Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. XII
DEC. 23, 1906.

Jesus Ascends Into Heaven.—Luke 24: 36-53.

Commentary.—I. The risen Christ (vs. 36-43.) 36. As they thus spake—The disciples (Thomas being absent) were assembled in an upper room in Jerusalem discussing the events of the day. The two who had walked with Jesus to Emmaus were giving an account of their interview with the risen Saviour when suddenly Jesus himself appeared. In the midst—He evidently entered miraculously. In John xx. 19, 26 the fact that the doors were shut is referred to in a way to leave but little doubt that he intends to convey the impression that Christ entered by his own power while they were shut. "This fact gives us a glimpse of the power of the spiritual body, showing that it is not confined by material substances."—Scott. Peace be unto you—The usual salutation of the Jews. Peace among the Hebrews had a very extensive meaning and comprehended all blessings, both spiritual and temporal.

37. Terrified and affrighted—Though conversing upon the topic of his resurrection, and the several proofs gained during the day, the sudden appearance was unexpected since the angel's message to the women had directed them to Galilee to meet the risen Lord. No one knew how he entered, and they were inclined to doubt their own sight and conclude that this was but a vision of their Master.

38. Why ..troubled—Jesus now calms their fears and proves to them that he is their risen Lord. Thoughts arise—Mary says (chapter xvi. 14) that he "upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart." "They were trying to do what some rationalistic writers have tried to do in modern times—discover some explanation of the facts without accepting the obvious one of a real and material resurrection of his body."—Hurlbut. 39. Hands .... feet—The wounds were probably all perfectly healed, but the scars remained. Here was an appeal to their sense of sight. This leaves no doubt that Jesus was nailed to the cross and not tied on, as many were. A spirit hath not, etc.—We have here the clearest possible assertion of the independent existence of spirit.—Whedon. Three senses—sight, touch and hearing—were appealed to in proof of the physical presence of Christ. 40. He showed them—He showed them the scars.

41. Believed not for joy—They were terrified at first; but when they knew him they were glad; and yet it seemed too good to be true. Wondered—There was still some anxiety lest this was an illusion. The difficulty with which the disciples accepted the fact of the resurrection should strengthen our faith in it. Instead of there being collusion among them to show that Jesus was alive, they themselves were actually convinced against their will. Meat—Food. 42. Broiled fish, etc.—Probably what was left from their evening meal.

43. Did eat before them—Afterward the apostles called attention to what now occurred as a proof of their Lord's resurrection (Acts x. 41). There is a great mystery in connection with Christ's resurrection body. There are several opinions concerning it. 1. That after his resurrection he had a spiritual body, similar to what our bodies will be after our resurrection. 2. That he had a body the same in substance as before the crucifixion, but endowed with new properties and powers." 3. That he had a body "the same in substance and attributes as he had before his crucifixion, and that this was changed into his glorious resurrection body at the ascension." Those must decide this who are able. There are strong advocates of each of these views, but in our opinion the view stated first is the correct one. "He ate 'before them,' not because he had need of food for the body, but because they had need of faith for the soul."—Hom-Com.

II. The scriptures opened (vs. 44-49). These verses record not the sayings uttered on this first Easter evening; but contain rather a general outline of the teachings of the forty days between the resurrection and the ascension. In them we have a summary of what the church is to believe and proclaim to the end; on these truths the whole gospel hangs.—Hurlbut. 44. These are the words—Now you will understand what seemed so dark to you when I told you about the Son of man being put to death and rising again (chapter xviii. 31-34.)—J., F. & B. The law ..... the prophets ..... the psalms—The three Jewish divisions of the Old Testament scriptures, here mentioned as containing, each of them, things concerning Carist. In these various ways of writing, God did of old reveal his will; but all were written to give notice of the coming and kingdom of the Messiah.

45. Then opened He—Their understanding had been closed by prejudice and ignorance, and there were many things they could not understand until after the death and resurrection. Understood the scriptures—They had a measure of light before, so that they discerned the Scriptures to be the true word of God, and to speak of the Messiah, but they had not light sufficient to enable them to apply these Scriptures to their Lord and Master. Now, by the influence of Christ, they see, not only the prophecies which pointed out the Messiah, but also the Messiah who was pointed out by these prophecies.—Clarke. 46. Thus it is written, etc.—Here are the two great essential facts of the Gospel: 1. The atonement of Christ. 2. His resurrection from the dead.

