SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON IX.
The New Commandment
John 12:12—13:38.

Printed Text John 12. 20-33; 13: 34, 35
Golden Text.—A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love c another. John 13:34.

The Lesson In Its Setting

Time.—The entry into Jerusalem took place on Sunday, April 2, A.D. 30. The discourse that followed took place on Tuesday, April 4. The entire scene of the washing of the disciples' feet took place on Thursday evening, April 6.

Place.—The triumphal entry was made as Christ came over the Mount of Olives on the east of Jerusalem. The washing of the disciples' feet took place, of course, in the upper room in Jerusalem.

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those that went up to worship at the feast. These were Gentiles, citizens from Hellas, or their descendants living throughout the Mediterranean world who had become proselytes of the Jewish faith and, once a year when possible, came up to Jerusalem, in order to worship there at the feast as the Hebrews worshipped.

21. These therefore came to Philip, who was of Bethsaida of Galilee. They came to Philip "not only because he had a Greek name, and therefore presumably belonged to a family in which Greek was spoken and Greek connections cultivated, but because, being of Bethsaida of Galilee, he might be expected to understand and speak Greek, if, indeed, he was not already known to these strangers in Jerusalem." And asked him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. At the birth of Jesus, wise men came from the East to behold the Lord (Matt. 2:1-12); now, at the end of our Lord's public ministry, there came men from the West, speaking the language identified with learning and scholarship, asking that they might see Jesus.

22. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: Andrew cometh, and Philip, and they tell Jesus. "Andrew" is another Greek name. "Andrew solves his difficulty in the way in which all difficulties of disciples are resolved, referring them to Jesus himself."

23. And Jesus answereth them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Previously it has been said that "his hour" had not come (2:4; 7:30; 8:20). The hour in the life of Christ was the hour of his death (13:1; 16:32; 17:1). —of course not a literal time of sixty minutes, but, nevertheless, a brief period.

24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. There are four things that can happen to a grain of wheat: it can be hoarded, with the possibility of ultimate destruction by mould, mildew, or rust; it can be immediately consumed, in various forms, especially as bread; it can be ignored, and therefore lost for all purposes; or it can be sown in the ground, thus multiplying itself, the highest use to which it can be put.

25. He that loveth his life loseth it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. The word twice translated "life" in the first part of this verse is the word "psuche" (from which comes our word "psychology"), a word that includes all man's mental, sensual being; the word translated "life" at the end of the verse is the word "zoe," a word referring to the higher life which is in men, the spirit. "Self-love leads to destruction and death. From beginning to end of his earthly history, Jesus laid down his life for men.

26. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also by servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honor. Christ himself is the great example of denying one's own life; if we are to truly serve the Lord, then, in his sacrificial ideal, we are to follow him, with the result that whoever serves the Son, will be honored by the Father.

27. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. But for this cause came I unto this hour. There is no shrinking from the cross here, but a glorious determination to endure it in the consciousness that, for that hour, he had come into the world.

28. Father, glorify thy name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. "It is the highest utterance of faith, love, and hope, that whatever experience of pain 's ordained, the outcome may be all to the glory of the name of God."

29. The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it d thundered: others said, An angel hath spoked to him. "For th mass the voice was mere sound. The apprehension of a divine voice depends upon man's capacity for hearing. Others felt that the utterance was artic late, though they could not hear the words."

30. Jesus answered and said, This voice hath not come for my sake, but for your sakes. "The voice came to test their faith and to str ngthen it; and, at the same time, to make clear the importance of the crisis revealed by the Gentile request."

31. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. "The passion was the judgment of the world, ich showed both men's thoughts towards Christ, and the true position of the world towards God. Jew and Gentile are alike included in the sentence."

