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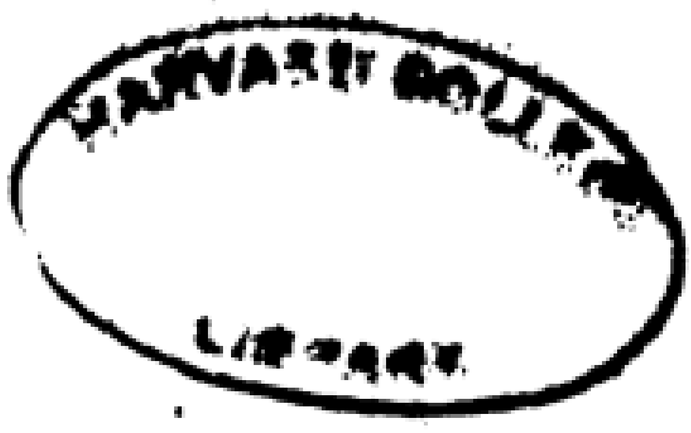

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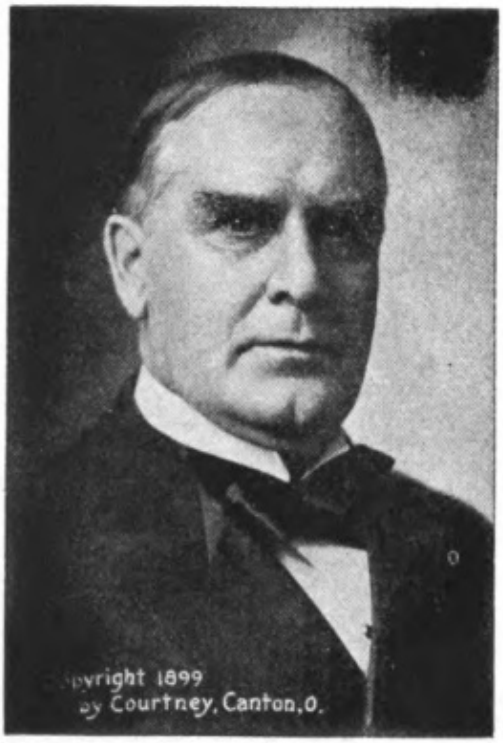

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PREFACE.

THE compiler of this little book offers to the public some of Mr. McKinley's most noteworthy and epigrammatic sayings. They have been selected with care from his speeches and writings. Possibly no more suitable preface could be furnished than an extract from Ex-President Cleveland's address, which was delivered at Princeton, New Jersey, on the day of President McKinley's burial. The Ex-President said, in part:

"The whole nation loved its late President. His kindly disposition and affectionate traits, his amiable consideration for all around him, will long remain in the hearts of his countrymen. He loved them in return with such patriotism and unselfishness that in this hour of their grief and

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humiliation he would say to them: 'It is God's will; I am content. If there is a lesson in my life or death, let it be taught to those who shall live and have the destiny of their country in their keeping.'

"Let us seek for the lessons and the admonitions that may be suggested by the life and death of this great man.

"First in my thoughts are the lessons to be learned by the young men. These lessons are not obscure nor difficult. They teach us the value of study and mental training, but they teach us impressively that the road to usefulness and to the only success worth having will be missed or lost except it is sought and kept by the light of those qualities of the heart which it is sometimes supposed may safely be neglected.

"The man who is universally mourned acquired the highest distinction which this great country can confer on any man, and he lived a useful life. He was not deficient in education, but with all you will hear of his grand career and his services to his country

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and his fellow-citizens you will never hear that either the high place he reached or what he accomplished was due entirely to his education. You will, instead, constantly hear, as accounting for his great success, that he was obedient and affectionate as a son, patient as a soldier, honest and upright as a citizen, tender and devoted as a husband, and truthful, generous, unselfish, moral and clean in every relation of life. He never thought any of these things too weak for manliness.

"Make no mistake, he was a most distinguished man, a great man, a useful man, who has been distinguished, great and useful because he had and retained unimpaired qualities of heart which I fear university students sometimes feel like keeping in the background or abandoning.

"What is there left behind for our people by the President we mourn? He has left us a priceless gift in his example of a useful and pure life, of his fidelity to public trust, and his demonstration of the kind of virtue

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that not only ennobles mankind, but leads to success. It is for us to remain to enforce this example and make it a saving influence for good in all our progress as a nation, and in every vicissitude that awaits our future.

"We are in church to-day, and the churches throughout the land are open to memorial exercises. These services should be but the beginning of strenuous exertions on the part of our churches to arouse our people to their obligations in the fulfilment of civic duty and to the enforcement of the fact that the laws of God, if kept and obeyed, are sufficient for all our needs and vicissitudes. God still lives and reigns, but He will not turn His face from us who have always been objects of His kindness."

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BITS OF WISDOM, McKINLEY.

January 1.

We leave the old century behind us, holding on to its achievements and cherishing its memories, and turn with hope to the new, with its opportunities and obligations.

January 2.

What you want is to get education, and with it you want good character, and with these you want unfaltering industry, and if you have these three things you will have success anywhere and everywhere.

January 3.

The thing to-day is to be practical.

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January 4.

No amendment can ever be made to the Constitution of this country that will curtail the supreme and sovereign power of the people.

January 5.

Bad citizenship will always induce bad government.

January 6.

In a country like ours, resting as it does upon the judgment of the people, our government and its administration, our laws and its courts, are very much what the people make them.

January 7.

Good citizenship is indispensable to good government.

January 8.

Let me assure you, young gentlemen,

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that the present and the future hold rich reward for good scholarship, high character and noble endeavor.

January 9.

We love peace better than war, and our swords never should be drawn except in a righteous cause, and then never until every effort at peace and arbitration shall be exhausted.

January 10.

Our growing power brings with it temptations and peril requiring constant vigilance to avoid. It must not be used to invite conflicts nor for oppression.

January 11.

Let us ever remember that our interest is in concord, not conflict; and that our real eminence rests in the victories of peace, not those of war.

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January 12.

Friendly rivalry exacts a study of the wants, comforts, and even the whims of the people, and recognizes the efficacy of high quality and new prices to win their favor.

January 13.

Money does not make work; work makes money.

January 14.

Workingmen want steady work at good wages. They are not satisfied with irregular work at inadequate wages. They want the American standard applied to both. With steady work they want to be paid in sound money.

January 15.