47. Repentance—"This implies that a measure of divine wisdom is communicated to the sinner, and that he thereby becomes wise of salvation. That his mind, purposes, opinions and inclinations are changed, and that in consequence, there is a complete change in his conduct." Remission of sins—"the forgiveness of sins; the removal of the punishment, and the deliverance of the soul from the power of sin." In His name—As obtained for sinful men by His atoning sufferings, as the fruit of His intercession, and the effect of His grace.—Scott. Among all nations—God wills the salvation of all; Jesus tasted death for every man. Beginning at Jerusalem—Because it was thus written (Isa. ii. 3); because there the facts on which the Gospel was founded were transacted; and because Christ desired to give further proof of His love and example of forgiving His enemies. 48. Ye are witnesses — They had been with Jesus throughout His ministry, they had heard His teaching, they had seen His miracles, they knew His character, they had seen Him after He rose from the dead, and now their work was to bear witness of these things.—Peloubet.

49. I send the promise—The Holy Ghost which was promised to the church through Christ. He here assures them that in a little time the Spirit should be poured out on them in greater measure than ever and they should thereby be furnished with all those gifts and graces necessary to discharge this great trust. In His last conversation with the Eleven, Christ had promised them the gift of another comforter (John xiv. 16-20; xv. 26, 27; xvi. 13, 14.) See also the promise of the Father made in the Old Testament (Isa. xciv. 3; Ezek. xxxvi.. 27; Joel ii. 28-32). Tarry — The coming of the Spirit was to be at the next great feast after the crucifixion. This was the centre of Jewish influence and at that time they would reach strangers from all parts of the world. They were not to depart, because they were not prepared to go until they were baptised with the Spirit. They tarried in prayer, conferring together and performing necessary duties (Acts i. 13, 14). Endued—Invested; clothed with. With power—They were promised the power of the Holy Ghost in order to properly carry on God's work. This included, 1. Power to lead men to Christ. 2. Power to overcome all enemies and obstacles. 3. Power to work miracles.

III. The ascension (vs. 50-53). Led them out—This was forty days after the resurrection. As far as to Bethany—Not the village itself, but on the descent to it from Mount Olivet. Lifted up His hands—Probably to lay them on their heads, for that was the ordinary way in which a blessing was given (Gen. xcviii. 8-20). 51. into heaven—The disciples did not see Him rise out of the grave, because His resurrection could be easily proved by their seeing Him afterward; but they saw Him return to Heaven, as there would be no other way to prove it. While they were looking "toward heaven as he went up," two men —angels in the form of men—stood by them and said He would come again (Acts. i. 9-11). 52. They worshipped Him—In gratitude for His blessing upon them. The cloud that received him out of their sight did not put them or their services out of sight. With great joy—Every sorrow had been turned into joy. "They were full of love and joy in the Holy Spirit."—Peloubet. 53. Continually in the temple—They went to the temple at the proper times, praying and waiting for the Spirit of power, truth and holiness.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

I. His person. "Jesus Himself stood in the midst" (v. 36). The Lord had said before He went away: "Ye shall also bear witness because ye have been with me" (John xvi. 27). A single personal contact with Jesus will enable you to witness as did the blind man. "One thing I know" (John ix. 25). An intimate acquaintance like that of John the beloved (John xiii. 23-26), will reveal to you the secrets of the Lord and you can say confidently and constantly, "We know" (I. John v. 15, 18, 19, 20).

II. His peace. Jesus' first word to the women, who had been true to Him, was "Joy to you" (Matt. xxviii. 9, Rotherham's translation). His first word to the men who had forsaken Him was, "Peace unto you" (v. 37). Peace is God's gift. We cannot purchase it by copying Christ's life, nor by copying His death. Neither morality nor mortification can reconcile us to God. Christ made peace through the cross (Eph. ii. 2, 14); we take peace by faith (Rom. v. 1), and prayer (Phil. iv. 6,7).

