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## THE NEW YEAR

Although Joshua is credited with having made the sun stand still, time passed on just the same—it is still passing on, and always will be. No power can command time—years come and go in spite of us. We are born, we grow to maturity, and we pass hence, all in a comparatively brief space of time. The majority of us are looking ever to the future, at which time we confidently expect to be happy—we overlook the present, which is of greater importance. Our past is of no benefit to us save for the lessons which we may have learned—our future is too vague, remote, too uncertain. Now is the time—the only time.

We are now entered upon the year of 1916. Many things are destined to occur in the coming twelve months before 1917. History is making every day and some of the most important and momentous events of the world to date are looking us in the face—the European war, for instance. Who can foresee what the end of the great conflict is to be? But we believe that 1916 will see the beginning of the settlement of this great war—the beginning of the end. Not the end in reality, but a silencing of cannon, for the effects of the war will be felt for many years after hostilities cease. Then must commence the work of reconstruction. Conditions in Europe are not alone in importance—we have Mexico in our back yard engaged in a sort of family hair-pulling match. We will find that 1916 will see many important changes in our sister republic to the south of us. Trade conditions of the whole world are changing as a result of the havoc of war, and these changes are of greatest importance to the people of the United States, for, not