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THE BETTER VIEW.

If we talk of the good that the world contains,
And try our best to add to it,
The evil will die of neglect by and by—
—It is the very best way to undo it.

We preach too much and we dwell too long
On sin and sorrow and trouble;
We help them to live by the thoughts we give,
Their spite and might to redouble.

And I say if we search for the good and pure,
And give no thought to the evil,
Our labors are worth far more to the earth
Than when we are chasing the devil.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE MISSIONARY READING-CIRCLE.

Two associated lines of reading and study will be followed in the Missionary Reading-Circle work; viz., that relating to the present truth, or message, and to the field and its needs. The text-book work will be based on the Bible, the *Berean Library*, and the *Missionary Magazine*. Lessons and outlines will be prepared for the convenience of members of the Circle, and they will be published in the *Review*, *Missionary Magazine*, and the *Youth's Instructor*, and will appear in time for the beginning of the course, the first week in December.

The direction of the work has been placed with the International Tract Society and the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, 1639 Oakland Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, has been appointed Corresponding Secretary of the International Tract Society, to devote special atten-

tion to the interests of this work, the Foreign Mission Board and International Tract Society co-operating with every facility at their command to push the work to success. They appeal to the friends of the cause in all our Conferences, to become members of the Circle, and to assist in extending its influence to the greatest possible limit.

No fee is asked for membership; and the price of the *Berean Library* is but seventy-five cents per year, and the *Missionary Magazine* twenty-five cents, or the two for one dollar. If any of our readers have not already done so, they should send to their Tract Society for this literature, and at once, that the studies may be begun on time. The most favorable season of the year for reading and study is at hand. We trust that this important work may have the full support of all the readers of this paper.

Yours in the Master's work,

L. T. NICOLA,

Sec. Int. Tract Society.

STATUTES "NOT GOOD."

THE question is sometimes asked: If God did not intend flesh to be used for food, why were the directions of Deut. 14 given? A recognition of the principle on which God always deals with his people will clear the subject of difficulty. He will always respect man's free moral agency. He never forces the will. If man will choose that which is not best, he may have it.

Israel was leaving Egyptian bondage. It was God's purpose that escape for them should mean more than merely physical liberty. They were to be not only a holy, peculiar people, but they were also to be a healthy people. Ex. 15:26. While in Egypt they had adopted many of the customs of the Egyptians. They ate flesh. Ex. 16:3.

But when God himself began to provide them food in the wilderness, flesh was not given. The Israelites, however, were discontented, and in their hearts turned back into Egypt. The food God gave them they loathed (Num. 21:5), and flesh was demanded. Num. 11:6. The Lord then gave them their request, but it had the effect that willfulness always has,—it brought leanness to their souls (Ps. 106:15), and death to their bodies. Num. 11:33. If they had willingly yielded to God's plan for themselves, the laws concerning flesh meats, clean and unclean, had never been given. God first "gave them statutes and showed them judgments which if a man do he shall also live in them," but they refused, and their hearts went after the "idols of Egypt" (Ezek. 20:7), in that they said, "Who shall give us flesh to eat?" "Wherefore the Lord gave them statutes that were not good and judgments whereby they should not live." Ezek. 20:25. Had not their hearts been to go after their fathers' idols, these statutes "not good" would never have been given.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples, and are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." If we "lust after evil things as they also lusted," God will let us have our desire, but we too shall get to ourselves leanness of soul and weakness of body.

THOS. H. JEYS.

"TRUTH as it is in Jesus exercises a transforming influence upon the minds of its receivers. Let no one forget that God is always a majority, and that with him success is bound to crown all missionary effort. Those who have a living connection with God know that divinity works through humanity."

FIELD REPORTS.

STUART.

We closed our tent meeting on the north side of the city, Oct. 1. Since that time we have been holding meetings at two different places in the country, known as West Milton school-house and Union Chapel. For the past four weeks services have been held at West Milton almost every evening and Sunday afternoons, while at the latter place three services have been held every two weeks. In this way the confidence of the people has been gained, and many are interested and eager to learn more about the third angel's message. Many times of late in our petitions to our Heavenly Father, who always lends a listening ear, have we asked that the way might be opened to hold a series of meetings with this people. During our last visit, the minister informed us that we might have the use of the church for a few weeks. Surely the promise has been verified, "Ask and ye shall receive."