American wage-earners cannot earn if they have no employment, and when they

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do not earn, the farmer's home market is lessened and impaired and the loss is felt by both producer and consumer.

January 16.

The spirit of lawlessness must be extinguished by the fires of an unselfish and lofty patriotism.

January 17.

When money is employed, men are employed.

January 18.

When we part with our labor, our products or our property, we should receive in return money which is as stable and unchanging in value as the ingenuity of honest men can make it.

January 19.

The Continental Congress tried legislating values up by resort to penalties, but

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the inexorable laws of trade, as independent as the laws of gravitation, kept them down.

January 20.

The American people will be true to their time-honored traits of a mighty people. They will teach the world that they respect law and order and that they believe in public peace and tranquillity, and not in disorder and chaos.

January 21.

To feed an expectant and anxious people with the occurrences of the world daily, indeed, almost hourly; to discover and correct abuses; to fairly advocate a great cause—in short, to mold and direct public opinion, which is always the mission of journalism, is surely the noblest of professions.

January 22.

We are learning another thing, my fel-

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low-citizens, that no matter what kind of money we have we cannot get it unless we have work.

January 23.

When the war closed there were two great debts resting upon this government. One was the debt due to the men who had loaned the government money with which to carry on its military operations; the other debt was due to the men who had willingly offered their lives for the preservation of the American Union.

January 24.

Respect for womankind has become with us a national characteristic, and what a high and manly trait it is—none nobler or holier. It stamps the true gentleman.

January 25.

The path of progress is seldom smooth.

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January 26.

Distrust of the capacity, integrity and high purposes of the American people will not be an inspiring theme for future political contests.

January 27.

Existing problems demand the thought and quicken the conscience of the country, and the responsibility for their presence as well as for their righteous settlement rests upon us all.

January 28.

Strong hearts and helpful hands are needed, and, fortunately, we have them in every part of our beloved country.

January 29.

The people will not tolerate repudiation of public law or private dealings.

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January 30.

Missionaries have increased the regard for home; have strengthened the sacred ties of family; have made the community well ordered, and their work has been a potent influence in the development of law and the establishment of government.

January 31.

The best sentiment of the civilized world is moving toward the settlement of differences between nations without resorting to the horrors of war.

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February 1.

Steady work and good wages are the test of the nation's prosperity and the happiness of its citizens.

February 2.

We propose to sustain public order and public tranquillity and stand by the federal judiciary—that tribunal which is our anchor of safety in every time of trouble.

February 3.

We are a reunited country. We have but one flag—the glorious Stars and Stripes—which all of us love so well, and that we mean to transmit in honor and glory to our children, North and South.

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February 4.

I want to assure you young people that there is nothing so essential to your easy advancement and success in after life as a good education.

February 5.

Fortunate as our condition is, its permanence can only be assured by sound business methods and strict economy in national administration and legislation.

February 6.

The services and the sacrifices of the missionaries for their fellow men constitute one of the most glorious pages of the world's history.

February 7.

We have the best country and the best men, and we propose to continue to have the best money.

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February 8.

The greatest creditors of this country to-day are the workingmen. Aside from what is due them upon investments and savings, their current wages make them the largest creditor class in the United States.

February 9.

The prophets of evil were not the builders of the republic, nor in its crisis since have they saved or served it.

February 10.

Are we not made better for effort and sacrifice, and are not those we serve lifted up and blessed?

February 11.

Loans are imperative in great emergencies to preserve the government or its credit, but a failure to supply needed

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revenue in time of peace for the maintenance of either has no justification.

February 12.

When confidence is shaken misfortunes come not singly, but in battalions, and suffering falls on every community. No part of our population is exempt. It may come from one thing or it may come from another.

February 13.

Parties are not as strong as business ties and the good of the country is more to be desired than the success of any political party.

February 14.

We do not want in this country antagonism between capital and labor; they ought to be close together all the time.

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February 15.

The American people will teach the world that they will support the constituted authorities, created and sustained by their own free will.

February 16.

We must have stability in values and confidence in national and individual integrity before we can have real and permanent prosperity.

February 17.

If there is any one thing which should be free from speculation and fluctuation, it is the money of a country.

February 18.

Good money never made times hard.

February 19.

No deserving applicant should ever

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suffer because of a wrong perpetrated by or for another.

February 20.

The war is long since over. "We are not enemies, but friends," and as friends we will faithfully and cordially co-operate under the approving smile of Him who has thus far so signally sustained and guided us, to preserve inviolate our country's name and honor, of its peace and good order, of its continued ascendency among the greatest governments on earth.

February 21.

We cannot, by law, make every man honest, but we certainly will never make a law encouraging them to be dishonest.

February 22.

Honesty, like patriotism, can neither be bounded by State nor sectional lines.

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February 23.

No nation can by the fiction of the law absolve itself from any honorable obligation.

February 24.

Reciprocity is the natural outgrowth of our wonderful industrial development under the domestic policy now firmly established.

February 25.

An open schoolhouse, free to all, evidences the highest type of advanced civilization.

February 26.

We will solve the problems which confront us untrammeled by the past and wisely and courageously pursue a policy of right and justice in all things, making the future under God even more glorious than the past.

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February 27.

The credit of the government, the integrity of its currency and the inviolability of its obligations must be preserved.

February 28.

Honesty, capacity and industry should be fundamental requisites to original appointment and the surest guarantees against removal.

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March 1.

Lynching must not be tolerated in a great and civilized country like the United States; courts, not mobs, must execute the penalties of the law.

March 2.

Thank God no sectionalism now mars the map of the United States. Our opinion on public questions of national interest and national welfare do not rest upon the color of uniforms we wore in 1861, but upon our convictions of right and duty in 1901.

March 3.

Peace is the national desire and the goal of every American aspiration.

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March 4.

What we produce beyond our domestic consumption must have a vent abroad.

March 5.

Comparison of ideas is always educational, and as such instructs the brain and hand of man.

March 6.

Without confidence money will be hoarded and the wheels of industry stopped, and then the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, the laborer and those of other useful occupations alike will suffer.

March 7.

I doubt if there is any other name in American history which more fully typifies the possibility and triumphs of American opportunity than that of Abraham Lincoln.

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March 8.

We should no longer contribute, directly or indirectly, to the maintenance of the colossal marine of foreign countries, but provide an efficient and complete marine of our own.

March 9.

Government by law must first be assured; everything else can wait.

