



LESSON IV.—OCT. 25, 1903.

The Joy of Forgiveness.—Psa. 32: 1-11.

Commentary.—I. Confession and forgiveness (vs. 1-5). 1, 2, Blessed.—In the Hebrew this word is plural and an exclamation, thus, "Oh, the blessednesses!" Only a forgiven man can know the delights of pardon. Transgression, etc.—Sin is described, as in Exod. 34: 7, in three different aspects, as transgression, sin, iniquity; the Hebrew words thus rendered mean respectively, (1) deflection from God or rebellion against Him; (2) error, wandering from the right way, missing the mark in life; (3) the perversion of right, depravity of conduct.—Cam. Bib. Forgiveness.—Lifted off so that the pardoned sinner is as free as the birds and enjoys pardon. Sin makes us loathsome, filthy, and abominable in the sight of God, and utterly unfit for communion with Him. When it is pardoned it is covered from justice by divine mercy.—Benson. Impunity.—Chargé not to his account; "does not render for sin the debt of punishment," but pardons them. No guilt.—No deceit, no false estimate of himself, nor insincerity before God.—J. & F. B. The motives and aims of the human nature, the subtle roots of sin, the desires, as well as the desperate wickedness of the heart that make it hide in its own depravity and leave it to irretrievable loss.—Simpson. Sin is the only cause of misery, and forgiveness is the beginning of a sinner's happiness.

2. When I kept silence.—Before I humbled myself and confessed my sin. It seems that David, before Nathan came to him, had often been exceedingly tortured in his conscience on account of the crimes he had committed (II. Sam. 11, 27; 12, 1, 9), yet reluctance to humble himself before God, or to be considered a criminal by men, led him to keep silence.—Scott. My bones waxed old.—"My spirits failed and the strength of my body decayed." Roaring.—Moaning or groaning because of the continual horrors of conscience and the sense of God's wrath. This shows the depth of his repentance.

3. Thy hand—God's correcting hand, whereby He scourgeth His children, bringing a remembrance of guilt. My moisture is turned.—There is a spiritual drought when the soul is languish instead of refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. David lived in a country where parching heats and saturating moisture alternate, and the valleys, sometimes green and fruitful and fragrant with flowers, at times solitary and parched. It is quite possible that sin in David's case, as in so many others, brought physical illness as a result. So lah—This is used in Hebrew poetry and music to indicate a pause; to emphasize the truth and express a devout response of the heart unto God. It is a promise that at that point the writer had been inspired and taught some new lesson. It sometimes indicates a change in the subject.

4. I acknowledged.—thou forgavest.—It was after much anguish and struggling that David was brought to confession, but his reward was abundant, for mercy was extended. He had covered his sin unsuccessfully, yet when he uncovered it God covered it effectually. Where before he had felt hardness of heart and distress of soul he now felt forgiveness of his sins and the tender mercies that extended. Although God forgave, many of the consequences of his sin still followed him. "Repentance could not ward off the bitter trouble to come from his polygamous household in the death by the sword of his two grown-up sons; it could not preserve Barshai's child alive; nor bring back Uriah from the dead; could not keep some from blaspheming God down to the latest ages (2 Sam. 12, 14)."

5. Confidence in God (vs. 6-11). 6. For this—Because the Lord had so graciously answered his prayer, every one that was godly should be encouraged to pray. In a time—Compare Isa. 55: 6; Deut. 4: 29. "Because Jehovah has proved Himself so ready to hear even the sinner, the pious are urged to cry to Him before sudden flood of temptation has made them lose His presence; so shall the great waters in which the psalmist sank be prevented from ever reaching them."—Moulton. Mayest he found.—Literally, "the time of finding;" It may just as readily refer to the finding of forgiveness as to the finding of Jehovah.—Hurlbut. Great waters.—Violent trials, afflictions and temptations shall not overcome the soul who prays acceptably and trusts implicitly; but the sinner who persists in iniquity shall certainly be swept away by the floods of divine judgment, and so forever perish.

