# THE HUMAN HAND. A Lesson of Gratitude for That Which We Do Not Appreciate.

### THE SOUL'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Construction of the Hand Illustrates the Divine Wisdom-Its Employment in the Right Direction Will Make Mankind Better and

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28,-The discourse of Dr. Talmage is a lesson of gratitude for that which none of us fully appreciate, and shows the divine meaning of our physical structure, text, 1 Corinthians xii., 21, "The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee."

These words suggest that some time two very important parts of the human body got into controversy, and the eye became insolent, and full of bragga-docio, and said: "I am an independent part of the human system. How far I can see, taking in spring morning and midnight aurora! Compared with myself what an insignificant thing is the human hand. I look down upon There it hangs, swinging at the side, a clump of muscles and nerves, and it cannot see an inch either way. It has no lustre compared with that which I beam forth." "What senseless talk," responds the hand. "You, the eye, would have been put out long ago but for me. Without the food I have earned you would have been sightless and starved to death years ago. You cannot do without me any better than I can do without you." At this part of the disputation Paul of my text breaks in and ends the controversy by declaring, "The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee."

Fourteen hundred and thirty-three times, as nearly as I can count by aid of concordance, does the Bible speak of the human hand. We are all familiar with the hand, but the man has yet to be born who can fully understand this wondrous instrument. Sir Charles Bell, the English surgeon came home from the battlefield of Waterloo, where he had been amputating limbs and binding up gun-shot fractures, and wrote a book entitled "The Hand. Its Mechanism and Vital Endowments as Evidencing Design." But it is so profound a book that only a scientist who is familiar with the technicalities of anatomy and physiology can understand it.

So we are all going on opening and shutting this divinely constructed inof the revelation it was intended to make of the wisdom and goodness of God. You can see by their structure that shoulders and elbow and forearm are getting ready for the culmination in the hand. There is your wrist, with its eight bones and their ligaments in two rows. That wrist, with its bands of fibres and its hinged joint and turning on two axis-on the larger axis moving backward and forward, and on the smaller axis turning nearly round. And there is the palm of your hand, with its five bones, each having a shaft and two terminations. There are the fingers of that hand, with 14 bones, each finger with its curiously wrought tendons, five of the bones with ending roughened for the lodgement of the nails. There is the thumb, coming from opposite direction to meet the fingers, so that in conjunction they may clasp and hold fast that which you desire to take. There are the long nerves running from the armpit to the 46 muscles, so that all are under mastery. The whole anatomy of your hand as complex, as intricate, as symmetrical, as useful as God could make it. What can it do? It can climb, it can lift, it can push, it can repel, it can menace, it can clutch, it can deny, it can affirm, it can extend, it can weave, it can bathe, it can smite, it can humble, it can exalt, it can soothe. it can throw, it can defy, it can wave, it can imprecate, it can pray.

A SKELETON OF THE HAND traced on black-board, or unrolled in diagram or hung in medical museum, is mightily illustrative of the divine wisdom and goodness, but how much more pleasing when in living action all its nerves and muscles and bones and tendons and tissues and phalanges display what God invented when he invented the human hand. Two specimens of it we carry at our side from the time when in infancy we open them to take a toy till in the last hour of a long life we extend them in hitter farewell.

With the divine help I shall speak of the hand as the chief executive officer of the soul, whether lifted for defense, or extended for help, or busied in the arts, or offered in salutation or wrung in despair, or spread abroad in benediction. God evidently intended all the lower orders of living beings should have weapons of defense, and hence the elephant's tusk, and the horse's hoof, and the cow's horn, and the lion's tooth, and the insect's sting Having given weapons of defense to the lower orders of living beings, of course he woud not leave man, the highest order of living beings on earth defenceless and at the mercy of brutal or ruffian attack., The right, yea, the duty of self defense is so evident it needs no argumentation.