March 10.

Let us hold fast to that which we know is good.

March 11.

Money ought never to be the subject of mere partisan contention.

March 12.

We must get over the idea, my fellow

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citizens, if we ever had it, that there is any legerdemain in finances.

March 13.

I believe in the common brotherhood of man. I believe that labor gets on best when capital gets on best, and that capital gets on best when labor is paid the most.

March 14.

Men will no longer follow party when it leads away from business success and prosperity; when its policies cripple our industries and the earning power of labor.

March 15.

Doubt in the business world is death to business.

March 16.

The best way for the government to maintain its credit is to pay as it goes—

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not by resorting to loans, but by keeping out of debt—through an adequate income secured by a system of taxation, external or internal, or both.

March 17.

We will be consoled with the fact that opposition has confronted every onward movement of the republic from its opening hour until now, but without success.

March 18.

Dark pictures and gloomy forebodings are worse than useless. These only becloud, they do not help to point, the way of safety and honor. "Hope maketh not ashamed."

March 19.

There is one thing which I think we are sometimes too apt to forget—we are too

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apt to forget what is behind us and too apt to be heedless of our own experience.

March 20.

The people have no patience with those who would violate the plighted faith of the nation, and stamp its obligations with dishonor.

March 21.

The missionary, of whatever church or ecclesiastical body, who devotes his life to the service of the Master and of men, carrying the torch of truth and enlightenment, deserves the gratitude, the support, and the homage of mankind.

March 22.

We should not permit our great prosperity to lead us to reckless ventures in business or profligacy in public expenditures.

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March 23.

The preservation of public order, the right of discussion, the integrity of courts, and the orderly administration of justice must continue forever the rock of safety upon which our government securely rests.

March 24.

We propose in this country to maintain a government by law and a government under law.

March 25.

It is a matchless civilization in which we live, a civilization that recognizes the common and universal brotherhood of man.

March 26.

Our revenues should always be large enough to make proper and liberal pro-

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vision for that most deserving body of public creditors, the soldiers and sailors, and the widows and orphans who are the pensioners of the United States.

March 27.

So long as the American home continues to be the foundation of purity and virtue, so long as the American school is supported by the American people, we will have good citizenship and in turn good government.

March 28.

I am for America because America is for the common people.

March 29.

Recognizing the manifold achievements of others, our land invites the friendly rivalry of all the Powers in the peaceful pursuits of trade and commerce, and will

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co-operate with all in advancing the highest and best interests of humanity.

March 30.

We are opposed to any policy which increases the number of unemployed in the United States, even if it does give us cheaper foreign goods, and we are opposed to any policy which degrades American manhood that we may have cheaper products, made either at home or abroad.

March 31.

It is a gratifying thought that those who served their country best in war have always been among our best and truest citizens in peace.

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April 1.

No portion of our population is more devoted to the institutions of free government, nor more loyal in their support, of them, than the toilers of the country.

April 2.

We must not be unmindful of the need of improvement among our own citizens, but with the zeal of our forefathers encourage the spread of knowledge and free education.

April 3.

The American Constitution recognizes neither creed, nor color, nor race, nor nationality, nor caste, nor classes, but pro-

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tects and defends all alike and accords to each civil and religious liberty.

April 4.

The government gets its money just as the citizen gets his money—by giving something for it.

April 5.

The great essential to our happiness and prosperity is, that we adhere to the principles upon which the government was established and insist upon their faithful observance.

April 6.

Our finances must cease to be the subject of mere partisan contention.

April 7.

Missionaries are placing in the hands of their brothers less fortunate than themselves the keys which unlock the treasur-

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ies of knowledge and open the mind to noble aspirations for better conditions.

April 8.

If we are not our brothers' keepers we can be our brothers' helpers.

April 9.

Good character is as essential as good education; good morals are more indispensable than learning. Both should go together.

April 10.

I love to have the young men about me. I can do no better than to say to them that there is nothing in the world that will serve you so well as good character and clean morals.

April 11.

In calamity and in distress woman has ever been helpful and heroic.

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April 12.

Where the native resources of our land are as limitless as they are valuable to supply the world's needs, it is our province, as it should be our earnest care, to lead in the march of human progress and not rest content with any secondary place.

April 13.

In our great prosperity we must guard against the danger it invites of extravagance in government expenditures and appropriations.

April 14.

It is the duty of the people of this country to stand unitedly against every effort to degrade our currency or debase our credit.

April 15.

The farmers of this country must ap-

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preciate and will appreciate, if they do not already, that we cannot increase their markets or decrease their competition, either at home or abroad, by destroying the credit of the country.

April 16.

I take it that every man is not only in favor of national prosperity, but he is in favor of national honor and a national currency that will be as sound as the republic and as unsullied as its honor has always been.

April 17.

The American people, intrenched in freedom at home, take their love for it with them wherever they go, and they reject as mistaken and unworthy the doctrine that we lose our own liberties by securing the enduring foundations of liberty to others.

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April 18.

As heretofore, so hereafter, will the nation demonstrate its fitness to administer any new estate which events devolve upon it, and in the fear of God will "take occasion by the hand and make the bounds of freedom wider yet."

April 19.

The republic has marched on and on, and its every step has exalted freedom and humanity.

April 20.

The opportunities for women are greater now than ever before. This is singularly true here, where practically every avenue of human endeavor is open to her.

April 21.

The home over which the trusted wife

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presides is the citadel of our strength, the best guaranty of good citizenship and sound morals in government. It is at the foundation—upon it all else is constructed.

April 22.

You might just as well understand now that you cannot add value to anything by diminishing the measure of the value with which the thing is sold or exchanged.

April 23.

Whether it is poor money or whether it is good money, whether it is gold or whether it is silver, we cannot get one dollar of it unless we have employment for our hands and heads.

April 24.

The American people will never take so rash and wicked a step as to invalidate or

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impair the value of their own government obligations.

April 25.

While capital waits outside the factory, the machinery within is silent, labor is unemployed and poverty prevails about the firesides of the men who toil.

April 26.

We must not be misled by phrases nor deluded by false theories.

April 27.

We are not a nation of classes, but of sturdy, free, independent and honorable people, despising the demagogue and never capitulating to dishonor.

April 28.

We should permit none to participate

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in the advantages of our civilization who do not sympathize with our aims and form of government.

April 29.

After the lapse of a century since its utterance, let us, at length and forever hereafter, heed the admonition of Washington: "There should be no North, no South, no East, no West, but a common country."