7. Hiding place.—City of refuge, protection from being overcome. Compare Isa. 4: 6; Deut. 33: 27. "Surround me as with a wall; enclose me within. Songs of deliverance.—The free spirit poured forth songs of praise and thanksgiving on all occasions, thus admitting no place for evil words or thoughts. A constant remembrance of pardon is a constant remembrance against further sin. S. Instruct thee.—A gracious promise given to a humble, pardoned soul, securing his development in the ways of righteousness. God Himself being teacher, I will guide.—Exercise the most careful, accurate and personal care. Seeing every need, being so familiar with every disposition, that nothing shall escape due attention. The R. V. changes the word "guide" to "counsel." "The idea is that of one who is telling another what way he is to take in order that he may reach a certain place; and he says he will watch him or keep an eye upon him; he will not let him go wrong."—Barnes. This verse and the next are generally understood as being spoken to the psalmist by Jehovah.

8. As the horse, etc.—Do not be stubborn or headstrong like the horse or mule. A different class is here addressed, that cannot be trusted upon the ground of reason or moral obligation, but must be governed by force. Bit and bridle.—That is, by harsh and forcible means. Our reason and wisdom ought to do for us what the bit does for the mule. Else they will not come near (R. V.—Without bit and bridle the animals referred to will not stay within rack. "If men will not draw near to God and

obey him of his own free will, he lowers himself to the level of a brute (Isa. 1: 3), and must expect to be treated accordingly and disciplined by the judgments of God" (Isa. 26; 9-11.—Cam. Bib. Let us act like reasonable men and not like dumb animals.

9. Many sorrows, etc.—Sin and misery go together. Those who are imbalanced by God will curb and chasten by affliction, both to humble them and to show them his power. Mercy shall compass.—He shall be surrounded with mercy, as one is surrounded by the air or by the sunlight. He shall find mercy and favor everywhere—at home, abroad; by day, by night; in society, in solitude; in sickness, in health; in life, in death; in time, in eternity. He shall walk amid mercies; he shall die amid mercies; he shall live in a better world in the midst of eternal mercies.—Barnes. 11. Be glad, rejoice.—shout.—How wonderful that such exultation may follow such iniquity and remorse!

I. Confession. "I acknowledge my sin" (vs. 5). David's confession was as public as his transgression. This psalm was written for use in the congregations of Israel. David sinned before the nation, and his confession was given to the nation and to the world. If your sin is known only to God confess it to him. If you have wronged others let them know your penitence and obtain their pardon. "A little way out of Dayton, Ohio, a young man met an old gentleman one day and asked, 'How far is it to Dayton?' 'Twenty-five thousand miles,' was the answer, 'if you keep on as you are going now, and a quarter of a mile if you turn square around.'"

II. Divine protection. "Thou art my hiding place" (v. 7). When we will not hide in sin we may hide in God. As the pursued man-slayer found safety in the city of refuge, and the forgiven child flies to the father's arms, so the forgiven sinner is held close to the Father's heart and can say, "Surely" (v. 6), "Thou forgavest my sin.—Thou art my hiding place. . . Thou shalt preserve me. . . Thou shalt compass me" (vs. 5-7); from trouble" (v. 7). The "godly" man (v. 6) is never in trouble as other men are. For him there is either deliverance from trouble (Luke 4: 30), or deliverance in trouble (Acts 16: 26; Dan. 6: 22). He is either saved from trouble (Acts 12: 9), or victorious in trouble (Josh. 10: 12-14).

III. Divine guidance. "I will guide thee with mine eye" (v. 8). Israel in the wilderness was always under the guidance of the cloud. "At the commandment of the Lord they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed" (Num. 9: 19-23). When the tabernacle was building, the minute directions were given even about "hooks" and "pins" (Exod. 27: 10-19). When Jericho was to be taken God told them how (Josh. 6: 2-5). David was victorious when he "enquired of the Lord" (2 Sam. 21: 1; 5: 17). When Jesus sent out his disciples he gave them minute directions (Matt. 10: 1-38). He promised when he went away, "The Spirit . . . will guide you into all truth" (John 16: 13). "We have a record of the fulfillment of the promise to the disciples at Pentecost (Acts 2: 4); to Philip (Acts 8: 29); to Peter (Acts 10: 19); to Agabus (Acts 11: 28; 21: 11); Paul and Silas (Acts 16: 7, last five words); and the disciples of Tyre (Acts 21: 4). With God's word in our hands and God's Spirit in our hearts and the light of the knowledge of his glory shining upon us in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 4: 6), we ought not to need to be "held in with bit and bridle" (v. 9), the restraining or chastening hand of Providence.

