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Court of Appeals of Maryland.  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
 BALTIMORE**

v.  
 STATE, for Use of BIGGS et al.  
**No. 83.**


Jan. 16, 1918.

Appeal from Baltimore City Court; Chas. W. Heusler, Judge.

“To be officially reported.”


Action by the State of Maryland, for the use of Daisy A. Biggs and others, against the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. Judgment for plaintiffs and defendant appeals. Reversed, and new trial awarded.

West Headnotes

**Witnesses 410**  **255(5)**

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On issue of good health of decedent physician could use properly authenticated photographic copy of medical examination of deceased attached to insurance policy and signed by the physician to refresh his memory.

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(Formerly 30k1050(1))

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In an action for wrongful death, neither photographic copy of deceased's application nor certificate of medical examination for life insurance show his good health at time of accident was admissible.

**Evidence 157**  **359(3)**


[157k359\(3\) Most Cited Cases](#)

In action for personal injury due to negligent condition of streets, photographs of scene of February accident taken in April following were admissible to show location of streets, mouth of sewer and dock; the only substantial change in the interim being pavement of street to which the jury's attention was called.

**Evidence 157**  **552**

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In an action for negligence resulting in accidental death, it was proper to ask a physician after he had read all the testimony his opinion as to the cause of death; it not being necessary to put such evidence into the form of a hypothetical question.

**Evidence 157**  **554**

[157k554 Most Cited Cases](#)


Where, in action for wrongful death, a physician stated that it was impossible for him to say from the evidence what was the cause of the death, and without having examined deceased or an autopsy he could only guess, such answer was not responsive to the questions, and should have been excluded.

**Evidence 157**  **555.10**

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(Formerly 157k555)

Where a physician in action for wrongful death testified deceased died of lung condition from exposure to cold and water through accident and taking of foul water into his lungs, the contention there was no evidence showing deceased got water in his lungs was sufficiently answered on cross-examination, that his opinion was based on such probability.

**Evidence 157**  **582(3)**

[157k582\(3\) Most Cited Cases](#)

While the testimony of a deceased witness at a former trial of the case may be proved by the stenographer testifying from his notes, it is not

proper to allow counsel to read to the jury a copy of such evidence reduced to writing.

**Municipal Corporations 268 ↪ 821(3)**

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In an action for wrongful death alleged due to negligent condition of street, the matter of negligence held for the jury.

**Trial 388 ↪ 191(7)**

[388k191\(7\) Most Cited Cases](#)

In an action against a city for wrongful death, an instruction that it was defendant's duty to place proper guards and lights at foot of street, and if they find as a consequence of negligence therein that plaintiff's intestate drove an automobile into the water, thereby losing his life, the verdict must be for plaintiff, is error as assuming the city negligent.

**Trial 388 ↪ 214**

[388k214 Most Cited Cases](#)

In action against city for wrongful death from negligent maintenance of street, defendant was entitled to direction of jury's attention to lights at place of accident, and to instruction that if sufficient at time so deceased by use of ordinary care could have avoided accident, the verdict should be for the defendant.

**Trial 388 ↪ 296(11)**

[388k296\(11\) Most Cited Cases](#)

An erroneous instruction as to measure of damages could not have misled the jury, where a later instruction required the estimate of prospective damages to the widow to be based upon the probable duration of the joint lives of herself and deceased husband.

Argued before BOYD, C. J., and BURKE, THOMAS, URNER, STOCKBRIDGE, and CONSTABLE, JJ.

Benjamin H. McKindless, Asst. City Sol., and S. S. Field, City Sol., both of Baltimore, for

appellant.

Clifton S. Brown, of Baltimore (Augustin J. Quinn, of Baltimore, on the brief), for appellees.

THOMAS, J.

Bush street, in Baltimore city, crosses Russell street, sometimes called the Annapolis road, at right angles, and extends to and ends at what is spoken of in the evidence as the northwest side of Russell street. There is a sewer under the bed of Bush street, which also crosses Russell street at right angles, and extends to the northwest side of Russell street, and there empties into Bush street dock. At the mouth of the sewer at the end of Bush street there was a stone wall, which ran parallel with Russell street, and the coping of which was about 40 feet long. There were two street car tracks on Russell street where it crossed the end of Bush street, and the coping of the wall, which ran along the northwest side of Russell street and at the end of Bush street, \*427 was, according to the testimony of some of the witnesses, only about 6 inches above the surface of Russell and Bush streets at their intersection or above the surface of the ground adjoining the coping. At the time of the accident which gave rise to this suit there was an arc light about 70 or 100 feet from the corner of Bush and Russell streets, or from the end of the coping, and another light between 150 and 200 feet further from the crossing.

