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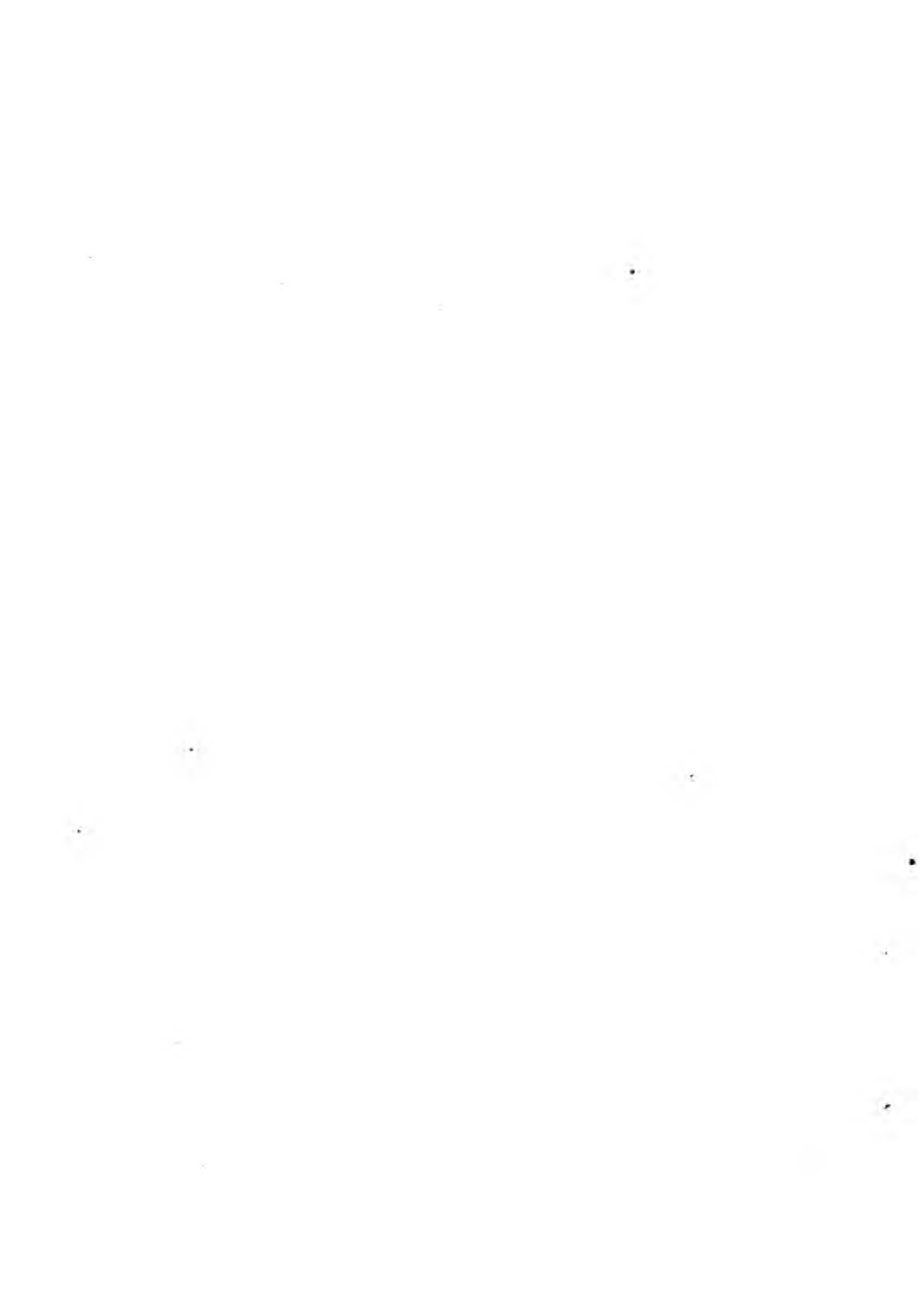






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These are wise maxims.

Essay on Richter.

Let a discerning public judge.

Essay on Voltaire.

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JANUARY.

Stormy January weather.

John Sterling.

It is ringing frost.

Frederick the Great.

January 1.

The Present Time, youngest-born of Eternity, child and heir of all the Past Times with their good and evil, and parent of all the Future, is ever a "New Era" to the thinking man. . . . to know *it*, and what it bids us do, is ever the sum of knowledge for all of us.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

January 2.

Originality is a thing we constantly clamour for, and constantly quarrel with ; as if any originality but our own could be expected to content us !

Essay on Richter.

To men in their sleep there is nothing granted in this world.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

January 3.

Blessed be Heaven, there is here and there a man born who loves truth as truth should be loved—with all his heart and all his soul.

Frederick the Great.

A man of quiet tastes and warm compassionate affections.

Essay on Richter.

January 1.

January 2.

January 3.

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January 4.

Rightly viewed no meanest object is insignificant ; all objects are as windows, through which the philosophic eye looks into Infinitude itself.

Sartor Resartus.

She was beautiful, she was good, she had known no happiness.

French Revolution.

January 5.

A day is ever struggling forward, a day will arrive in some approximate degree, when he who has no work to do, by whatever name he may be named, will not find it good to show himself in our quarter of the Solar System.

Chartism.

No man sees far ; the most see no farther than their noses.

Essay on Cagliostro.

January 6.

A man always is to be himself the judge how much of his mind he will show to other men.

On Heroes.

All men are to an unspeakable degree brothers, each man's life a strange emblem of every man's.

John Sterling.

January 4.

January 5.

January 6.

January 7.

It is a high, solemn, almost awful thought for every individual man, that his earthly influence, which has had a commencement, will never through all ages, were he the very meanest of us, have an end !

Essay on Voltaire.

A bright presence, and a favourite with sage and gay.

Frederick the Great.

January 8.

Unity of aim, aided by ordinary vigour of character, will generally insure perseverance ; a quality not ranked among the cardinal virtues, but as essential as any of them to the proper conduct of life.

Life of Schiller.

A desirable match for any youth of ambition.

Oliver Cromwell.

January 9.