A young lady, whenever she rose to give a testimony, felt pressed to sing. She thought it was the Holy Spirit, but was not sure. She went to her pastor. He said, "If you get such whims into your head you will run into a snag." She decided, "I will not sing." For years she wandered in darkness. Her spirit of song was gone. One Sunday evening, after the service, a stranger arose and sang: "I have a never-failing bank," etc. The young girl trembled. They were the words given to her years ago when she said: "I will not sing!" No one else sang! On her way home the stranger overtook her and began telling his experience. How he was a colporter in New York City, and passing one day a home where there was a funeral was hidden by the Spirit to enter. He sat in and sat down on the stairs. After the sermon the minister turned to him and said, "Have you not a word for these sorrowing friends?" He arose bewildered, but the Spirit said, "Sing." He sang, "This So Sweet to Have a Home in Heaven." When the last verse was sung he went on his way. Seven years afterward, at a camp meeting love feast, he heard a young man give the following testimony: "Seven years ago I was called to part with a bosom friend. He was taken suddenly with diphtheria. I had a telegram to go to New York to attend his funeral. In that hour of mourning there came a stranger. No one knew who he was or why he was there. The preacher said to him: 'Have you a word for these mourning friends?' He arose and sang, 'This So Sweet to Have a Home in Heaven.' I've hunted everywhere to find the song. The singer I shall never see. But I did want the song, and I wanted to tell him that little song saved me, and to-day I stand on the walls of Zion preaching full salvation." Here he broke down and sobbed aloud. Then the colporter arose directly behind him and sang, "This So Sweet to Have a Home in Heaven." He had not sung one verse when this young man had his arms around his neck, shouting: "Oh, hallelujah! Praise the Lord! I've found him!" Waving his hand to the ministers, he said: "Help me to praise the Lord!" And then a mighty shout went up all over the congregation, and not a dry eye could be seen. At the colporter stopped telling this young girl his experience, he added, "See that no man take thy crown. Sing when God says so." When God guides us it is, 1. "The right way" (Psa. 107: 7). His Spirit and His word agree (Isa. 8: 20). 2. The safe way (Prov. 18: 10). Guided by Him we shall not stumble (Deut. 32: 10, 12). A. C. M.

Sketching Our Lives. Life is really lengthening. The average age increases with each generation and there are century clubs whose members believe they will round out the hundred years. But life isn't altogether or even mostly its span of time. "How old is I?" said the picaninny philosopher. "Dey says Ise 'leben, but ef dey counts it by de fun Ise had, why, golly, I maa' be nigh er thousand."

BEAT FARMER.

Tramps Beat and Rob Him and Terrify Woman.

An Albion despatch: A brutal assault and robbery by tramps occurred at the farm house of Edward Unger, three miles southeast of Fancher station. Mrs. Unger and a small child were alone at the house. Just after dark she heard someone tampering with the sitting-room blinds, and became frightened and extinguished the lamp. A short time afterward the hired man returned home from Holley and went to the barn. He heard a rustling in the hay in the mangers back of him and two men jumped out and grabbed him from behind, pulled him over backward and after striking him several times over the head with a club, they rifled his pockets, then threw him into the manger.

Mrs. Unger went to the barn for some milk and discovered the man covered with blood and unconscious. Neighbors and a doctor were hastily summoned and about the time the doctor arrived the man regained consciousness and informed them of how the assault had occurred, but would give no description of his assailants, owing to the darkness and sudden attack. Deputy Sheriff Kane of Holley, was notified and together with other officers is working on the case.

CORONATION OATH.

Mr. Asquith Says There Will Be No Change in the Oath.

