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AT THE CROSSROADS WHERE AMERICA
CALLS FOR RENEWAL OF CIVIC FAITH

IN PASSING through the gates of the changing seasons we are reminded that another cycle of time has passed beyond recall and has sent us by another milestone along the journey we call life. Only the records of the year that has gone can tell the true story of our conduct in citizenship, of the actual losses we have sustained and the gains that stand marked to our credit. This record of our individual lives may square perfectly with our own peculiar ideas of civic measurements, but if it rates below par on the exchange of America's civic conscience, we should at once be busying ourselves with our assets in citizenship. Our intentions may be all right, but if our personal habits, in some respects, are responsible for the losses we have sustained they should be revised in favor of increased credits in citizenship. The man who measures his personal conduct, throughout, according to both moral and legal code in citizenship, is the man who sustains no losses and whose credit account on the civic ledger provides for an ample margin in favor of posterity.

The horizon of the new year is radiant with promises for civic achievements through all the land. Citizens in all walks of life have come forward with new declarations of principles for the improvement and unification of our standards in citizenship. Men and women who have collected their pleasures on the borderlines between personal "rights" and the American Constitution are today marching on with new resolutions in favor of the Constitution and the inflexible precepts of the American moral code. There is no middle ground in citizenship. Men either build or destroy. The question of individual contribution is, therefore, unavoidable and calls for a straight answer. A decision is imperative. To which crew do we belong? Where do we, individually, stand as American citizens as the New Year is dawning?

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