The Sabbath question has now been presented in the place first mentioned. We have reason to believe that a few will break away from worldly circles, and become living witnesses for the truth of God. We earnestly ask for the prayers of God's people, that the work done in these two places may redound to his glory, and be the means of saving souls in the kingdom of God.

WM. GUTHRIE,
C. W. HEALD.

ESTHERVILLE AND SUPERIOR.

JUNE 22 I joined Bro. Dieffenbacher at Estherville. We continued there until Aug. 15, holding meetings each evening and at 3 P. M. Sabbath and Sunday. The attendance was not large at any time, only on two evenings. The Baptist minister made two public efforts against the Sabbath. Bro. Dieffenbacher replied to him, with good effect. We improved every opportunity to visit the people in their homes, studying the Bible with them. Seven or eight have taken their stand to obey the Lord. Others are interested. Six were baptized by Bro. Dieffenbacher, Aug. 12.

Aug. 16 we pitched our tent in Superior, a small town seven miles west of Estherville. At first the attendance was fair, but diminished as the "threshing" season came on. Most of the people there have from one

to two weeks' threshing. At times the mosquitoes were so bad it was impossible for the people to sit in the tent. Two accepted the truth, and some others were more fully established. Four were baptized at the close of the meeting. We remained at that place until September 17. Besides the meetings held, Bible readings given, and visits made, we sold a large number of books. I sold fifty-seven of our large publications, eleven Bibles, and some small books, and took several subscriptions for periodicals, besides distributing 4,036 pages of tracts and fifty-seven papers. Bro. Dieffenbacher did considerable in this line, too. Thus closed the tent work for 1899. While we can only say, "We are unprofitable servants," we are glad to have a part in the work of the Lord. We are sorry that we do not see more visible results, but are glad to know that God will watch over the seed sown, and that it will not return to him void. We know the experience of the past summer has taught us our own need, and the blessedness of trusting the Lord and waiting upon him.

Since Sept. 19 I have been at home most of the time, giving my attention to other matters. I have been selling some of the special *Signs* of late, and encouraging the members of the churches of this county to do all they can to get this paper into the homes of the people. God is blessing the effort. One sister who felt sure she could not sell any visited a small town near her home, and in a short time sold fifty copies, having many precious experiences in talking to the people.

I hope many of our brethren and sisters will read and obey Luke 10:37, last clause. We are in the time that corresponds to the time when the disciples were in Jerusalem after it was besieged by the Roman army, until they withdrew and the disciples fled. May the Lord help us all to be faithful to the end. F. L. MOODY.

KNOXVILLE.

THE BULLETIN family will rejoice to know that the visit of Bro. J. W. Adams to this place on the 11th and 12th, was greatly blessed of God. Six meetings were held in all, in which pointed testimonies, encouraging words, and loving counsel were given through God's dear servant. The great and fatal danger of becoming drowsy and indifferent in the cause

of Christ, was faithfully set forth; and many cheeks were wet with tears as by a retrospective glance it was seen that God's good Spirit had been grieved. On Sabbath the ordinances were celebrated, and on Sunday a dear afflicted sister followed her Lord in baptism, and united with the church. The rite was administered by Bro. C. F. Stevens, who was also permitted to be with us. The importance of having a system in donating to God's cause was warmly urged, and we trust in a good measure appreciated; however, the future will tell just *how* we have heard.

To us who have fervently requested help from the Lord, the visit of Bro. Adams seems nothing less than a gracious answer to prayer; and may the loving condescension of our Redeemer not soon be forgotten. On the whole, our assembling seemed as a rich repast,—a time of refreshing, and also a reconsecration for a goodly number. We can only pray that the solemn impressions made may be deepened in the hearts of this people; that, together with all Israel, they may become a mighty host for God, and a witness to the power of his truth.

S. O. JAMES.

EMERSON.