London, Oct. 19.—In consequence of the action of Premier Asquith in preventing the carrying of the Host in the procession that brought the late Eucharistic Congress to a conclusion, Lord Talbot, son of the Duke of Norfolk, Conservative member for Sussex, asked Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons this afternoon whether the Government would introduce legislation repealing such statutory enactments affecting Catholics as placed them in an inferior and disadvantageous position as compared with the members of other religious bodies. The Prime Minister replied that the Government had no present intention of introducing such legislation. It would, however, fully consider any proposals for relieving Roman Catholics from legal disabilities which gave rise to practical grievances.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Trustees Favor Separation From the Presbyterian Church.

Kingston, Ont., despatch: Queen's trustees held a midnight session last night, having under consideration the much discussed question of Queen's separation from the Presbyterian Church. The trustees had under consideration the memorial from the Senate advocating that application be renewed to the General Assembly to make the changes desired in the constitution. After a prolonged and fervent discussion, by a vote of 16 to 3, this resolution prevailed: "The trustees express their opinion that the altered conditions with which the university has had to deal in these later times call for the removal of the denominational disabilities in the charter." Principal Gordon and D. B. McLeod, Cornell, moved the resolution, the three voting contra being Dr. Campbell, Montreal; Dr. MacKie, and G. M. MacDonnell, Kingston. Moderator Campbell made an impassioned address opposing the resolution.

IN NORTH SEA.

Balloon Dropped There and Two Occupants Rescued.

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The German balloon Basley came down yesterday morning at five o'clock in the North Sea. The two men on board were rescued by a passing steamer. This news was received in a telegram from Edinburgh and caused the greatest relief for there was great anxiety regarding the fate of this airship. The Basley is one of the 23 balloons that started in the race for the International trophy last Sunday from a suburb of Berlin, and now every one of the contestants have been accounted for. The two men rescued from the Basley were Dr. Niemeyer and Hans Hiedemann. They landed at Edinburgh this morning and immediately started for home by way of London. The point where they were picked up is ten miles from Heligoland.

PITCHED BATTLE.

Seven Men Arrested After Exchange of Several Shots.

Erie, Pa., Oct. 19.—Seven prisoners, one of whom is alleged to have attempted to murder Abraham Deitsch, an aged junk dealer, were arrested by a posse under command of Deputy Sheriff Mooney this afternoon after a desperate battle five miles east of this city. About 1.30 this afternoon three members of a gang of more than a dozen attacked Deitsch and struck him in the back of the head with a stone fracturing his skull. Robbery was the motive, but the young outlaws were frightened away before they accomplished their purpose. The sheriff's office was immediately notified and Deputy Mooney organized a posse that gave the desperadoes battle at the Lake Shore tracks and the Nagle Road. The deputy opened the melees by firing into the gang with

TORONTO STUDENTS.

Firemen to Throw Cold Water on Their Noisy Parades.

A Toronto despatch: In consequence of the disturbances created down town by the students yesterday in their parade before the annual Varsity games, the Board of Control this morning gave stringent instructions to the police which it is hoped will have the effect of preventing such rowdiness in the future. The Chief was asked to interview the university authorities with a view to seeing if such parades could not be stopped altogether. Failing that, he is to demand a notice of such parades so that a strong force of police may be held to accompany the parades and arrest on the spot all who misbehave themselves. It was also decided that on Halloween night the fire brigade shall assist the police in any disturbances the students see fit to create. The firemen will be stationed at convenient points with lines of hose.

MAY BE BISHOP.

Dean Farthing Mentioned For Bishopric of Montreal.

Montreal, Oct. 19.—That Very Rev. Dean Farthing, of Kingston, will be the next bishop of the diocese of Montreal, in succession to the late Bishop Carmichael, is the opinion not only held, but even freely expressed in Anglican circles. Though such a choice would mean going outside the diocese for a chief pastor, there are many precedents for such a proceeding, even in the history of the Anglican Church in Canada. Half a dozen names have been most prominently mentioned for the position, but inability to fix the bid of support for any one candidate has resulted in a shifting of support, sufficient, it is claimed, to ensure the election of Dean Farthing to the office.