On the night of February 27, 1915, Albert Biggs, while operating an automobile on Bush street where it crosses Russell street, ran over the end of Bush street and into the Bush street dock. He died on the 11th of March following and this suit was brought for the use of his widow and children to recover damages occasioned by his death, which is alleged to have resulted from his being thrown into the dock, and to have been caused by the negligence of the mayor and city council of Baltimore in permitting Bush street where it adjoined Bush street dock to be and remain in an

unsafe condition for public travel.

This is the second appeal in the case. At the first trial the lower court withdrew the case from the jury on the ground that there was no evidence legally sufficient to prove negligence on the part of the city, and on the further ground that it appeared that the deceased had been guilty of contributory negligence. This court reversed the judgment in favor of the defendant in [129 Md. 686, 99 Atl. 860](#), and awarded a new trial. Describing the scene of the accident, Judge Briscoe there said:

“At the foot of Bush street and on the sewer there was a stone wall, the coping of which was about 6 or 7 inches above the surface of the adjoining ground and adjacent to and alongside of the Annapolis road, and there was testimony that this coping, to one walking down Bush street at night, could not be seen ‘until you got right on top of it.’ While there were two arc lights attached to poles, one across the road at Bush street and the Annapolis road, and the other about 150 or 175 feet distant to the west from the first light, there is a conflict in the testimony as to whether the arc lights there located furnished sufficient light and warning to enable travelers or strangers passing at night along Bush street to see that this street ended at the Annapolis road and Bush street dock. There was no light upon the stone wall, and no guard around or near the coping on the wall, and this coping was only about 6 or 7 inches above the surface of the ground.”

In support of the rule that it is the duty of a municipality to keep its streets in a safe condition for public travel, Judge Briscoe quotes the prayer approved by this court in *Mayor and City Council v. O'Donnell*, [53 Md. 110, 36 Am. Rep. 395](#):

“That it was the duty of the defendant to take proper precaution, by proper guards, signals, lights or other warnings, to warn persons of the impassable condition of the street, so as to

prevent injuries to persons passing along said street, and if the jury further find that the defendant, and those employed by it in repairing and recubing said street, did not use ordinary care in providing such precautions, and that the plaintiff in consequence of such neglect to provide such precautions was thrown from his hack while driving with ordinary care along said street, then the plaintiff is entitled to recover.”

And he then quotes with approval the statement of the court in [Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. Maryland](#), [166 Fed. 641, 92 C. C. A. 335](#):

“Undoubtedly, a municipality is not required ordinarily to erect barriers, railings, or other construction to prevent persons traveling upon a highway from straying therefrom; but it does not follow that the obligation does not exist where the point is dangerous, either naturally, or because of the work being done in and about the highway at the particular time. Whether the excavation in this case was dangerous, or the railing thereto, or the warning given, were sufficient to protect persons from or warn them of such danger, were questions of fact, all to be determined by the jury upon consideration of the whole evidence.”

During the second trial which resulted in a verdict and judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$10,000, the defendant reserved 29 exceptions to rulings of the court on the evidence and a further exception to the action of the court on the prayers.

[1] The first 16 exceptions, except the twelfth exception, relate to the admissibility of three photographs of the scene of the accident. The accident occurred on the 27th of February, 1915, and the photographs were taken some time in April following. The evidence shows that between the date of the accident and the time the photographs were taken Bush street, and Russell street, where it crosses Bush street, had been paved, and one of the defendant's witnesses testified that some little grading had been done on

