GOD'S SHEEP FOLD.

IT CONTAINS "A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO MAN CAN NUMBER."

Severe Churchmen Read a Needed Lesson at the Beginning of Another Year For Christ—Rev. Dr. Talmage's Powerful Sunday Morning Sermon.

Washington, Jan. 19.—In this discourse, which he preached to an enormous congregation this morning, Rev. Dr. Talmage told in a new way the universality of God's earthly kingdom. His text was John x. 16: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold.

There is no monopoly in religion. The grace of God is not a nice little property fenced off all for ourselves. It is a king's park, at which we look through a barred gateway, wishing we could go in and pluck the flowers and pat the deer and the statuary. It is a fruitful orchard, and there are many trees in it, and gates to swing open, and

[illegible] good days, next to the [illegible] house where I went, there was an apple orchard of great extent, owned by a very lame man who did not gather the apples, and they went to waste by scores of bushels. Sometimes the lads of the school in the neighborhood, of a nature inherited from our first parents who fell through the same temptation, would climb over the fence and take some of these apples, and notwithstanding the fact that there was a surplus and all going to waste, the owner of that orchard, reckless of making his lameness worse, would take after these lays, and shout, "Boys, drop those apples, or I'll set the dog on you!" Now, there are Christians who have severe guard over the Church of God. They have a rough and unsympathetic way of treating outsiders. It is a great orchard into which God would like to have all the people come and take the richest and the ripest fruit, and the more they take the better He likes it. But there are those that stand with a hard and severe nature guarding the Church of God, and all the time afraid that some will get these apples when they really ought not to have them.

Have you any idea that because you were baptized at eight months of age, of the earth, from all ages, from all been surrounded with hallowed influences, you have a right to one whole side of the Lord's table, spreading yourself out so nobody else can sit there? You will have to haul in your sorrows, for there will come a great multitude to sit at the table, and on both sides of you. You are not going to have this monopoly of religion. "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

Reginald the Scotchman has on the Scotch hills a great flock of sheep. McDonald has four or five thousand head of sheep. Some are browsing in the heather, some are on the hills, some are in the valleys, a few are in the yard. One day Cameron comes over to McDonald and says, "McDonald, you have thirty sheep. I have been counting them." "Oh, no!" says McDonald. "I have four or five thousand." "Ah," says Cameron, "you are mistaken. I have just counted McDonald, "do you suppose that is all the sheep I have? I have sheep on the distant hills and in the valleys, ranging and roaming everywhere. Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

So Christ comes. Here is a group of Christians, and there is a group of Christians, here is a Methodist fold, here is a Presbyterian fold, here is a Baptist fold, here is a Lutheran fold, and we make our annual statistics, and we think we can tell you just how many Christians there are in the world; how many there are in the church; how many of all these denominations. We aggregate them, and we think we are giving an intelligent and an accurate count; but Christ comes, and He says, "You have not counted them right. There are those whom you have never seen, those of whom you have never heard. I have my children in all parts of the earth, on all the islands of the sea, on all the continents, in all the mountains and in all the valleys. Do you think that these few sheep you have counted are all the sheep I have? There is a great multitude that no man can number. Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

Christ, in my text, talks of the conversion of the Gentiles as confidently as though they had already been converted. He sets forth the idea that His people will come from all parts of the earth, from all ages, from all circumstances, from all conditions. "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

In the first place, I remark, the Heavenly Shepherd will find many of His sheep among those who are at present non-churchgoers. There are different kinds of churches. Sometimes you will find a church made up only of Christians. Everything seemed finished. The church reminds you of those skeleton plants from which by chemical preparation all the greenness and the verdure have been taken, and they are cold and white and delicate, and beautiful, and finished. All that is wanted is a glass case put over them. The minister of the Sabbath has only to take an ostrich feather and brush off the dust that has accumulated in the last six days of business and then they are as cold and beautiful and delicate as before. Everything is finished: finished sermons, finished music, finished architecture, finished everything.