TRAMPS MISSING.

Firemen Burned and Seven Horses Cremated.

Niagara Falls despatch: Fire to-night destroyed the hotel of A. F. Wapdt, at Sanborn, and the big barn adjoining, burning seven horses to death, and entailing a loss estimated at \$25,000. The fire originated in the hay mow, and is believed to have been caused by tramps. So rapidly did the flames spread that the entire town was threatened, and a call for aid was sent to Niagara Falls. Several chemical extinguishers and nine firemen were hurried to the scene on a flat car. John Dewald, a hostler in the barn adjoining the hotel, said he locked the building at 7 o'clock. He saw two tramps loitering around, but is not sure that they entered. Other men claim to have seen the hoboes going in. Mr. Wendt, proprietor of the hotel, was not on the premises when the fire broke out. Being notified, he hastened to the scene, and helped remove some of the hotel furniture. Other houses nearby were quickly emptied of valuable furnishings, which were piled in the fields.

ESSAY ON NAVY.

Shall Canada Have a Navy of Her Own? the Subject.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 19.—The Toronto branch of the Navy League has decided to offer a prize of \$400 and invite competition for the best essay on the subject "Shall Canada have a navy of her own?" The problem to be solved is how Canada may best participate in the naval defence of the empire without any loss of her present autonomy. It is proposed to print and distribute the prize essay in large quantities throughout the Dominion, in order to educate public opinion on this important question. The rules governing the competition will be forwarded on application to H. J. Wickham, Honorary Secretary prize essay competition, offices of the Navy League in Canada, Mail and Empire Building, Toronto, Ont.

MANY BUNKERS AHEAD.

Difficulties in the Way of South African Federation.

Durban, Natal, Oct. 19.—At a dinner to the delegates to the Union Convention to-night Lord Selborne said, using a golf simile, that they must expect to encounter numerous difficult bunkers, but he had no doubt the ball would be skilfully extricated. General Botha, speaking in Dutch, created amusement and enthusiasm by his reference to Sir Percy Scott, who was present. He said Sir Percy had sent naval guns to the front "when we were trying to get Ladysmith, and they were too much for us. Sir Percy dispatched our young boys, who were looking forward to sea bathing and banana eating on the coast." It is expected the conference will last three months, the people of Natal wishing to give it every chance. Probably the chief point will be whether representation in the proposed union shall be on a basis of votes or population. The latter would discriminate against the pioneering population of Rhodesia and the Transvaal.

MARKET REPORTS.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the city market for Wednesday and Thursday, as reported by the railways, were the largest of the season, if not in the history of the market, being 199 car loads, composed of 3,346 cattle, 3,026 hogs, 3,975 sheep and lambs and 108 calves. The quality of fat cattle was no better, but worse. There were 2,346 cattle on sale, still dealers could not get enough good to choose to supply their customers. Prices for the few good cattle were firmer by 10 to 15c per cwt., but common to medium cwt. sold at 10 to 15c per cwt. lower.

Exporters—A few odd lots of heavy butchers' cattle were bought for export at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$5, and, in one instance, \$5.25 per cwt. was paid for five or six choice cattle. Bulls were sold from \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. Butchers—Prices for picked cattle are firm at \$4.75 to \$5, and one lot of five or six choice heifers was reported sold at \$4.20 to \$4.60; medium, \$3.50 to \$3.90; common, \$3 to \$3.30; cows, \$2.50 to \$4; calves, \$1 to \$2 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers—Good quality steers, 950 to 1,050 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.60; feeders, 800 to 900 lbs., \$3 to \$3.25; good stockers, \$2.50 to \$2.80; common stockers, \$2. Milkers and Springers—Prices ranged from \$28 to \$65 each, and the average price for good to choice cows would be about \$50 each. Veal Calves—Good veal calves are scarce. Prices were firm at \$7 to \$7 per cwt., but there were few at the latter figure.

Sheep and Lambs—So great was the run of sheep and lambs that every pen was filled and many cattle yards as well. Export ewes sold at \$3.25 to \$3.50; ram, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hams, \$1 to \$1.50 per cwt. Hogs—Drovers report \$6.15 and as high as \$6.20 being paid in the country at several points, but \$6.15 seemed to be the general price f.o.b. cars at country points.

