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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

At the turn of a New Year we are inclined to retrace our steps and review our ups and downs of the past year, when we then take our actions under closer scrutiny. We may dwell on the brighter sides and are inclined deservedly or not, to pat our backs, but when we come across darker spots, which we sometimes deeply regret, we are quickly ready to brush them aside with some well-meaning New Year's resolutions.

Although there is no impossibility to him who stands prepared to conquer every hazard, we have to guard ourself against the pitfalls of hastily made resolutions. L. Malet rightly writes: "Good resolutions are a pleasant crop to sow. The seed springs up so readily and the blossoms open so soon with such a brave show, especially at first. But when the time of flowers has passed, what as to the fruit."

Should we not rather be content to resolve to improve our conduct to our fellow men on a day to day basis than make resolutions for such a long time ahead? We may well find ourself more pleased on the end of the next 365 days.

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