SINCE the close of our good camp-meeting we have held seventy-nine public meetings. Eld. F. A. Washburn left us Sept. 5, for which we were very sorry. Father has been with us some, which has been a great encouragement and help. The diminishing of our company from nearly two hundred to two, was very painfully felt; but the Lord has been with us, which is better than the world without him. We continued meetings in the tent until Oct. 24. Since then we have been using a vacant store building. In this we were led to see the providence of God. One public effort has been made against the Sabbath, which we publicly reviewed. By the help of the Lord, it was a complete triumph. About seventy Harvest *Signs* have been sold, and several given away. Six subscriptions have been taken for our periodicals. Four have taken their stand for the truth. Several other cases seem hopeful.

C. T. ADAMS,
P. PARK ADAMS.

God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way in which we fill it.—*Edwards*.

OBITUARY.

WALLACE.—Died at Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 12, 1899, Bro. Jonathan Barney Wallace, aged 83 years, 6 months, and 27 days.

Father Wallace came with his family to Grinnell, in 1858, which place has since been his home. He accepted present truth sixteen years ago, and was faithful until death. The funeral services were held Nov. 14, at 2:30 P. M.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

JOHNSON.—Sister Mary Johnson, of Estherville, Iowa, fell asleep in Jesus, Oct. 27, 1899.

Since July she has been failing very rapidly. She was a victim of that dread disease consumption. For the past fourteen years she has been required to withstand much opposition, but the dear Lord has sustained her in all her trouble and made her more than conqueror. During her last sickness I visited her many times, but always found her manifesting the patience of Jesus, and full of joy and the hope of a part in the first resurrection. A Methodist minister preached the funeral sermon. He spoke of her godly life and good example, which he asked the husband and children to follow. She was a member of the Ruthven church, and came out under the labors of Eld. Wilson.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER.

THE BOOK WORK.

WHO WILL RESPOND?

In a recent Testimony it is stated that "where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." Do we believe that this means just what it says? Can a discount be made on any of the messages the Lord sends to his people? Think of multiplying our present force of canvassers by one hundred. The Lord is calling for laborers to go into his vineyard. Think over these things earnestly and seriously. Are any of those who read these lines "standing idle in the marketplace"?

The holidays are approaching, and people are choosing gifts for their friends. Why not give them the opportunity of buying something of real value, which may bring eternal salvation to those who know not the truth for this time? We have a large variety of books from which to select, both large and small. May the Lord impress all who can take up this line of work, to act at once. Write to this Office for catalogue, terms, etc.

We have been especially impressed by the faithfulness of one of our canvassers, who has not failed to report each week since the beginning of the canvassing season. He writes: "The remaining weeks of the year seem few, and I want to improve them. I have had some interesting times lately. An ex-president of a county Sunday-school association ordered 'Modern Spiritualism' for his sister, although he had given her his 'Prophecies of Jesus' to keep her out of spiritualism. I realize that I must speak many words each day, and I need God's Spirit to guide my mind continually."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 10, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	17	1	\$1.00	\$.65
Cora B. Countryman.....	15	2	2.00	2.25
Susan Haskell.....	19	4	4.00	.50
Nettie E. Brown.....	18	3	3.00	.75
Pearl D. Bascom.....	25	19	19.50	4.25
H. B. Tilden.....	28	13	13.00	8.75
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	13	4	4.00	.25
Cora M. Davis.....	30	12	12.00	
P. W. Atkinson.....	35	13	13.00	
Burton Church.....	24	5	5.00	2.00
Cora Quinn.....	19	4	4.00	.75

HERALDS OF THE MORNING.

Lloyd Manfull.....39 9 \$11.50 \$3.85

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

Lewis Hilliard.....35 8 \$13.50 \$3.50

DANIEL AND THE REVELATION.

Edward Everett.....25 1 \$2.25 \$.70

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. J. Iden.....16 12 \$14.50

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Lost.
H. F. Lamb.....	5	\$13.70	0
A. J. Iden.....	18	17.10	5
Edward Everett.....	3	6.75	2
Cora M. Davis.....	2	2.00	0
Pearl D. Bascom.....	2	2.00	0
Cora B. Countryman.....	1	1.00	0
Mary L. Haskell.....	2	2.00	0

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	16
" " orders.....	110
Value of ".....	\$122.25
" " helps sold.....	\$28.20
Total value.....	\$150.45
Value of deliveries.....	\$44.55

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

"WHAT is the object of a teachers' meeting?"—1. To seek the Lord. 2. To consider the interests of the school, in respect to order, discipline, methods, etc. 3. To study the lesson, especially those features that are difficult or that are likely to cause discussion, or that might be taught differently, with a view to securing unity

and harmony in the teaching throughout the school.