Another church is like an armory, the sound of drum and fife calling more recruits to the Lord's army. We say to the applicants: "Come in and get your equipment. Here is the bath in which you are to be cleansed, here is the helmet you are to put on your head, here are the sandals you are to put on your feet, here is the breastplate you are to put over your heart, here is the sword you are to take in your right hand and fight His battle. Clothe yourselves like man."

[illegible] these here persons, who [illegible] building. Why, now, ten, fifteen years since [illegible] habit, the regular habit [illegible] Sunday morning." I know all about [illegible] that will be hel[illegible] am going to tell you [illegible] that will be startling at these room[illegible] at wh[illegible] that is that you are going [illegible] the Lord's sheep. "Oh," [illegible] say, "that is impossible; you don't [illegible] my case; you don't know how [illegible] I am from anything of that kind." [illegible] all about your case. I have [illegible] up and down the world. I know [illegible] some of you do not attend upon [illegible] services.

[illegible] further and make another announcement in regard to you; and that [illegible] you are not going to become the [illegible] you are going to be [illegible] this hour. God [illegible] you graciously by His [illegible] you are going to come into the [illegible] of Christ. This sermon shall not [illegible] those who are Christians. I have preached to them hundreds of thousands of times. The sermon that I preach now is going to be chiefly for those who consider themselves outsiders, but who may happen to be in the house, and the chief employment of the Christian people here to-day will be to pray for those who are not accustomed to attend upon Christian sanctuaries.

You are now this hour in the tide of Christian influence. You are going to be swept in; your voice is going to be heard in prayer; you are going to be consecrated to God; you are going to live a life of usefulness, and your death bed is going to be surrounded by Christian sympathizers and devout men will carry you to your burial when your work is done, and these words will be chiselled for your epitaph: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." And all that history is going to begin to-day. "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

Again I remark: The Heavenly Shepherd is going to find many of His sheep among those who are now rejectors of Christianity. I do not know whether it was through hearing Theodore Parker preach, or whether it was reading Renan's Life of Jesus, or whether it was through some skeptic in the store or factory. Or it may be—probably is, the case—that you were disgusted with religion and disgusted with Christianity because some man who professed to be a Christian defrauded you, and he being a member of the Church, and you taking him as a representative of the Christian religion, you said: "Well, if that's religion, I don't want any of it."

I do not know how you came to reject Christianity, but you frankly tell me you do reject it; you do not think the Bible is the Word of God, although there are many things in it you admire; you do not think that Christ was a divine Being, although you think He was a very good man. You say, "If the Bible be true—the most of the Bible be true—I nevertheless think the earlier part of the Bible is an allegory." And there are fifty things that I believe you do not believe. Nevertheless, therefore, in regard to you that [illegible] accommodating, you are an [illegible] If I should come to [illegible] of you in favor, you would [illegible] It would [illegible] great [illegible] great [illegible] favor, [illegible] for you. In great [illegible] If any [illegible] friends came to you [illegible] accommodation, and you could accommodate them how glad you would be!

Now I am going to ask of you a favor. I want you to oblige me. The accommodation will cost you nothing, and will give me great happiness. Of course you will not deny me. I want you as an experiment to try the Christian religion. If it does not stand the test, discard it; if it does, receive it.

