

The Friendly Dear

January first

For things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true;
To speak without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow-men sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and heaven securely.

*The com-
pass*

—IX, 39.

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"Carry this flower with you. It's not
the bonniest flower in Scotland, but it's the
dearest, for the message that it brings. And
you will remember that love is not getting, but
giving; not a dream of pleasure, and a
madness of desire—oh no, love is not that—
it is goodness, and honour, and peace, and pure
living—yes, love is that; and it is the best
thing in the world, and the thing that lives
longest. And that is what I am wishing for
you and yours with this bit of white heather."

*White
heather*

—VI, 114.