LESSON XL-DEC. 15, 1907.

Commentary.-I. The Lord calls Sam uel (vs. 1-10.) 1. The child Samuel-"Samuel is supposed to have been about twelve years old at this time. His duty in the tabernacle was to perform those easy services which his strength would allow, such as opening the doors, lighting the lamps, etc. He did not reside in the sanctuary, but in one of the apartments around it, which were kept for the use of the priests and Levites. Evithe high priest, kept Samuel as his special attendant, not because such an ofthe use of the priests and Levites. Evithe high priest, kept Samuel as his special attendant, not because such an office was assigned him, but because of the deep interest he felt in him. He was Samuel's instructor." Was precious—The meaning is that direct revelations from God had become exceedingly rare. This was because of the sinfulness of the priesthood and the people. As sinfulness in the individual heart drives away the Pholy Spirit, so in the Hebrew nation it drove away the spirit of prophecy—Whed. Com. No open vision—Literally, no divine—communication was spread; that is, published abroad, made known. no divine communication was spread; that is, published abroad, made known.

—Terry. There was no publicly recognized prophet, whom the people could consult and from whom they might learn the will of Ged.—J., F. & B. 2. At that time-At the time when the word of God was rare and there was great spiritual darkness. In his place—In his usual place of rest. It was in the night.

3. Ere the lamp went out went out—This refers to the golden lamp in the sanctuary. It was lighted at sunset and burned until morning. It is probable that the main lamp of the candlestick was never allowed to go out, and that only the barney laws as the same state. that only the branch lamps went out (Exod. 27; 20, 21; Lev. 24; 2, 3.) This was some time in the night. Samuel was laid down-Near to Eli's room, within calling distance, if the aged man should

want anything in the night.
4. Lord called Samuel—God called him
by his name. Some think the call came from the most holy place. Here am I— "Being unacquainted with the visions of the Almighty, he took that to be only Eli's call, which was really the call of

5. Thou callest me—Samuel's industry and readiness to wait on Eli, are good examples to children to come when call. ed. He hears and runs at every can. .. Did not yet know the Lord—"He did not which God reunderstand the way in which God revealed himself to his prophets." Many still fail to recognize God's call. 8. The third time—The call was repeated again and again, for God saw that Samuel's feelings of the same of the sam failure to answer was not from diso bedience, but from lack of knowledge as to who called him. In fact, the quick answer to Eli's supposed call showed that he was ready to obey God as soon as he understood it. Obedience to parents and teachers precedes obedience to God. Eli perceived—Through the uncer-tainty of Samuel God was calling the atwas about to be given. "Eli could not but consider the preference, which the Lord showed to a child, before himself and family, as a severe and humiliating rebuke."—Scott.

9. speak, etc.—This was the usual way in which the prophets spoke, when they had intimations that the Lord was about to make some special revelation.— Clarke. 10. came, and stood—From verse 15 we learn that Samuel beheld a vision as well as heard a voice, and, therefore, it is the most natural to understand the words, "came, and stood" as meaning a words, came, and stood as a multi-visible appearance.—Terry. Samuel an-swered—He was composed this time, and did not rise, but gave attention, and asked God to speak.

II. The Lord's message to Samuel (vs.

11. said to Samuel-Through Samuel, similar to one which he had previously sent by a holy man (1 Sam. 2:27-36), but which did not have sufficient effect to enable Eli to compel his sons either to live a different life, or to leave the ser-vice of God.—Peloubet. the ears..... shall tingle-With horror and alarm. As a loud, sharp, discordant note thrills one's ears with pain, so the bitter tid-

ings of Israel's woe in the judgment about to fall on Eli's house would shock all Israel.—Terry. 12. in that day—In the day when my judgments shall be meted out. "The dreadful future here predicted open with the invasion of the Philistines, recorded in the next chapter, and the disastrous victory gained by them, involving the loss of the ark, and with it the loss of the gracious presence of God in his sanctuary for more than a generation, until the arl brought to Zion by King David (2 8:17)." I will perform, etc.—I will bring all the judgments against the house of Eli that I have spoken. The particulars of this curse we read in chapter 2:27-36. Divine threatenings, the less they are heeded, the more surely they will come, and the more heavily they will