"When is the best time to hold the teachers' meeting?"—This will vary in different schools. The circumstances of the school should be taken into consideration, and the time of the meeting should be suited to the convenience of the majority of the teachers.

"How much time should be occupied in the teachers' meeting?"—About one hour.

"Who should conduct the teachers' meeting?"—The superintendent.

"Who should attend the teachers' meeting?"—All the officers and teachers, and any others who have sufficient interest to lead them to do so, unless they constitute a disturbing element in the meeting.—M. H. Brown.

A BIBLE LESSON IN FIGURES.

THE Bible contains 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. These books are divided into 1189 chapters; 929 are in the first division of the Bible and 260 in the last. The words number 773,692, and the letters, 3,576,589. The word Lord is found 1,885 times, and the word immortal but once (1 Tim. 1:17). The twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except j. The longest verse in the Bible is in the book of Esther, the ninth verse of the eighth chapter. John 11:25 is the shortest verse in the Scriptures. Several verses of the one hundred and seventh Psalm are alike, these being the eighth, fifteenth, twenty-first, and thirty-first. Each verse of Psalm 136 ends in the same way. The nineteenth chapter of 2 Kings and the thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are alike.

There are no words or names in the Bible of more than six syllables. The Scriptures were written by more than forty authors, from almost every station in life. Some wrote as kings and others as slaves and exiles. The period of time covered by these various writers extends from the time of Moses, about 1,500 years before Christ, to the time of John, 100 years after Christ, about sixteen centuries.

No other volume can compare with this one in age, in literary excellence, in wisdom, or in the importance of its subjects. G. W. STAHL.

The Eddyville Sabbath-school will hold a convention Nov. 26. We have the promise of the assistance of Bro. and Sister W. M. Adams. All Sabbath-keepers near by are invited to attend. MRS. CORA EVANS.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, NOV. 21, 1899.

—BRO. LAWRENCE JOHNSON, of Pilot Mound, was in the city on business last Wednesday.

—BRO. MYRE BEAMAN and family, coming from Levey, are again residents of Des Moines.

—BRO. JOHN WILBUR, of Sandyville, visited relatives in Des Moines, a couple of days last week.

—MRS. M. J. BIXBY, of Nevada, is availing herself of the benefits to be derived at the Sanitarium.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS spent a day in Des Moines last week, going from here to Marshalltown on Friday.

—MRS. LETTIE BLACKWOOD has recently changed her residence from Mitchellville to Des Moines.

—FOLLOWING the meeting of the Conference Committee, Eld. P. A. Hansen met with the church at Onawa.

—MR. AND MRS. J. M. KNIGHT, of Garwin, visited their son in this city last week, en route to their new home in Oklahoma.

—MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER left this city last Thursday evening for Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to attend the district meeting now in session there.

—IN acknowledgement of a late remittance of \$826.80 to the Foreign Mission Board, the treasurer writes: "May the blessing of God attend every one of the faithful friends of the cause in Iowa. Part of this donation will go to Finland and part to India."

—ON account of the decision that it may not be best to organize a church school in Louisville, Ky., at present, Sister Emma Beaman's appointment as teacher there has been reconsidered, and she has accepted the position as teacher in the family of Eld. P. A. Hansen, at Ruthven.

—THE Indiana State paper announces the marriage of Miss Nellie Church to Bro. John Hunter, which occurred Nov. 1, at Indianapolis. The bride is a sister of Bro. Burton Church, and her parents reside in Wayne county. She has been away from our State for several years, and is a graduate nurse from the Battle Creek Sanitarium. We understand that she with her husband will now be connected with the work in Indiana. We know that many Iowa friends will with the BULLETIN extend best wishes.