What a defense it is against acci dent! There have been times in all our experiences when we have with the hand warded off something that would have extinguished our eyesight, or broken the skull, or crippled us for a lifetime. While the eye has discovered the approaching peril, the hand has beaten it back, or struck it down,

or disarmed it. And in passing let me say that he who has the weapon of the hand uninjured and in full use needs no other. You cowards who walk with sword, cane, or carry a pistol in your hip pocket had better lay aside your deadly weapon. At the frontier, or in barbarious lands, or as an officer of the law about to make arrest, such arming may be necessary, but no citizen moving in these civilized regions needs

to go down these streets or along these country roads without dagger or fire-arms better ask your grandmother to go with you armed with scissors and knitting needle. What cowards, if not what intended murderers, useless to carry weapons of death! In our two carry weapons of death! In our two

we need to carry.

Again, the hand is the chief ex ficer of the soul for affording help. Just see how that hand is con-How easily you can lower it to raise the fallen. How easily it is exterded to feel the invalid's pulse, or gently wipe away the tear of orphanige, or cantribute alms, or smooth the excited brow, or beckon into safety. the helping hands! There are hundreds of thousands of them, and the world wants at least 1,000,000,000 of them. Hands to bless others, hands to rescue others, hands to save others. What are these schools and churches and asylums of mercy?

OUTSTRETCHED HANDS. What are all those hands distributing tracts and carrying medicines and trying to cure blind eyes and deaf ears and broken bones and disordered intellects and wayward souls? Helping that number if we have two, or, if through casualty only one, add that one. If these hands which we have through indolence or folded in indifference or employed in writing wrong things or doing mean things or heaving up obstacles in the way of righteous progress might this hour be consecrated to helping others out and up and on, they would be hands worth being raised on the resurrection morn and worth clapping in eternal gladness over a world redeemed. His own hands free, see how the

Lord sympathized with the man who had lost the use of his hand. It was a case of atrophy, a wasting away until the arm and hand had been reduced in size beyond any medical or surgical restoration. Moreover, it was his right hand, the most important of the two, for the left side in all its parts is weaker than the right side, and we involuntarily, in any exigency, put out the right hand, because we know it is the best hand. So that poor man had lost more than half of his physical armament. It would not have been so bad if it had been the left hand. But Christ looked at that shriveled up right hand dangling uselessly at the man's side and then cried out with a voice that had omnipotence in it, "Stretch forth thy hand!" and the record is "he stretched it forth whole as the other."

How often has the hand decided a destiny! Mary, Queen of Scots, was escaping from imprisonment at Lochlever in the dress of a laundress and had her face thickly veiled. When a boatman attempted to remove the veil she put up her hand to defend it and so revealed the white and fair strument-the hand-ignorant of much | hand of a queen, and so the boatman took her back to captivity. Again and again it has been demonstrated that the hand hath a language as well as the mouth. Palmistry, or the science by which character and destiny are read in the lines of the hand, is yet crude and uncertain and unsatisfactory, but as astrology was the mother of astronomy and alchemy was the mother of chemistry, it may be that palmistry will result in a science yet to be born.

On two discourses, one concerning the ear and the other concerning the eye, I spoke from the potent text in the Psalms, "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear," and "He that formed the eye, shall he not see." but what use in the eye and what use in the ear if the hand had not been strung with all its nerves, and moved with all its muscles, and reticulated with all its joints, and strengthened with all its bones, and contrived with all its ingenuities. The hand hath forwarded all the arts, and tunneled the mountains through which the rail train thunders, and launched all the shipping, and fought all the battles, and built all the temples, and swung all the cables under the sea, as well as lifted to mid-air the wire tracks on which whole trains of thought rush across the continents, and built all the cities and hoisted the pyramids.

DO NOT EULOGIZE & the eye and ear at the expense of the hand, for the eye may be blotted out, as in the case of Milton, and yet his hand writes a "Paradise Lost" or a "Samson Agonistes;" as in the case of William H. Prescott, and yet his hand may write the enchanting "Conquest of Peru." Or the ear may be silenced forever, as in the case of Beethoven. and yet his hand may put into immortal cadences the "Ninth Symphony." Oh, the hand! The God fashioned hand! The triumphant hand! It is an open Bible of divine revelation, and the five fingers are the Isaiah, and the Ezekiel, and the David, and the Micah, and the Paul of that almighty inspiration.