13. I have told him—God gave Eli no-tice of what the end would be of such indifference. These warnings were given in love; he still had an opportunity to change his ways. will judge his house for ever—"I will continue to execute indoments until it is destroyed. God re gards it as iniquity to allow children to choose their own evil ways. Eli's sons were wicked. Their father knew the Lord, but he neither taught his chil-dren, nor restrained them by parental authority. restrained them reproved them in a weak way (1 Sam. 2: 23, 24), but he did not use his authority and remove them from office 14. shall not be purged—"The sons of Eli had sinned with a high hand' against light and warnings, and for such unrepentent, presumptuous offenders the law had no atonement. See Num. 15: 27-31."—Cam. Bib. What is spoken here relates to their temporal death only.— Clarke. Mercy for their soul's salva-tion was still extended to them and if they had repented they might have been saved. But every effort to restrain these wicked sons proved unavailing, and their doom finally came, sudden and ir-

about making known the message to Eli. How could one so young bear a message reproving an old man, and he message reproving an old man, and he priest? But Fli. insisted that tached to Reyn be hid from him, and Samuel tion was most

told him all. Then said Eli, with a sense of his own unworthiness, "It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him

IV. Samuel increased in influence and power (vs. 19-21). Samuel grew and the Lord was with him filling him with grace and wisdom. Gcd "let none of his grace and wisdom, Gcd "let none of his words fall to the ground," but fulfilled His predictions and caused His counsels to be received by the people, throughout the whole extent of Palestine, All Israel knew that Samuel was faithful and a prophet of the Lord. And the Lord continued to reveal Himself to Semuel in Shiph Samuel in Shiloh.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. A ministering child—David was ministering to the Lord in defending the sheep when sent on the errand that afforded the opportunity to fight the Philistines and deliver Israel (1 Sam. 17. things is the sure way to be ready for

things is the sure way to be ready for the great commission.

II. A called child. "The Lord called Samuel." The call came in the night, the still hour of darkness. Its sound was that of a human voice. He could not tell it from the voice of Eli. There was a tenderness and sorrow and love in it.

III. An obedient child. "Here am I." A prompt response to the summons, implying readiness to obey. To be ever where God knows where to find us, and where our friends know where to find us, ready to attend to any call, human or divine, ready to obey or explain, this is what God would have of His children. "He ran" (v. 5.)

IV. An undeveloped child. "Now Sam-

uel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord set revealed unto him" (v. 7.) He had never heard God's voice, never had had a vision and did not know the Lord by a special reve-lation. Many are familiar with the written word, and know Jesus as the incar nate Word, who do not recognize the Lord in his providences and are ignorant of the still small voice of the Holy

"in" the heart (Hab. 2; 1, margin).
V. An instructed child. "Speak, Lord"
(v. 9.) Eli taught the child to love the Lord. He not only kept him busy about the tabernacle work, but let him assist in the temple worship (2; 18.) When Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child he did not hesitate nor remonstrate. He did not say, "The child is too young." "He cannot understand." "There must be some mistake." He bade the little one say to the Lord when he should again call him, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

VI. A listening child. "Speak, for thy servant heareth" (v. 10.) God speaks to men. Oh, what an art it is to listen!

Notice the sayerfold injunction to the

Notice the sevenfold injunction to the churches. "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith" (Rev. 2; 7, 11, 17, 29; 3, 6, 13, 22.) God wants us "swift to hear, slow to speak" (Jas. 1; 19.) He wants us to think more of what he would say to us than of what we have to say to him. The angels "do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word" (Psa. 103; 20.) Telling Ged our wish and not waiting to know his way is the cause of many a failure, but "Whoso hearkeneth shall dwall or the word of dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil" (Prov. 1; 33.) In London may be seen the ancient Temple church, built by the Knights Templar seven hundred years ago. On every hand are fig-ures of stone of the warrior knights, whose fury in conflict shook the world, although it was in the name of Christ. High up on the wall of the tower is a onnection with the discovery of a case incline his thoughts toward God. The widow of one of the most criminal of these knights gave up her life to praying for the pardon of his sins. She retired to a cave hewed out of a chalk cliff, Newman and Williamson have been making a large, circular cell. Here she lived for many years, alone, in silence. Her time was spent in prayer, and in cutting on the chalk walls figures of saints, crosses, martyrs. But to-day we know that it is not thus necessary to thus shut ourselves up, in order to gain the favor of God.