April 30.

We want to stand by the great incorruptible judiciary of the country, which is our bulwark of safety in every hour of trouble and peril.

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May 1.

Our revenues should always be large enough to meet with ease and promptness our current needs and the principal and interest of the public debt.

May 2.

I am glad of the opportunity to offer without stint my tribute of praise and respect to the missionary effort which has wrought such wonderful triumphs for civilization.

May 3.

If, by mere fiat, whether it be fiat to the extent of fifty cents or to the extent of a hundred cents—if the government by

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a mere act of Congress can make money —then all the work of Washington and Jefferson, Hamilton and Clay, and all of the financiers and statesmen of this country was mere idleness and folly.

May 4.

I do not care what you may choose as your occupations, there is nothing that will count so much, or mean so much, or wear so well as good habits and a spotless name.

May 5.

It is in the quiet and peaceful walks of life where woman's power is greatest and most beneficial.

May 6.

Our national development will be one-sided and unsatisfactory so long as the remarkable growth of our inland industries remains unaccompanied by progress on the seas.

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May 7.

The guaranties of life, liberty, and of civil rights should be faithfully upheld; the right of trial by jury respected and defended.

May 8.

Our growing power must not be used to invite conflicts nor for oppression, but for the more effective maintenance of those principles of equality and justice, upon which our institutions and happiness depend.

May 9.

Honesty, capacity and industry are nowhere more indispensable than in public employment.

May 10.

A depreciated currency would work disaster to the interests of the people, and

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to none more than those of the working-men and producers.

May 11.

Let us settle once for all that this government is one of honor and of law, and that neither the seeds of repudiation nor lawlessness can find root in our soil or live beneath our flag.

May 12.

There is no menace to labor like that of a depreciated and debased currency.

May 13.

There are some national questions in the solution of which patriotism should exclude partisanship. Magnifying their difficulties will not take them off our hands nor facilitate their adjustment.

May 14.

If there are those among us who would

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make our way more difficult we must not be disheartened, but the more earnestly dedicate ourselves to the task upon which we have rightly entered.

May 15.

We want no wars of conquest ; we must avoid the temptation of territorial aggression.

May 16.

Illiteracy must be banished from the land if we shall attain that high destiny as the foremost of the enlightened nations of the world, which, under Providence, we ought to achieve.

May 17.

Diversify the products of agriculture, and thus you will have additional employment for your land.

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May 18.

To be a really capable and worthy journalist, wise, honorable and efficient, is to attain the highest plan of human opportunity and usefulness.

May 19.

There are some people who seem to think that the best way to get on in this world is to be against one another, and that there is natural antagonism between those who employ labor and those who are employed.

May 20.

The American people will show their reverence for the courts of justice, their devotion to the constitutional doctrines of free government and their love of home and family, education and morality.

May 21.

It is not more money we want. What

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we want is to put the money we already have at work.

May 22.

Here, as elsewhere, the poor and not the rich are always the greatest sufferers from every attempt to debase our money.

May 23.

We cannot restore public confidence by an act which would revolutionize all values, or an act which entails a deficiency in the public revenues.

May 24.

The era of reconciliation, so long and earnestly desired by General Grant and many other great leaders, North and South, has happily come, and the feeling of distrust and hostility between the sections is everywhere vanishing, let us hope never to return.

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May 25.

What we want in this country is, first, confidence, confidence in each other, confidence in the credit of the country, confidence in the future, confidence in our money, confidence that if we invest our money to-day we will get something out of it at the end of the year.

May 26.

Workingmen do not want to lose any part of their hard earnings through poor dollars.

May 27.

It is work that puts money into circulation. Money does not want to be idle any more than labor wants to be idle.

May 28.

The most un-American of all appeals

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is the one which seeks to array labor against capital, employer against employed.

May 29.

Business life, whether among ourselves or with other peoples, is ever a sharp struggle for success. It will be none the less so in the future.

May 30.

There is nothing so essential in a free government resting upon the people as education.

May 31.

Commerce is a great diplomatist. Fair trading makes fast friends. Commerce, like a circulating library, carries enlightenment wherever it goes.

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June 1.

Education is one of the indispensable steps of mission enterprise and in some forms must precede all successful work.

June 2.

If you can make money out of nothing by the mere breath of Congress, then it is idle to impose taxes upon the people to bear the burden and expense of conducting the government.

June 3.

The young men are always an inspiration to me. They are the hope of the community, the State and the nation.

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June 4.

Patriotism is not bound by State or class or sectional lines.

June 5.

Not only have some of the brightest pages of our national history been illumined by splendid example and noble efforts for public good, but her influences in the home, the church, the school and the community in molding character for every profession and duty to which our race is called has been potential and sublime.

June 6.

Our growing power brings with it temptations and perils, requiring constant vigilance to avoid.

June 7.

What is in the hearts and consciences of the people touching any public question

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is not effective until it is written in public statute, and this can only be done through the exercise of the elective franchise in the choice of a Congress of the United States which makes our public laws.

June 8.

No flag ever triumphed over the American flag. It was never degraded or defeated, and will not now be when more patriotic men are guarding it than ever before in our history.

June 9.

Party lines are not strong enough to hold any patriot within them who believes that his party has ceased to represent the highest and best interests of our glorious republic.

June 10.

Our diplomacy should seek nothing

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more and accept nothing less than is due us.

June 11.

Reforms in the civil service must go on; but the changes should be real and genuine, not perfunctory or prompted by a zeal in behalf of any party, simply because it happens to be in power.

June 12.

From the plain American home, where virtue dwells and truth abides, go forth the men and women who make the great States and cities which adorn our republic

June 13.

The home market is the best friend of the farmer. It is his best market. It is his only reliable market. It is his own natural market.

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June 14.

Capital and labor cannot get on without the other, and instead of their being enemies they ought always to be friends.

June 15.

The American people will never brook the thought of not looking the whole world in the face and challenging any nation to point to a more honorable or creditable record than ours.

June 16.

Business of every character is so interwoven, dependent and interdependent upon every other business, that hurt to one is hurt to the other.

June 17.

Until international agreement is had, it is the plain duty of the United States to maintain the gold standard.

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June 18.

Every attempt to array class against class, "the classes against the masses." section against section, labor against capital, "the poor against the rich," or interest against interest in the United States, is in the highest degree reprehensible.

June 19.

