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"My little tasks—the little tasks even of my little life—
claim the divinest inspirations which the martyrdoms and
the crusades of the most splendid souls require."

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January First.

When a man starts afresh, either with the newness of a new year, or with the stimulus of altered circumstances, or with the inspiration of a new work, what his start ought to do for him is to refresh the deepest principles by which he lives. In a new beginning men ought to feel, and in some way more or less clear they do feel, what they are and what great powers are at work upon them.

January Second.

It is God, and the discovery of Him in life, and the certainty that He has

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plans for our lives and is doing something with them, that gives us a true, deep sense of movement, and lets us always feel the power and delight of unknown coming things.

January Third.

The peace of any man's soul who has outgrown mere self-indulgence, can only come by going forward—on to the deepest principles and final causes of things. Put God underneath all your life, and your life must rest upon the Everlasting Arms.

January Fourth.

God is the only final dream of man. Door after door opens; there is no final chamber till we come where He sits. All that ought to be done in the world has a right to know itself as finally done for Him.

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January Fifth.

Coming to love God is like climbing a high mountain. It takes you out of the low valley of formal life. It sets you upon the open summit of spiritual sympathy, close to the sun.

January Sixth.

A man's place is made ready for him in the mind of God; the man's life is set here as a positive, clear fact; and what comes next? . . . That life must tell. It must go out beyond itself. It must have influence.

January Seventh.

"A live man" is an American eulogy. . . . The "live man" is the man who loves goodness and desires it for himself and his brethren, and lets his love go out into effort wherever it gets a chance.

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Christianity lives in two great ideas—personal perfection and humanity. . . . The disciple of Christianity finds that he cannot grow perfect except by helping his fellow-men, and that he cannot effectively help his fellow-men except out of the resources of an ever-growing goodness in himself.

January Ninth.

When you come down from the summits, you do not come away from God. There is no task of life in which you do not need Him. The Nation is as truly His as the Church. The work-bench needs His light as truly as the cloister. . . . God hasten the day when the world shall freely use the divinest powers for its commonest tasks!

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January Centb.

Do not delay until some need worthy of God shall seem to make it possible for you to come to Him. *All needs need Him.* Come with the needs you have. . . . Through His supply of them He will awaken higher needs; and at last, little by little, He will fulfil you with Himself.

January Eleventh.

Many men attempt to keep up a body of good habits without any spiritual purpose of goodness to inhabit them. It is as anxious and costly and hopeless an undertaking as would be the attempt to keep in repair a whole village of unoccupied houses.

January Twelfth.

Reverence the simple, the prosaic, the natural, the real, but demand of