If you were very sick and you had been given up by the doctors, and I came to you and I took a bottle of medicine from my pocket and said: "Here is medicine I am sure will help you; it has cured fifty people" you would say, "Oh, I haven't any confidence in it; they tell me all these medicines will fail me." "Well," I say, "will you not as a matter of accommodation to myself, just try it?" "Well," you say, "I have no objection to trying it, if it will be any satisfaction to you I will try it." You take it. Now you are sick in disquietude, sick in sin. You are not happy. You laugh sometimes when you are miserable. There comes surges of unhappiness over your soul that almost swamp you. You are unhappy, struck through with unrest. Now, will you not try this solace, this refreshing, this anodyne, this Gospel medicine? "Oh," you say, "I haven't any faith in it." As a matter of accommodation, let me introduce you to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician. "Why," you say, "I haven't any faith in Him." Well, now, will you not just let Him come and try His power on your soul? Just let me introduce Him to you. I do not ask you to take my word for it. I do not ask you to take the advice of clergymen. I ask you to take the advice of every respectable layman, such as William Shakespeare, the dramatist, as William Wilberforce, the statesman; as Isaac Newton, the astronomer; as Robert Boyle, the philosopher; as Locke, the metaphysician; as Morse, the electrician. These men never preached—they never pretended to preach—but they come out, and putting down one his telescope and another the Parliamentary wire, and another the Parliamentary scroll—they come out, and they commend Christ as a comfort to all the people, a Christ that the world needs. Now I do not ask you to take the advice of clergymen. Take the advice of these laymen. It does not make any difference to me at this juncture what you have said against the Bible; it does not make any difference to me at this juncture how you may have caricatured religion. Take the advice of men whom I have mentioned, and others who immediately occur to your mind. You see I do not scoff at scepticism. I never scoffed at scepticism. I had a good reason for not scoffing. I have been a natural sceptic. I do not know what the first word was that I uttered after entering this world, but I think it must have been "Why?" There were times when I doubted the existence of God, when I doubted the divinity of Christ, when I doubted my own existence, and when I doubted everything. I have been through the whole curriculum of doubt. And you can tell me nothing new about it. I have come out from a great Sahara desert into the calm, warm, sunshiny land of the Gospel. I know about the other land. I have been there. You can tell me nothing new about it; and I know all about the other condition of which you do not know anything—the peace, the comfort, the joy; the triumph of trusting in God, and in Jesus Christ whom He has sent. So I am not scoffing in regard to it.

There are some things I believe that you do not; but there are some things that I believe and you do believe. You believe in love—a father's love, a mother's love, a wife's love, a child's love. Now, let me tell you God loves you more than all of them together; and you must come in, you will come in. Christ looks in all tenderness with the infinite tenderness of the Gospel into your soul, and He says, "This is your time for Heaven;" and then He waves His hand to the people of God, and He says, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

Again I remark: The Heavenly Shepherd is going to get many of His sheep among those who have been flung on evil habit.

It outrages me to see how soon Christian people give up the prodigal. I hear Christian people talk as though they thought the grace of God were a chain of forty or fifty links; and when they had run out them there was nothing to touch the depth of a man's iniquity. If a man were out hunting for deer, and got off the track of the deer, he would hunt amid the bushes and the brakes longer for the lost game than he will look for a lost soul.

They say if a man has had the delirium tremens twice he cannot be cured. They say if a woman has fallen from integrity she cannot be redeemed. All of which is an infinite slander on the Gospel of the Son of God. Men who say that know nothing about practical religion in their own hearts. How many times will God take back a man who has fallen? Well, I cannot give you the exact figures, but I can tell you at what point He certainly will take him back. Four hundred and ninety times. Why, do I say four hundred and ninety times. Because the Bible says seventy times seven. Now figure that out, you who do not think a man can fall four times, eight times, ten times, twenty times, one hundred times, four hundred times, and yet be saved! Four hundred and ninety times! Why, there is a great multitude before the throne of God who plunged into all the depths of iniquity. There were no sins they did not commit; but they were washed of body and washed of mind, and washed of soul, and they are before the throne of God now forever happy. I say that to encourage any man who feels there is no chance for him.

Good Templars will not save you, although they are a grand institution. Sons of Temperance will not save you, although there is no better society on earth. Signing the temperance pledge will not save you, although it is a grand thing to do. No one but God can save you. Do not put your confidence in bromide of potassium, or anything that the apothecary can mix. Put your trust in God. After the Church has cast you off, and the bank has cast you off, and father has cast you off, and mother has cast you off, at your first cry for help God will bend clean down to that ditch of your iniquity to help you out. Oh, what a God He is! Long suffering and gracious!