We should receive none who come to make war upon our institutions and profit by public disquiet and turmoil. Against all such our gates must be tightly closed

June 20.

It shall be my constant aim to improve every opportunity to advance the cause of good government by promoting that spirit of forbearance and justice which is so essential to our prosperity and happiness by joining most heartily in all proper efforts to restore the relations of brotherly respect

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and affection which, in our early history, characterized all the people of all the States.

June 21.

We want a dollar that is as good as gold, and just as good in the hands of the poor as in the hands of the rich.

June 22.

Each new engagement of the war brought its own new trials and perils to face and bravely overcome. The devotion to discipline and duty which distinguished them then has kept the old soldiers true and steady ever since.

June 23.

Our farmers are naturally conservative, and their unerring common-sense and common honesty will lead them quickly to detect fallacies.

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June 24.

By sensible trade arrangements which will not interrupt our home production, we shall extend the outlets for our increasing surplus.

June 25.

Courts, not mobs, must execute the penalties of the law.

June 26.

The schoolhouse is the university out of which comes good citizens, and it is on good citizenship we must rely, not only for the present but for the future, for the glory of the republic.

June 27.

We know no imperialism in the United States except the imperialism of a sovereign people.

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June 28.

It is inspiring, too, to remember that no great emergency in the one hundred and eight years of our eventful national life has ever arisen that has not been met with wisdom and courage by the American people.

June 29.

None bear more cheerfully or fully their proper share in the maintenance of the government or are better entitled to its wise and liberal care and protection than the great body of toilers of the country.

June 30.

Most of our financial laws are the outgrowth of experience and trial and should not be amended without investigation and demonstration of the wisdom of the proposed changes.

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July 1.

Duty determines destiny.

July 2.

The free and unmolested right of religious liberty and worship and free and fair elections must be sacredly preserved and wisely strengthened.

July 3.

The story of the Christian missions is one of thrilling interest and marvelous results.

July 4.

Country first, country last, and country with stainless honor all the time.

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July 5.

Many men there are from whom frankness would not withhold but command like expression of obligation to woman, wife, mother, sister, friend.

July 6.

The love of law and the sense of obedience and submission to the lawfully constituted judicial tribunals are imbedded in the hearts of our people, and any violation of these sentiments and disregard of their obligations justly arouse public condemnation.

July 7.

It is universally conceded that combinations which engross or control the market of any particular kind of merchandise or commodity necessary to the general community, by suppressing natural and ordinary competition, whereby prices are

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unduly enhanced to the general consumer, are obnoxious not only to the common law, but also to the public welfare.

July 8.

Let us keep always in mind that the foundation of our government is liberty; its superstructure peace.

July 9.

Our war with Spain imposed upon us obligations from which we cannot escape, and from which it would be dishonorable to seek to escape.

July 10.

I believe it is the duty of this government to encourage its own people and to pass such laws as will give to them the largest opportunity to improve their condition, the highest scale of wages and the

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greatest encouragement to their skill and their labor.

July 11.

The people will not countenance the clipping of the coins of the country, and will never consent to clipping the currency in any form which may be proposed.

July 12.

Between more loans and more revenue there ought to be but one opinion. We should have more revenue.

July 13.

If the nominal price of grain were to rise through an inflation of the currency, the price of everything else would rise also, and the farmer would be relatively no better off than he was before.

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July 14.

Some people are disturbed whenever they discover that the employer of labor and labor itself are on good terms, and whenever that occurs they commence crying coercion. It is not coercion; it is co-operation, the one working with the other for the public good and for their advantages, severally.

July 15.

No nation can by the wrongful exercise of power contravene the eternal principles of truth and justice and not escape deserved and fearful retribution.

July 16.

Good credit and good currency are as indispensable to labor as to capital, and he who teaches any other doctrine is an enemy of our country's prosperity.

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July 17.

These appeals to passion and prejudice are beneath the spirit and intelligence of a free people and should be met with stern rebuke by those they are sought to influence, and I believe they will be.

July 18.

When those who have money lack confidence in the stability of values and investments, they will not part with their money. Business is stagnated—the life-blood of trade is checked and congested.

July 19.

Every attack upon the public faith and every suggestion of the repudiation of debts, public or private, must be rebuked by all men who believe that honesty is the best policy or who love their country and would preserve unsullied its national honor.

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July 20.

Instead of their being a natural antagonism, there is a natural alliance between capital and labor, and the people who are forever seeking to create antagonisms between those who employ labor and those who are employed are the people who never give any employmnt to labor at all.

July 21.

There are two things which deeply and personally interest the workingmen. They are work and wages.

July 22.

We must not forget that nothing is cheap to the American people which comes from abroad when it entails idleness upon our own laborers.

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July 23.

Friendly rivalry is the spur to industrial improvement, the inspiration to useful invention and to high endeavor in all departments of human activity.

July 24.

The quest for trade is an incentive to men of business to devise, invent, improve, and economize in the cost of production.

July 25.

We should sell anywhere we can and buy wherever the buying will enlarge our sales and productions, and thereby make a greater demand for home labor.

July 26.

The men who opposed each other in dreadful battle a third of a century ago are once more and forever united to-

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gether under one flag in a never-to-be-broken union.

July 27.

Men who think for themselves will always have convictions upon public questions, and those convictions cannot always be the ame.

July 28.

Our naturalization and immigration laws should be further improved to the constant promotion of a safer, a better and a higher citizenship.

July 29.

Economy is demanded in every branch of the government at all times.

July 30.

Legislation helpful to producers is beneficial to all.

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July 31.

We must be both "sure we are right" and "make haste slowly."

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August 1.

Our past has gone into history. No brighter one adorns the annals of mankind. Our task is for the future.

August 2.

The labor of the country constitutes its strength and its wealth.

August 3.

Our institutions will not deteriorate by extension, and our sense of justice will not abate under tropic suns in distant seas.

August 4.

Equality of rights must prevail and our

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laws be always and everywhere respected and obeyed.

August 5.

Lynchings must not be tolerated in a great and civilized country like the United States. Courts, not mobs, must execute the penalties of the law.

August 6.

Our money should not be subject to easy attack, nor its stability to doubt or dispute.

August 7.

We are a nation of political equals. The voice of one citizen is as potent as the voice of another, and the united voice when constitutionally expressed is the law of the land.

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August 8.

Women have been everywhere appreciated and recognized, though God alone could place their service at its true value. Their work has been a power in every emergency and always for good.