A pastor in his sermon told how a little child appreciated the value of his hand when he was told that on the morrow it must be amputated in order to save his life. Hearing that, he went to a quiet place and prayed that God would spare his hand. The surgeon, coming the next day to do the work, found the hand so much better that amputation was postponed, and the hand got well. The pasor, telling of this in a sermon, concluded by holding up his hand and saying, That is the very hand that was spar ed in answer to prayer, and I hold i

up, a monument of divine mercy." Again, the hand is the chief executive officer of the soul when wrung in agony. Tears of relief are sometimes denied to trouble. The evelids at such time are as hot and parched and burning as the brow. At such time even the voice is suppressed, and there is no sob or outcry. Then the wringing of the hands tells the story. At the close of a life wasted in sin sometimes comes that expression of the twisted fingers—the memory of years that will never return, of opportunities the like of which will never again occur and conscience in its wrath pouncing upon the soul and all the past a horror. So a man wrings his hands over the casket of a dead wife whom he has cruelly treated. So a man wrings his hands at the fate of sons and daughters whose prospects have been ruined by his inebriety and neglect and depravity. So the sinner wrings his

dies without hope.

Again, the hand is the chief ex isance, and it should be not only makes the right arm sore, but shocks the whole system and unfits a man for writing or attending to other duties. It demoralizes the entire nervous and muscular system." But while this exercise may be fatiguing, it is also an opportunity. He knows how heartily to shake has one of the mightiest arts for con veying happiness and good cheer and hands with one, a line of communication is opened that was not open before. Two hands clasped in greeting are a bridge on which all sympathies and kindnesses and encouragements and blessings cross over. To shake hands with some persons does us more good than a good sermon-aye, it is sermon. To shake hands with a good doctor when we are sick is an anodyne a tonic, a febrifuge, before he feels the pulse or writes the prescription. To shake hands with a cheerful man when we are discouraged fills us with hands. Let each one of us add two to faith to try again what we have failed in doing. To shake hands with some consecrated man, clerical or lay, after we have wandered away into sin, long kept thrust into pockets is to feel the grasp of a father-God welcoming home the proligal. Shake hands, O ye stolid and exclusive and cold blooded and precise and conventional Christians! Jehu cried out to Jehonadab: "Is thine heart right? If it be, give me thine hand."

THERE IS IN AN HONEST and Christian handshake a thrill gospel electricity. You take part of his trouble and he takes part of your jubilance. In that way you divide up anxieties and congratulations. The main trunk line of that handshake has branches of blessed telegraphy right down to both hearts and up to both heads, and you both get the message the same instant. Take off the glove when you shake hands, for that glove puts the hide of a kid between . the paim of your hand and the palm of his hand, and that animal's hide is a nonconductor of this gospel electricity. Do not grip the bone of the forefinger and the bone of the little finger with a crushing power that puts one into a severe suffering which many of us have experienced from those who are more brutes than men. Take the hand gently, reasonably, heartily, and know that God ordered that form of salutation. That is one important thing that the hand was made for. You can see the indications in its shape and equipment-the four fingers to take your neighbor's hand on one side, and the thumb to take it on the other, and the forearm so swung that you can easily draw it toward you.

Of course there is a wicked shaking of hands, and Solomon refers to it when he says: "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished." Shake hands in conspiracy to damage individual or community or nation, shake hands to defraud, shake hands to stand by each other in wrong, doing. You help me stuff this ballot box, and I will see that when I am in power you shall have promotion. You help me in my infamy. Oh, that is profanation of a holy rite; that is sacrilege against a divine arrangement; that is gripping your own destruction. Pilate and Herod, though antagonists before, shook hands over Christ's proiected assassination.