32. And I. "The position of 'I' is very emphatic, and Christ, by this phrase, places himself in opposition to the 'prince of this world.' The crucified Christ will rule men's hearts in place of the devil." If I be lifted up from the earth. Probably this phrase has a double meaning, and includes both the lifting up of Christ from the earth on the cross, and his subsequent going up from the earth into heaven, at his ascension. Will draw all men unto myself. "The words emphatically prove that the cross is basis of Christ's sway over all whom he brings out of Satan's empire and draws to himself as Lord. In the phrase, 'I will draw,' Christ clearly intimates that, though crucified, he was not to abide in death, but was soon to live, and set up a kingdom, drawing subjects unto it."

33. But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die. This verse is certainly added by the author of the Gospel, John the apostle. (See Phil. 2:8). Christ's insistence upon his death provoked a reasonable question on the part of the Jews who were listenning to him, for they believed that the Christ who should come would be the king of an eternal kingdom, and hence, of course, be eternal. (See Dan. 7:13, 14; Psalm 110.) There seemed a contradiction between an eternal Christ of God, and a suffering Messiah who must die.

34. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. "There is a sense in which it was not a new commandment. In the Mosaic economy the word is found, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind'; 'and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself' (Lev. 19:18; Deut. 30: 6). This word for 'new' means something that is fresh, as opposed to that which is effete. 'I am giving you,' said Jesus, 'a command that is new in its inspiration.

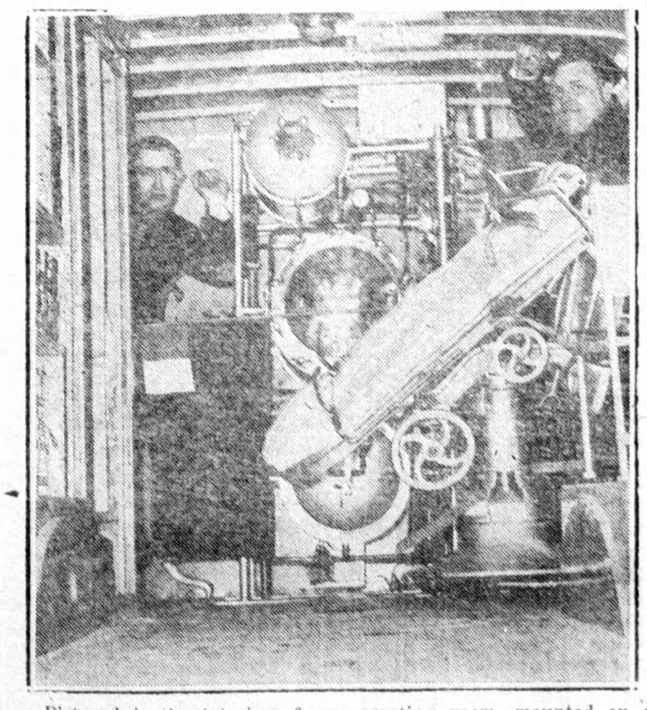
35. By this all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. It is certainly by our belief in Christ that we become his disciples, but it is by our love for one another that we become known to others as the disciples of Christ.

About 55 per cent of the earth gets less than 20 inches of rainfall annually.

Comrade Pilot

The Soviet government is bending every effort to make its air force supreme, and offers many inducements to attract the youth of the country. The young Russian student pilot above is typical of the hundreds answering the call to modern adventure.

Mobile Hospital Unit



Pictured is the interior of an operating room, mounted on a truck, which French sympathizers of the Spanish Loyalists are rushing to Madrid for use in the front lines. Note two Frenchmen giving the clenched fist salute.

Democratic Conservatives To Protest Supreme Court Charge

The President's Supreme Court message brought such jitters to Congress as to threaten a party split. Above are Democratic Representatives Robertson and Drewry of Virginia and Cox of Georgia as they met to organize protest program.

Producing Best Class of Horse

Without the presence of the best horse on every farm, efficiency in transforming farm feeds into horse power, will never be realized with any economy or profit. There is a wide field in Canada to produce horses with more power and endurance than the average draft horse seen around many farms. And it is well also that there are many farmers who are fast coming to regard as poor property that horse which does not fully fit the task by which he pays his way.