III. His precepts. Behold my hands and my feet" (v. 39). See, beloved, once again His pierced hands (Psalm xxii. 16). His serving hands (John xiii. 5). His compassionate hands (Mark viii. 23). His loving hands (Matt. xix. 14, 15). His pitiful hands (Isa. lxv. 2). His mighty hands (Mark vi. 2). His supplying hands (Matt. xiv. 19). His safe hands (Isa. ii. 19; John xi. 28-33). His beseeching hands (Rom. x. 21). "Handle me and see" (v. 39). Here is a precept for the perplexed or troubled. Seeing the wounds of Jesus, as trophies of His sacrifice, sympathy and priesthood, doubts and fears will vanish. It is said that Satan once appeared to an aged saint and said, "I am Christ." The quick question that put him to flight was, "Then where are the nail-prints?"

IV. His prophecies. "All things must be fulfilled which were written" (v. 44). The prophecies are the key to the life of Christ, the death of Christ and the coming of Christ. "It behooves Christ to suffer" (v. 46). In His life He suffered from the sinful and with the sorrowful, in His death He suffered for the sinful and sorrowful. He must suffer (Mark ix. 12).

V. His preaching. "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations" (v. 47). In warning men to Christ, God has chosen to use most the human voice.

VI. His power. "Tarry.....until ye be endued with power from on high" (v. 49). "The power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, ye shall be witnesses" (Acts i. 8, margin). After Jesus had commanded them to tarry in Jerusalem until they were "endued," it would have been sin for them then to go about the city healing the sick, feeding the hungry or preaching the Gospel. If God could delay His work they could delay their service. Better wait long for spiritual power than waste time and talents in the vain attempt to do oGd's work without it. Every machine is regulated by some power. If we do effectual work it must be by the Spirit's power. Without this the Christian is like an engine without steam, a lamp without oil, a ship without a breeze, a lighthouse without light.

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CAPT. BOLAND'S ARREST.

Buffalo Man Charged With Theft by Standard Bank.

Chatham despatch: Yesterday Captain F. Boland, of Buffalo, cashed a cheque at the Standard Bank here and was arrested early this morning on a charge of stealing $100 from the bank. It seems that the bank holds that he got $100 too much, while the captain states that it is all a mistake. Arraigned before the Magistrate this morning he elected to be tried summarily and was let out on bail. The case comes up on December 13.

THREE FIREMEN BURNEDALIVE; TWO STUDENTS BURIED IN RUINS.

Dreadful Fire at the Chi Psi Fraternity House in Ithaca, N. Y.—The Fire Still Raging.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Early to-day the beautiful Chi Psi fraternity house caught fire and soon the building was in flames. Before the fire department could arrive O. L. Schmuck, of Hanover, Pa., had jumped from the third story window and was severely injured so that it is feared he will die in the Cornell infirmaary, where he was taken Three of Ithaca's volunteer firemen, all of them well known and respected citizens, were killed while fighting the flames. Four students liein the infirmary at the point of death, while at the time of writing, it is not known how many are in the ruins. The Chapter house, which was the celebrated mansion built by Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske, on the campus overlooking Cayuga Lake, but never occupied by her because of her premature death, was a beautiful structure of sandstone. It was handsomely decorated within with marble and mahogany. It is now a heap of ruins. The walls of rubble masonry collapsed under the flames and high winds.

The firemen killed were Attorney A. S. Robsins, a graduate of Cornell, E. S. Landon and John Rumsey. They were manipulating a hose on the north side of the building when the wall collapsed on them and pinned them to slowly roast under the burning debris. When the fire department arrived on the scene, the screams of two men appearing in the windows of the southwest tower, over the main entrance were heard. For some reason the men hesitated to jump from their burning prison and while the firemen watched the scene, almost paralyzed with horror the tower collapsed and the men were buried beneath the ruins. They are suposed to be W. W. Goetz, of Milwaukee, and H. M. Nichols, of Chicago This is subject to correction.

The burning chapter house roared like an inferno. The inner walls were licked clean and the ceiling fell throughout, while the walls cracked apart in all directions. The fire was so hot that the firemen were driven from the southeast side of the building.

They put up a herculean fight, but the walls were so hot that any attempt at rescue was impossible.