Again, the hand is the chief executive of the soul when employed in benediction. No gesture of the human hand means more than the outstretched gesture. In many of our religious denominations we are not permitted to pronounce an apostolic benediction unal we have been regularly ordained as ministers of the gospel, but there are kinds of benediction that you may all pronounce without especial permission from presbytery or conference or convention. You have a right to spread abroad both right and left hand in bestowing a blessing of kindness and good will upon all you meet. With both hands bless the children. Take them in your arms and kiss their fair cheek. Take with them a round of merriment in the room before you leave it, and by prayer put them in the arms of that Christ, to go to whom in olden time they struggled to get out of the arms of their mothers. God bless the cradles and high chairs and nurseries all around the world.

And what better use can I make of my hands, which are the chief executive officer of my soul, than now to spread them abroad in the apostolic benediction which has been pronounced for centuries, and over hundreds of thousands of assemblages, at coronations and obsequies, at harvest homes and on fast days, by all the ministers of the gospel in the past as it will be by all the ministers of the gospel until the church militant reaches up its right hand to take the right hand of the church triumphant, a benediction which, when it has full sway, will leave nothing for our world to want or heaven to bestow: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all forever. Amen."

# THE MILLSTREAM

MILLSTREAM, Kings Co., Jan. 29. -John Keirstead has had to suspend work on account of illness. The roads here are in a terrible state, neither fit for sledding nor wheeling, and the lumbermen have had to leave the woods. Mrs. Dennis O'Regan, who died at White's Mountain on Monday, the 22nd, was interred in the Millstream

R. C. cemetery. Alfred Taylor recently lost a fine horse while hauling deals at St. Mar-

# CAMPBELLTON.

CAMPBELLTON, Feb. 1 .- No new small-pox cases have developed outside of the quarantined houses, which is very significant, as this is the seven-teenth day since the first case was reported. Two new cases of a very mild type were reported this morning,

REFLEX DISARMAMENT. "The Transvaal war is full of surprises."

"That's so; whenever I try to talk about it I run against somebody who has read more about it than I have."

30-Str St Croix, Pike, from Boston, C echler, mase and pass. kin, bal.

Jan 31—Str Bonavista, 887, Patine, from
Louisburg, R. P. and W. F. Starr, coal.

Sch Winnie Lowry (Am), 215, Smith, from
Boston, D. J. Purdy, bal.

Sch Roger Drury, 307, Dixon, from Portland, R. C. Elkin, bal.

Sch Daniel C. Baker (Am), 32, Hallowell,
from Lukec, master, bal.

Sch E. H. Foster, 124, Claspy, from Newport, R. W. Williams, bal.

Ship Lennie Burrell, Larkin, for uenos Ayres. Coastwise—Barge No 2, Salter, for Parrs oro, Jan 31—Str Daltonhall, Mahn, for London, Str Lake Ontario, Carey, for Liverpool. Coastwise—Schs Rena F, Morse, for Grand Iarbor; Mail, Capes, for Dighy; str Tiber, beliste, for Halifax.

Arrived. Cleared. Feb 1-Str St Croix, Pike, for Boston. Str Prince Arthur, Kinney, for Boston.

BRITISH PORTS

hns, NF. Jan 17, sch Congo, Mc. ngston, Ja, Jan 23, soh Syanara, Verner, from Pascagoula.
At Cape Town, Jan 26, bark Avoca, Jackson, from Penarth.

At Pensacola, Jan 29, str Ardova, Smith, from London.
At Bahia, Jan 16, sch Gold Seeker, McDonald, from St Johns, NF.
At Singapore, Dec. 22, ship Albania, Brownell, from Manila (to load for New York.)

Cleared.

### Sailed.

From New York, Jan 29, brigtn G B Lock art, for Curacoa.
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Sheraton, for Azua, etc (reported sailed
Sth); Herbert Fuller, for Fernandina; brig 28th); Herbert Fuller, for Fernandina; brig G B Lockhart, for Curacoa (reported sailed 22th); schs Jessie L Smith and Bosil L Gel-dert, for Lunenburg. From Hamburg, Jan 26, ship Ardamur-chan, Crosby, for Santa Rosalia. From Santos, Dec 30, bark Lovisa, Bur-gess, for New York, Jan 30, schs D J Melan-son for Varmouth; Alaska, for St John son, for Yarmouth; Alaska, for St John.
At Bermuda, Jan 27, brig Kathleen, loading old iron; sch Ben Bolt, Ward, discharg-

Notice is hereby given that Husbuoy, spar, black, No 1, has gone will be replaced as soon as practicable.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. WOODS HOLL, Jan 28-A gas buoy was placed on the wrecked steamer Ardandhu by the terder Azalea today.

