

Men can answer for their own interior purposes, but not for those of their neighbors; hence, *I will* is a positive promise: while *thou wilt* and *he will*, are but faint ones. To "shall you go?" the answer is, "I will." To "will you go?" the answer is, "I shall."

*Shall* simply foretells or declares what is to take place, as I shall walk, we shall walk. This is equal to, I am to walk, we are to walk. "*Shall* as a simple sign of the future tense is used only in the first person singular or plural. It cannot mean compulsion in the first person because I cannot compel myself to do anything against my will. I may force my will, it is true, but the will must be on the side of the act."

Note the following errors of speech: *I will* be too late for the train, if I stay longer [shall]. He *shall* arrive to-morrow by noon [will]. I *will* be very glad to see your brother also [shall]. They *shall* be waiting for me at the station [will]. "What a lucky thing it was; I certainly *will* be promoted now" [shall]. "Must I live without you? *will* I never see you more?" [shall]. "I will come and see you, said Julius, soon I will be able to stay at home" [shall]. I am sure I *will* be thanked by all the brotherhood" [shall]. Inform Mr. Nodges that I *will* be at home the first week in June," [shall.] In the use of shall, four divisions may be made:

1. I shall go to-morrow, we shall surely fail [simple futurity].

2. Thou shalt not go [command].

3. He shall do it [compulsion].

4. You shall have a holiday to-morrow [promise].

Shall I go? means, do you wish me to go? Will I go? is incorrect. Shall you go? means, do you intend to go? Shall he go? means, do you suffer, or permit him to go? Shall we go? means do you choose or wish us to go? Shall they go? means, do you choose them to go? Sometimes a very strong resolution is expressed by, I *shall* go. It means I am determined to go. It also should be noted that in answering a request *shall* expresses the intention of compliance apart from any wish to gratify the asker. We all know what a man means when he says, "I *shall* do no such thing." Permit me to quote other incorrect uses of shall. The man that fell into the river said, I will [shall] be drowned. The boy at school said, Teacher, we will [shall] be smothered. A note came to hand yesterday, it was worded thus: I am expecting a few young people to dance, and will [shall] be happy to see you. If I look out of my