

THE STORY OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

A Graphic Description of the Catastrophe That Visited Charleston.

CHARLESTON, September 1.—The following article was prepared for publication in the Charleston News and Courier and is telegraphed in the writer's own words.

While engaged in his usual duties in the second-story room of the News and Courier office at the time of the shock the writer's attention was vaguely attracted by a sound which seemed to come from the office below, and which was supposed for a moment to be caused by the rapid rolling of a heavy body, as an iron safe or a heavily-laden truck, over a floor.

A MIGHTY QUAKING.

Then the long roar deepened and spread into an awful roar that seemed to pervade at once the trembling earth and the still air above and around. The tremor was now a rude, rapid quiver that agitated the whole left, the building was agitated as though it were being shaken by the hand of an immeasurable power, with intent to tear its joints asunder and scatter its stones and brick around, as a tree casts its over-ripened fruit before the breath of the gale.

THE RUSH FOR THE STREETS.

It is not given to many men to look in the face of the destroyer and yet live, but it is little to say that the group of strong men who shared the experience above faintly described will carry with them the recollection of that supreme moment to their dying day.

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A CHARMED CIRCLE OF SAFETY.

The crowds poured in from every direction to the square just described, as though it had been indeed a charmed circle and life depended on passing within its grassy bounds. Street cars, carriages and other vehicles were ranged in lines on the streets surrounding the square, while the horses stood as though sniffling the ground in anxious inquiry.

THE FEARFUL ALARM OF FIRE.

A sudden light flared through a window overlooking the street; it became momentarily brighter and the cry of fire resounded from the multi-story building above. A rush is made toward the spot. A man is seen doubled up in helpless agonies, faint though it be, moment somewhere—out at sea, overhead, deep in the ground—is heard again the low, ominous roll, which is already too well known to be mistaken. It grows louder and nearer, like the growl of a wild beast swiftly approaching his prey, and all is forgotten in the frenzied rush for the open space, where alone there is hope of security.

tween them. Their shattered cornices and copings, the tops of their frowning walls, seem piled from both sides to the centre of the street. It seems that a touch would now send the shattered masses left standing down upon those below, who look up to them and shrink together as the tremor of the earthquake again passes under them and all the mysterious reverberations of the drum beat summoning them to die. It passes away and again is experienced the blessed feeling of deliverance from impending calamity, which it may well be believed will provoke a mute but earnest offering of mingled prayer and thanksgiving from every heart in the throng.

Again, far along the street and up from the alleys that lead into it on either side, is heard that chorus of wailing and lamentation which, though it had not ceased, was scarcely noticed a moment before. It is a dreadful sound, the sound of helpless, horror-stricken humanity, old and young, the strong and the feeble alike, where all are so feeble, calling for help from their fellow-creatures and raising their anguished voices, in petition to heaven for mercy where no human aid could avail. It is not a scene to be described by any mortal tongue or pen; it is a scene to be forgotten when the witness has shared all its dangers and felt all its agony.

AMIDST THE CRASH OF BUILDINGS.

The first shock occurred at seven minutes of ten, as was indicated this morning by the public clocks, the hands of which had stopped at the end of time for so many who had heard the preceding hour pealed forth by St. Michael's chimes without a thought but of long and happy life. The second shock, which was but a faint and crisp echo of the first, was felt eight minutes later. As it passed away the writer started homeward, to find the scene enacted on Broad street, around the News and Courier office repeated at every step of the way.

At Marion Square, corresponding exactly with Union Square, New York, a great crowd had collected, as even the edges of the wide spaces embraced in it could not be reached by the nearest buildings in the event of their fall.

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NEW BERNE DISTRICT.

Fourth Quarterly Meetings. Goldsboro et. Yelverton, Aug. 28-29 Wayne et. Thompson, Sept. 4-5 Goldsboro Station, Sept. 11-12 La Grange et. La Grange, " 18-19

LEMON ELIXIR.

Editorial. OFFICE OF THE TELEGRAM, ATLANTA, GA., Oct. 9, 1885. DR. MOZLEY: Allow me to thank you most kindly for the bottle of Lemon Elixir, I am not a doctor of a believer in medicine, but being overpowered by excessive office work, I consulted to try your Lemon Elixir. It proved all that you claimed for it. It acts like a charm on the liver, stomach and bowels, gives a shock to nervousness and produces what I received most, namely, pleasant and refreshing rest at night. I cordially recommend your remedy as a delightful tonic in all cases of indigestion, biliousness and nervous prostration. Editor and Proprietor Sunday Telegraph. Sold by druggists, 50 cents and \$1.00 per bottle. Prepared by H. MOZLEY, M. D., Atlanta, Ga. sep-11m

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