BOSTON, Jan 29—The buoy established ever the wreck of steamer Ardandhu is painted red and shows a flashing white light every 30 seconds, the duration of flashes being 10 seconds and dark intervals 20 secbeing 10 seconds and dark intervals 20 seconds. A buoy has been moored in 9½ fathoms of water 100 feet south of the wreck and on the following magnetic bearings: South taugent Naushon Island, ENE; Gay Head lighthouse, SSW¼W; northwest tangent Naushon Island, N by E½E.

Notice was received this morning by the Lighthouse Board that a bell buoy had dragged ashore off Beach Bluffs, Swampscott. It is supposed the buoy is from Pigs Rocks. Lighthouse tender Mayflower has been despatched to replace it.

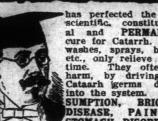
Captain Hallett of steamer H M Whitney reports the whistling buoy at Point Judith

given by the Lighthouse Board that and corage buoys have been established as

Arthur Kill, N J—A white spar buoy, with letter A in black. Magnetic hearings—Smoking Point, SE, 200 yards; Tuft's Point, ighthouse, E4S.

BALTIMORE, Jan 30—Captain Diser out of position; bearing from Cape Hatterss NW by W1/2W, the proper bearing being NW

REPORTS.



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CANADIAN PORTS. Prince Arthur, 700, Kinney A C Currie, mase and pass.

Arrived.

### FOREIGN PORTS. Arrived.

At Jacksonville. Fla, Jan 30, sch R D Spear, Richardson, from Philadelphia. At Rio Grande do Sul, Dec 21, brig L G Crosby, Perry, from New York. At Fernandina, Jan 29, sch Leonard Parker, Christiansen, from Las Palmas.

At Darien, Jan 27, bark Sagona, Thompon, for Belfast.
At Mobile, Jan 27, str Verax, Robson, for At Mobile, Jan 27, Str Verax, Robson, 161 Liverpool.

At Fernandina, Jan 29, sch Keewaydin, McLean, for St Thomas, BWI.

At New York, Jan 29, schs D J Melanson, LeBlanc, for Yarmouth; L A Plummer, Foster, for Norfolk.

At Mobile, Jan 20, str Salamanca, Reynolds, from Havana.

At Pascagoula, Jan 30, bark Lizzie Curry, Brooks, for Kingston. Ja. At Mobile, Jan 30, sch Iolanthe, Spurr, for Cienfuegos.
At New York, Jan 30, sch Freddie A Higgins, Ingalis, for Grand Manan.
At Philadelphia, Jan 20, str Atlas, for

ing.

Off Petit Manan, Me.
Petit Manan bar buoy, black and white perpendicular stripes, reported adrift Dec 12, 1899, was replaced Jan 24, 1900.
Wood sland Harber and Saco Division of the control of the cont SPOKEN.

# Ship Troop, Fritz, from New York for Shanghai, Dec 20, lat 5 N, lon 36 W.

Captain Hallett of steamer H M whitney reports the whistling buoy at Point Judith has not been working for several months. Passed very close on Thursday night and found it not sounding. Also reports sunken steamer Ardandhu at Pasque Island is out of the channel and does not interfere with shipping bound through the Sound.

TOMPKINSVILLE. N Y, Jan 30—Notice of the channel and the several that are

E. Raritan River, N J—A white spar, with letter A in black. Princess Bay lighthouse, NE1-16N; Great Beds lighthouse, NW by W ½W; boundary beacon, SE½E.