There may be in this house some whose hand trembles so with dissipation they could hardly hold a hymn book. I say to such, if they are here, "You will preach the Gospel yet; you will yet some of you carry the Holy Communion through the isles, and you will be acceptable to everybody, because everybody will know you are saved and purified by the grace of God, and a consecrated man, wholly consecrated. Your business has got to come up, your physical health has got to be rebuilt, your family is to be restored, the Church of God on earth and in heaven is to rejoice over your coming. "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold." If this is not the Gospel, I do not know what the Gospel is. It can scale any height, it can fathom any depth, it can compass any infinity.

MAN AND WIFE IN DISTRESS

From Chronic Catarrh—But Instantaneous Relief Follows the First Application of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder—Don't Neglect the Simplest Cold in the Head, it May Develop Into This Disgusting Malady Almost Before You Can Realize it.

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Blasting powder was used to kill rats in the house of Alex. Dolwick, at Millersville, Ohio, on Tuesday. Five of the family were burned, one fatally.

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Mrs. Mugger, Wife of Capt. Charles Mugger, of Sydney, C.B., Got Relief in 30 Minutes From Heart Disease of Four Years' Standing, and Declares She Owes Her Life to Dr. Agnew's Cure For the Heart.

"It affords me great pleasure to commend Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. I was sorely afflicted with heart trouble, accompanied with dizziness, palpitations and smothering sensations. For over four years I was treated by best physicians, and used all remedies known to man. I determined to try Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. The first dose gave me great relief inside of thirty minutes. I used two bottles, and feel to-day I have been completely cured."

For sale by H. C. Thomas.

South Benton, Ark., hasn't a sound building now as the result of Saturday's cyclone. Many families are homeless, and a number of deaths are reported.

A NEW MAN.

C. G. Chapin, Jeweler, of Burk's Falls, Says He is a New Man Since Using the Great South American Nervine—His Testimony is Endorsed by Thousands of Others.

"For years I have been greatly troubled with nervous debility and affection of the kidneys. I believe I tried every proprietary medicine under the sun, but none seemed to give me any relief until I had tried South American Nervine. To my surprise the first bottle gave me great relief. I have persevered in taking it, and can say that I have not felt so well for years. I do heartily recommend this great cure."

For sale by H. C. Thomas.

During the year ending September over 190,000,000 fry were hatched and distributed by the fish hatcheries of the United States. The cost was less than 20 cents per 100.

Five true bills have been returned at Washington against Francis J. Kickhoffer, late distributing officer of the State Department, on charges of embezzling international indemnity funds. His total shortage is about $127,000.

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Cassoa, Mo., Apr. 3, '91. Dr. B. J. Kendall Co. Dear Sirs—I have used several bottles of your "Kendall's Spavin Cure" with much success. I think it the best Liniment I ever used. Have removed one Curb, one Blood Spavin and killed two Bogg Spavins. Have recommended it to several of my friends who are much pleased with it and keep it. Yours truly, R. R. Ray, P. O. Box 248.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, JAN. 17.

"A Multitude Converted." Acts 2. 33. Golden Text, Acts 2.39.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

This lesson connects closely with the preceding one. The criticisms with which our last lesson ended were tremendously answered by Peter. Like the orator he was he saw that his hearers belonged to two classes, foreign-born and home-bred Jews, and he makes a special appeal to each. He tosses aside as absurd the charge of drunkenness, shows that Joel had prophesied what was now occuring, directly charges upon his hearers the murder of Jesus, declares that he had been approved of God, and had been raised from the dead, and that this also was a fulfillment of special prophecy, and throughout his speech maintains that Jesus was the promised Christ. The closing passages, beginning with verse 32, are in our lesson.

PRACTICAL NOTES.

32. This Jesus. See verse 24. Hath God raised up. Better "did God raise up." Whereof we are all witnesses. This phrase may have included all the disciples, for it is probable that by this time the resurrection was generally admitted throughout Jerusalem. The duty of "witnessing" the resurrection of Christ was the most important duty of the early Church. Great care had been taken to secure competent witnesses.

33. By the right hand of God. Better, "to the right hand of God." The promise of the Holy Ghost. Given to the apostles by the Lord, especially toward the close of his life.