Insincere Speech, truly, is the prime material of insincere Action. Action hangs, as it were, *dissolved* in Speech, in Thought whereof Speech is the Shadow.

Past and Present.

Man is emphatically a proselytising creature.

Sartor Resartus.

January 7.

January 8.

January 9.

January 10.

Show me the man you honour; I know by that symptom better than by any other, what kind of man you yourself are. For you show me there what your ideal of manhood is; what kind of man you long inexpressibly to be, and would thank the gods, with your whole soul, for being if you could.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

January 11.

The moment is the mother of ages.

French Revolution.

A man shall and must be valiant; he must march forward and quit himself like a man.

On Heroes.

January 12.

The Situation that has not its Duty, its Ideal, was never yet occupied by man.

Sartor Resartus.

All greatness is unconscious, or it is little and nought.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

January 10.

January 11.

January 12.

January 13.

Nature is very kind to all children and to all mothers that are true to her.

Frederick the Great.

A noble-minded creature ; full of affection, of fiery daring.

On Heroes.

January 14.

In Good-breeding, which differs, if at all, from High-breeding, only as it gracefully remembers the rights of others, rather than gracefully insists on its own rights, I discern no special connection with wealth or birth : but rather that it lies in human nature itself, and is due from all men towards all men.

Sartor Resartus.

January 15.

Nine-tenths of the miseries and vices of mankind proceed from idleness.

Life of Schiller.

A pure, clear, genuine spirit.

Essay on Goethe.

January 13.

January 14.

January 15.

January 16.

Let no man doubt the omnipotence of Nature, doubt the majesty of man's soul ; let no lonely unfriended son of genius despair !

Essay on Heyne.

There are men whose laugh is as untrue as anything about them ; who cannot laugh.

On Heroes.

January 17.

Nature's Laws are eternal : her small still voice, speaking from the inmost heart of us, shall not, under terrible penalties, be disregarded.

Past and Present.

January 18.

Human virtue, if we went down to the roots of it, is not so rare. The materials of human virtue are everywhere abundant as the light of the sun.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

He was eminently social.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

January 16.

January 17.

January 18.

January 19.

A man lives by believing something ; not by debating and arguing about many things.

On Heroes.

The Heavens are bounteous, and make the back equal to the burden.

Essay on Mirabeau.

January 20.

Happy men are full of the present, for its beauty suffices them ; and wise men also, for its duties engage them.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

A friendly, true, and high-minded man.

Essay on Richter.

January 21.

The idea you have once spoken, if it even were an idea, is no longer yours ; it is gone from you, so much life and virtue is gone, and the vital circulation of yourself and your destiny and activity are henceforth deprived of it.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

January 19.

January 20.

January 21.

January 22.

Fair young daughter of Time, what things has Time in store for thee !

French Revolution.

Things which have had an existence among men have first of all had to have a truth and worth in them, and were not semblances, but realities.

Chartism.

January 23.

The English, one can discern withal, have been perhaps as brave a people as their neighbours ; perhaps for Valour of Action and true hard labour in this Earth, since brave Peoples were first made in it, there has been none braver anywhere or anywhen.

Oliver Cromwell.

January 24.

A man, be the Heavens ever praised, is sufficient for himself ; yet were ten men, united in Love, capable of being and of doing what ten thousand singly would fail in. Infinite is the help man can yield to man.

Sartor Resartus.

January 22.

January 23.

January 24.

January 25.

All things are in revolution ; in change from moment to moment, which becomes sensible from epoch to epoch : in this Time-World of ours there is properly nothing else but revolution and mutation, and even nothing else conceivable.

French Revolution.

January 26.

The love of change is grounded on the difference between anticipation and reality, and dwells with man till the age when habit becomes stronger than desire, or anticipation ceases to be hope.

Life of Schiller.

January 27.

A serious, sincere character ; yet amiable, cordial, companionable, jocose even ;—a good laugh in him withal.

On Heroes.

The womenkind will not drill.

Sartor Resartus.

January 25.

January 26.

January 27.

January 28.

Who am I ; What is this ME? A Voice, a Motion, an Appearance ;—some embodied, visualised Idea in the Eternal Mind.

Sartor Resartus.

A woman of altogether genial character, great spiritual faculty and worth.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

January 29.

The true Past departs not, nothing that was worthy in the Past departs ; no Truth or Goodness realised by man ever dies, or can die ; but is all still here, and, recognised or not, lives and works through endless changes.

Essay on Characteristics.

January 30.

Speech is of Time, Silence is of Eternity.

Sartor Resartus.

Is the fall of a stone certain ; and the fruit of an un-wisdom doubtful?

Latter Day Pamphlets.

January 28.

January 29.

January 30.

January 31.

Her life was busy and earnest ; she was helpmate,
not in name only, to an ever-busy man.

Frederick the Great.

A handsome, buxom creature.

Essay on Cagliostro.

January 31.

FEBRUARY.

Days of wind, hail, snow, and rain. . . . The hail-reservoirs also opened on us again.

Oliver Cromwell.

February 1.

The most Foolish man in the Earth is now indubitably living and breathing, and did this morning or lately eat breakfast, and is even now digesting the same ; and looks out on the world, with his dim horn-eyes, and inwardly forms some unspeakable theory thereof.

Essay on Biography.

February 2.

What can it profit any mortal to adopt locutions and imaginations which do not correspond to fact?

John Sterling.

A sad dog.

Essay on Mirabeau.

February 3.

In torn boots, in soft-hung carriages-and-four, a man gets always to his journey's end.

Chartism.

The Infinite is more sure than any other fact.

Past and Present.

February 1.

February 2.

February 3.

February 4.

Weak eyes are precisely the fondest of glittering objects.

Essay on Richter.

Let him who would move and convince others, be first moved and convinced himself.

Essay on Burns.

February 5.

The thing that *is*, what can be so wonderful ; what, especially to us that *are*, can have such significance?

The Diamond Necklace.

A dreadfully dull individual.

Oliver Cromwell.

February 6.