Russell street at that point. But the photographer who took the photographs testified that they correctly represented the conditions existing at the time they were taken, and a number of the plaintiff's witnesses testified that they fairly represented the scene of the accident as it appeared on the 27th of February, except that the streets referred to were not then paved, but were dirt roads, or were paved with cobblestones which were then covered with dirt. The photographs were admitted in evidence over the objection of the defendant with leave to either of the parties to prove any changes they showed in the surface of the streets, and the court then called the jury's attention to the fact that the parties agreed that the streets at the time of the accident were not smooth streets as represented by the photographs, but "were cobblestones." It is said in 17 Cyc. 417:

"When, in an action for personal injuries or other action of tort, or in criminal prosecutions, it becomes material to know the location, surroundings, and condition of the premises upon which the accident, injury, or crime in controversy occurred, photographs of the locus in quo, if verified by proof that they are true representations, are competent evidence. But the value and admissibility of the photograph, as in other cases, depends upon the fact that it is a correct representation of the place in question, and that the condition existing when it was taken was \*428 an accurate reproduction of the condition existing when the accident, injury, or crime occurred."

While this rule has been followed in this [state \(Columbia, etc., R. Co. v. Huff, 105 Md. 34, 65 Atl. 625\)](#), this court has also recognized the principle that slight changes in the conditions, which do not destroy the substantial identity of the location, should not render the photographs inadmissible, and that the matter is one that should be left largely to the discretion of the trial court. In the case of [Consol. Gas. Co. v. Smith, 109 Md. 186, 72 Atl. 651](#), the court said:

"As to whether a photograph is sufficiently verified, or is practically instructive, the question is a preliminary question for the court, and while there is some diversity of authority as to whether the determination of the court in this respect is open to review or not, we think the weight of authority is that this discretion is not the subject of exception, unless it is plainly exercised in an arbitrary manner. \*\*\* In all such cases, if there is evidence of changes in the condition or surroundings of the object since the accident, this may lead to the exclusion of the photograph, and should do so, where the substantial identity of the conditions has not been preserved."

In the case of [Md. Elec. Ry. Co. v. Beasley, 117 Md. 270, 83 Atl. 157](#), there was an exception "to the admissibility of photographs taken some time after the accident and after a change of seasons," and in disposing of it Judge Pearce, speaking for this court, said:

"In the case before us certain trees which were referred to by the driver as obstructing the vision, and which were in leaf at the time of the accident in June, had been since trimmed, though only in the tops, and there had been a fall of snow when the photograph was taken. It is not possible to lay down a general rule as to what changes shall require an exclusion of photographic representations of the locality, but the trial court with the photographs before it, and the witness who took them, ought to be conceded some discretion in admitting or rejecting them, and we should not feel warranted in reversing this judgment upon that ground, without clear proof that injury was thereby inflicted upon the defendant."

In the case of [Beardslee v. Columbia T. P., 188 Pa. 496, 41 Atl. 617, 68 Am. St. Rep. 883](#), the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania said:

"The further objection in the present case that the photograph was not taken until after the

township defendant had made changes in the road at the place of the accident is not without difficulty. In photographs, as in plans, maps, or other drawings used as evidence, there ought to be substantial identity in the person, place, or thing photographed, and that which the jury are to consider in the case. But photographs of the scene of an accident taken at or near to the time are not always obtainable, and bearing in mind the object sought, the assisting of the jury, by knowledge of the locality, to judge the conduct of the parties with reference to the issue raised, the only practical rule would seem to be that the changes must not be such as to destroy the substantial identity, and that the changes whatever they are must be carefully pointed out and brought to the jury's attention. This would have to be the course pursued if a view were allowed to the jury at the trial, and no other appears practicable in regard to plans, photographs, or other substitutes for a view. With these safeguards the subject must be left largely to the discretion of the trial judge. In the present case we cannot see that there was any error in regard to the photograph of which the appellants are now entitled to complain."