Farmers' Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were small. Barley is unchanged, with sales of 400 bushels at \$7 to \$8; and oats firm, 200 bushels selling at 45c a bushel. Hay in moderate supply, there being sales of 30 loads at \$13 to \$15 a ton. Straw wanted at \$14 a ton. Dressed hogs are unchanged at \$8.50 to \$8.75 for heavy, and at 9 for light. Wheat, fall, bushels, \$ 0 90 \$ 0 11 Do., goose, bush . . . 0 88 0 00 Oats, bushel 0 45 0 00 Barley, bushel 0 57 0 59 Peas, bushel 0 85 0 00 Rye, bush 0 75 0 00 Hay, per ton 13 00 15 00 Straw, per ton 14 00 0 00 Dressed Hogs 8 50 9 00 Butter 26 0 28 Do., creamery 0 28 0 31 Eggs, dozen 0 27 0 30 Chickens, dressed, lb. 0 11 0 12 Ducks, spring, lb. 0 11 0 13 Fowl, per lb. 0 09 0 10 Turkeys, young, lb 0 17 0 20 Cabbage, per dozen 0 25 0 35 Onions, bag 0 90 1 00 Potatoes, per bag 0 65 0 85 Apples, per bbl. 1 25 2 25 Beef, hindquarters 8 00 9 00 Do., forequarters 4 50 6 00 Do., medium, carcass 5 00 6 50 Do., choice, carcass 7 50 8 00 Mutton, per cwt 6 00 8 00 Veal, prime, per cwt. 7 50 10 00 Lamb, per cwt. 8 50 9 50

Seeds.

The market is still quiet, with prices generally easy. Dealers pay the following prices at country points: Alisike, extra fancy, \$7.25 to \$7.40 per bushel; No. 1, \$6.75 to \$7; No. 2, \$6.25 to \$6.50; No. 3, \$5.75 to \$6.50. Clover, red, is lower at \$4.50 to \$5 per bushel. Timothy, \$1.25 to \$1.65 per bushel.

OTHER MARKETS.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures: Wheat—October 97.5-8c bid, December 97.8c bid, May 96.3-4c bid. Oats—October 37.3-4c bid, December 36c asked. New York Sugar Market. Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining 3.48c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.98c; molasses sugar, 3.23c; refined, quiet.

British Cattle Markets.

London—London cables for cattle are steady, at 11.1-2c to 12.3-4c per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9.1-2c to 12c per pound.

The Cheese Markets.

Belleville, Ont.—To-day there were offered 2,040 white and 130 colored; all white sold at 11.3-4c; colored at 11.7-8c. Brockville, Ont.—To-day 1,890 boxes were registered, 840 white, balance colored; 11.3-4c for white and 12c for colored offered; 350 colored sold on board at 12c. Kingston, Ont.—Cheese prices to-day were 11.1-4c to 11.7-8c, and 454 boxes of white and 271 boxes of colored were sold. Vankleek Hill, Ont.—There were 1,678 boxes cheese sold here to-day; price for white, 11.3-4c; colored, 11.7-8c; at above figures all sold on board. Winchester, Ont.—To-day 132 colored and 342 white were registered; 11.7-8c for colored and 11.3-4c for white offered on board; none sold.

Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal—About 1,340 butchers' cattle, 20 milk cows and springers, 300 calves, 950 sheep and lambs, and 1,200 fat hogs were offered for sale at the city market to-day. There were few prime beefs on the market; some of the best sold up to 5c per pound; pretty good animals sold at 3.1-4 to 4.1-4c; the common stock at 2 to 3c per pound; a lot of 23 thin old cows, averaging 646 pounds each, were sold at a round 11.4c per pound. Milk cows sold at \$30 to \$55 each. The calves were nearly all grassers, and sold at 2.1-4 to 3.1-4c per pound; good veals sell at 4 to 5c per pound; sheep sold at about 3.1-2c per pound; lambs at 4.1-2c to a little

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal—The trade situation here has seen little change during the past week. Wholesale trade in all lines is steady with here and there some improvement in volume. Orders for dry goods lines continue fairly good. The trade in ready-to-wear clothing is also showing improvement, and there should next season be a good business in these lines. This branch of trade has been much affected by the trade depression and there has been a steady clearing out of stocks all along the line. There is a good reasonable demand for all lines of groceries. Sugars are active and steady. Tea is quiet. The hardware trade is without special feature.