Nature, when her scorn of a slave is divinest, and blazes like the blinding lightning against his slavehood, often enough flings him a bag of money, silently saying :
" That ! Away ; thy doom is that ! "

Latter Day Pamphlets.

February 4.

February 5.

February 6.

February 7.

It is, after all, the one unhappiness of a man, That he cannot work ; that he cannot get his destiny as a man fulfilled.

Past and Present.

She was young, hazel-eyed, beautiful.

Sartor Resartus.

February 8.

The Age of Romance has not ceased ; it never ceases ; it does not, if we will think of it, so much as very sensibly decline.

The Diamond Necklace.

A bright airy lady ; very graceful, very witty and ingenious ; skilled to speak, skilled to hold her tongue.

Frederick the Great.

February 9.

A man's destiny is strange always ; and never wants for miracles, or will want, though it sometimes may for eyes to discern them.

Frederick the Great.

One of the prettiest wives.

Essay on Cagliostro.

February 7.

February 8.

February 9.

February 10.

Women are born worshippers ; in their good little hearts lies the most craving relish for greatness : it is even said, each chooses her husband on the hypothesis of his being a great man—in his way. The good creatures, yet the foolish !

Essay on Goethe's Works.

February 11.

Can anyone confidently say to himself, that he has conversed with the identical, individual Stupidest man now extant in London ?

Essay on Biography.

A cheerful, gentle heart had been given him ; a quiet, sly humour.

Essay on Early German Literature.

February 12.

Man is not what one calls a happy animal ; his appetite for sweet victual is so enormous. How, in this wild Universe, which storms in on him, infinite, vague-menacing, shall poor man find, say not happiness, but existence, and footing to stand on, if it be not by girding himself together for continual endeavour and endurance.

French Revolution.

February 10.

February 11.

February 12.

February 13.

It is not a lucky word that same *impossible* : no good comes of those that have it often in their mouths.

Chartism.

All goes by approximation in this world.

Past and Present.

February 14.

If in youth the Universe is majestically unveiling, and everywhere Heaven revealing itself upon Earth, nowhere to the Young Man does this Heaven on Earth so immediately reveal itself as in the Young Maiden.

Sartor Resartus.

It is clear to demonstration thou art smit.

Sartor Resartus.

February 15.

Scarcely anything is perfectly plain, but what is also perfectly common.

Essay on Richter.

Completely an old Bachelor.

Frederick the Great.

February 13.

February 14.

February 15.

February 16.

The highest Life touches always, by large sections of it, on the vulgar and universal : he that expects to see a Hero, or a Heroic Age, step forth into practice in yellow Drury-Lane stage-boots, and speak in blank-verse for itself, will look long in vain.

Oliver Cromwell.

February 17.

A gentleman every fibre of him.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

It is an everlasting duty, the duty of being brave.

On Heroes.

February 18.

No man in this fashionable London of ours speaks a plain word to me. Every man feels bound to be something more than plain; to be pungent withal, witty, ornamental.

Past and Present.

The pink of women.

Frederick the Great.

February 16.

February 17.

February 18.

February 19.

Pain, danger, difficulty, steady slaving toil, and other highly disagreeable behests of destiny, shall in no wise be shirked by any brightest mortal that will approve himself loyal to his mission in this world.

John Sterling.

It is a fact which escapes no one, that, generally speaking, whoso is acquainted with his worth has but a little stock to cultivate acquaintance with.

Essay on Characteristics.

February 20.

For all right judgment on any man or thing, it is useful, nay essential, to see his good qualities before pronouncing on his bad.

Essay on Goethe.

A most plausible, fair-spoken, close-shaven man : a man whom you must not, for decency's sake, throw out of window.

Essay on German Playwrights.

February 21.

Mankind in this world are divided into flocks, and follow their several bell-wethers.

Essay on Voltaire.

Gay, gentle, frolicsome as a lamb.

Essay on Richter.

February 19.

February 20.

February 21.

February 22.

To follow illusions till they burst and vanish is the lot of all new souls who, luckily or lucklessly, are left to their own choice in starting on this Earth. The roads are many ; the authentic finger-posts are few.

John Sterling.

February 23.

Nature owns no man who is not a Martyr withal.

Past and Present.

A Beauty, but over lightheaded.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

February 24.

Under the intellectual union of man and man, which works by precept, lies a holier union of affection, working by example ; the influences of which latter, mystic, deep-reaching, all embracing, can still less be computed.

Essay on Death of Goethe.

February 22.

February 23.

February 24.

February 25.

Courtesy is the due of man to man ; not of suit of clothes to suit of clothes.

Essay on Corn-Law Rhymes.

Great men are too often unknown, or what is worse, misknown.

Sartor Resartus.

February 26.

Nature is true and not a lie. No lie you can speak or act but it will come, after longer or shorter circulation, like a Bill drawn on Nature's Reality, and be presented there for payment—with the answer, *No effects.*

French Revolution.

February 27.

Whoever has received, on him there is an inexorable behest to give.

John Sterling.

Spend thou thy life for the Eternal : we will call thee also brave, and remember thee for a while !

Oliver Cromwell.

February 25.

February 26.

February 27.

February 28.

To prosper in this world, to gain felicity, victory, and improvement, either for a man or for a nation, there is but one thing requisite, That the man or nation can discern what the true regulations of the Universe are in regard to him and his pursuit, and can faithfully and steadfastly follow these.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

February 29.

What is the use of health, or of life, if not to do some work therewith?