See, also, [Dyson v. New York & N. E. R. Co., 57 Conn. 9, 17 Atl. 137, 14 Am. St. Rep. 82.](#)

In the case at bar the only purpose of offering the photographs was to show the location of Bush and Russell streets, the mouth of the sewer, and the dock at the place of the accident. There was no change in the conditions in respect to these objects, and it is not possible that the repaving of the streets, of which the jury was advised, could have rendered the photographs misleading or deceptive as to their location at the time of the accident. It is not claimed that the photographs do not fairly represent the location of the light near the corner of Bush and Russell streets, and so far as the height of the coping above the surface of the street or the adjoining ground, to which so

much of the evidence was directed, is concerned, the photographs, which were exhibited to this court, if they can be said to furnish any indication, are more favorable to the defendant than the testimony of the plaintiff's witnesses. The changes in the condition at the place of the accident, pointed out in the evidence, are not such as to justify the court in holding that the photographs were not helpful to the jury, and that there was error in admitting them. Moreover, it appears from the record that after they were admitted in evidence the jury, during the trial, with the consent of the court and counsel, visited and viewed the scene of the accident. Under such circumstances it could hardly be said that the admission of the photographs was prejudicial and reversible error.

[2] The twelfth exception is to the ruling of the court allowing counsel to read a "stenographic copy of the testimony of a deceased witness who testified at the first trial." While the testimony of a deceased witness may be proved by the stenographer who took the testimony and who testifies from his notes, or by a witness who heard the testimony, it is not proper to allow counsel to read to the jury a copy of the evidence reduced to writing from the stenographic notes. [Ecker v. McAllister, 54 Md. 362; Herrick v. Swomley, 56 Md. 439; 10 R. C. L. § 154, p. 972.](#) Counsel for the appellant stated that this exception was not important, and after reading the evidence we would not be disposed to reverse the judgment because of its admission.

[3] [4] The seventeenth and eighteenth exceptions are to the admission in evidence of a photographic copy of the application of the deceased for insurance in the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and the report of the result of the medical examination of the deceased made by Dr. Von Dreele. Dr. Von Dreele testified that he did not know \*429 whether the Wm. A. Biggs mentioned in the application was the same person

as the deceased; that he did not know whether the photographic copy was a true copy of the original, did not know how it was taken, and had never compared it with the original; that he had no recollection of having examined the applicant, and could not tell what examination he made or when he made it, but that all of the writing in the photograph was in his handwriting, except the amount of the insurance and the signature of the applicant. Apart from the question whether the plaintiff laid a proper foundation for the introduction of a copy of the application and report, we think the evidence was clearly inadmissible. It was offered for the purpose of showing that the deceased was in good health on the 29th day of January, 1915, and the unsworn statements of the deceased were not admissible for that purpose. There could have been no objection to the doctor using the original report, or a properly proven photographic copy of it, as a memorandum made by him to refresh his recollection of the result of his examination of the deceased, or of the party mentioned therein, known to him or otherwise shown to be the Albert Biggs for whose death the plaintiff seeks to recover, and it is not necessary to determine whether the report would have been admissible as entries made in the ordinary course of professional employment. *Gorter on Evidence*, p. 119, § 5. But even the original application would not have been admissible as evidence of the physical condition of the deceased at the time mentioned, and if there was any evidence in the case tending to show that the deceased was not in good health at the time he applied for the insurance, the admission of the application would have been serious error. But in the absence of such evidence, and in view of other evidence in the case as to his physical condition at the time of the accident, the judgment ought not to be reversed because of this ruling.

The evidence referred to in the nineteenth exception is not of sufficient importance to

warrant this court in holding that its admission was reversible error, even if we were of the opinion that it was not, strictly speaking, admissible. But we think it was admissible as a part of Mrs. Biggs' description of the condition of the deceased shortly before his death.

[5] [6] The twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, and twenty-third exceptions relate to the testimony of Dr. Burrows, who testified as an expert. After he stated that he had read all the testimony in the case, he was asked, assuming the testimony to be true, "What, in your opinion, did Biggs die of?" After the court overruled defendant's objection to the question, the witness replied:

"After reading all the testimony, I do not think that it would be possible to give a diagnosis of the cause of death in the case of Mr. Biggs. But, on the other hand, I failed to find any evidence that he was not a healthy man up to the time that he was immersed. Owing to the fact that he died eleven days after his immersion, and knowing that an immersion of that kind can be the direct or indirect, or I might say the immediate or subsequent, cause of death in a perfectly healthy man, I think that the circumstantial evidence is entirely in favor of the view that he died as the result of this immersion. At least, I cannot find any evidence which would indicate that he died from other causes."

