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INTERNATIONAL LESSONS, 1880. FIRST QUARTER. Jan. 2. The Infant Messiah; or, The Way to the Saviour. Matt. 1:1-2.

XI.—THE FALSE AND THE TRUE; OR, THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM. BY REV. M. S. WARDNER. For Sabbath day, March 13.

MATTHEW 7: 1-23. 15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—A. Except a man be born again, he can not see the Kingdom of God.

DAILY HEADINGS. 1. The false and the true offering. Gen. 4: 4-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.—But he does not say that we should not be angry, but that we should not let our anger continue.

OUTLINE. I. The basis of character. v. 18-23. II. The basis of character. v. 24-29.

EXPLANATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS. We now come to the close of the Sermon on the Mount.

washes a man's clothes, neatly patches every worn-out garment, keeps his house or farm in good repair, and inaugurates system, promptness, exactness, courtesy, and a spirit of generous forbearance.

Saying and Doing. There is a great deal of talk in the world, and much of it amounts to nothing; but some of it is like the evening shower, or the morning dew; refreshing, life-giving, and beautifying.

There is no word of Christ which calls for more thorough self-examination on the part of professors of religion. How shall we know that our professions are acceptable to God, when we are told that even many who profess to have done wonderful works in his name shall be cast out?

So fruits are a true criterion after all. A corrupt tree can not bring forth good fruit, and every good tree bringeth forth good fruit.

So let us test the fruit which we bear, and see if it be full of selfish pride or vanity, or if it be ripened in the sunshine of Christ's love, juicy with cheerfulness and sweet with charity.

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