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SUNDAY SCHOOL

by .Rev. R. C. Todd. THE FALL OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

Isaiah 28: 1-4 predicted by Amos in last week's les- bombs, and of balance of power? Why son, comes to pass in the lesson for is so much alarm over the general this week. A wave of conquest begun moral and cultural situation being exby Assyria, swept Israel upon its crest pressed in democratic circles everyalong with the other debris of deca- where? Are the Anglo-Saxon powers dent nations. When the Assyrian fated to take a back seat in a world occupation troops were withdrawn, dominated by some rising new power Israel took the leadership in forming - probably Russia? Is Western cian alliance of Palestinian states, mi- vilization passing into its twilight. nus Judah, to oppose Assyrian supre- These are some of the questions macy. These states sought an alli- haunting men today in our part of ance with another big power, Egypt. the world; and they spring from a But before Egyptian help could be ob- real fear. And the general tained, Assyria swept the coalition watchword is: Make all you can while aside. Yet again, in the reign of Ho- you can, boys, the party will soon be shea, King of Israel, an attempt over. was made to conspire with Egypt. Asand after a three year's siege of Sadeported and scattered throughout the Assyrian Empire. The

conquered land was then colonized ually follows a fairly well-defined with other peoples. These newcomers pattern. In the days of its youth, the intermarried with what was left of the original Hebrew population; and it was from this mixture that Samarians, familiar to us in New developed. references. Testament Amos' prediction of what would happen to a corrept nation, was thus completely vindicated.

In the Southern Kingdom of Judah a prophet named Isaiah was warning his countrymen of the judgment which would befall their own country should she forsake the God of Righteousness. He saw what was happening to Israel, and points in particular to the alcoholic excesses of that nation, not indeed as the cause of its downfall, but as a symptom of its a extreme sensuality, worldliness, and decadence.

There is a question which in one form or another, is pressing itself into our consciousness today. Is our nation going to perish? No amount of boasting, no profession of confidence in the future, which is more sentimentalism, can conceal the doubt and LESSON: 2 Kings 15:6, to 17:41; the fear which has taken root. Why else is there so much talk of arms-The doom of the Kingdom of Israel, ments, and fear of Russia, and atomic

The condition of Israel was such syrian armies took Hoshea prisoner, that the nation was merely waiting for some stronger and more virile maria, the capital of Israel, the whole nation to overthrow it. The fruit was nation completely collapsed. All citi- ripe upon the tree; someone came and zens who might have conspired again, shook the tree and the fruit fell irreand that included thousands, were vocably to the ground! Is that the widely | way WE are?

The fall of nations and empires usation is vigorous; and because stringent necessity it may be disciplined, and austere in its manner of life. These thinks expressed in purposeful action are conductve to national greatness. With success comes prosperity, with prosperity, if the God of righteousness be forsaken, comes a love of luxury, social inequalities and injustices, insensitivity to spiritual values. The moral fibre of the nation becomes weakened; the nation grows decadent. And the end of the cycle is brought about through the instrumentality of some more vigorous nation, against which a decadent people can make neither a moral nor

spiritual stand. Suppose Russia should prove hostile. have we the moral and spiritual



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strength to survive? This is not a OAKVILLE BUYER AT question about our military potentialities at all. The real question is whether we are spiritually decadent. Are there signs which point to our spiritual decadence? Does this fact point to it; that we spend enough money on alcoholic liquors each year to provide our whole population with free medical and hospital service, and an old Washington, at a price of \$1,450. An age pension of fifty dollars a month average price of \$1,138 was established to every person over seventy, as well for the 76 head that were sold. as some other needed social services? What about the fact that not more chase by L. C. Chadwick of Cheshire, than a quarter of our populaion are England, of another Carnation bred connected regularly with any denomi- heifer at \$2,000.

nation of the Christian Church. reality, to create a false sense of wellto conform to convention? These reasons themselves are signs of degeneracy. If we are decadent, we shall find that war or no war, we shall not much longer occupy a place of prominence and influence in the scheme of this world's life. We may bluster and blow and boast, but inevitably the truth of our condition will come out when we have to make room for a stronger, more vigorous power, which knows where it is goand how to get there. Russia IS a danger on the horizon today, all the military preparation in the

world will avail nothing. IF we are

spiritually and morally degenerate.

pugnacity, will only hasten the end,

Indeed, such preparation added

by arousing the bear from his den. We do not, however, have to take a fatalistic attitude, as though we could be content to go the way of all nations and civilizations that decay and fall. We have an honour to uphold a responsibility to carry out, a task to perform, and witness to the God righteousness and love revealed in Christ, to make. The Hebrews fell because they refused to carry out their responsibility to the world as God's chosen people. We do not need to refuse. Too much is at stake. So long as the patience of God endures, we must face the challenge to turn back to a true seriousness about God and His claims on human life. It is ours to face the problems of the world with sobriety and strength of will and in the fear of God. We don't have to whisper yet "It is too late!" Some day it will be, if we do not turn now. But now our duty is to lay hold without delay upon Him that promises that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Now is the day of salvation. But that day like every other day, sinks finally into sunset and dark night. Through faith in Him who is our salvation, we shall find the source of virtue, vigour, and virility; all that gives purpose to life,

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how to get there.

and the knowledge of where to go and

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Cleave, Mrs. Wm. McDowell. Prize Committee - Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mrs. Jack Williamson. After the business meeting a social

bour was spent playing engine fol-

lowed by refreshments.

MICHIGAN CATTLE SALE

E. J. Meagher of Graymar Farms, Oakville was prominent at the recent Wolverine Classic Sale of Holstein Friesian cattle in Williamston, Michgan, where he bought an outstanding heifer from Carnation Farms, Seattle,

An interesting feature was the pur-

Other Canadian buyers included with the Synagogue? Is there an at- Hon. George S. Henry, of Toronto mosphere of social degeneracy in the with three head at an average price modern drinking party? Why drink? of \$1,275, and Mr. Lorne B. Reld of To escape boredom, to escape from Ripley, with the second to top priced bull at \$3,000.

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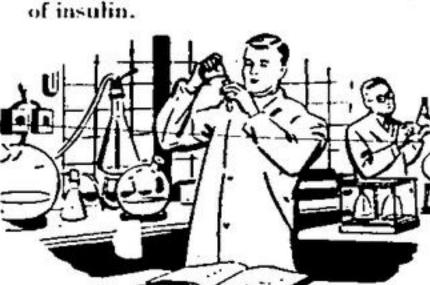
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