The witness then went on to state at some length his reasons for his conclusion that the deceased died of some pulmonary trouble. The defendant moved to strike out his testimony, but the court overruled the motion. On cross-examination he testified as follows:

"Q. If I understand you correctly, you say that you do not think it was possible to give a diagnosis in this case, is that correct? A. I could not give a diagnosis without a physical examination or an autopsy. Q. What do you mean by giving a diagnosis; telling the cause of

death? A. Yes, the cause of death. Q. In other words, you cannot state definitely what the cause of death was, is that correct? A. Yes. Q. You cannot say what disease he died of, is that correct? A. That is correct. \*\*\* Q. Not being able to make a positive diagnosis, that means that you are not able to tell definitely what Mr. Biggs died of, is that correct? A. That is correct. Q. And not being able to tell from what disease or condition he died, of course you cannot tell what predisposed the condition of a disease that you do not know? A. No, sir; I cannot.”

The defendant again moved to strike out the testimony of the witness, but the court overruled the motion, and the witness on further cross-examination testified as follows:

“Q. This man did not die of pneumonia in your opinion, did he? A. If I were just making a guess I would say that he died- Q. But we do not want to guess; we are here seriously, not guessing. A. That is the only thing you can do in a case like this. Q. It would be a mere guess, wouldn't it? A. Yes; you do not have enough evidence to say definitely, but the evidence points toward a death from some pulmonary trouble. Q. It is a mere probability that it came from some lung involvement and you used the word 'guess' I believe didn't you? A. I said if you wanted to guess, I mean it would be your only guess. I do not have enough evidence to say definitely. We do not make diagnoses without physical examination or autopsies.”

The defendant renewed his motion to strike out the testimony of the witness, which the court overruled. There was no error in the ruling in the twentieth exception. In [City Pass. Ry. Co. v. Tanner](#), 90 Md. 315, 45 Atl. 188, this court quoted with approval the statement in [Gilman v. Town of Strafford](#), 50 Vt. 727:

“Where an expert hears or reads the evidence, there is no reason why he may not form as correct a judgment based upon such evidence,

assuming it to be true, as if the same evidence was submitted to him in the form of hypothetical questions; and it would seem to be an idle and useless ceremony to require evidence with which he is already familiar to be repeated to him in that form.”

See, also, [Damm v. State](#), 128 Md. 665, 97 Atl. 645.

We think there was error, however, in the \*430 rulings in the twenty-first, twenty-second, and twenty-third exceptions. The witness stated that it was impossible for him to say from the evidence in the case what was the cause of the death of the deceased, and that without having made an examination of the deceased or an autopsy he could not do anything more than guess as to the cause of his death. [United Rys. Co. v. Corbin](#), 109 Md. 442, 72 Atl. 606.

[7] The twenty-fourth exception is disposed of by what we have said in reference to the twentieth exception, and the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, and twenty-eighth exceptions are to the refusal of the court to strike out the testimony of Dr. Wyse, who, when asked to state what his opinion was, from all the evidence in the case, as to the probable and approximate cause of the death of the deceased, said:

“Taking into consideration the evidence that Mr. Biggs was healthy up to the time of the accident, taking into consideration that it was in February and that the weather was cold, that he practically fell into a sewer and the water was dirty and foul and cold, that he was in the water a few minutes and in wet clothes for a longer period of time, and the fact that he had a cough all during the succeeding week or ten days, that he was described as looking bad, and that he had a chill the night of his death, or the evening before he died, and that the description of the seizure or paroxysm he had during the night with cough, a rattling or expectoration, my opinion is that he died of some lung condition,

probably inflammatory, as the result either of the cold or a combination of the cold, and the taking of foul water into his lungs.”

The contention of the appellant is that there was no evidence in the case to show that the deceased got water in his lungs, and that, therefore, the answer of the witness was inadmissible. On cross-examination, when asked if there was any evidence in the case that Biggs got water in his lungs, Dr. Wyse replied that the deceased was the only person who could have testified to that, but that his opinion was based upon the probability that he did get some water in his lungs, and we think the reply of the witness is a sufficient answer to the contentions of the appellant in reference to the rulings in these exceptions.