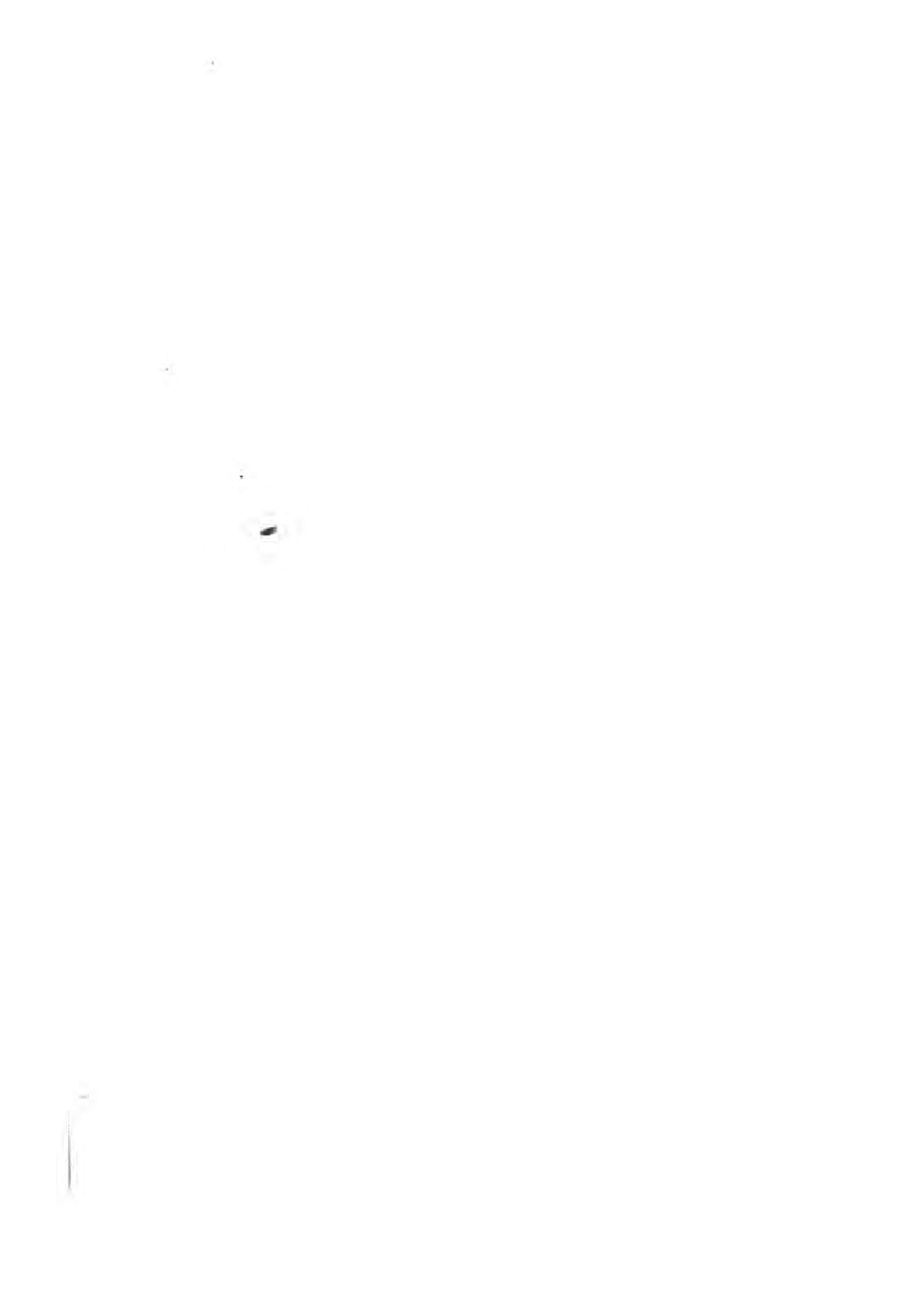
Sartor Resartus.

A man of a certain temper, and strict in his own house.

Frederick the Great.

February 28.

February 29.



MARCH.

The hoarse sea moans bodeful, swinging low and heavy ; the sea and the tempests are abroad.

Oliver Cromwell.

In the wild spring weather.

Oliver Cromwell.

March 1.

What is Justice but another form of the *reality* we love ; a truth acted out ?

Frederick the Great.

She is three-and-twenty, tall, blond, and beautiful.

The Diamond Necklace.

March 2.

The world's wealth is its original men ; by these and their works it is a world and not a waste : the memory and record of what MEN it bore—this is the sum of its strength, its sacred “property forever,” whereby it upholds itself, and steers forward, better or worse, through the yet undiscovered deep of Time.

Essay on Mirabeau.

March 3.

A healthy body is good ; but a soul in right health,—it is the thing beyond all others to be prayed for ; the blesseddest thing this earth receives of Heaven.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

March 1.

March 2.

March 3.

March 4.

On the whole, avoid what is called ambition ; that is not a fine principle to go upon.

Inaugural Address.

An ingenious and ingenuous, a cheery-hearted, innocent, yet withal shrewd, noticing, quick-witted man.

Past and Present.

March 5.

Beautiful it is to understand and know that a Thought did never yet die ; that as thou, the originator thereof, hast gathered it and created it from the whole Past, so thou wilt transmit it to the whole future.

Sartor Resartus.

March 6.

Great is wisdom ; infinite is the value of wisdom. It cannot be exaggerated ; it is the highest achievement of man.

Inaugural Address.

If there is a harvest ahead, even a distant one, it is poor thrift to be stingy of your seed-corn !

Frederick the Great.

March 4.

March 5.

March 6.

March 7.

Laughter, if it come from the heart, is a heavenly thing.

Essay on the Opera.

An accomplished young Gentleman ; of fine intelligence, and a perfect propriety in breeding and carriage.

Frederick the Great.

March 8.

It has ever been held the highest wisdom for a man not merely to submit to Necessity,—Necessity will make him submit,—but to know and believe well that the stern thing which Necessity had ordered was the wisest, the best, and the thing wanted there.

On Heroes.

March 9.

Were he never so benighted, forgetful of his high calling, there is always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works : in Idleness alone is their perpetual despair.

Past and Present.

March 7.

March 8.

March 9.

March 10.

It is indeed a dog's life.

French Revolution.

Wondrous truly are the bonds that unite us one and all ; whether by the soft binding of Love, or the iron chaining of Necessity, as we like to choose it.

Sartor Resartus.

March 11.

Not one in the thousand has the smallest turn for thinking ; only for passive dreaming and hearsaying, and active babbling by rote.

The Diamond Necklace.

A man of strictest veracity and integrity.

Essay on Diderot.

March 12.

The grand result of schooling is a mind with just vision to discern, with free force to do : the grand schoolmaster is Practice.