South Amboy, N J—A white spar buoy, with letter A in black. Centre of pier of Raritan drawbridge, NW½W; Great Beds lighthouse, E½S. steamer Essex, which arrived today from Savanah, reports on Jan 29, at 7.36 a m passed Diamond Shoal lightship five mile

BALTIMORE, Feb 1—A three masted set supposed to be a British vessel, from S John, N B, for Washington, is reporte ashore at Smith's Point.



washes, sprays, balms etc., only relieve for CON-

drives every germ out of the body. It clears the head, stops the hawking and spitting, sweetens the breath, strengthens the eyes, restores the hearing. But it does more than this It purifies and enriches the blood. It invigorates and tones up the entire system. It gives new life, energy and ambition. The hardships of life seem easier to bear. Work becomes a pleasure. The man feels as if made over.

If you seem to always have a cold in the head, if you hawk and spit, if there is a dropping in the throat, if your nose is stuffed up, you have

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331 Main Street, N. E., St. John, N. B.

## SHOT THRO' HELMET.

Corporal Desjarding Tells of Battle in Transvaal.

Montreal Men Killed- He Had Two Narrow Escapes, But Was Unhurt, While His Comrades Fell Around Him.

Corporal J. F. X. Desjarding of Montreal, who is with F Company, 1st Canadian contingent, writes follows:

"BELMONT, Dec. 16 .- At the last battle in which I took part I had a narrow escape. We had made an attack at night, and the battle lasted for three hours. It is terrible, this war. Every minute I was thinking and saying to myself perhaps the bullet which will bring death to me has already left the rifle: but no. I saw my comrades-in-arms fall at my side uttering lamentable cries, and all the time I remained untouched, and it was only after the battle that I perceived that a bullet had gone through my helmet about half an inch above my head, and that another went through the skirt of my tunic. That is what I consider a close call. But I expect something else at the next battle, which will not be long, for the Boers

are only eight miles from Belmont. "I would like to be able to describe to you all the nights I have passed on guard or on patrol, and on reconnoitring parties, but that would be too long, and I have my duties to attend to yet. If I could only have a table to write on, but no, I have to write on my knees.

"I send you an ostrich feather as souvenir of Africa. There is a large troup in our encampment, which we took from the Boers, and if I return to Canada I will bring you a handsome feather, for I have some which measure 21-2 feet long, besides other African curiosities.

"At the present moment I am cooking an egg in the sand for my dinner, and after that I shall have to continue the work of burying dead Boers. This evening I am going to confessional, and take communion tomorrow morning before setting out for Modder River, where there will be an at-

The action in which Corporal Desjardins took part is not mentioned in any other reports from the front. HIGHFIELD.

Death of Mrs. A. H. G. Vradenburgh, a Most Estimable Lady.

HIGHFIELD, Queens Co., N. B., Jan. 25.—The recent heavy rains have raised the water in the brooks in this section. The bridge spanning the southeast branch of Long Creek was carried away, but has since been re-

placed. Mrs. D. M. Pearson is prostrated with spindl trouble, T. H. Pearson continues in poor health and William Gamblin of Pearsonville, is seriously ill of liver trouble.

Miss Bertha Pearson left today to attend the Choral Union at Hampton. She will then go to St. John; where she will be the guest of Miss Howe. Charles Roberts of Cody's Station was the guest of his sister, Mrs. T. E. A. Pearson, on Sunday. He was accompanied by Miss Jennie Deware of Cambridge. Thomas C. Dykeman of Jemseg was the guest of T. H. Pearson on Sunday.

Gloom has been cast over this community by the recent death of Mrs. A. H. G. Vradenburgh, a lady loved and esteemed by every one who knew her. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church and was kind and generous to the poor. Mrs. Vradenburgh was a sister of T. D. Pearson of Pearsonville, and a sister of Mrs. C. W. White of White's Cove. Mrs. Geo. Kierstead of Kiersteadville was

also a sister of the deceased. Her remains were followed to the Church of England cemetery by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Rev C. A. S. Warneford, rector of Johnston, and Rev. Mr. Campbell, Presbyterian, conducted the services at the house and grave.