34. David is not ascended into the heavens. This is the close of an argument which Peter has based on Psalm 16, which he quotes in verses 25 to 28 of this chapter. It will be necessary for the teacher to read carefully the whole speech with special reference to this argument. The Lord said unto my Lord. Peter doubtless was present at the incident given in Matt. 22, 42-45, and heard our Lord's own proof that such a phrase as this could not apply to David himself.

35. Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Until I give thee complete conquest of thy foes.

36. The old version of this verse is immeasurably better than that of the Revised Version. The house of Israel means the Jewish nation. For Christ read "Messiah."

37. Pricked in their heart. Vexed, grieved, conscience-smitten. Said unto Peter and to the rest. We have repeatedly in these notes called attention to the true and natural primacy of Peter, his moral and intellectual leadership. He is always the first to speak, the first to decide, the first to act, the first to challenge; but it is apparently the primacy of intellectual and emotional force. There is not the slightest indication that he had any such precedence over the rest as the pope now claims over cardinals and bishops; indeed, if one were searching for the most striking contrast possible to the artless simplicity of the primitive Church he would find it in the Vatican. Men and brethren. Better "men who are my brethren." A phrase not unlike our "fellow-citizens" but with far more meaning to an ancient Jew. Not improbably some of the very men who thus, with penitent affection asked the apostles what they should do, had only a little while before mockingly accused them of drunkenness. The wonderful effectiveness of Peter's sermon was due to the presence and power of the Spirit of God. What shall we do? So soon as God's Spirit impresses a human heart with a deep sense of sin, that heart at once sets about changing its course of thought and actions. Repentance, turning around, closely follows penitence.

38. Notice in this verse five steps in salvation. Repent and be baptized. First, do your utmost to change your life, inside and out. Second, connect yourself with the Church of Christ on earth. In the name of the Lord Jesus. Third, exercise faith in God through Christ his Son. For the remission of sins. For salvation from the guilt and power of sin. This is the fourth step in the process; it is what the theologians call justification. Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. This is the fifth and final step—sanctification.

39. The promise is unto you, and to your children. See Acts 1. 4; 2. 33. To all that are afar off. The Gentiles. See Eph. 2, 17. As many as the Lord our God shall call. See Rom. 1. 6; 8. 28, 30; 9, 24; I Cor. 1, 2; Gal. 1. 6.

40. Save yourselves from this untoward generation—Better, "crooked generation." Very crooked it was. It had tolerated the unspeakable iniquities of the Herods; it had run in a frenzy of penitence to be baptized by John, and then had supinely watched his murder; it had permitted the scribes and Pharisees to fatten on its superstitions, and had applauded when our Lord denounced them; within five days it had sung, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and "Crucify him!" its daily habits were "sensual and devilish;" its patriotic outbursts were as fitful and ineffective as its religious impulses; a few years later it was destroyed by a catastrophe so awful that the "fall of Jerusalem" has ever since pointed a proverb. Everywhere the apostles—Paul as much as Peter—repeat this exhortation with quivering nerves and tremendous spiritual conviction, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate!"

41. Gladly received. Welcomed.

42. Apostles' doctrine. Better, "teaching." Fellowship. That is, the close brotherhood of the Church, in which for a while all property was held for all, and they were all actuated by one holy purpose. Breaking of bread. Doubtless in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, as well as in love feasts. In prayers. The Greek is noticeable here, the prayers.

44. Were together. Lived in the closest possible association. Had all things common. Doubtless this would be the natural way to live if Christian love and unity were perfected, but even in Jerusalem it seems soon to have been found impracticable, and that in the apostolic Church there were distressing cases of laziness, of fraud, of riotous living and of sin against the Holy Ghost is one of the saddest and most practical lessons Christian history gives us.

45. Parted them to all men, as every man had need. At the first, apparently, this was done from holy impulse and with very little system.

46. In the temple. There was not yet in any Christian mind (so far as we can see) the slightest idea that the Church would ever separate itself from the Jewish temple. This little group of disciples probably formed, as we have seen, a synagogue by themselves. Certainly they had no temple to themselves, nor any church in the modern sense of that phrase. In place of from house to house read "at home;" probably in that upper room, that "one place," already repeatedly mentioned, Acts 1, 1 3; 2. 1, 2, etc. Eat their meat. Take their food. Gladness and singleness of heart. This side of heaven nothing so beautiful as this has ever been seen.