Essay on Corn-Law Rhymes.

A pretty youth.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

March 10.

March 11.

March 12.

March 13.

Man's Life, now, as of old, is the genuine work of God ; wherever there is a Man, a God also is revealed, and all that is Godlike : a whole epitome of the Infinite, with its meanings, lies enfolded in the Life of every Man.

Essay on Biography.

March 14.

Clothes give us individuality, distinctions, social polity ; Clothes have made men of us ; they are threatening to make Clothes-screens of us.

Sartor Resartus.

A woman noted for her beauty, her worth and sense.

On Heroes.

March 15.

To sit as a passive bucket and be pumped into, whether you consent or not, can in the long-run be exhilarating to no creature ; how eloquent soever the flood of utterance that is descending.

John Sterling.

March 13.

March 14.

March 15.

March 16.

Grinning inanity is very sad to the soul of man. Human faces should not grin on one like masks ; they should look on one like faces ! I love honest laughter, as I do sunlight ; but not dishonest.

Past and Present.

March 17.

All strange things are apt to estrange us at first view.

Essay on Richter.

A clear, humble-minded, patient, reverent, nay religious man.

Essay on Goethe.

March 18.

A pilgrimage we must all undertake, and make the best of with our respective means. Some arrive ; a glorious few : many must be lost,—go down upon the floating wreck which they took for land.

John Sterling.

March 16.

March 17.

March 18.

March 19.

To know God, Θεος, the Maker,—to know the divine Laws and *inner* Harmonies of this Universe, must always be the highest glory for a man! And not to know them, always the highest disgrace for a man, however common it be!

Oliver Cromwell.

March 20.

Work is the grand cure of all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind,—honest work which you intend getting done.

Inaugural Address.

As a son, husband, father, friend, he is ever kindly, honest, amiable.

Essay on Schiller.

March 21.

The poorest day that passes over us is the conflux of two Eternities; it is made up of currents that issue from the remotest Past, and flow onwards into the remotest Future.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

March 19.

March 20.

March 21.

March 22.

Kind Nature, thou art to all a bountiful mother ;
thou visitest the poor man's hut with auroral radiance ;
and for thy Nurseling hast provided a soft swathing of
Love and infinite Hope, wherein he waxes and slumbers,
danced-round by sweetest Dreams.

Sartor Resartus.

March 23.

Labour is Life.

Past and Present.

No great man lives in vain.

On Heroes.

March 24.

Our sorrow is the inverted image of our nobleness.
The depth of our despair measures what capability and
height of claim we have to hope.

Oliver Cromwell.

March 22.

March 23.

March 24.

March 25.

We start out of Nothingness, take figure, and are Apparitions ; round us, as round the veriest spectre, is Eternity ; and to Eternity minutes are as years and æons.

Sartor Resartus.

March 26.

Speculation is not practice : to be weak is not so miserable ; but to be weaker than our task.

French Revolution.

It is true all things have two faces, a light one and a dark.

Past and Present.

March 27.

A man whose *word* will not inform you at all what he means or will do, is not a man you can bargain with.

On Heroes.

A veracious, intelligent man.

Oliver Cromwell.

March 25.

March 26.

March 27.

March 28.

O ye kind Heavens, azure, beautiful, eternal, behind your tempests and Time-clouds, is there not pity in store for all?

French Revolution.

Genius will reconcile men to much.

Essay on Richter.

March 29.

Let us know what to love, and we shall know also what to reject ; what to affirm, and we shall know also what to deny ; but it is dangerous to *begin* with denial, and fatal to end with it.

Essay on the State of German Literature.

March 30.

No man is born without ambitious worldly desires ; and for no man can the victory over them be too complete.

Essay on Schiller.

At once false and fair.

Life of Schiller.

March 28.

March 29.

March 30.

March 31.

The painfulest feeling is that of your own Feebleness.

Sartor Resartus.

To learn obeying is the fundamental art of governing.

Past and Present.

March 31.

APRIL.

Wet contentious April.

Chartism.

Smiling is such vernal weather; but treacherous,
sudden!

French Revolution.

April 1.

The Earth, I say, is an earnest place ; Life is no grimace ; but a most serious fact.

Past and Present.

Simple, open as a child, yet with the depth and strength of a man.

On Heroes.

April 2.

Times alter greatly.

Frederick the Great.

A man somewhat quick of temper.

Oliver Cromwell.

April 3.

The quantity of done and forgotten work that lies silent under my feet in this world, and escorts and attends me wheresoever I walk or stand, whatsoever I think or do, gives rise to reflections.

Past and Present.

April 1.

April 2.

April 3.

April 4.

The Spiritual is the parent and first-cause of the Practical. The Spiritual everywhere originates the Practical, models it, makes it.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

A man rather taciturn in speech ; silent when there was nothing to be said ; but pertinent, wise, sincere, when he did speak ; always throwing light on the matter.

On Heroes.

April 5.

With delicate female tact, with fine female stoicism too ; keeping all things within limits.

Frederick the Great.

In Goodness, were it never so simple, there is the surest instinct for the Good ; the uneasiest unconquerable repulsion for the False and Bad.

Essay on Cagliostro.

April 6.

Truly happiness is cheap, did we apply to the right merchant for it.

Essay on Richter.

So good, so free, light-hearted.

The Diamond Necklace.

April 4.

April 5.

April 6.

April 7.

Obedience is our universal duty and destiny ; wherein whoso will not bend must break ; too early and too thoroughly we cannot be trained to know that Would, in this world of ours, is as mere zero to Should, and for the most part as the smallest of fractions even to Shall.

Sartor Resartus.

April 8.

View it as we will, to him that lives, Life is a divine matter.

Essay on Cagliostro.

The politest and gracefulest kind of woman.

Shooting Niagara.

April 9.

Let each become all that he was created capable of being ; expand, if possible, to his full growth ; resisting all impediments, casting off all foreign, especially all noxious adhesions ; and show himself at length in his own shape and stature, be these what they may.

Essay on Richter.

April 7.

April 8.

April 9.

April 10.