August 9.

To invention we must turn as one of the most powerful aids to the accomplishment of our future progress and prosperity.

August 10.

The chosen representatives of the people will, I doubt not, furnish an example in their legislation of that wise economy which in a season of plenty husbands for the future.

August 11.

Missionaries have inculcated industry

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and taught the various trades. They have promoted concord and amity, and brought nations and races closer together. They have made men better.

August 12.

That which we call money, my fellow-citizens, and with which values are measured and settlements made, must be as true as the bushel which measures the grain of the farmer and as honest as the hours of labor which the man who toils is required to give.

August 13.

The only way the farmers can be benefited is through a larger consuming class.

August 14.

We are reunited. Sectionalism has disappeared. Division on public questions can no longer be traced by the war maps

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of 1861. These old differences less and less disturb the judgment.

August 15.

They are obstructionists who despair and who would destroy confidence in the ability of our people to solve wisely and for civilization the mighty problem resting upon them.

August 16.

The North and South no longer divide on the old lines, but upon principles and policies, and in this fact surely every lover of the country can find cause for true felicitation.

August 17.

The man who loves wife and mother and home will respect and reverence all womankind. He is always the better citizen for such gentle breeding.

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August 18.

The farmers of the United States are the most conservative force in our citizenship and in our civilization, a force that has always stood for good government, for country, for liberty and for honesty.

August 19.

To love and proclaim truth for truth's sake, to disseminate knowledge and useful information, to correct misimpressions, to enlighten the misinformed, is the mission of journalism.

August 20.

The American people will never consent, by popular vote or otherwise, to the repudiation of one farthing of their national debt.

August 21.

Capital hesitates because it sees danger

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ahead, and is unable to count with certainty upon either the safety of its principal or the return of profits.

August 22.

The character of the money which shall measure our values and exchanges, and settle our balances with one another and with the nations of the world, is of such primary importance, and so far reaching in its consequences, as to call for the most painstaking investigation.

August 23.

No one suffers so much from cheap money as the farmers and laborers. They are the first to feel its bad effects, and the last to recover from them.

August 24.

While we welcome to our shores the

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well-disposed and industrious immigrant who contributes by his energy and intelligence to the cause of free government, we want no immigrants who do not seek our shores to become citizens.

August 25.

I shall count it a privilege to aid, even in the slightest degree, in the promotion of the spirit of fraternal regard which should animate and govern the citizens of every section, State or part of the republic.

August 26.

What we want to do, not as partisans, but as patriots, is to stand for that policy that is best for ourselves, our homes, our wives and our children, as well as our State and our country ; and then we want to teach a reverence for public law and to stand firmly for tranquillity as against violence.

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August 27.

We are proud of our army and our navy, and yet they are not our chief pride. Our chief pride is not in the arts of war, but in the peace of useful pursuits of civil life.

August 28.

A religious spirit helps every man.

August 29.

This portion of the earth has no cause for humiliation for the part it has performed in the march of civilization. It has not accomplished everything; far from it. It has simply done its best, and without vanity or boastfulness.

August 30.

To have been a faithful soldier of the Union is no less a source of joy in your

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advancing years and infirmities than a precious legacy for family and friends.

August 31.

We want in the United States neither cheap money nor cheap labor.

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September 1.

The success of art, science, industry and invention is an international asset and a common glory.

September 2.

One of the needs of the times is direct commercial lines from our vast fields of production to the fields of consumption that we have but barely touched.

September 3.

Commercial wars are unprofitable. A policy of good-will and friendly trade relations will prevent reprisals.

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September 4.

Reciprocity treaties are in harmony with the spirit of the times; measures of retaliation are not.

September 5.

Expositions are the time-keepers of progress. They record the world's advancement.

September 6.

"Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done."—President McKinley's words as he was sinking into unconsciousness just before the surgical operation.

September 7.

President McKinley crowned a life of largest love for his fellow-men, of most earnest endeavor for their welfare, by a death

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of Christian fortitude; and both the way in which he lived his life and the way in which, in the supreme hour of trial, he met his death, will remain forever a precious heritage of our people.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

September 8.

He was obedient and affectionate as a son, patient as a soldier, honest and upright as a citizen, tender and devoted as a husband, and truthful, generous, unselfish, moral and clean in every relation of life. He never thought any of these things too weak for manliness.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

September 9.

His life was remarkable, and his personal character above reproach. His per-

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sonal qualities were such that he had no enemies.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

September 10.

Most truly do I sympathize with the whole American nation at the loss of their distinguished and ever-to-be-regretted President.

EDWARD VII., KING OF ENGLAND.

September 11.

Germany mourns with America for her noble son.

WILLIAM, EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

September 12.

He was a popular ruler, a good friend of the people, a genuine democrat in the best sense of the word.

PRESIDENT DIAZ, OF MEXICO.

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September 13.

"I sympathize with you with all my heart in the calamity which thus strikes at your dearest affections and which bereaves the great American Nation of a President so justly respected and loved."

From telegram sent by President Loubet, of France, to Mrs. McKinley.

September 14.

"Good-by, all; good-by. It is God's way. His will be done, not ours."

September 15.

A man of immaculate purity. No stain was upon his escutcheon; no syllable of suspicion was whispered against his character. He walked in perfect and noble self-control.

BISHOP ANDREWS.

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September 16.

As President he was thoroughly conversant with the duties of his office, and could enter into its most minute datails. His characteristic virtues were courtesy and politeness, patience and forbearance, and masterly self-control under very trying circumstances.

CARDINAL GIBBONS.

September 17.

In the face of this great loss no one can say that he was not a great man; that his was not a blameless, gracious life; that his was not a beautiful and spotless character; that his aims were not noble. Few countries have ever known a ruler whose conduct and life have been more exalted and have deserved greater praise.

BISHOP POTTER.

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September 18.

It is with unspeakable sorrow and consternation that her Majesty and ourself have heard the distressing news. The late President always gave manifestations of sincere friendship, and during the events of the past year he pursued a policy marked by a high sense of justice.

IMPERIAL CHINESE EDICT.

September 19.

"The loss of so great a ruler is a calamity to the whole world.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

September 20.

No man ever believed more firmly the truth that God reigns than William McKinley, and no silly jest of scoffing un-

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believer, no sneer of petty politician, ever made him hesitate to acknowledge God in all his ways, and declare his faith in the providential control of human affairs.