A. C. M.

WERE HOLDING COCK-FIGHT.

Ten Chatham Youths Caught Red-Handed in a Barn.

A Chatham, Ont., despatch: Ten Chatham youths named Albert Vandusen, J. Arnold, Henry Labombard, James Rice, William Skinner, David Skinner, Jas. Etches, Frank Hall, Percy Moss and Edward Rickman were arrested last night after holding a cock-fight on the Brundage Farm in Chatham Townits highest and the men were caught red-handed with two game birds doing battle in a pit constructed for the purpose in an old barn.

The barn was lighted with gasoline iets, which were taken from town for that purpose. One of the men got away with two of the birds. Ten birds were found in the shack. The trial will come off to-morrow morning.

GRAFTING OPERATION.

Successfully Performed at Ottawa on Wreck Victim.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—A remarkable grafting operation was performed to-day by Dr. Kidd. Eugene Herbert Reynolds, who was injured in the Plantagenet wreck on Sept. 11, has lain in the hospital ever since, and there has been doubt that one of the legs, from which most of the flesh and skin had been hypred off could be avered Herwere, it resistible.

III. Samuel tells the message to Eli (vs. 15-18.) The boy Samuel remained on his couch until morning and then the couch until morning and th pieces of skin were removed and at-tached to Reynolds' limb. The opera-

Marvelous case of Leo Corrigan

which shows that skin diseases heretofore considered hopeless can be cured.

Siace childhood, Leo Cerrigan had
been tortured with the burning agony
and itching of Eczems. His parents
had spent a great deal of money in consulting physicians and buying medicines
—but all to no purpose.

As he grew older he sought other
doctors—some of them specialists. He
was eleven weeks in a Toronto hospital—
eight weeks in bed. At times the irritation and pain caused by the Eczems
were so severe, life was a burden. He
would get so bad he could not walk.
Several winters he could do no work. which shows that skin diseases her



He wrote, on February 20, 1906:

"In November, 1905, I had another attack, and was advised to use Mire Ointment. (I thought this would be like the other exemedies I had tried, and of no use to me). But, to my application, I felt great relief.

I have used it, now, two and a-half months, and unhesitatingly state that it is the best remedy! I ever used. It has worked wonders for me. Since using Mira Ointment I have been able to work every day—without irritation or pain—no stiffness of the limbs or soreness. I feel a new person.

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"From a state of great irritation and sometimes excruciating pains to freedom from all such, being capable of doing hard work every day, is a marvelous change. Mira Oistment has effected it.

"I strongly recommend any person afflicted with this terrible complaint—Rezema—to use Mira Oistment."

What this wonderfully effective Ointment has done in this extreme chronic case, it can do in other seemingly incurable conditions. If you suffer from any form of skin-disease, don't delay.

Certain relief and cure is waiting you in

Mira Ointment. Get a box to-day. 50c.

—6 for \$2.50. At drug-stores—or from

The Chemists' Co. of Canada, Ltd.,

Hamilton—Toronto.

A CONSPIRACY.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST PORT ARTHUR MEN.

Goods Have Been Going Astray at the C. N. R. Local Sheds and on Tracing Them Up It Was Found That C. P. R. Man Was Also in It.

Port Arthur, Dec. 9 .- A sensation has been caused here by the arrest of Reginald Newman, foreman in the Canadian Northern Railway local shops; Charles Carroll, shipper for Richard Reberts, produce dealer, Cumberland street, and William Williamson, a teamster for Roberts, in connection with an alleged conspiracy by which it would appear that the Canadian Northern Railway has for some time been systematically robbed through the abstraction of goods from the local sheds.