The wedge will rend rocks ; but its edge must be sharp and single : if it be double, the wedge is bruised in pieces, and will rend nothing.

Essay on Burns.

April 11.

Nature, as green as she looks, rests everywhere on dread foundations, were we farther down ; and Pan, to whose music the Nymphs dance, has a cry in him that can drive all men distracted.

French Revolution.

April 12.

Intellect is the real object of reverence, and of devout prayer, and zealous wish and pursuit, among the sons of men.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

Thought does not die, but only is changed.

On Heroes.

April 10.

April 11.

April 12.

April 13.

Speech issuing in no deed is hateful and contemptible :
—how can a man have any nobleness who knows not
that? In God's name, let us find out what of noble or
profitable we can *do* ; if it be nothing, let us at least keep
silence, and bear gracefully our strange lot !

Inaugural Address.

April 14.

Let each considerate person have his way, and see
what it will lead to. For not this man and that man,
but all men make up mankind, and their united tasks the
tasks of mankind.

Sartor Resartus.

April 15.

It is man's lot to err.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

Not what I Have, but what I Do is my Kingdom.

Sartor Resartus.

April 13.

April 14.

April 15.

April 16.

O my Brother, be not thou a Quack! Die rather, if thou wilt take counsel; 'tis but dying once, and thou art quit of it for ever. Cursed is that trade; and bears curses, thou knowest not how, long ages after thou art departed.

French Revolution.

April 17.

An irreverent knowledge is no knowledge; may be a development of the logical or other handicraft faculty inward or outward; but it is no culture of the soul of a man.

Chartism.

April 18.

Youth is to all the glad season of life; but often by what it hopes, not by what it attains, or by what it escapes.

Essay on Schiller.

A true-hearted, sharp-witted sister.

Essay on Diderot.

April 16.

April 17.

April 18.

April 19.

He has an intellectual vision, clear, wide, piercing, methodical ; a truly philosophic eye.

Essay on Schiller.

Life, mankind's Life, ever from its unfathomable fountains, rolls wondrous on, another though the same.

Essay on Diderot.

April 20.

Isolation is the sum-total of wretchedness to man. To be cut off, to be left solitary ; to have a world alien, not your world ; all a hostile camp for you ; not a home at all, of hearts and faces who are yours, whose you are.

Past and Present.

April 21.

Reverence for Human Worth, earnest devout search for it and encouragement of it, loyal furtherance and obedience to it : this, I say, is the outcome and essence of all true religions, and was and ever will be.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

April 19.

April 20.

April 21.

April 22.

True humour springs not more from the head than from the heart ; it is not contempt, its essence is love ; it issues not in laughter, but in still smiles which lie far deeper.

Essay on Richter.

April 23.

Everywhere in life, the true question is, not what we *gain*, but what we *do*.

Essay on Goethe's Helena.

A man stout of heart ; whose popularity is not of the populace.

French Revolution.

April 24.

All calumny and carrion, does it not incessantly cry,
" Earth, oh, for pity's sake, a little earth ! "

Oliver Cromwell.

Here evidently is a gentleman that does not want for conceit in himself.

Frederick the Great.

April 22.

April 23.

April 24.

April 25.

There is endless hope in work, were it even work at making money.

Past and Present.

A beautiful little girl.

On Heroes.

April 26.

Why should we quarrel with our existence, here as it lies before us, our field and inheritance, to make or to mar, for better or for worse ; in which, too, so many noblest men have, even from the beginning, warring with the very evils we war with, both made and been what will be venerated to all time ?

Essay on Goethe.

April 27.

In spite of all casual varieties in outward rank, or inward, as face answers to face, so does the heart of man to man.

Essay on Burns.

Contempt is a dangerous element to sport in ; a deadly one if we habitually live in it.

Essay on Voltaire.

April 25.

April 26.

April 27.

April 28.

It is not what a man outwardly has or wants that constitutes the happiness or misery of him. Nakedness, hunger, distress of all kinds, death itself have been cheerfully suffered, when the heart was right. It is the feeling of *injustice* that is insupportable to all men.

Chartism.

April 29.

The thing for thee to do is, if possible, to cease to be a hollow-sounding shell of hearsays, egoisms, purblind dilettantisms; and become, were it on the infinitely small scale, a faithful discerning soul.

Past and Present.

April 30.

That there should one Man die ignorant who had capacity for Knowledge, this I call a tragedy, were it to happen more than twenty times in the minute.

Sartor Resartus.

April 28.

April 29.

April 30.

MAY.

It is the bright May* month.

The Diamond Necklace.

On green fields and steepled city, the May sun shines
out, the May evening fades.

French Revolution.

May 1.

Cast forth thy Act, thy Word, into the ever-living, ever-working Universe : it is a seed-grain that cannot die.

Sartor Resartus.

Folly is that wisdom which is wise only behindhand.

French Revolution.

May 2.

O foulest Circean draught, thou poison of Popular Applause ! madness is in thee, and death ; thy end is Bedlam and the Grave.

Essay on Edward Irving.

All good men may be called poets in act, or in word ; all good poets are so in both.

Essay on Goethe.

May 3.

I have heard affirmed (surely in jest) by not unphilanthropic persons, that it were a real increase of human happiness, could all young men from the age of nineteen be covered under barrels, or rendered otherwise invisible ; and there left to follow their lawful studies and callings, till they emerged, sadder and wiser, at the age of twenty-five.

Sartor Resartus.

May 1.

May 2.

May 3.

May 4.

Thy words, let them be few, and well-ordered.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

A decidedly self-sufficient man.

On the Portraits of John Knox.

May 5.

No sadder proof can be given by a man of his own littleness than disbelief in great men.

On Heroes.

He that can work is a born king of something ; is in communion with Nature, is master of a thing or things, is a priest and king of Nature so far.

Chartism.

May 6.

The Past is all holy to us ; the Dead are all holy, even they that were base and wicked while alive. Their baseness and wickedness was not *They*, was but the heavy and unmanageable Environment that lay around them, with which they fought unprevailing.

Essay on Biography.

May 4.

May 5.

May 6.

May 7.