A large quantity of lumber is being got out in this section this winter. Those engaged in the work are T. E A. Pearson, William M. Pearson, W. W. Pearson and Medley M. Pearson They will haul their lumber in to Long Creek, J. H. F. Ward and John Ward are also hauling lumber in to the southeast branch of Long Creek. J. E. Austin, traveller for the Sun is the guest of T. E. A. Pearson. He is accompanied by Mrs. Austin.

Captain Stiles of the sch. Victory, Boothbay, reports that while getting the schooner off Tumbler Island on the 27th, lost anchor, damaged rudger and parted rigging. The vessel is leaking 1,500 strokes per hour. She will discharge her cargo of ccal and go on the marine railway for re

ccal and go on the marine railway for repairs.

Sch. Herbert Rice, from the West Indies, arrived off Port Gilbert, St. Mary's Bay, the other day, and reported having lost two of her crew in a squall off Yarmouth on Friday last. The names of the men are Henry Melanson of Little Brook, and Meda LeBlanc of Meteghan River.

Messrs. Scammell Bros. New York, report the following charters: Messrs. Scammell Bros., New York, report the following charters:

Barks Muskoka, New York to Shanghai, oil, 27c., March-April; Eudora, Turk's Island to Philadelphia or Boston, salt, 8c.; schs. Earl of Aberdeen, Jacksonville to Point-a-Pitre or Basse Terre, lumber, \$8.50, and back Macoris to New York, sugar, \$3 and port charges; Lewanika, Apalachteola to Surinam, lumber, \$9, and back to New

and port charges; Lewanika, Apalachteola to Surinam, lumber, \$9, and back to New York, sugar, 14c.; Omega, Apalachicola to Port Spain, lumber, 18.75; Gypsum Empress, Turk's Island to New York, Boston or Portland, salt, 8c., out in ballast; St. Maurice, Baltimore to Cardenas, coal, \$3; then Mobile to Havana, lumber, \$7; Stephen Bennett, Philadelphia to Boston, coal, \$2: Jos. Hay, South Amboy to Portsmouth, coal. \$1.50; Rhoda, New York to Santiago, general cargo, p. t.; Clifton, Philadelphia to Marti-

nique, coal, \$3 one port, \$3.12½ if two: Fred Gower, Port Royal to Louisburg, C. B., Immber, at or about \$13; Gypsum Queen, New York to St. Andrews, phosphate, \$1.60; Hilda C., Elizabethport to Halifax, coal, \$1.10; Newburgh, Windsor to New York, plaster, season 1900, \$2.50, option Hillsboro, vessel to load in turn with steamer or ten days' loading, demurrage 5c. on vessel's capacity; I. B. Hirtle, Weehawken to Lunchburg, coal, \$1.50; G. M. Geidert, same; Jessie L. Smith, same, \$1.25; Garfield White, Pt. Johnston to St. John, N. B., coal, p. t.; D. J. Melanson, New York to Yarmouth, corn, p. t.

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Sch. Elma, Capt. Baker, from Psscagoula, got ashore in Kingston (Jā.) harbor, and afterward floated; has sustained no damage.
The cargo of the ship Canada, Capt. Taylor, from Norfolk for Manila, at Melbourne, was on fire, which was easily extinguished. Not much damage was done to the vessel or cargo. The cargo will have to be dis-

charged.
Str. Camerense, Capt. McKenzie, at New York Jan. 29 from Manaos, etc., reports: Jan. 26, lat. 30.32, lon. 68.12, passed bark Robert Ewing, from Apalachicola for Port Spain, steering N. E., apparently freading for Bermuda, with loss of foremast and maintopmiast; reported all well on board. Sch. Alice Louise, bound for Halifax with a small catgo, went ashore Monday night at Eastern Point, Lunenburg county, and is a total loss. She was 93 tons register. is a total loss. She was 93 tons register, launched last April, and owned by Captain Zinc and others of Lunenburg. She was valued at \$6,000 and insured for \$3,000. Str. Osborne, which was spoken by Capt. Mahn of the str. Daltonhall, in a disabled condition, put into St. Johns, Nid., on the 24th. She was bound from London for Philadelphia with a general cargo. Besides having her propellor blades broken the steamer had rivets in the hull started, which

caused her to leak.
On account of an easterly gale Capt. John S. Beyt, representing the London insurance companies interested in str. Ardandhu, and Capt. Baker of the Boston Towboat Co., went to Robinson's Hole Monday to examine the wreck. It is their opinion that the ship would not be raised, as on account of the strong current in which the steamer lies the expense of raising her would be to great. A gas buoy has been placed near the wreck to prevent passing vessels striking it in the night.