—ANOTHER spiritual feast is at hand. The time for the week of prayer has been appointed to be held December 23-30. The Lord has given to each his work. The call to work in his vineyard has been extended to all, and the Lord has graciously spared our lives that this call might be accepted. Have we accepted the call? Can we come up to the feast knowing that whatsoever we have done has been done to the glory of God? If we can not come rejoicing, let us come repenting. Let us come with our families before the Lord at this time. Come seeking more of the Christ-like spirit; not asking for more blessings for ourselves that we may consume them upon our lusts, but for the spirit of love so that we may love the Lord with all our heart and our neighbors as ourselves. Remember the date, and plan your work so that the time may be given to seeking the Lord. Readings have been prepared, and will be mailed to all the churches, companies, and isolated Sabbath-keepers.

—THE attention of our brethren and sisters is this week again called to the Missionary Reading-Circle, by the article from the Secretary of the International Tract Society, Eld. L. T. Nicola. The studies will begin the first week in December. Are you ready to enter the course with the first lesson? There is danger that some will not appreciate the importance of improving this splendid opportunity for studying the message and the field. Do not allow anything to cheat you out of the blessing that may come to you in this. All the members of our churches and companies and every isolated Sabbath-keeper should have the reading of the *Missionary Magazine* and the *Berean Library*.
ORDER OF THE MISSIONARY DEPT. OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

—SISTER ROWENA HAYWOOD, of the Russell church, writes very encouragingly of the progress of the work there. She especially mentions the quarterly meeting held by Eld. C. F. Stevens. The ordinances were celebrated and the election of officers was held. Bro. C. T. Adams was selected as the elder.

—ARRANGEMENTS have been made for a church school at Algona, to begin soon, with Bro. J. C. Musselman as teacher.

—"WHEN you hear an ill report about any one, halve it and quarter it and then say nothing about the rest."

—THE *Good Health* for December, which is a special number, promises to be one of unusual practical value. It will contain information relative to the treatment of diseases most common in winter, as well as matter of general interest on health principles. While a special effort is being made in the circulation of the Harvest Number of the *Signer*, it may be that among a certain class of people the *Good Health* can be introduced where religious reading will not find an entrance, thus serving as an "entering wedge." The terms to agents are extremely low,—six copies for twenty-five cents. Address orders to this Office.

SUPPLIES DONATED TO THE SANITARIUM.

If proper credit is not given to all, please notify us at this Office. The following additional supplies have been received since the last report:—

Mrs. S. A. Riddle, Prairie City, 1 comfort, 1 slumber robe, 1 sheet, 2 pillowcases, 2 towels, 1 chenille table spread, 1 sofa pillow, 3 throws, 7 glasses jelly, 2 quarts fruit, nuts; C. Tuttle, Mt. Etna, 1 comfort; A few sisters of the Audubon church, 39 quarts canned fruit; Mrs. Mina Holmes, Des Moines, and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Brooklyn, 6 pillows; Mrs. B. P. Dawson, Grundy Center, 1 quilt; Mrs. Debby Tucker, Osage, 1 comfort, 2 sheets, 2 pillowcases; Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Brooklyn, 1 organ; Mrs. H. G. Washburn, Waterloo, 1 comfort. Dubuque: Dorcas Society, 1 quilt, 1 comfort, 3 bed spreads, 2 sheets, 2 pillowcases; Mrs. Trenk, 1 pair blankets, 1 comfort, 2 sheets, 2 pillowcases, 2 towels, 1 bed spread, 1 rug. Des Moines: Mrs. E. J. Habenicht and Mrs. Strickland, paper flowers; Miss Callie Charlton, 1 flower stand, 1 stand cover. Nevada: Mrs. A. W. Kirkendall, 1 bedspread, 2 sheets, 2 pillowcases, 2 towels; Mrs. Mary E. Chapman, 1 quilt; Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, 2 sheets, 2 pillowcases, fomentation cloths; Mrs. M. J. Bixby, 1 pin cushion, 2 pillows.

THE SANITARIUM FUND.

The following cash donations have been received on the Sanitarium fund since the last report:—

O. R. Brown.....	\$125.00
J. O. Johnson.....	100.00
O. J. Hinckley.....	15.00
P. P. Adams.....	10.00
A. E. Hambricht.....	5.00
J. N. Carr.....	5.00
Fred Bonjour.....	5.00
John Johnson.....	.25