President Schurman, of Cornell, and his staff are preparing a list of wounded and missing.

Among those who were taken from the ruins were J. M. McCutcheon, of Pittsburg, the football full-back. Those taken out were in a pitiable condition. They were bleeding from cuts caused by falling bricks and timbers and blackened by smoke.

C. J. Pope, a freshman member of the fraternity, is missing, and is supposed to be under the ruins. At the present time it is impossible to discover where he hails from.

The fire is still blazing fiercely in the basement of the ruined structure and it will be several hours before the ruins will be cool enough to undertake any rescue work.

Another body has just been carried into Cummings' morgue. It is that of O. L. Schmuck, of Hanover, Pa.

The university is paralyzed by the catastrophe. It is the most terrible disaster in its loss of life that has ever taken place at Cornell, though at the Del Ta Chi chapter house fire several years ago some lives were lost.

Schmuck's death brings the list of probable dead up to six, including the three volunteer firemen.

REPORT THAT GILLETTE HAS CONFESSED HE KILLED GRACE BROWN.

Struck Her Twice With His His Tennis Racquet and Dumped Her Overboard,

Herkimer, Dec. 10.—Chester Gillette, according to reliable authority, has confessed that he killed Grace Brown. It is said that he confessed to his lawyer, Senator Mills, and that the jail officials overheard him.

District Attorney Ward was asked today if there had been a confession; if the alleged remark of Gillette had been overheard. He refused to answer. "Then that's a confirmation, isn't it?" the reporter asked. The prosecutor smiled and walked away.

One man who has been connected with the case admited that the Sheriff's department could have said more on the stand than it did and that the defence should be thankful to it for holding its tongue.

This is what it is alleged Gillette said to his counsel, by a slip of the tongue: Senator Mills had visited Gillette in his cell, and casually asked him to "go over the story of the tragedy once more." Gillette ran along glibly with the details of his manufactured version, and when he reached the point where she "jumped out of the boat," he said, inadvertently:

When she came up the first time after sinking in the water I struck her.

"You wretch, exclaimed Senator Mills. Why didn't you tell me this before?"

"Yes, I did kill Grace Brown," said Gillette. She stood up and came from her end of the boat toward me and was crying and said she was discouraged and wanted to end it all.

"I took my tennis racquet out of the straps of my dress suit case and struck her twice.

"She fell full length backward, her head striking the seat. Then I dumped her overboard."

So the old attorney decided that his client's position could not be much worse if he went on the stand, and his associate agreed with him.

Gillette was silent and the angry lawyer left the cell. The next day when the trial was resumed, it was observed there was a coolness between Gillette and his lawyers. Mills and Charles D. Thomas, his other lawyer, did not sit near him, and until the end of the trial, they seldom spoke to him. The prisoner's confession was the cause of this aversion of the two lawyers for the man they were fighting for to save from the death chair.

Looking more like the original Chester E. Gillette than he had at any time during the last two weeks of his trial, the convicted murderer of Grace Brown occupied his accustomed chair in the court house this afternoon for ten minutes.

During that time, Mr. Thomas, one of his attorneys, secured a temporary stay in the passing of sentence, which will allow time for an effort to gain the Cortland youth a new lease of life.

He will come up for sentence on Monday morning next at 10 o'clock. Judge Devendorf informed Mr. Thomas that he wanted the case disposed of as speedily as possible.

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Tells How He Assaulted and Killed Donet Gilman,

Dayton, O., Dec. 10.—"Yes, I did it. I am the murderer of Donet Gilman."

Coolly and without the slightest sign of emotion or remorse, David Curtis made the above confession to two detectives, to Coroner Kline and to Prosecuting Attorney Nevin in the office of the latter early to-day. His statement follows:

"On the evening of Nov. 20 I ate supper at the Cadillac restaurant on Fifth street. Just as I came out I saw Donet Gilman waiting for a car, and I boarded the same car. When she alighted I followed her, walking on the opposite side of the street. After the car disappeared I committed the assault."

After the confession had been made to the officers Curtis wept bitterly. He declared that he was glad to have made the confession and relieved his mind.