47. Added to the church daily.—Better, "added to them day by day." Such as should be saved. Better, "those that were being saved." This has direct reference to the exhortation of verse 40. Peter said, "Save yourselves." Three thousand began at once to do so, and day by day as they came, they were promptly received to the heart's love of the little company.

Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey; she was married at the Chapel Royal, in St. James' palace.

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe. Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Hog cholera is reported in Middlesex County.

The Ontario Legislature will meet on Wednesday, February 10.

Mr. James Hodge, of Hamilton shot himself dead on the stairs at the City Hall.

Another consignment of Lee-Enfield rifles numbering 2,000 arrived at Kingston.

Mr. Thos. Roch was killed by being struck by a tree in the woods near Tyndall, Man.

The resignations of the entire staff of the Ottawa Protestant hospital have been accepted.

It is reported that there is a great deal of smuggling at present on the Canadian Pacific coast.

Five more pitch gas buoys will be placed on the shoals in the St. Lawrence River next season.

Owing to the lack of snow lumber operations in the Gatineau district have been temporarily suspended.

The failures in the city of Montreal during the past year were far in excess of those of the two previous years.

The Dominion Parliament will not meet until March, and the tariff proposals will not be brought down until April.

The Rev. George Clouthier, chaplain of the Stony Mountain penitentiary, has been dismissed by the Minister of Justice.

The will of the late James Hamilton, of London, Ont., filed for probate at that place, disposes of an estate of $31,150.

Ratepayers of the township of Ancaster have voted a bonus of $5,000 to the Hamilton, Chedoke & Ancaster Electric Railway.

An official announcement is made that the Government intends at the coming session to ask Parliament to repeal the Franchise Act.

A man named Apollidore St. Pierre of Papineauville, Que., committed suicide at Rat Portage on account of misfortunes in his love affairs.

Mr. Borden is at present engaged upon a scheme to commute the two years' salary allowance to retiring militia officers into a pension for life.

It is stated that the Franchise of the Niagara Falls Power Company for the building of the Canadian power tunnel has been extended for four years.

Mr. W. H. Walker, the well-known graphite mine owner of Ottawa, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities amount to about $140,000.

Miss Grace Stearns, a young Port Rowan lady, was taking a gun out of a buggy in her father's barn when the charge exploded, entering her side, inflicting a fatal wound.

The engagement of Miss Ella Walker, granddaughter of Hiram Walker, the millionaire distiller of Walkerville, Ontario, to Count Manford Von Matuschka of Schloss, Bechau, has been announced.

Mr. Henry Lawson, for eight years editor of The Colonist at Victoria, B. C., is dead. He was the pioneer journalist of Canada, having for forty years past been engaged in active editorial work in Montreal, Toronto and Prince Edward Island.

The Montreal street railway management have adopted a new style of cash box for their conductors, furnished with a new contrivance known as an improved receiver, which the moment the coin strikes the aperture seizes it in a tight grip, preventing its removal.

Mr. William Whyte, superintendent of the Western Division of the Canadian Pacific railway, states that of the total amount of ninety million bushels of wheat in the West at the opening of the season, he estimates that from two million and a half to three million bushels are in the hands of the farmers west of Winnipeg.

Julia Washington, who lives near Chatham, had her nephew before a Magistrate on a charge of assaulting her. The young man, William Washington, informed the authorities that his aunt killed her younger sister with an axe seven years ago, and County Crown Attorney Douglas has ordered an inquiry into the case.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Andrew Percy Bennett has been appointed British consul at New York.

The Queen has contributed £500 for the relief of the famine-sufferers in India.

It is expected that the new Canadian building at Bisley will be ready for the team next season.

The Lord Mayor of London has started a fund for the relief of the famine sufferers in India.