Veracity, true simplicity of heart, how valuable are these always! He that speaks what *is* really in him, will find men to listen, though under never such impediments.

Past and Present.

May 8.

Sincerity is better than grace.

On Heroes.

He was a witty, jocund man, and had a fine ringing laugh in him, and clear pregnant words ever ready.

Early Kings of Norway.

May 9.

Great men are the Fire-pillars in this dark pilgrimage of mankind; they stand as heavenly Signs, ever-living witnesses of what has been, prophetic tokens of what may still be, the revealed, embodied Possibilities of human nature.

Essay on Schiller.

May 7.

May 8.

May 9.

May 10.

Rascaldom has no strong-box.

The Diamond Necklace.

No man at bottom means injustice ; it is always for some obscure, distorted image of a right that he contends.

Chartism.

May 11.

In times when men love wisdom, the old man will ever be venerable, and be venerated, and reckoned noble.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

A huge irregular man both in mind and person, full of fire, strength and impetuosity ; at the same time, mild, simple-hearted, humane.

Essay on Richter.

May 12.

Sweep away utterly all frothiness and falsehood from your heart ; struggle unweariedly to acquire, what is possible for every God-created Man, a free, open, humble soul.

Essay on Biography.

May 10.

May 11.

May 12.

May 13.

Nothing so endures as a truly spoken word.

On Heroes.

Nothing hypocritical, foolish or untrue, can find harbour in this man.

On the Portraits of John Knox.

May 14.

It is the very joy of man's heart to admire, where he can ; nothing so lifts him from all his mean imprisonments, were it but for moments, as true admiration.

Past and Present.

A most eloquent, fair-spoken gentleman.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

May 15.

Let a man *do* his work ; the fruit of it is the care of Another than he.

On Heroes.

It is not possible to buy obedience with money.

The Nigger Question.

May 13. .

May 14.

May 15.

May 16.

Man is born to expend every particle of strength which God Almighty has given him, in doing the work he finds he is fit for ; to stand up to it to the last breath of life, and do his best.

Inaugural Address.

May 17.

There is very great necessity indeed of getting a little more silent than we are.

Inaugural Address.

Words are hard, are importunate ; but how much harder the importunate events they foreshadow !

Past and Present.

May 18.

Before we censure a man for seeming what he is *not*, we should be sure that we know what he is.

Essay on Richter.

He is wise who can instruct us and assist us in the business of daily virtuous living.

Essay on Schiller.

May 16.

May 17.

May 18.

May 19.

Every man is not only a learner but a doer.

On Heroes.

The Heavens never fail to pay debts.

Frederick the Great.

May 20.

All work, even cotton-spinning, is noble ; work is alone noble : be that here said and asserted once more. And in like manner too, all dignity is painful ; a life of ease is not for any man, nor for any god.

Past and Present.

May 21.

Do you want a man *not* to practise what he believes, then encourage him to keep often speaking it in words. Every time he speaks it, the tendency to do it will grow less.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

May 19.

May 20.

May 21.

May 22.

Where the heart is full, it seeks, for a thousand reasons, in a thousand ways to impart itself. How sweet, indispensable, in such cases, is fellowship ; soul mystically strengthening soul !

French Revolution.

May 23.

It is good to understand, for one thing, that no popularity and open-mouthed wonder of all the world, continued even for a long series of years, can make a man great.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

May 24.

Absolutely without originality there is no man. No man whatever believes, or can believe, exactly what his grandfather believed.

On Heroes.

A most clear-cut, hardy, distinct and effective man.

On the Portraits of John Knox.

May 22.

May 23.

May 24.

May 25.

The essence of humour is sensibility ; warm, tender fellow-feeling with all forms of existence.

Essay on Richter.

Playful he is, and kindly, and we do believe, honest-hearted ; but there is a certain snappishness in him, a frisking abruptness.

Essay on the State of German Literature.

May 26.

How much lies in laughter : the cipher-key, wherewith we decipher the whole man ! Some wear an everlasting barren simper ; in the smile of others lies a cold glitter as of ice ; the fewest are able to laugh, what can be called laughing, but only sniff and titter and snigger from the throat outwards ; or at best produce some whiffing husky cachinnation, as if they were laughing through wool : of none such comes good.

Sartor Resartus.

May 27.

Pain is not entirely synonymous with Evil ; but bodily pain seems less redeemed by good than almost any other kind of it.

Life of Schiller.

A cheery social man, with faces that loved him !

On Heroes.

May 25.

May 26.

May 27.

May 28.

There is properly no object trivial or insignificant: but every finite thing, could we look well, is as a window, through which solemn vistas are open into Infinitude itself.

Essay on Schiller.

May 29.

Is it not miraculous how one man moves hundreds of thousands; each unit of whom, it may be, loves him not, and singly fears him not, yet has to obey him, to go hither or go thither, to march and halt, to give death, and even to receive it, as if a Fate had spoken?

French Revolution.

May 30.

The only happiness a brave man ever troubled himself with asking much about was, happiness enough to get his work done. Not "I can't eat!" but "I can't work!" that was the burden of all wise complaining among men.

Past and Present.

May 28.

May 29.

