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A GOOD RESOLUTION

Eternity has handed out to the universe another year. Earth-beings will turn to new calendars in dating their correspondence. Three hundred sixty-five wonderful days of 1923 have slipped through the glass of Time, leaving in their wake joys and sorrows, famine and plenty, peace and strife, wealth and poverty-and the hundred and one

other vicissitudes of life that we are heir to.

A good deal has been said—a good deal more is being said—about what the people who inhabit the earth should do whenever the old calendar loses its last leaf. It lies, we believe, within the province of a newspaper to remind its readers of many things—not only of events of the community, but often the attributes necessary to correct individual and community life.

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We believe that God, in this infinite wisdom, never intended any man, woman, child, or bears of the field and forest to suffer even a moment's anguish, unless it was for the good of the one who suffered. Obey the laws of society and you will never be incarcerated in a prison; violate none of the laws of nature and you will never be violate none of the laws of nature and you will never be sick; and, last, but never least, practice the simple tenets of the Golden Rule—a thing too often ignored by a great majority of the citizens of this world—and be HAPPY!

You may read a thousand volumes of philosophy; you may listen to an untold number of splendid sermons on the subject; but your New Year's resolution can never be a better one if it reads: "I Firmly Resolve to be KIND."

If every act of your life was prompted by kindness, you, would NEVER, NEVER be unhappy. Simple, isn't it, folks? No, it's probably the hardest thing in the world

folks? No, it's probably the hardest thing in the world to successfully do—that's why we ought to do it.

OUR COMMUNITY BALANCE-SHEET

This is the time o' the year when businessmen take inventories of the merchandise on their shelves. They do it to find out just how much gain they have made during the past 365 days—it is necessary to balance the books and to satisfy the income tax collector.

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The Village of Birmingham might take an inventory of its municipal activities for the year just closed—it might aid and assist all worthy citizens of this Village to better enjoy community life. It might also make some little difference in the future.

Because we are more or less acquainted with what goes on in and about Birmingham, we are going to make our own inventory of the present needs of the fown; others may do the same if they wish—and we'll gladly print it for public perusal.

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In the first place, we'll wager our judgment that very, very few people (including ourself) have done everything we thought of that would better both our personal status and our community welfare during the year just closed. We're too selfish and self-centered to do it. So is everybody else in the world, including Europe. But we'll list a few of the important things that would go a long way towards the betterment of Birmingham and vicinity; we hope that no feelings are hurt in the process:

process:

1. We need more civic pride. (So does every other place we ever heard of.)

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2. Better attention paid to the needs of the community. (Would a man build a home with poor lights, insufficient water supply, a driveway that resembles the Rocky Mountains, and expect to be happy in it?)

3. More building activities. (If a thousand new houses and apartments were erected this year, we believe they would be filled by new residents.)

4. An additional water supply. (Ask any of the Village Commissioners about the new well being drilled; they don't know much about it.)

5. A new hotel; a motion picture theater. (Ask the man or woman who wants them—he or she will tell you where to find both).

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6. A decent Public Library; a new Municipal Hall. 6. A decent Public Library; a new Municipal Hall (If you are in doubt about this, just glance through the present combination Library, Village Fire Department, Police Department, Jail, meter and "general hangout" building at the corner of East Maple and Woodward

avenues.)

7. A Park system. (There are times when some of the spots owned by the Village, often dubbed "parks," are mistaken for neglected vacant lots.)

8. Additional sewers. (Ask the people who tive along the River Rouge.)

9. Continuation of the policy, "No factories in Birmingham."

Birmingham."

And, last but not least, more co-operation shown 10. And, last but not least, more co-operation shown our public officials. Office on the Village Commission ought to be one of honor; local electors can elevate these offices so that they may attract competent, public-spirited men and women to accept one of mankinds most laudable undertakings—that of "service to one's fellow-citizens." Having thus made our own inventory of Birmingham, we submit the books to you, the electors (auditors) Do you think you can strike an accurate community halone?

you think you can strike an accurate community balance?

"New species of insects are being found and classified at the rate of 6,000 per year," says the Dearborn Independent. As "Chronicler of the Neglected Truth" we'd like to ask the Independent how many of them belong to

A story in Sunday's Detroit News informs the world that New York City's ushering in of the New Year cost ten million dollars. That's a pretty good sum of money for cost—ut a mere trifle, we'll say, when compared

ROOM LYRICS

CHARLES S. KINNISON of LOOKING AHEAD

When all our goals and dreams are dead, And all life-giving hopes are fled, And listless days go drifting by, Our souls within us start to die.

When we no longer plan and dream, And life has lost its glow and gleam, And we no longer face the sun, Our downward path has then begun.

But, oh, it's good to dream and hope, Although at times we blindly grope Although at times we blindly grop To reach our cherished gleaming That seems so near and yet so far

And even though the goal's denied, So long as faith and hope abide, Life still remains a joyous quest, E'en though we do not reach the crest.

It's only failure that we meet, That makes the victory so sweet. Success is empty, after all, Did we sot, striving, trip and fall.

only when the fight is hard hold the goal in high regard. more remote the victory seems, more the prize, with richness, gleams!

But as I look with anxious eyes To some unreached and treasured prize, Let me not blinded be, I pray, To happiness that's mine, today!

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