Curtis is 27 years old, and earned a precarious living selling newspapers, etc. He is half witted, and at times labors under delusions that he is a great detective. Many believe his story is partly the result of his own disordered imagination, and that he really had no connection with the crime.

Russian peasants are using the privilege of their communes to expel revolu-

MARKET REPORTS.

TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET.

Markets to-day were very dull, receipts being very small owing to the storm, and grain prices are purely nominal.

Hay and straw are also nominal in absence of offerings.

Dressed hogs are unchanged; light quoted at $8.85 to $9, and heavy at $8.50 to $8.75.

Wheat, white, bush.	$0 72	$0 73
Do., red, bush.	0 72	0 73
Do., spring, bush.	0 70	0 00
Do., goose, bush.	0 68	0 00
Oats, bush.	0 39	0 40
Barley, bush.	0 54	0 55
Rye, bush.	0 75	0 00
Peas, bush.	0 80	0 00
Hay, timothy, ton	13 00	15 00
Do., mixed, ton	10 00	12 00
Straw, per ton	16 00	0 00
Seeds—		
Alsike, fancy, bush.	6 50	6 75
Do., No. 1, bush.	6 00	6 25
Do., No. 2, bush.	5 65	5 75
Red clover, fancy, bush.	7 75	8 00
Do., No. 1	7 00	7 25
Timothy, bush.	1 25	1 80
Dressed hogs	8 50	9 00
Eggs, dozen	0 28	0 40
Butter, dairy	0 26	0 30
Do., creamery	0 30	0 33
Chickens, dressed, lb.	0 11	0 15
Ducks, dressed, lb.	0 11	0 12
Turkeys, per lb.	0 14	0 16
Apples, per bbl.	1 50	3 50
Potatoes, per bush.	0 75	0 80
Cabbage, per doz.	0 30	0 50
Onions, per bag	0 75	1 00
Beef hindquarters	7 00	7 25
Do., forequarters	4 75	5 50
Do., choice, carcase	7 00	7 25
Do., medium, carcase	5 50	6 00
Mutton, per cwt.	8 00	9 00
Veal, per cwt.	9 00	10 00
Lamb, per cwt.	9 00	10 00

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

	Dec.	May.	July.
New York	82	85⅛	84⅛
Detroit	79¼	82½	80
Toledo	77½	81¾	79⅞
St. Louis	73⅝	78	76⅝

THE CHEESE MARKETS.

Kingston.—The final meetiag of the Cheese Board was held to-day. There were 351 boxes of colored registered; one factory sold 48 boxes at 10½c. Board meets next on third Thursday in April, 1907.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

At the Winnipeg option market to-day the following were the closing quotations: Dec. 75⅞c bid, May 78⅝c bid, July 79⅝c bid.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London.—Canadian cattle in the British markets are quoted at 9c to 11½c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8½c to 9c per lb.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Receipts o live stock at the city market since Tuesday, as reported by the railways, were 106 car loads, composed of 1,215 cattle, 2,528 hogs, 1,768 sheep and lambs, with about 70 calves.

Trade was fair with prices firmer, as will be seen by the quotations of sales given below. All offerings were sold in good time.

Exporters—No shipping cattle were reported as being sold, and seemingly non wanted.

Butchers—Choice picked lots sold from $4.35 to $4.75, and one Xmas heifer was said to have sold at $5 per cwt.

Feeders and Stockers—Mr. Murby bought 70 at the following quotations: Good quality feeders, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., at $3.60 to $4 per cwt.; common rough steers of the same weights $3.40 to $3.60 per cwt.; good to choice stockers, 500 to 700 lbs. each, at $3.10 to $3; common stockers, $2 to $2.25 per cwt.

Milch Cows—Prices ranged tom $30 to $50, and one extra choice quality cow was reported as being sold to Mr. Taylor of East Toronto at $60.

Milch Cows—Prices ranged from $30 to $60, per cwt., the latter price being paid for a limited number of prime new milk-fed calves, weighing from 180 to 200 lbs. and 5 to 6 weeks old.

Sheep and Lambs—Prices ranged as follows: Export ewes, at $4.50 to $4.85 per cwt.; rams and culls, $3 to $3.50 per cwt.; lambs, $5.50 to $6.25 per cwt. Breeding lambs at $6.50 per cwt.

