong, Nov 8, bark Hamburg, Caldwell, for New York. From Newcastle, NSW, Nov 4, bark Arti-san, Purdy, for Manila. san, Purdy, for Manila. san, Purdy, for Manila.

From Liverpool, Dec 26, str Lake Megantic, from Halifax for St John.

At Barbadoo, Dec 17, bark Peerless, Eldridge, for Hampton Roads.

From Queenstown, Dec 24, str Zanzibar, Robinson. from Hamburg for Boston.

From Port Spain, Nov 23, sen Elma, Baker, for Buenos Ayres.

FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived.

At Philadelphia, Dec 23, bark Wildwood, Fitzgerald, from Buenos Ayres, At Santiago, Dec 6, sch Sirocco, Holder, At Santiago, Dec b, Sch Sirocco, Archificm Brunswick.
At Lisbon, Dec 20, str Micmac, Meikle, from New York.
At Buenos Ayres, Nov 23, bark St Peter, Hassel, from New York.
At Wilmington, N C, Dec 22, brig Iona, Barkhouse, from Barbados. BARCELONA, Dec 23—Ard, str Cunaxa, Lockbart, from Savannah via Norfolk. The Cunaxa proceeds from Barcelona to Genoa. SAVANNAH, Dec 23—Ard, str Pydna, Crossley, from Manchester.
BOSTON, Dec 22—Ard, sch Oriole, from River Hetert.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 23—Ard, sch Abbie Ingalls, from St John, NB, for New

York.

PORTLAND, Me, Dec 23—Ard, strs Vancouver, from Liverpool; Orcadian, from London; Britannic, from Sydney, CB.

BOSTON, Dec 23—Ard, strs Eva, from Louisburg, CB; Boston and Prince Arthur; from Yarmouth, NS.

At Buenos Ayres, Nov 23, bark St Peter, Hassel, from New York.

At Cayenne, previous to Dec 22, sch St Maurice, Finley, from New York.

At New York, Dec 24, sch Hugh John, Ritcey, from Rum Cay.

NEW YORK, Dec 25—Ard, bark Lovisa, from Montevideo. rom Montevideo.
PORTLAND, Me, Dec 25—Ard, sch A and PORTLAND, Me, Dec 25—Ard, sch A and E Hooper, from New York.

BOSTON, Dec 25—Ard, str Aladdin, from Louisburg; schs Majettic, from Isaac Harbor; Jos Maguire, from Bay of Islands, NF. At New York, Dec 25, barks Edith Sheraton, Michaelson, from Rio Grande do Sul; Lovisa, Burgess, from Montevideo.

At Philadelphia, Dec 25, bark Wildwood, Etitzgerald, from Barbados.

Cleared. At Rosario, Nov 8, bark Belvidere, Slaw-onwaite, for Santos.

At New York, Dec 21, sch Griqualand, Roy, for St John and Port Greville; 22nd, schs Ida, Hire, for South Amboy; Sower, Fardie, for St John.

At Fernandina, Fla, Dec 24—barks Alka-

Fitzgerald, from Barbados.

At New York, Dec 24, schs Lily, Kerr, for Perth Amboy; Silver Wave, McLean, for St John; Abbie Keast, Erb, for St John; Hazel-woode, Ferris, for St John; Freddie A Hig-gins, Ingalis, for St Andrews and Grand

From Zanzibar, Now 17, bark Kate r. Troop, Brown, for Mobsie.
From City Island, Dec 22, schs I N Parker, for St John; Griqualand, for St John, etc.
From Hiogo, Dec 21, bark Dunstaffnage.
From Colastina, Nov 24, bark Athena, Copfili, for Mobile (before reported for New York).
From Baltimore, Dec 22, sch Belle Wooster, for St Johns, BWI.
From Santa Rosalfa, Nov 12, bark Andrada, Thon as, for Portland, O.
From Boston, 22nd inst, str Norge, for Louisburg; Halifax, for Halifax; sch Mabel C, for Annapolis.
NEWBURYPORT, Dec 23—Sid, sch A R NEWBURYPORT, Dec 23-Sld, sch A B merson; for eastern port. PORTLAND, Dec 22—Sld, str Turret Crown, for Sydney, CB.
LONDON, Dec 22—Sid, str Dehome, for
Halifax and St John, NB.
NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 22—Sid, sch
Manuel R Cuza, from New York for St
John. Abble Ingalls, from St John for New York.

DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, R I, Dec 25—
Sld, scas Annie A Booth, from St John for New York; G M Porter, from Calais for New York. New York.

From Boston, 25th inst, strs Anglian, for London: Boston and Prince Arthur, for Yarmouth, NS; Eva, for Louisburg.

From Delaware Breakwater, Dec 25, sch Josie, Morehouse, from San Domingo for

MEMORANDA.

BROW HEAD, Dec 23-Passed, str Lake Ontario, from St John, NB, via Halifax for Liverpool.
CITY ISLAND, Dec 23—Bound south, sch Carrie Belle, from St John, NB. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 23—Passed, schs Manuel R. Cuza, from Philadelphia for St John; Sallie I White, from New York for

CHATF AM, Mass, Dec 23-Passed south, CHATE AM, Mass, Dec 23—Passed south, str Sylvia, from Halifax for New York. CITY ISLAND, Dec 22—Bound south, schs Luta Price, from Dorchester, NB, via Fall River; Arnie M Allen, from St John, NB; John M Plumer, from Grand Manan, NB; Viola, from Sherbrooke, NS.
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec 21.—Psd schs Abbie Ingalls, Carrie Belle, Quetay, Evolution, Ross Muller, Annie A Booth, Walter Miller, Hattie E King, from St John for New York; Ruth Robinson, Francis Shubert, Annie R Lewis, W H Card. Francis Shubert, Annie R Lewis, W H Card, Flora Condon, and Izetta, from Bangor for do; Clara Jane, from Calais for do; Rebecca W Huddell and Marcus Edwards, from Port delphia.
CITY ISLAND, N Y, Dec 25—Bound south, schs Rosa Mueller, from St John; Quetay, from St John; D J Melanson, from Albert, NB; Walter Miller, from Hillsboro, NB; Elwood Burton, from Go; Ruth Robinson, from Bangor; Francis S Hubert, from do.

REPORTS.

BOSTON, Dec 22—The British sch Oriole, bound from River Hebert for Norwich, which stranded on Juniper Point, off Salem morning.

BEVERLY. Mass. Dec 25-The sch E and G W Hinds, which went ashore here during the big storm of the early part of Decem-ber, has been pulled of and towed to Bos-

NOTICE TO MARINERS. PORTLAND, Me, Dec 21—York River Harbor, Me: Notice is hereby given that East Point Ledge buoy, spar, red, No 2, and Black Rocks buoy, spar, red, No 4, York River Harbor, Me, have gone adrift. They will be replaced as soon as practicable.

BOSTON, Mass, Dec 22—Notice is given that Relief Light vessel No 9 has been pla-

ced temporarily on Nantucket Shoals sta-HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27 .- The date of the Halifax exhibition next year was fixed today.

President Longley said St. John wanted September 7th as its date. He thought that Halifax's best date would be September 14. Mayor Hamilton opposed this and thought the earlier date the better for Halifax, and he thought alternately this might be arranged. Messrs Longley, Elderkin and Wyran thought that September 7th would be too early for fruit, etc. After considerable discussion Commissioner Wyman moved that September 14th be fixed for the Halifax fair. on condition that arrangements can be made with St. Jehn to allow all exhibitors who wish to do so to leave in sufficient time to reach Halifax Saturday night.
Ald. Rogers and Mayor Hamilton moved that September 7th be the date. This amendment was lost, the mayor, Ald. Rogers and

Lane voting for it.

Ald. Rogers asked what had been done Ald. Rogers asked what had been done towards erranging for alternate years. President Longley stated that St. John would not bear it. It was useless to propose it, as the St. John people wanted a yearly exposition. Mr. Emerson was the only St. John commissioner who favored alternate years. It was stated that the St. John deflicit was less than Halifax. This was not so. Without the grants, etc., from the New Brunswick government and city they would have a deficit of \$9,000, as against the \$6,500 Halifax deficit.

The Pictou cattle mystery is said to have been solved by the experts of the agricultural department, who have been investigating the disease. It is their opinion that a certain mold on the weed known as "willy" is the cause of the distemper. This mold appears after the hay is stored.-Halifax Herald.

The date of the annual supper and stance of Court Welsford, I. O. F., at Welsford, Queens Cr., has been changed from New Year's night to New Year's eve, Dec. 31, 1900.

