THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SECOND QUARTER—LESSON IX., INTERNATIONAL SERIES, MAY 31.

Golden Text—"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away."—Luke 21: 33.

This Tuesday, the last day of His public teaching, should have been the fair city's bridal day, when she should have been married to the Son of God. But He who would have taken her to his heart, as the hen gathers her chickens under her wings, saw the eagles already in the air, flying past to rend her to pieces

All that could be done was done. The last word was spoken, the last warning given, and towards night Jesus left the temple, never to enter it again, and wended His way with His chosen disciples up the slope of the Mount of Olives, on the way to Bethany and to the family which He loved.

The Lesson—Luke 21; 20.36.

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

Jesus was probably sitting on the exact spot where the famous Tenth Legion of the Roman soldiers who captured Jerusalem were encamped during the siege It is hard to realize the terrible times which came upon Jerusalem a few years after the death of Christ The people were treated with horrible cruelty by the Roman authorities. Jerusalem was surrounded by the Roman Legions Soon there was civil war in Rome itself Then the disciples could know "that the desolation thereof was nigh"

21 Then let them that are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out, and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto

Courage and not wisdom prevailed in the councils of the Jews, and the disciples could but serve their country and the world by keeping away. The struggle was hopeless. It is said that not a single Christian perished in the seige, because all obeyed the injunction to depart out of it

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled

Josephus declares that "the misfortunes of all men, from the beginning of the world, if they be compared to those of the Jews, are not so terrible as their's were, nor did any age ever produce a generation more fruitful of wickedness."

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days; for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

The city was crowded by the multitudes which had come up to the passover. Pestilence ensued, and famine followed The commonest instincts of humanity were forgotten. Mothers snatched the food from the mouths of their husbands and children. The besieged devoured even the filth of the street; and so excessive was the stench that it was necessary to hurl 600,000 corpses over the wall, while 97,000 captives were taken during the war, and more than 1,100,000 perished in the siege. Five hundred every day were, by the command of Titus, crucified on the walls around the city.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. All sorts of Gentiles—Romans, Saracens, Persians, Franks, Turks—have trodden down Jerusalem since then.

The time beginning at Christ's death and ending with the destruction of Jerusalem witnessed one real second coming of the Son of man.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

These verses seem to have a look beyond the destruction of Jerusalem to the final coming of the Son of man, though applicable to both events The same conditions will prevail, the same warfare and disturbance always arise when truth is making its way against error The history of every country that has grown into Christian civilization is a record of this England and France are witnesses The contests to-day in opposition to oppression, intemperance, political corruption are all witnesses.

All these things must necessarily precede the coming of the Son of man The commotion in the clouds and darkness are the sign that the light is working The social upheavals are proof that truth and the gospel are living powers and are doing their work Only one power could emerge from these commotions Only power divine can bring the kingdom of God.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Take courage, do not despair when you see these troubles and commotions, but see in them the sign and proof that your redemption draweth nigh

29 And He spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth

The greater the commotion the stronger the sign that the good time is near at hand.

The triumph is certain This star shone in the darkest night Those who obeyed Jesus' words at the seige of Jerusalem were all saved

Be attentive, be alert, be on your guard against the dangers which are so insidious, which come like a moral malaria If Satan seeks to stop and hinder God's work it is the business of the servants of God to see that the work is not hindered, but pressed with new vigor.

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Mrs. Nuwed—Sir?

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A custom at one time prevalent in England and still observed in some of the northern districts of the old country is that of placing an immense log of wood—sometimes the root of a great tree—in the wide chimney place. This log is often called the yule log, and it was on Christmas eve that it was put on the wide hearth. Around it would gather the entire family, and its entrance was the occasion of a great deal of ceremony. There were music and rejoicing, while the one authorized to light it was obliged to have clean hands.

It was always lighted with a brand left over from the log of a previous year, which had been carefully preserved for the purpose. A poet sings of it in this way:

With the last yeere's brand
Light the new block, and
For good success in his spending
On your psaltries play,
That sweet luck may
Come while the log is a-teading.

The yule log was supposed to be a protection against evil spirits, and it was considered a bad omen if the fire went out before the evening was over. The family and guests used to seat themselves in front of the brightly burning fire, and many a story and merry jest went round the happy group.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Story of Bismarck.

The following anecdote is related of Prince Bismarck, and whether true or not is good enough to be repeated: While waiting in the emperor's antechamber one day the prince heard music coming from the imperial nursery. He therefore entered and found the young crown prince amusing himself at the piano while his younger brothers were dancing. The children at once seized Uncle Bismarck and insisted that he should take a turn at the piano. Prince Bismarck complied, and in the midst of the fun the kaiser entered. He watched the scene for a moment and then said, "What, prince, are you already making my children dance to your tune?"

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