Toronto—All lines of trade continue to show steadily if slowly increasing activity here. Orders from all directions are good compared with those that have been coming forward for many months, but there is still some distance to go before the great activity of pre-depression days is equalled. Easy money and record crops are having their natural effects, but so much lost ground has to be caught up that it will take well to the end of the year to do it.

Winnipeg—The general business sentiment here is decidedly cheerful.

Vancouver and Victoria—The demand for wholesale lines here continues to improve, although the total volume of business is not yet heavy. Quebec—Wholesale trade is much about the same as the preceding week; Hamilton—Retail business here is moderate, and the movement of wholesale lines is fair. Orders to manufacturers are showing improvement, and the outlook continues to favor a good fall trade. Country produce is coming forward well, and prices are steady to firm. Collections are only fairly satisfactory.

London—The volume of wholesale trade continues to show improvement, and collections are coming forward rather more easily.

Ottawa—There is now a fairly good tone to all lines of wholesale trade here.

JAPS' WELCOME.

To U. S. Fleet Promises to be the Biggest Ever.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—All Japan is astir in anticipation of the arrival of the American Atlantic fleet. Yokohama and Tokio in particular are given over to enthusiastic preparation. The decorations in these cities are so extensive and general as to be remarkable not only in Japan, but in any country in the world. All the Japanese newspapers of prominence are printing editorials assuring the American officers and sailors a hearty welcome by the nation. Every available vessel in the harbor of Yokohama has been chartered to convey excursionists to meet the warships on their approach. A considerable fleet will venture far out at sea in order to extend the first welcome.

SOCIALIST JAILED.

Advised Unemployed to Rush Bakeries Rather Than Starve.

London, Oct. 15.—The recent demonstrations by the unemployed in Great Britain brought about one result to-day rather out of the ordinary; this was the issuing of a writ against William James Thorne, Social Democratic member of Parliament from the southern division of West Ham, for inciting to a breach of the peace by making a speech in which he advised the unemployed to "rush" the baker shops rather than starve. A body of the unemployed is marching to-day from Nottingham to London. Serious riots were avoided in Sheffield yesterday only when the Mayor announced that the sum of \$500,000 would be devoted to relief work.

DR. DANIEL C. GILMAN DEAD.

President of Johns Hopkins University for Quarter of Century.

A Norwich, Conn., despatch: Professor Daniel Coit Gilman, of Baltimore, formerly President of Johns Hopkins University, and one of the best known educators in the country, died suddenly of heart disease yesterday afternoon at the home of his brother, William C. Gilman, in this city. Only a few minutes before his death Dr. Gilman had appeared to be in his usual health. He had, however, been a sufferer from heart disease for more than a year. Dr. Gilman was President of Johns Hopkins from 1875 to 1901, and during this period so developed and organized his university that he changed the whole course of higher education in the United States. In 1896 he served on the Venezuelan Commission, which settled the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela.

Magazine Writer Murdered.

Winnipeg, Oct. 14.—A report has been received here from the upper end of Lake Winnipeg to the effect that J. O. Curwood, of Detroit, a magazine writer and representative of the Merrill Publishing Company, has been murdered by Indians in the Lac la Rouge country. Curwood's headquarters were formerly at Port Arthur.

TO RELEASE REVOLUTIONARY.

Russian Authorities Consent to Accept \$25,000.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The Procurator-General has promised the daughter of Tschakovsky, the revolutionary leader, who was arrested from the United States, to release her father on Friday if bail to the amount of 50,000 roubles (\$25,000) be deposited to-morrow. The daughter, Mrs. Bressy, has been working devotedly for her father's release since her mother's health was broken by anxiety on behalf of her husband.