For some time past a considerable number of unaccountable shortages in the shipments of goods handled in the local sheds have occurred, and it was chamber too small for the occupant to either stand, sit or lie down. In this officials of one of these shortages that either stand, sit or he down. In this "penitential cell" any knight guilty of crime was shut and left to starve. An opening in the wall revealed the high altar, so that the only glimpse of the outer world given the grining label. the criminal should connection with the discovery of a case

> admitted to bail, but Carroll and Swin ton are still in custody. It is under-stood that when the stolen goods were discovered Williamson, Roberts' team ster, was asked to explain his part in the business an his statement implicated Carroll and Newman.

ONTARIO BANK.

Particulars of Claims Against Directors Filed in Court.

Toronto despatch: Particulars of the claim of the Ontario Bank against Messrs. G. R. R. Cockburn, Donald Mc-Kay, R. D. Perry. Richard Harcourt, A raid was made by county while the excitement was at Flett, directors of the bank at the time Ruliff Grass, Thomas Walmsley and John of liquidation, have been filed at Osgoode Hall. The statement alleges that the bank

had to suspend payment by the misfeas-ance and negligence of the defendants, who, at the time of the suspension, rep resented to the shareholders that they had a rest account of \$700,000 over and above the capital account, besides a sum of \$66.861.62 to the credit of the profit

and loss account.

The plaintiffs allege that defendants only took a perfunctory interest in the affairs of the bank, and did not take care to protect their interests or to pre vent the payment of dividends out of

WOLVES ARE NUMEROUS.

Cause Considerable Loss to Fort Alexander Settlers.

Fort Alexander, Man., Dec. 9.-Wolves are very numerous here, and a great nuisance this winter. The following is their bill of fare since October 1: Six sheep, fifteen spring lambs, 128 young chickens, twenty turkeys, six geese, two pigs and one calf. Six wolves were shot by local nimrods.

Young Thomas Dupont had a thrilling experience with a big wolf. He has a small 32-calibre rifle and in company

with his dog, came unexpectedly upon a huge wolf at close range. He poured four bullets into the animal and badly wounded the brute, which, frenzied with pain, made a rush on Thomas, with mouth wide open. The plucky lad stood his ground, and, thrusting the barrel in the beast's mouth, pulled the trigger and killed the wolf.

DETROIT TRAGEDY.

MRS. GRIFFITH SHOOTS DR. AT-TRIDGE AND HERSELF

The Man is at the Point of Death and the Woman Seriously Wounded-Said She Was Betrayed by the Doctor, Who is a Canadian.

Windsor despatch: Mrs. Jas. B. Griffith, wife of the manager of the Bookkeeper Publishing Company of Detroit, who last night shot and fatally wounded Dr. James A. Attridge, her physician, and then turned the revolver on herself with probably fatal results, in a statement te day lays bare a story of domes-tic infidelity and inconstancy from which

Dr. Attridge is a Canadian, whose home is near Ridgetown. Twelve years ago he came to Detroit and graduated from the Medical College, and attained a considerable practice among prominent families. According to the story told by Mrs. Griffith, Dr. Attridge was not only her physician, but her lover as well. Sev-eral months ago Griffith engaged Dr. Attridge to accompany his wife on a trip of several weeks' duration for her health. Upon their return to Detroit Griffith became suspicious that all was not right, and he immediately abandoned his wife and was shortly to have began divorce

When Mrs. Griffith besought Attridge to marry her in case the divorce was granted the latter, it is said, refused to have anything further to do with her. Then in a fit of jealous rage the shots were fired which will probably blot out

After the shooting, which took place in the private apartments of Mrs. Griffith early last evening, both victims were aken to different hospitals, and while the woman is said to have a chance for life, Attridge is wounded unto death. His ante-mortem statement was taken by detectives to-night.

close of the prosecution's case against Mrs. Nellie Frawley-Osborne, who is being tried here jointly with Arthur Clark, a boy of 17, for the murder of Frederick L. Kistenmaker.

