

HOW TO SPEND MY DAYS

In the Year 1913 Better than I Did in 1912.

How many of us children have stopped a moment to think of this important subject? I haven't thought of writing at all until I began to think of what an important subject we have.

Now children, let us come together forming an endless chain of little links. Resolve to have a purpose and live up to it. Let us make every effort possible to brighten the year 1913. Don't think or say with ourselves that we haven't the chance or that we are not in position to be active, for each girl and boy has a grand chance, no matter where or where his or her situation be.

If we only cultivate will within us. Think of the many things that count in making our own life and also lives of individual with whom we chance meet happy.

Each morning with a heart full of love and a smile for every one, singing some sweet little song that may be cheering to one and all. With a happy smile, I can cause so many other smiles and keep them growing by cultivation. My little work and household duties which sometimes seem a burden to me will soon be a source of pleasure and gladness to know that I am of some importance.

I shall strive to fill my place, no matter what or where I may be. I will be sure I am doing my duty regardless of any obstacle which should arise up before me. I say let us have a purpose in life and live up to it, for without it we would be a mere trifle. Just think how many little things we may find to do each day at home. We can be cheerful and helpful striving to be a help instead of a trouble. At school we can help to attend to the smaller children's wants and if one should be sick see that he or she gets attention. If any disturbance should occur, which sometimes does, especially among the little boys, see that they come together and make friends, getting each party to acknowledge their faults to the other.

When we attend to each little thing that we may find to the best of our knowledge at the close of the day we can kneel so joyfully to thank the Heavenly Father for strengthening us so wonderfully in our weakness, with nothing to keep us from feeling free and happy. Let us strive to be more helpful than ever before.

I am a little girl thirteen years and six months of age in the eighth grade of Union High School. Wishing our little band of writers much success in their good work during the proceeding year, 1913.

WINNIE McLAULIN, Rome, S. C.

I am going to make the year of 1913 better than the year of 1912. First, I am going to improve in my school work. Study my lessons, obey my teacher, speak kind to my teacher and be kind and true to my school-mates. In society I will write my debate the best of my side win. At my next school I will learn my part distinctly. I will not disturb my teacher. I will not disobey any of the school rules, so that my teacher will not have a right to keep me in. I will try not to be late in the mornings nor be absent from school unless I am sick.

Second, I will try to keep my house better in 1913 than I did in 1912. I will do what my parents tell me to do and not grumble about it. I will try to be more careful with my things and when I get through with them I will put them away. I will help around my house. I will know more work.

Third, I will try to be a better person. I will be up early, make myself look fresh and bright, and be nice to everyone. I get up as soon as I hear anyone up, dress and go to the living room, straighten the magazines, books and papers that are left the night before, sweep and dust till breakfast time. If anything is needed I get up and get it and don't wait to be told. After breakfast I help to fix the school lunch for five of us. At school I try to have good lessons and please my teacher. After school when I am not kept with my music I go home and do lots of things to help till supper is over, then I study lessons for the next day and read till bed time. I love Sunday-school and love to go. I try each year to pass to the next grade in my studies and hope some day to go to Winthrop College. I am in the fifth grade of Cedar Swamp Graded school.

GEORGE REMBERT.

else. If a lady was out shopping and had a big armful of bundles and were to drop them, ought I to stand off and watch her pick them up, or ought I run and pick them up for her? Why, of course, I should gather them up for her. If I should go to a friend's to spend a day or night if they don't have exactly what I want to eat, I ought to eat what they have and say nothing about it. There are many ways that we could best spend the days of 1913 and I hope that everybody will spend the days of not only next year, but all the years in the future as best they can. I am a boy of the sixth grade.

Yours truly, LUTHER AULL.

On new year's day we all should make a new and good resolution. We should not only make it but should keep it also and try to have everything marked with brightness, cheerfulness and happiness, also with kindness and truth.

We should do our duty to our parents, teacher and friends. First of all, to God each day in the year. We all can make a good year of 1913 if we will only try, for I am sure you can do something kind and good to help those that are in need and trouble. For a friend in need is a friend indeed. On school days we should go to school and learn our lessons, but don't go just for the fun of going. Try to get the benefit of our time, for if we waste it some day we will wish we had not wasted so many useful days. On Sunday we should go to Sunday-school and preaching. After services we should take a good rest and then read some of God's holy words. We should try not to lose a day, for when lost you can never recall it. Do your very best every day and do a good and kindly deed. Be true to God and your native land. A life like this, I think, would be much happier than the one some of us lead.

DELLE SEXTON, Sixth Grade, Kingstree, S. C.

Hurrah, for the year 1913. I am a boy of the third grade in Kingstree Graded and High school. Each day must be put to good use. January's 31 days and nearly all of February's have been spent fairly good. Average and behavior at school. Home duties must come first of each of the happiest 365 days God gives to us. Up early, bathe, dress, feed horse, fill water pail for breakfast, then off to school. Home again, lessons to learn, woodboxes to fill and, as boys will do, get into mischief and get all out of these days I can. Then comes vacation, not a day is lost, for boys that will, can always find work as well as play and no one should idle the six days God gives us to work and the seventh to rest and serve him.

LEVIN NELSON.

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Sunday I am going to preaching and Sunday-school. I shall study my lesson and try to keep its teachings. I want to be up early the next five days, help my mother and get my lessons as near perfect as possible and not get a single demerit. I want to be very kind to my brothers and father. I want to help all sick people I can. Saturday I want to clean up my room good and help mother do all the odd things, so as not to have so much to do on Sunday. I am going to try and read a little in my Bible every day.

CARRIE MOSELEY, Salters Depot, S. C.

As this is 1913 I am going to try to live a better life than I ever lived before if it is the good Lord's will. I know it is His will always for me and I am going to try to be as near as I can with Him. I am going to ask Him to help me. I know He will if I go to Sunday-school and read about Him. I like to be a boy 8 years old, my name is JACKIE BRADHAM. Mouzons, S. C.

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