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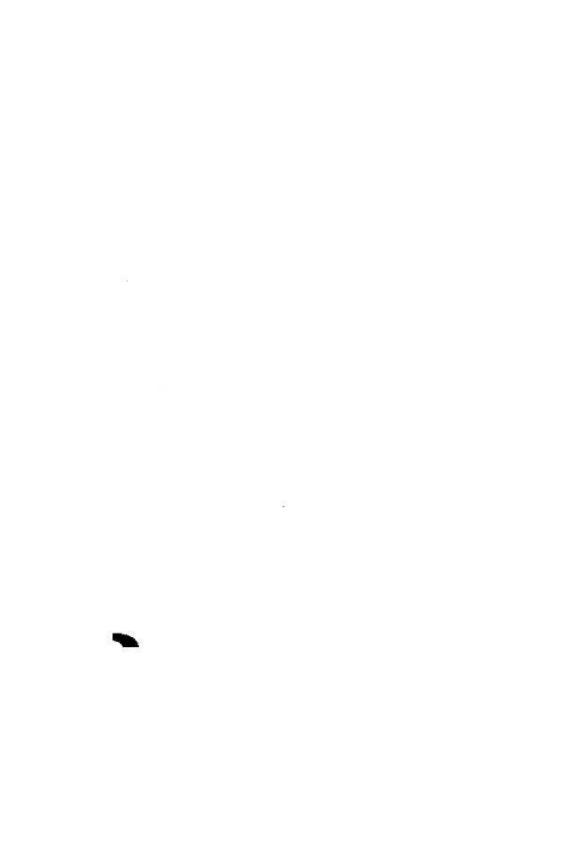


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9843 .569 158 Not one year in all my past would I live over in preference to the year that now stretches out before me.



JANUARY

Banuary 1

My friends, the new year which opens to you today will offer you a great many unexpected opportunities. You can make it a blessed year, if you will begin today a career of eager watchfulness, and of ceaseless readiness to follow the right always and on the instant.

Banuary 2

We need everywhere that note of the heroic which makes men long to achieve great things, makes them feel high emotions, and love better the toils that come with honor than the gains of selfishness.

Banuary 3

Every moment of every day brings God's love to us and should carry our love to Him.

Living In Earnest

Banuary 4

The doctrine of character is peculiarly worthless unless it applies to the self. It is not a standard for somebody else, but for you.

Banuary 5

I am as well placed as my neighbor. He cannot live longer than I. We both have eternity before us.

Banuary 6

The idle person will try in vain to be happy, for some sort of diligent work is indispensable to a fine life.

Banuary 7

The true joy of life can come side by side with life's hardships, provided one has the thought of God, like sunshine, in his soul.

Banuary 8

A man can be unselfish in any spot of earth, and under any conditions.

Banuary 9

Let every person so train his faculties that life can present no emergency which he has not the power to handle.

Banuary 10

We best perceive the Fatherhood of God when we are seeking Him with our brothers by our side.

Banuary 11

For our eternal welfare, it is more important to be fit for a given work than to do the work itself.