Another crowd which tested the capac Another crowd winch tested the capacity of the court-room was present this morning when the trial was resumed. The most important testimony adduced yesterday was that given by Arthur Clark, co-defendant, when he told of purchasing a revolver and some cartridges for Mrs. Osborne the day before Kisten-maker met his death. The boy said he heard shots fired, when he was in the Osborne house, on the morning of the murder, but a freight train was passing at the rear of the house at the time, and witness said he thought the sounds were made by torpedoes on the railroad

Deputy Sheriff Joseph Legler was the most important witness this morning. He testified to a conversation he had the jail. Mrs. Osborne or Frawley told him, he testified, that young Clark shot Kistenmaker after the latter had called her vile names. Mrs. Frawley covered her head with the quilts on her bed, witnot hear the shots.

WORKMEN INJURED AT GALT.

An Explosion of Gas at the Malleable Iron Works.

A Galt., Ont., despatch: As the result. of an explosion of either sewer or natural gas at the Malleable Iron Works this afternoon, Thomas Stockford and an Armenian, name unknown, were seriously burned. A third workman, also a foreigner, escaped miraculously. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The two foreigners went into a cellar for sand, and one of them lit a match. There was a terrific report, followed by a burst of flame from the open door. One foreigner was blown through the door a distance of twenty feet. His shirt and trousers were on fire, and but for the prompt action of Superintendent Gallagher in tearing off the blazing shirt the man would have been probably fatally burned. As it was, he was badly scorched about the back, arms and legs. The doctor ordered his removal to the hospital. The second man staggered out shortly

Stockford, who was working in front of the cellar door, at a distance of about 20 feet, received the sheet of flame in the back. His head was badly scorched. Thorough enquiry is being made as to the cause of the accident.

LITTLE HEROINE DROWNED

Desperate Attempt of a Girl to Save Her Brother.

lives were lost to-day in the river at too, also fell into the water. She managed to scramble out, and again tried
to save her brother's life, only to fall in
again, and both sank. The tragedy was
seen from the opposite side of the river. who was but two years his senior, pluckseen from the opposite side of the river, steady to firm.
but no help could be given. The bodies Hamilton—The movement of whole but no help could be given. The bodies



The train Market to-day was quiet and steady. Wheat is unchanged, with sales of 300 bushels of Fall at \$1. Barley quiet, 100 bushels selling at 70c. Oats unchanged, 400 bushels selling at 650c. Buckwheat steady, 100 bushels selling at 64 to 65c.

Hay is easier, with sales of 25 loads at \$19 to \$21 a ton. Straw quiet at \$18.50 to \$17 a ton for two loads. A load of loose sold at \$11.

Straw, per ton 16 50

SeedeAlsike, No. 1, bush. 7 50

Do. No. 2 6 75

Dressed hogs 7 25

Eggs, new laid, dozen 0 40

Do., storage 0 25

Butter, datry 0 27

Do., creamery 0 30

Geose, dressed, lb. 0 09

Chickens, per lb. 0 10

Turkeys, per lb. 0 12

Apples, per bg 1 00

Potatoes, per bg 1 00

Cababge, per dozen 0 40

Beet, hindquarters 7 00

Do., forequarters 4 00

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BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS. London—London cables are firmer at o 12 3-4c per lb., dressed weight; refri tor beef is quoted at 10c per pound.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day:
Wheat—Dec., \$1.07 7-8 bid, May, \$1.09 7-8

Oats-Dec. 46 1-4c bid, May 53 1-2c bld. TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the city market were large for Wednesday and Thursday, over 120 loads, but not being able to get the G. T. Raiiway returns, we cannot give a definite account of the numbers in each class, but will give a full account in our next same.

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FRAWLEY TRIAL.

