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# The Sanctum.

## New Year's Greetings.

Another year! another year!  
Has borne its records to the skies.  
Another year! Another year,  
Untried, unproved, before us lies.  
We hail with smiles its dawning ray—  
How shall we meet its final day?

It is with mingled feelings that we enter upon another year's work. Feelings of failure and of partial success, nobler desires and higher aspirations fill each mind as the old year passes and the new begins its arduous mission. And even if these desires for higher things never materialize in open action yet their mission is not altogether unsuccessful. The thoughts themselves will never die. So around each opening month as it comes is thrown this halo of sentiment.

The irresistible movement of Time is brought each year more fully home to us. To the student this is especially true, to no one is its ceaseless progression more apparent, and to no one should come with greater impressiveness the feeling of dissatisfaction with the past. So little done, and so much time spent in its accomplishment.

And yet the bright side of the "New Year's" advent is the one to which we all naturally look. The failures of the "Old" are past and with them as "stepping stones" the New Year is to furnish a fresh opportunity for another struggle to rise "to higher things." The very newness of the year is in itself a source of joy. "Old things are passed away." The sorrows and difficulties of the "Old" are gone