

Start Right.

Hundreds of men who will read this issue of *SUNSHINE* promised last year that they would take out a life assurance policy. But month after month passed away, and here they are at the beginning of 1900 without their promises fulfilled. Start the year right. Do not allow the opening month to slide away without protecting your family, or whoever is dependent upon you.



Wishing.

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do.
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true,
Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high.
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?
Well, suppose you make a start,
By accumulating wisdom
In the scrap-book of your heart.
Do not waste one page on folly;
Live to learn, and learn to live.
If you want to give men knowledge
You must get it, ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way,
For the pleasures of the many
May be oft-times traced to one,
As the hand that plants an acorn
Shelters armies from the sun.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



OTTAWA, Nov. 8th, 1899.

THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
OF CANADA.

DEAR SIRS,

On behalf of the beneficiary under Policy No. 31746 on the life of the late Jas. Isbester, we feel that an acknowledgement is due you for the very satisfactory manner in which the claim has been settled through the medium of Mr. John R. Reid, the Company's Manager for Eastern Ontario.

Yours very truly,
CODE & BURRITT,
Barristers, Solicitors, &c.

The New Century, When?

There are a variety of opinions regarding the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Some authorities say that it began on Jan. 1st, 1900, while others say that the beginning is on Jan. 1st, 1901. The German Emperor has officially declared that the present century ends with its ninety-ninth year, and has ordered his Court and the army to celebrate Jan. 1st as the beginning of the new century. The Emperor has no less an authority, as a precedent, than Heine, who, because he was born in the year 1800 referred to himself as one of the first men of the century. And there are others who take the same stand, among them a prominent College President in the United States.

The New York Sun takes the opposite view and catechistically asks:—

What is a year?

Three hundred and sixty-five days.

What is a century?

One hundred years.

When did the year No. 1 end?

December 31 of the year 1.

When did the year No. 2 begin?

January 1 of the year 2.

When did the year 99 end?

December 31, A. D. 99.

Did that complete a century?

No.

When was the century completed?

At the close of the year following 99, or at the close of the year 100.

When did the second century begin?

January 1 of the year 1 of the second century, that is, January 1, A. D. 101.

When did the 19th century end?

At the close of the nineteenth hundredth year, or at the close of 1900.

When does the 20th century begin?

It begins on day No. 1 of the year No. 1 of the 20th hundred years—that is on January 1, A. D. 1901.

Will we have another Christmas before the old Century ends?



“It is a matter of satisfaction to myself, as it must be gratifying to the Sun Life of Canada, to know that the results of my Policy exceed the estimates given me when I assured.”

S. R. POULIN,
Contractor, Ottawa.



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MISS G. C. REIFENSTEIN,
Ottawa.