FRANK M. BRISTOL, D.D.,
The Washington Pastor of the late President.

September 21.

There is no nobler death than to die for one's country.

September 22.

Our capacity to produce has developed so enormously and our products have so multiplied that the problem of more markets requires our urgent and immediate attention.

September 23.

Our industrial enterprises which have grown to such great proportions affect the

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homes and occupations of the people and the welfare of the country.

September 24.

National policies can encourage industry and commerce, but it remains for the people to protect and carry them on.

September 25.

The time has now come in the evolution of sentiment and feeling, under the providence of God, when, in the spirit of fraternity, we should share with you in the care of the graves of the Confederate soldiers.

September 26.

We have a vast and intricate business, built up through years of toil and struggle, in which every part of the country has its stake, which will not permit of either neglect or of undue selfishness. No nar-

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row, sordid policy will subserve it. The greatest skill and wisdom on the part of manufacturers and producers will be required to hold and increase it.

September 27.

What an impressive thing it is to assume tremendous responsibilities.

September 28.

Only a broad and enlightened policy will keep what we have. No other policy will get more.

September 29.

In these times of marvelous business energy and gain we ought to be looking to the future, strengthening the weak places in our industrial and commercial systems, that we may be ready for any storm or strain.

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September 30.

A government like ours rests upon the intelligence, morality, and patriotism of the people.

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October 1.

The preservation of public order, the right of discussion, the integrity of courts and the orderly administration of justice must continue forever the rock of safety upon which our government securely rests.

October 2.

Our faith teaches that there is no safer reliance than upon the God of our fathers, who has so singularly favored the American people.

October 3.

But the government of the United States cannot create something out of

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nothing, and the man or party that teaches that doctrine teaches a false doctrine.

October 4.

In the distant period of its settlement, in the days of the Revolution, in the trials of Western pioneer life, during the more recent but dread days of our civil war, and, indeed, in every step of our progress as a nation, the devotion and sacrifices of woman were constantly apparent and often conspicuous.

October 5.

Our flag has never waved over any community but in blessing.

October 6.

In this era of great business activity and opportunity caution is not untimely.

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It will not abate, but strengthen, confidence. It will not retard, but promote, legitimate industrial and commercial expansion.

October 7.

Who can estimate the value of missionaries to the progress of nations? Their contribution to the onward and upward march of humanity is beyond all calculation.

October 8.

A disordered currency is the most effectual of inventions to fertilize the rich man's fields with the sweat of the poor man's brow.

October 9.

The mints will not furnish the farmer

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with more consumers. He has the most profitable market for what he produces at home and not abroad.

October 10.

We are now at peace with the world, and it is my fervent prayer that hereafter we may be spared the horrors of war.

October 11.

The faith of the fathers was a mighty force in its creation, and the faith of their descendants has wrought its progress and furnished its defenders.

October 12.

War should never be entered upon until every agency of peace has failed; peace is preferable to war in almost every contingency.

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October 13.

Woman's impress is felt in art, science, literature, song, and in government. Our churches, our schools, our charities, our professions, and our general business interests are more than ever each year directed by her.

October 14.

The great debt of this government now is to the surviving soldiers of the republic.

October 15.

The American people demand the continuance of our glorious institutions, unimpaired and unthreatened, which for more than a century past have made this the most highly honored, as well as prosperous, nation of the world.

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October 16.

Uncertainty makes every business man pause, makes every business enterprise halt, and while they pause and halt the home of every workingman is filled with despair.

October 17.

We must not now prove false to our own high standards in government nor unmindful of the noble example and wise precepts of the fathers, or of the confidence and trust which our conduct in the past has always inspired.

October 18.

Debasement of the currency means destruction of values.

October 19.

We cannot inspire confidence by advo-

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cating repudiation or practising dishonesty.

October 20.

I believe that there is more love for our country and that more people love the flag than ever before.

October 21.

The North and the South no longer divide on old lines, but upon principles and policies.

October 22.

If the party is wrong, make it better; that's the business of the true partisan and good citizen.

October 23.

The American people, intrenched in

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freedom at home, take their love for it with them wherever they go.

October 24.

Intelligence and industry are the best possessions which any man can have, and every man can have them.

October 25.

Prices are fixed with mathematical precision by supply and demand.

October 26.

Isolation is no longer possible or desirable.

October 27

Expositions stimulate the energy, enterprise and intellect of the people and

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quicken human genius. They go into the home. They broaden and brighten the daily life of the people. They open mighty storehouses of information to the student.

October 28.

God and man have linked the nations together. No nation can longer be indifferent to any other.

October 29.

Next in advantage to having the thing to sell is to have the convenience to carry it to the buyer.

October 30.

As we are brought more and more in touch with each other, the less occasion is there for misunderstandings, and the stronger the disposition, when we have differences, to adjust them in the court of

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arbitration, which is the noblest form for the settlement of international disputes.

October 31.

I have politics enough during the week. What I need, when I go to church, is Christ, and Him crucified.

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November 1.

The future is the sacred trust of us all, South as well as North.

November 2.

The poorest dollars always eventually land in the pockets of the poorest people, for when the break or crash comes the poor man loses it.

November 3.

I would rejoice to see demonstrated to the world that the North and the South and the East and the West are not sepa-

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rated or in danger of becoming separated because of sectional or party differences.

November 4.

Doubtless there have been pension abuses and fraud in the numerous claims allowed by the government, but the policy governing the administration of the pension bureau must always be fair and liberal.

November 5.

Every attempt to array class against class is opposed to the national instinct and interest and should be resisted by every citizen.

November 6.

It was the concurrent law of nations that made the double standard; it will

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require the concurrent law of nations to reinstate and sustain it.

November 7.

The sickle and the flail would still be in use but for the pressing demand of the great grain fields of America.

November 8.

Another growing sentiment among the people is that much as they are attached to old party associations, and hard as it is to leave their old relations, they would rather break with their party than to break up their business.

November 9.

When confidence is present with us the sheriff has less to do and advertises fewer forced sales. The court docket registers

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fewer judgments, public charity is less invoked and the free soup-house is unknown and unnecessary.

November 10.

A surplus in the treasury, created by loans, is not a permanent or safe reliance.

November 11.

The members of Congress are the agents of the people, and their presence at the seat of government in the execution of the sovereign will should not operate as an injury, but a benefit.

November 12.

