

NEW HOUSES RESISTED SHOCK.

Engineer Who Directed Operations After 1905 Disaster Makes Report.

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ROME, Jan. 3.—The engineer who directed the reconstruction of Ferruzzano after the earthquake of 1905 sends some interesting notes on the devastation in Reggio. All the new houses of not more than thirty-two feet in height resisted the shock completely, but houses along the Via Maring and the Corso Garibaldi, on the sea front, fell down to the first floor.

Many old houses lost their walls on the side which faced the sea to the north. New dwellings erected at Ferruzzano by the Milan committee after 1905 suffered no damage, though they were severely shaken. The engineer attributes this more to the fact of their limited height than to their special construction.

The Cathedral at Messina is completely destroyed, and buried in the ruins is the celebrated treasure, the Madonna Della Lettera, the patron saint of the city, containing, among other relics, the famous letter itself. The pile is now guarded by soldiers.

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