Bark Swansea reached Portland of day night from Santos via Barbados Saunders, the regular commander Ewansea, being affected by asthma, to remain at Barbados for his heal the bark came north under the charge of First Mate Card. The trip from Barbados occupied 29 days, and was rather unevent-ful until the Swansea sighted Portland har-bor, and then no end of trouble was experierced. For a week gales prevailed, which made it impossible for the vessel to get into The new Lunenburg schooner Olive Louise, which sailed from Halifax the other day for home, with a general cargo, was driven ashore near her destination and went to pieces. Crew saved.

### BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 31.-There was an utter lack of interest in today's dehate in the house of commons. At no time was the house well filled. The speeches were academic, travelled in deep worn ruts, and did not touch upon the future, in which alone the public is much interested. The only sign of animation during the whole session was when Sir Robert Threshie Reid attacked the South African committee, drawing forth cries from the Irish members of "publish the Hawk-

esly letters." A. J. Balfour, replying to a suggestion of Sir John Henry Kenneway (conservative) said he regretted that it would be contrary to precedent to curtail the debate, as the amendment was a vote of censure upon which the fate of the government depended.

LONDON, Jan. 31.- The afternoon newspapers, even the warmest supporters of the government, stigmatize the speeches in parliament of the in ionist leaders as mere verbiage, and as displaying an unhappy inability to realize the exceptional nature of the situation or devise means for retrieving it.

Lord Salisbury's jocular reference to the government's short-comings are regarded as being in particularly bad taste, and there is nothing but approval for Lord Rosebery's cutting criticism of them. With the exception of Lord Rosebery's speech, even the applogists of the liberal opposition find little comfort in such academic panaceas as the liberal leaders were able to offer.

LONDON, Jan. 31.-It is announsed that the new united Irish party, at a meeting this afternoon, decided to take no collective part in the division in the house of commons upon Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

It is explained that the Irish members of parliament will abstain from supporting Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice because his amendment contains a declaration favorable to the prosecution of the war.

# BIRTHS.

MELANSON—At Moncton, N. B., Jan. 30, to the wife of Simon Melanson, a son. PETERS—In Victoria, B. C., Jan. 27th, to the wife of the Hon. Frederick Peters, a daughter.

# MARRIAGES.

PERRY-STEVENSON-At Plymouth, Carleton Co., N. B., Jan. 30th, by Rev. A. D. Archibald, M. A., Robert Perry of Houlton Me., to Miss Bertha Stevenson.

# DEATHS.

BARRY—At 151 Waterloo street, on the evening of Jan. 31st, of meningitis, James Arthur, beloved child of James and Mary A. Barry, aged 2 years and 8 months. CAMERON-At Moneton, N. B., Jan. 28th, William Cameron, aged 67. MATTHEWS — At Campobello, Charlotte Co., N. B., January 19th, of typhoid pneu-monia, Martin L. Matthews, aged 18 years and seven months.

McCarthy—in this city, on Jan. 25th, Mary C., beloved wife of Michael McCarthy and daughter of the late Thomas Connolly, leaving a husband and four children to mourn their loss. TURPEL — At his parents' Kings Road, Victoria, B. residence, 21 William J., second son of William and Elizabeth A. Turpel, aged 24 years, and a native of Maitland, Hants Co., N. S.

WHELPHY—In this city, on Jan. 30th, at her residence, Holly street, Mary Matilda, beloved wife of John Whelphy, in the 65th year of her age, leaving husband, four sons and one daughter to mourn their sad

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