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Witness Swears Woman Said Clark

Did Shooting.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The belief is prevalent that to-day will see the close of the prosecution's case against

Milkers and Springers—Prices ranged from Milkers and Springers—Prices for Milkers and Springers—Prices for Milkers and Springers—Prices for Milkers and Milkers and

10 \$2.75; common stockers, unchanged, at \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Milkers and Springers—Prices ranged from \$25 to \$6.25 each.

Veal Calves—Receipts not very large and quality generally not first-class. Prices are steady at \$3 to \$6 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—The run of sheep and lambs was large and prices were lower. Export eews sold at \$3.75 to \$4; lambs, \$4.25 to \$5.25 per cwt.; calves, at \$3 to \$8 per cwt.

Cull sheep, \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Hogs—Deliveries light and prices unchanged. Mr. Harris quotes selects at \$5; lights, \$4.75; stores, \$4.50.

TORONTO CLOVERSEED MARKET. Wm. Rennie Co., Limited, report a quiet market [6] cloverseed, in the absence of ex-port enquiry. The following prices are be-ing paid at country points for cleaned sam-

LIVERPOOL APPLE MARKET.

Woodall & Co. cabled Eben James—38,400 barrelz selling; market active for good fruit; Baldwins and Spys, 16s to 18s; Greenings, 21s to 23s; Kings, 24s to 25s; others, dull at 5s under.

CANADIAN FAILURES.

R. G. Dun & Co., were almost identical with those of the same month last year as to number, 143 comparing with 142, but the amount of defaulted indebtedness more than doubled. \$2.090,925 comparing with \$867,897 in November, 1906. Two years ago there were 118 failures for \$728,418, and in 1904 the number of failures was 99 and the amount involved \$649,757. The increase was almost wholly in the manufacturing class, where 49 failures supplied debts of \$1,161,651 against, 39 last year, involving \$338,\$23, and in November, 1905, there were 30 manufacturing failures with liabilities of \$340,485. Trading failures with liabilities of \$340,485. Trading failures with liabilities of \$579,299, and 84 defaults in 1905 for \$370,433. In addition there were so other commercial failures with liabilities of \$388,-560 against. Journal of the state of \$388,-560 against. for \$370,433. In addition there were six other commercial failures with liabilities of \$389,-560, againts four similar defaults last year involving only \$4,775.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal-General retail and whole sale trade here continues to hold an ac tive tone. The main activity is in the way of preparation for the holiday trade which in some lines has already opened out. Sorting orders for fall and winter lines have been fairly good, although lines have been fairly good, although there has been but a moderate demand for winter goods owing to the non-arrival of really cold weather. Navigation at this port has practically closed and winter freight rates are now in force. Shipments of goods are consequently much lighter. The wholesale trade is count has been heavy.

Toronto-Tight money continues the dominant influence in trade here. Some comfort, however, may be taken from the fact that bankers now speak rather more confidently or the immediate outlook. It is to be expected that money will continue tight for some time, but, it appears, there are signs of slight improvement. Wholesale trade is moving brigkly and an axeellant trade in boil provement. Wholesale trade is moving briskly, and an excellent trade in holi-day goods is going forward. The weath-St. John, N. B., Dec. 9.—In the first er has favored an excellent clearing up of fall lines in retailers' hands. Re-orders for heavy lines are fair, but await cold weather to be really brisk. Deliveries of Jardineville, Kent county. Willie and textiles are still slow. Cotton prices Grace Orr, children of Richard Orr, went hold up well, despite lower prices elseskating. The boy, who was seven years old, broke through the ice, and his sister, heavy and mills are well oversold. There is an excellent tone to the trade in

though continued mild weather has affected the demands for winter lines. The demand for holiday goods is brisk. Collections are fair to good.

London—There is generally a good tone to business there, although manufacturers now find no difficulty in keeping up with orders. Country trade is fair and collections are generally satisfactors.

factory.

Winnipeg—Wholesale and retail trade is fairly brisk in all directions. In some lines business is brisk, but taken as a whole the volume is hardly up to that of last year. The outlook for the holday trade continues bright.