The farmer can no more increase the value of his wheat by diminishing the value of the American dollar than he can increase the quantity of his hay by di-

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minishing the hay wagon on which he hauls it.

November 13.

New things are often found hard to do. Our fathers found them so. We find them so.

November 14.

We propose to have the best of everything that is going.

November 15.

The noble, self-effacing, willing ministers of peace and good-will should be classed with the world's heroes.

November 16.

Reciprocal trade arrangements with other nations should in a liberal spirit be carefully cultivated and promoted.

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November 17.

We cannot all be great scholars, but we can all have good scholarship.

November 18.

Let us remember now and in all the future that we are Americans.

November 19.

We are a nation of working people; we recognize no caste and will tolerate none beneath our flag.

November 20.

We must get over the idea in this country that the government makes money.

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November 21.

We must not lose our moorings; we must not be deluded by false doctrines or false prophets; we must never, by our ballots, stigmatize ourselves as either a dishonest or repudiating nation.

November 22.

A grave peril to the republic would be a citizenship too ignorant to understand or too vicious to appreciate the great value and beneficence of our institutions and laws—and against all who come here to make war upon them our gates must be promptly and tightly closed.

November 23.

Immunity should be granted to none who violate the laws, whether individuals, corporations or communities.

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November 24.

Every exposition, great or small, has helped to some onward step.

November 25.

Without competition we should be clinging to the clumsy and antiquated processes of farming and manufacture and the methods of business of long ago, and the twentieth would be no further advanced than the eighteenth century.

November 26.

We have had experience showing that we cannot increase work at home by giving it to the people abroad, and it is poor policy to keep our own men in idleness while we furnish employment to those outside our own country who owe

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no allegiance to this government and who acknowledge no loyalty to that flag.

November 27.

It is the business of the American people to look after their own interests, their own shops, their own factories, their own railroads.

November 28.

Nothing is better calculated to give strength to the nation at home, increase our power and influence abroad and add to the permanency and security of our free institutions than the restoration of cordial relations between the people of all sections and parts of our beloved country.

November 29.

It is consoling and encouraging to realize that free speech, a free press, free

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thought, and free schools are dearer and more universally enjoyed to-day than ever before.

November 30.

We must not repose in fancied security that we can forever sell everything and buy little or nothing.

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December 1.

It is a cause for painful regret and solicitude that an effort is being made by those high in the counsels of the allied parties to divide the people of the country into classes and create distinctions among us which, in fact, do not exist and are repugnant to our form of government.

December 2.

What use to boast of the glories of the past if we discredit them all in the living present?

December 3.

Our victories must be in the arts, in the sciences and in manufacture, agriculture

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and learning, if we would really make a great and progressive and enduring nation.

December 4.

The ambition of every American is for the well-being of his country, for he knows if all goes well with his country, all is likely to go well with him.

December 5.

What a mighty, resistless power for good is a united nation of free men. It makes for peace and prestige, for progress and liberty.

December 6.

A noble manhood, nobly consecrated to man, never dies.

December 7.

A system which provides a mutual ex-

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change of commodities is manifestly essential to the continued and healthful growth of our export trade.

December 8.

It is not a question of candidates, it is not a contention for office; it is a contention for country—not a contention inspired by sectional considerations, but of devotion to the duty which affects and inspires the great heart of the American people.

December 9.

The bitterness of the war belongs to the past. Its glories are the common heritage of us all. What was won in that great conflict belongs just as sacredly to those who lost as to those who triumphed.

December 10.

The first mission that a poor, depre-

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ciated, debased dollar performs is to find its way into the hands of some poor man who cannot afford to lose it.

December 11.

I would be glad to contribute toward binding in indivisible union the different divisions of the country which, indeed, now "have every inducement of sympathy and interest" to weld them together more strongly than ever.

December 12.

The soldiers and sailors of the Union should neither be neglected nor forgotten. The government which they served so well must not make their lives or condition harder by treating them as suppliants for relief in old age or distress.

December 13.

Whatever is to be deprecated in our

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financial system it must everywhere be admitted that our money has been absolutely good and has brought neither loss nor inconvenience to its holders.

December 14.

The double standard implies equality at a ratio, and that equality can only be established by the concurrent law of nations.

December 15.

Demand is what makes business activity.

December 16.

I have no fear of the farmer—the most conservative, the most considerate and the most sturdy of our splendid civilization. They are not easily misled. They have no aim in politics but an honest one.

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December 17.

This thing called business confidence never shut up an Ameriean mill, never reduced wages or curtailed employment, never refused loans, never got up a run on a bank, never stopped a mine, never created idleness among laboring men.

December 18.

Arbitration is the true method of settlement of international as well as local or individual difference.

December 19.

The farmer is met in the markets of the world by the products of other lands beyond the sea. The only market he can rely upon every day of the year is the American market, and what he wants to know is how to make that American market the best.

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December 20.

In this country we do not propose to have a dishonest dollar.

December 21.

Missionaries furnish us examples of forbearance, fortitude, of patience, and unyielding purpose, and of spirit which triumphs not by the force of might, but by the persuasive majesty of right.

December 22.

Our diversified productions, however, are increasing in such unprecedented volume as to admonish us of the necessity of still further enlarging our foreign markets by broader commercial relations.

December 23.

Our future progress and prosperity depend upon our ability to equal, if not sur-

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pass, other nations in the enlargement and advance of science, industry and commerce.

December 24.

I know of no richer possession than scholarship, no other ambition than to obtain it.

December 25.

There is no limitation to the influence that may be exerted by women in the United States, and no adequate tribute can be spoken of her services to mankind throughout its eventful history.

December 26.

That which costs a man nothing is not worth much.

December 27.

One of the best things of our civil-

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ization in America is the constant advancement of woman to a higher plane of labor and responsibility.

December 28.

The God of our fathers will not forsake us so long as we obey His Commandments and walk humbly in His footsteps.

December 29.

One of the lessons taught by the late election which all can rejoice in is, that the citizens of the United States are both law-respecting and law-abiding people, not easily swerved from the path of patriotism and honor.

December 30.

Our prayer is that God will graciously vouchsafe prosperity, happiness and peace to all our neighbors, and like blessings to all the peoples and powers of the earth.

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December 31.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY'S CHRISTIANITY.

[From The Christian Herald, June 14, 1899.]

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, May 26, 1899.

My belief embraces the Divinity of Christ and a recognition of Christianity as the mightiest factor in the world's civilization.

WM. McKINLEY.

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