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In deference to the request of numerous readers of the life of Father William Doyle, S.J.,* this little book of extracts has been compiled from his letters, diaries and retreat notes. It has seemed most helpful to arrange them as a series of daily thoughts. A short title has been placed before most of the extracts. Also a brief index, which is not meant to be pedantically complete, has been added.

It is, of course, to be understood that spiritual advice and resolutions are no more indiscriminately transferable than are medical prescriptions. Each reader must decide for himself how far the maxims here printed are applicable to his own case. Only those quotations which were considered to be of somewhat general utility have been selected for publication.

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JANUARY.

1.

"A Happy New Year!" How many souls there are in want of real happiness! Poor deluded souls seeking their joys and contentment in the mocking pleasures of this world; poor sinful souls flinging themselves deeper into the mire of sin, vainly searching amid unbridled passion and unrestrained lust for the precious jewel of happiness.

A New Year! What visions of almost boundless good, hidden in the fair bosom of the new-born year, rise up before me. What treasures of grace, what innumerable opportunities of merit are within my grasp if only I seize them.