[8] Michael J. Cooney, a witness produced by the defendant, who saw the deceased at the hospital immediately after the accident, testified that “he looked as though he had been drinking.” He was then asked, “How did that manifest itself?” and he replied, “His talk and his actions.” To the question, “To what extent did he appear to be under the influence of liquor?” he replied, “From his talk and his actions he looked as though he had been drinking.” The defendant then asked the witness, “The question is to what extent did he seem to be under the influence; was the man simply exhilarated, or was he pretty well intoxicated or otherwise?” The plaintiff objected to the question, and the court sustained the objection, and the twenty-ninth exception is to that ruling. We think the question was a proper one, but after the exception was noted the witness was given a further opportunity to answer the question and testified to the conduct and talk of the deceased upon which he based his opinion that he had been drinking, and the defendant could not therefore have been prejudiced by the ruling.

[9] [10] This brings us to the ruling on the prayers. By the plaintiff's first prayer the jury were instructed:

“That it was the duty of the defendant to take proper precautions by proper guards, signals, lights or other warnings to warn persons of the conditions existing at the foot of Bush street, so as to prevent injuries to persons using said street, and if they find from the evidence that the defendant did not use ordinary care in providing such precautions, and that Albert Biggs, in consequence of such neglect to provide for such precautions, drove an automobile into the water of Bush street dock while in the exercise of ordinary care on his part and lost his life thereby, if they so find, then their verdict must be for the defendant.”

This prayer was approved in *Baltimore v. O'Donnell*, supra, where the plaintiff was injured by coming in contact with a rope that had been stretched across a street, which was being repaired and was impassable, to prevent travel thereon. A lamp had been suspended from the rope to warn persons, but the lamp had been broken and the light extinguished by stones thrown by some boys, and the plaintiff in attempting to pass up the street, driving a hack, came in contact with the rope of which he had no warning and was injured. In that case the street was impassable, and there was no question of the dangerous condition thereof. But on the former appeal in this case this court, as we have said, quoted with approval the statement of the court in *Mayor and City Council of Baltimore v. Maryland*, supra:

“Whether the excavation in this case was dangerous, or the railing thereto, or the warning given, was sufficient to protect persons from or warn them of such danger, were questions of fact, all to be determined by the jury upon consideration of the whole evidence.”

The plaintiff's first prayer was in effect a determination by the court that the place of the accident was dangerous, and that it was therefore the duty of the defendant “to take proper precautions by proper guards, signals, lights, or



other warning to warn persons of the conditions existing at the foot of Bush street.” Whether the condition existing at the foot of Bush street made the street dangerous was, we think, a question that should have been submitted to the jury. In the case of [Baltimore & R. Tnpk. Road v. State, 71 Md. 573, 18 Atl. 884](#), this court referring to the evidence as to the condition of the pike, said:

“But whether it was unsafe and dangerous was a question for the jury, to be determined upon consideration of all the evidence.”

[11] Plaintiff's second prayer is within the principle stated in [W. Md. R. Co. v. Shirk, 95 Md. 637, 53 Atl. 969](#), and [B. & O. R. Co. v. Hendricks, 104 Md. 76, 64 Atl. 304](#), and is free from objection. Plaintiff's fourth prayer as to the measure of damages should have been framed in accordance with the suggestion made in [Baltimore & R. Tnpk. Road v. State, supra](#), and the form approved in [B. & O. R. Co. v. State, 79 Md. 335, 29 Atl. 518, 47 Am. St. Rep. 415](#). But it is not probable that the jury were misled by it, as by the defendant's sixteenth prayer they were instructed that in estimating the prospective damages to the widow they were confined to the probable duration of the joint lives of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs.

[12] The defendant's first, second, third, fourth, and fifth prayers are disposed of by what was said on the former appeal, and its tenth, twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth prayers, in so far as they are free from objection, are covered by the defendant's granted prayers. Its eleventh prayer, however, should have been granted. The defendant was entitled to have the jury's attention called to the light at the intersection of Bush and Russell streets, and to an instruction that if the jury found that the light was sufficient, at the time of the accident, for the deceased, by the exercise of ordinary care, “to have seen the limits of the roadway of said streets, and to have avoided running off the same into the water,” the verdict of the jury should be for the defendant.

Because of the errors pointed out in the twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, and thirtieth exceptions, the judgment must be reversed.

Judgment reversed, with costs, and a new trial awarded.

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