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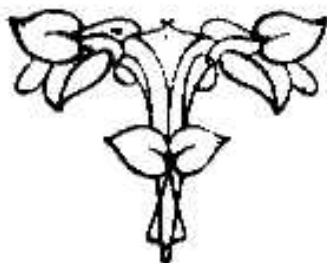
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PREFATORY NOTE

IN these days, when there is so much talk about the simple life, it is perhaps well to go back to the writings of the New England philosopher from whom all the later writers on the subject have directly or indirectly derived their inspiration, and inquire of him at first hand just what the simple life and its requirements really are.

One has not to read far in the essays and poems of Emerson to understand that as he saw it the simple life was not governed by a definite formula, or a series of rules about personal expenses, diet, and "the return to nature," — whatever that may mean. To Emerson the simple life is the life in the spirit; it expresses an attitude of mind; it is a tendency, and not a fixed condition. To put oneself in harmony with the supreme laws of the universe, which are the laws of righteousness; to respect one's own individuality and the individuality of others; to be receptive before one is expressive; to have faith in the eternal and to look for perfection, but not to be impatient if it come not at one's bidding; to keep an open mind, unyielding courage, unvarying tolerance, and immutable loyalty to high ideals; to make friendship a religion, and love a sacrament, — these are the essentials of Emerson's doctrine; and they who have once known them in their fulness may well look askance at the suggestions of less inspired disciples.

The opportunity of preparing an Emerson Calendar :

devolved upon me quite unexpectedly, but the calendar, such as it is, represents the results of much careful and persistent reading. It would hardly be possible, however, even in the course of three hundred and sixty-six short quotations, to give anything like an adequate outline of Emerson's teachings. The most one can hope for is that these selections may help to a clearer perception of life and its obligations, and to a greater reverence, admiration and love for a writer whose utterances lose nothing of their significance with the lapse of time. Surely, a little of his wisdom and poise are needed in an age when the stir and glitter of ever changing surfaces so distractingly obscure the movement of the great forces that make for serenity, steadfastness and joy.

H. S.

Dorchester, Massachusetts
April 19, 1905

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JANUARY

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JANUARY FIRST

HIGHER than the question of our duration is the question of our deserving. Immortality will come to such as are fit for it, and he who would be a great soul in future, must be a great soul now.

WORSHIP

JANUARY SECOND

Love wakes anew this throbbing heart,
And we are never old.
Over the winter glaciers,
I see the summer glow,
And through the wild-piled snowdrift
The warm rose buds below.

THE WORLD-SOUL

JANUARY THIRD

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion ; it is easy in solitude to live after our own ; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

SELF-RELIANCE

JANUARY FOURTH

If we live truly, we shall see truly. It is as easy for the strong man to be strong, as it is for the weak to be weak. When we have new perception, we shall gladly disburthen the memory of its hoarded treasures as old rubbish. When a man lives with God, his voice shall be as sweet as the murmur of the brook and the rustle of the corn.

SELF-RELIANCE

JANUARY FIFTH

All power is of one kind, a sharing of the nature of the world. The mind that is parallel with the laws of nature will be in the current of events, and strong with their strength.

POWER

JANUARY SIXTH

The word unto the prophets spoken
Was writ on tables yet unbroken ;
The word by seers or sibyls told
In groves of oak, or fanes of gold,
Still floats upon the morning wind,
Still whispers to the willing mind.
One accent of the Holy Ghost
The heedless world hath never lost.

THE PROBLEM

JANUARY SEVENTH

Trust men and they will be true to you ; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great, though they make an exception in your favor to all their rules of trade.

FRUDENCE