Hogs—Mr. Harris, who bought 2,528 hogs, reported market weak at unchanged quotations; selects at $6.40, light and fats at $6.15, with prospects of lower prices this coming week.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal—Milder weather has had some little effect upon the wholesale trade movement here during the past week. The retail trade is a little quiet and the sorting trade has fallen off slightly. The outlook for spring trade continues bright, orders for all lines continuing to come in well. The holiday trade looks even more promising than a week ago. In some lines of jewelery and fancy neckwear some houses are largely over sold. Prices all round are very firm. Domestic mills find trouble in keeping up with orders for cottons and some lines of woollens. Deliveries of foreign goods are also slow. The grocery trade is very active and will continue so until the close of navigation. Canned fruits hold firm. Teas are also very firm with the supply of low grade Japans running very low. In the case of the hardware trade there is a similar condition to that of the drygoods trade.

Toronto—The featuie of trade continues to be the firmness for almost all lines of goods and there seems to be no sign of an easing off in this respect in the near future. Taken as a whole the wholesale business of the season just over has been a very good one and collections have generally kept up very satisfactorily. Groceries are moving well and dried fruits and canned goods continue to hold very firm. The demand for hardware is still very brisk, and as in other lines, prices are active wholesale trade usual at this time of the year. All lines of holiday trade continue to promise well and indeed there is no lack of opinion that in that regard this will be the biggest year in Canadian trade history.

London—Local trade is fairly brisk and manufacturers there continue busy. The holiday trade will be heavy and the outlook for spring business is also good.

Ottawa—The opening of Parliament has given a spurt to retail trade.

Winnipeg—A touch of cold weather has given a welcome fillip to retail trade here and throughout the Western country. The freight blockade, however, is having a really serious effect upon trade. The grain movement is slow on account of the shortage in cars and money is, therefore, a little tighter amongst the farming community. Another feature is the fact that it is extremely difficult to get goods to the wholesalers and the retailers and, in some lines, there is a positive scarcity. At the present moment it looks as though the holiday trade might be affected in this way. Groceries and hardware are moving briskly and dry goods are even more active. The boot and shoe trade is brisk.

Vancouver and Victoria—The trade situation here holds steady with a good movement in all lines of goods wholesale and retail. Money is fairly free and all lines of goods are moving briskly although prices are steadily advancing.

Quebec—Unseasonable weather is retarding the movements of travellers in country parts and orders are not coming to hand so freely as anticipated.

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LAPPONI DEAD.

POPE'S PHYSICIAN DIES OF CANCER OF THE STOMACH.

Rome, Dec. 10.—Doctor Lapponi, physician to the Pope, died at 7 o'clock this morning. He had been seriously ill for some time of cancer of the stomach and pneumonia setting in, he could not in his weakened condition withstand its ravages.

When Dr. Lapponi was sinking the Pope sent him the apostolic benediction and when the news of his death reached the Pontiff he was exceedingly grieved.

The deceased physician was very popular in Rome, both among the clericals as well as with the anti-clericals.

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WINNIPEG FIRE.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 10.—About 4 o'clock this morning, with the thermometer 39 below zero, fire broke out in the Canadian Northern Railway boiler shops. Owing to lack of water and the inflammable nature of the buildings, the entire boiler shop was a heap of ruins within half an hour. A locomotive undergoing repairs and much valuable machinery weredestroyed. The loss is estimated to be between $60,000 and $100,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from a workman's torch.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

Breaking of Cable Throws Them Into Water.

Vancouver Despatch.—By the breaking of a cable during the construction of a Government bridge across the Thompson River, near Ashcroft, to-day seven workmen were thrown into the river and three drowned. E. A. Eldridge, Hugh McMillan and Arthur McMillan, of Vancouver, were the victoms. The McMillans came from Avonmore, Stormont County Ontario.