And a Hearty Time Was Had by All

"Love, here is my heart," sings willing victim Gay Hayden to Cupid Dicky Meschendore in Miami, Fla., Valentine tableau.

Dominion and Trade Quotas

Canada has certainly made full use of the quotas covering Canadian 700-pound cattle and potato shipments to the United States. Exports of both across the border had reached the quota limit last September, although potatoes continued to be sent through at the rate of 60c per hundredweight, or 15c above the Trade Agreement concession.

Canadian lumbermen, however, did not take full advantage of their generous quota allowance in the United States. Trade Agreement of 250 million board feet of Douglas fir and western hemlock. Instead, preliminary figures for the year indicate that they shipped well under 200 million board feet. Mainly on the Pacific coast, lumbermen did a $100 millions of business with the United States, because of the Agreement concessions.

Under the Imperial Agreements, we have the famous British bacon quota. By this quota, 2,500,000 hundredweight of Canadian hams and bacon per year may be shipped to England duty free. In the twelve months ending November, 1936, 1,4 million hundredweight had been taken by British buyers. Reason is that the Canadian packers have not yet been able to ship more, and British breakfasters are not fond of Canadian bacon to the ing November, 1936, ¼ million hundredweight per year. Canadian shippers are energetically trying to bring up production and to make Canadian bacon as popular in England as Danish which now holds first place.

The Canadian government does not make a habit of quotas. The system is artificial and hampering to natural trade. The only quota now in effect on Canadian imports is that on Russian anthracite coal.

Leading Students of Biology

Scene in microscopic anatomy class at For y, New York City, the world's largest Catholic university which hold enviable record of only ten failures in ten years among its students of biology.

Movie-radio gossip

By DOROTHY

Any girl who can make an outstanding hit in a picture in which the smoothly expert Myrna Loy and William Powell appear is not just good, she is marvellous. That is what directors on the M. G. M. lot have been telling Dorothy McNulty ever since her appearance in "After the Thin Man" made audiences burst into spontaneous applause. In the midst of all the enthusiasm over her at the studio, everyone neglected to make sure that she had been put under contract. She didn't mention it because nobody asked her. And Paramount slyly came along and signed her up for their pictures.

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Many actresses would be more than satisfied if they could sign a contract with Paramount guaranteeing them four hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year. But Carole Lombard insisted on adding clauses guaranteeing that Teddy Tetzlaff, her favorite cameraman, would always photograph her. And that Pat Drew, studio electrician, who lost a leg in a plane crash, would always be employed on her pictures.

Letters have poured into the Twentieth Century-Fox studios by the thousands, begging that Shirley Temple play winsome little girls parts instead of the smart-aleck, wise-beyond-her-years blues singer of recent pictures. Most of the letters came from mothers whose daughters model their behavior on Shirley's latest picture. Taking their advice to heart, the studio selected "Wee Willie Winkie" as Shirley's next picture. If she does any imitation of Alice Faye or Tony Martin singing, or of Bill Robinson dancing, it will be away from the camera.

Shirley Temple

ODDS and ENDS:—Not to be outdone by National Broadcasting Company which has Minnie, the Singing Mouse, under contract, Hollywood has found a trio of singing mice and is featuring them in "The Three Legionnaires." These mice, to be different, all sing bass ..... Gary Cooper and George Raft are the latest camera fiends. They hang around Bing Crosby's set whenever they are not working on their own, snatching candid shots of the players. ..... Simone Simon takes all the jokes about her name with good humor. She had her birthday gift to John Swope inscribed: "To Swope Swope."

Youthful Defendant

In court, charged with killing his father, is 15-year-old Billy Meagher, of Denver, Colo. He slew dad for mistreating mother, Mrs. Ethel Meagher (lower).

Disturbing Genius

Man's genius for self-destruction is consistently disturbing. We flinch every time we think of a flood victim eagerly reading the accounts of his own deluge in a newspaper made from trees whose roots were designed to hold back the waters. —New Yorker.