Vancouver and Victoria—Trade conditions that we have the second as

tions along the coast are not so good as they were a month or even a fortnight ago. The main factor in this is the over supply of labor, which has been brought about by different causes. Quebec—Wholesale houses report a

very satisfactory movement in sorting lines. No city industries appear to have felt the existing stringency and no lay-ing off of employees are reported. Otawa—Theer is quiet tone to demand

for winter wholesale lines, but there is eries and all holiday lines are moving briskly.

BIGAMIST GUILTY.

Sentenced to Twelve Months in Central Prison.

An Ottawa special despatch: J. S. Levergne, alias Lang, who was brought here from the Soo last week on a charge of bigamy, pleaded guilty in the Supreme Court to-day, and was sentenced to 12 months in Central Prison. At the end of that time he will be taken to Ogdensburg on a similar charge. He is also wanted in New York for theft of jewels may be preferred against him.

Lavergne has a remarkable bigamy re-cord. He lived in Ottawa. Twelve years ago, when employed as a stableman, he went to Ogdensburg, N. Y., married and lived there until two years ago, when he left for New York, where he posed as a French count. He associated with peo-ple of high social position, and finally married again. Lavergne last July came back to Ottawa, where he posed as J. T. Lang, a New York broker. Last Sepember he married Miss Margaret Foran here, but, his money running out, the girl's family became suspicious, and an investigation followed. Lavergne disappeared, being recently caught at the Caradian Soo after months of search.

CLOSED THE DOORS.

National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City Fails.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City. Mo., failed to open its doors to-day and is in the hands of a National Bank examiner. The bank is one of the oldest here and is one of the largest financial

The following notice was posted on the door of the bank: "This bank has been closed by order of

the board of directors. It is in the hands of James T. Bradley, National Bank ex-aminer, by order of the comptroller of the currency."

New York, Dec. 5.—The National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, according to a recent statement, owed depositors \$12,600,000 and owed other banks \$22,800,000.

LILLIAN HAMILTON CAUGHT.

Woman Wanted in St. Catharines Arrested in Buffalo:

A St. Catharines despatch: The woman Insolvencies in the Dominion of Canada for the month of November as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were almost identical with those of the same month last year as to those of the same month last year as to the same in this city a few the same in this city as few the name of the same in this city as few the name of the same in this city as few the name of the same in this city as few the name of the same in this city as few the name of the same in this city as few the name of the same in the same in this city as few the name of the same in the same in the same of the same in the same in the same of the sa weeks ago, was arrested in Buffalo to-day. She was brought to the Falls by Chief Mains, of the Ontario police, and was brought to this city at 4 o'clock by Chief Parnall. Upon her own request she was remanded to jail till Monday, when she will be given a hearing.

She is a native of St. Catharines. Her she is a native of St. Catharines. Her real name was Warner, but when a young girl she was adopted by the late James McKelvey, and resided with him on Lake street. She told Chief Parnall that she was married to a man named Hamilton but is now a widow and has

BARTENDER ShOT.

Five Shots Fired at the Man by a Saloon Patron.

Tonawanda. Dec. 9.-Tonawanda was the scene last night of a wildly exciting shooting affray. The shooting was the result of an argument over the price of three drinks and James Connell, a barreported active. Owing to the indications of further advances in many lines of textiles, the buying for retail active shots were fired at him, but only one took effect. That struck his head. one took agained. That struck his head, cutting a gush about two inches long in the scalp. One passed through the man's clothes, rubbing against the flesh with sufficient pressure to leave a mark. The third bullet lodged among some coins that Connell had in his product of the course was a restant. ocket, and its course was arrested the trousers leg of other bartender, and barely missed going into the flesh. Connell's wound is

KING OSCAR IS ILL.

Aged Swedish Monarch Again in Poor Health.

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—The health of King Oscar is again unsatisfactory, and on the advice of physicians His Majesty has handed over the rens of Government to Crown Prince Gustave, trouble has been coused by the delay in the arrival of dried fruits. Values are steady to firm.

Hamilton—The movement of whole sale and retail trade is now brisk, all heart and kidneys are . affected.