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FOUR KILLED

And Three Injured in Accident on Maine Central Road.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 10.—Four persons were killed and three others seriously injured in a head-on collision between a special and a regular freight train on the Maine Central Railroad near the small station of Annabesacook late last night. The wreck was said to be due to a misunderstanding of orders. Both trains were goin gso fast when they met that eight of the cars of the special were hurled over the engine and demolished with the greater part of the contents. The track was blocked for hours. The dead are:

Fireman Hodges, of the special ;Engineer Forrest Fletcher, of the regular train; Engineer Harriman, of the special; and Brakeman A. B. Lowe.

The dead and injured men were nearly all riding in the engines.

Owing to the late hour at which the accident occurred all the telephone and telegraph offices in the vicinity were closed, and great difficulty was experienced in getting through to this city for help. The survivors worked desperately to reach their comrades imprisoned beneath the wreckage. Engineer Harriman, of the special, was taken from his cab alive, but died soon afterwards. Engineer Fletcher was also practically burned to death, but it could not be told whether the others had been killed outright or died before aid reached them. As soon as wrecking crews and physicians could reach the scene arrangements were made to care for the injurtd.

Fireman Hodges, of the special, was wedged so tightly between the engine and tender that it was impossible to remove him, and he was slowly burned to death by the live coals from his machine. Engineer Harriman and Fletcher and Brakeman Lowe were buried in the piles of wreckage and their bodies were not reached for some time after the wreck. The collision occurred on the Maine Central line, known as the back or upper route.

Conductor Russell, of the special, it is said, admits he had received instructions that the regular train was 70 minutes late, and the special given 70 minutes on the regular's time in order to make a siding at Winthrope. Russell said that in reading the order he noted an error of an hour in the regular's time for leaving its destination, but thought he had time to make the siding at Winthrope, and gave the orders to go ahead.

PATRICK ASKS FOR PARDON.

MURDERER OF RICE DECIDES TO APPEAL TO GOVERNOR.

Heeds Plea of His Family—Wife and Brother-in-law at Last Prevail on Him to Break Oath Not to Yield.

New York, Dec. 10.—Albert T. Patrick, under sentence of death for the murder of William M. Rice, has made application to Governor Higgins for a pardon. The prayer is formal and means that the lawyer who for five years has been making an extraordinary fight for his life has decided to heed the advice of his family and friends, and will accept a commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment.

Patrick himself drew up the application in the "death house" of Sing Sing. It is of considerable length and analyzes with much detail his entire case, both from a medical as well as a legal standpoint. Governor Higgins has announced that he will receive neither petitions nor applications of any kind in the matter until after the United States Supreme Court has acted.

With the federal appeal disposed of, two other petitions might be presented simultaneously with the pardon application. One is the petitioni of 3,200 physicians, in which it is stated that the sufficiency of the medical evidence as to the cause of Mr. Rice's death is doubted, and the other comes principally from lawyers, in which the legal evidence is commented upon, particularly with reference to Charles F. Jones, the valet, who swore he administered the chloroform at Patrick's direction.

PIPE IN BED.

Tonawanda Woman Dead as Result of Bedclothing Burning.

Tonawanda, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Thomas Creekmore, of 556 Broad street, was suffocated this morning in a fire which started from a pipe she was smoking in bed. Mrs. Creekmore was 70 years old. For the past five years she had been an invalid and addicted to pipe smoking.

Mr. Creekmore arose this morning, and leaving his wife in bed, went to a chicken coop to care for the poultry. When he returned he discovered smoke issuing from his wife's bedroom.

He dragged the woman from the burning bed and extinguished the flames. Mrs. Creekmore was not seriously burned, but she had inhaled much smoke, which affected her heart. She lived only two minutes. Dr. Feigles was called, but could do nothing.

Deputy Medical Examiner Bowland investigated the case.

TWO BOYS AND A GUN.

Were Too Much for a Mission Justice of the Peace.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 10.—A sporting Justice of the Peace of Mission, on the Fraser River, held up at the point of a shotgun a Vancouver boy who had been shooting on his land and who obtained half a dozen ducks; the boy's companion sneaked behind the Magistrate and in turn held him up, made him return the ducks and also give up a few birds the J. P. had shot himself.

The whole of this laughable occurrence is probably without precedent in this Province. The Justice has been complaining all season of poachers and decided to take the law into his own hands. But when the boys turned the tables on him he agreed to cry quits with them if they kept the story to themselves But they didn't.

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