The Duchess of York, daughter-in-law of the Prince of Wales, expects her accouchment in April.

Mr. Labouchere will be the recipient of a banquet from the National Liberal Club on the 3rd prox.

The British Government has issued orders to the departments to confine their contracts to English manufactures.

The English hunting field this season has been remarkably productive of serious accidents to members of the nobility.

The appointment of Carlos Villanueva, consul-general for Venezuela in London has been approved of by the Queen.

The Prince of Wales has endorsed the term Diamond Jubilee, given by the Times to the celebration of the Queen's long reign.

Americans in London have subscribed for a loving cup as a present to Mr. Bayard, the American Ambassador at London.

The transport Nubia, which arrived at Plymouth on Saturday morning, reported cholera on board among the Lascars and British troops.

It is reported from London that the commissioners have signed a report recommending the speedy construction of the Pacific cable.

The Right Hon. and Most Rev. Frederick Temple, D. D., was on Friday enthroned in Canterbury cathedral with much ecclesiastical ceremony.

Col. Hay, who is reported as the likely successor to Mr. Bayard as the United States Ambassador to St. James', would be regarded as persona grata in London.

Mr. Gladstone has declined to become an Oddfellow on the ground that the initiative ceremony would be too great an ordeal for a man of his advanced years.

Lord Dufferin has accepted the presidency of a movement started at Bristol to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by Cabot.

Lady Selina Scott, who pleaded guilty on Thursday to the criminal libel of Earl Russell, was on Friday sentenced to eight months' imprisonment without hard labor.

The London Speaker commenting on the visit of Senator Wolcott to England on behalf of bi-metallism, says that nothing is likely to result from his advocacy of the cause.

While hunting with the Meynell hounds on Tuesday, Mr Chaplin, formerly president of the British Board of Trade, was thrown from his horse and seriously injured.

Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner, has established new agencies in Ireland and Wales to make better known to emigrants the resources of Canada.

The British Board of Trade returns show that the total imports for 1896 have increased £25,117,677 over 1895, and the exports have increased £14,633,193 over the previous year.

The Pall Mall Gazette, referring to the report that Mr. Laurier had declined the honor of knighthood, says that his answer left the matter so that he could accept at a future date.

Lord Roberts has sounded a serious note of warning to the British Government on the subject of the feeling of unrest in India, accentuated by the prevailing famine and plague.

Mrs. Gladstone unveiled the memorial window to the Armenian martyrs in Hawarden Church. Before the ceremony of unveiling the window Mr. Gladstone delivered a speech to an Armenian deputation.

In response to a letter signed by more than eighty noblemen and gentlemen eminent in literature, science, and art, Mr. Herbert Spencer has consented that a fund shall be opened to paint his portrait for the nation.

The detractors of Mr. Cecil Rhodes say that he is displaying his great popularity in South Africa for the purpose of affecting the English Parliamentary Committee, before which he will have to shortly appear.

The Westminster Gazette on Wednesday gave prominence to a rumour that the Queen has decided to commemorate the fact that she has enjoyed the longest reign in English history by abdicating in favor of the Prince of Wales.

Sir Charles Tupper and the Colonial Agents of Victoria and Tasmania were given a complimentary dinner in London on Wednesday night. Sir Charles made a speech, pledging the loyalty of Canada to the British Empire, which was received with great applause.

UNITED STATES.

Storms continue to impede railway traffic in Missouri.

Bishop Hartzell, of Cincinnati, has started for Africa to establish a hospital in Liberia.

Jacob Witham, aged 87, and Mrs. Rivers, aged 97, were married at Deerfield, N. H., on Tuesday.

A despatch from Fargo, N. D., says two children of John Pettit, of Hunter, were frozen to death in Sunday's storm.

Lawrence Wilson, one of the eight boys bitten by a mad dog December 1st in Baltimore, died at that place yesterday.

The Wyoming state general hospital at Rock Springs, Wyo., burned to the ground on Wednesday. One woman died from fright.

It is reported in Washington that Mr. John Hay, of that city, will be appointed successor to Mr. Bayard as ambassador to England.

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