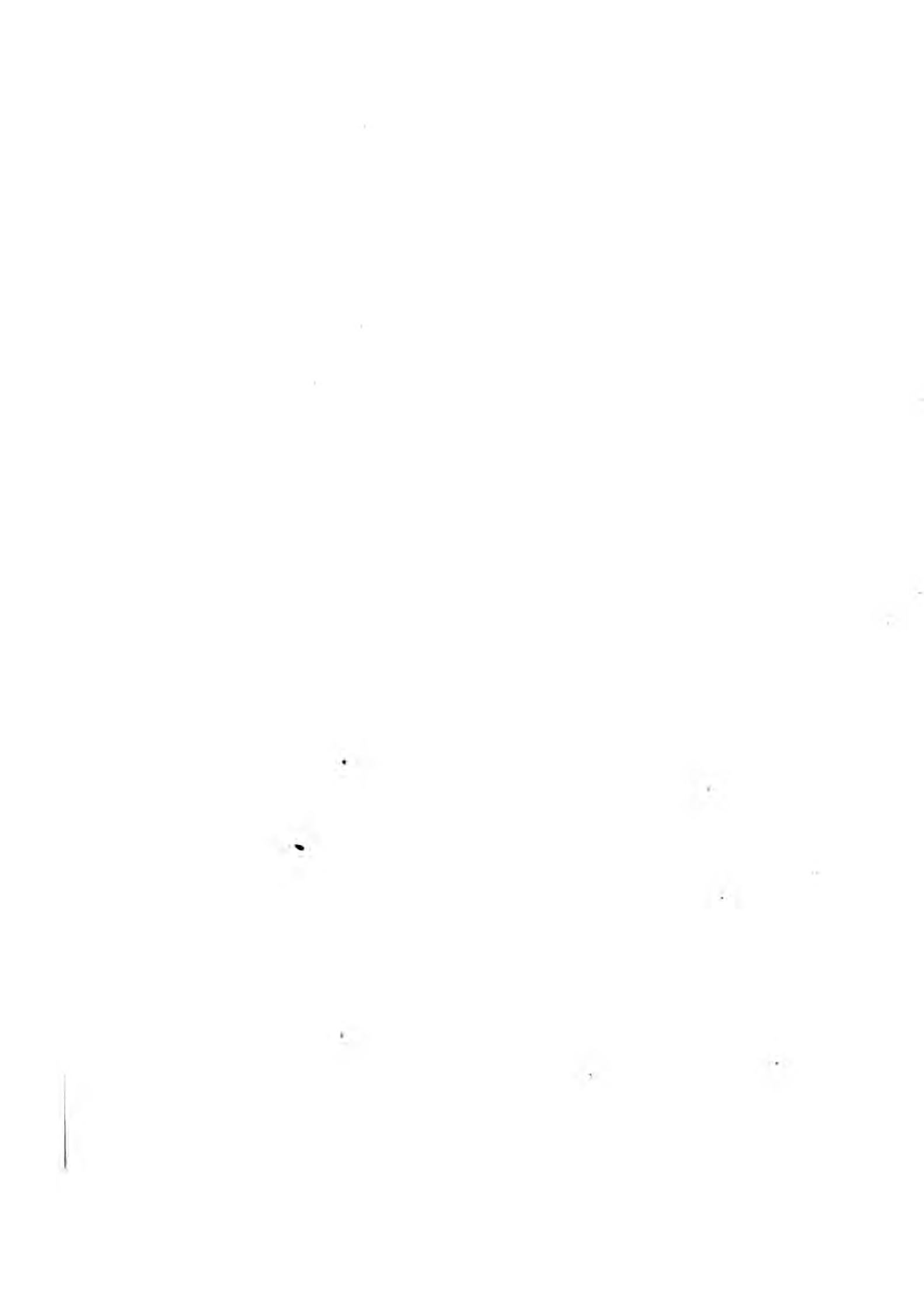
May 30.

May 31.

The life of every man is as the well-spring of a stream, whose small beginnings are indeed plain to all, but whose ulterior course and destination, as it winds through the expanses of infinite years, only the Omniscient can discern.

Essay on Voltaire.

May 31.



JUNE.

Long stormy spring-time . . . winter chilling the lap
of very May ; but at length the season of summer does
come.

Chartism.

March violets have become June roses.

Oliver Cromwell.

June 1.

Manhood begins when we have in any way made truce with Necessity ; begins even when we have surrendered to Necessity, as the most part only do ; but begins joyfully and hopefully only when we have reconciled ourselves to Necessity ; and thus, in reality, triumphed over it, and felt that in Necessity we are free.

Essay on Burns.

June 2.

At all times, a man who will *do* faithfully, needs to believe firmly.

On Heroes.

A modest, devout man ; to whom, in credible dialect the voice of the highest had spoken.

Oliver Cromwell.

June 3.

Th Ideal always has to grow in the Real, and to seek out its bed and board there, often in a very sorry way.

Past and Present.

Poor Lady, I see domestic difficulties very thick upon her.

Frederick the Great.

June 1.

June 2.

June 3.

June 4.

Of all the organs a man has, there is none held in account, it would appear, but the tongue he uses for talking.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

The merit of *originality* is not novelty ; it is sincerity.
On Heroes.

June 5.

He that was honest with his existence has always meaning for us, be he king or peasant.

Frederick the Great.

A man of restless mercurial vivacity.

Oliver Cromwell.

June 6.

We look for moments, across the cloudy elements, into the eternal Sea of Light, when song leads and inspires us.

Essay on the Opera.

She is so good withal, so bright and cheerful.

Frederick the Great.

June 4.

June 5.

June 6.

June 7.

This is the everlasting duty of all men, who are born into this world, To do competent work, to labour honestly according to the ability given them ; for that and for no other purpose was each one of us sent into this world ; and woe is to every man who, by friend or by foe, is prevented from fulfilling this the end of his being.

The Nigger Question.

June 8.

With men of a speculative turn, there come seasons, meditative, sweet, yet awful hours, when in wonder and fear you ask yourself the unanswerable question : Who am I ; the thing that can say " I ? "

Sartor Resartus.

A pious man.

Frederick the Great.

June 9.

A man embraces truth with his eyes open, and because his eyes are open : does he need to shut them before he can love his Teacher of truth ?

On Heroes.

Thou wearied patient Heroine.

Frederick the Great.

June 7.

June 8.

June 9.

June 10.

Every mortal can and shall himself be a true man : it is a great thing, and the parent of great things ;—as from a single acorn the whole earth might in the end be peopled with oaks.

Chartism.

June 11.

Life was never a May-game for men.

Past and Present.

A strong and noble man.

On Heroes.

June 12.

The beginning of Inquiry is Disease : all Science, if we consider well, must have originated in the feeling of something being wrong, so it is and continues to be but Division, Dismemberment, and partial healing of the wrong.

Essay on Characteristics.

June 10.

June 11.

June 12.

June 13.

Beautiful it is to see and understand that no worth, known or unknown, *can* die in this Earth. The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing underground, secretly making the ground green ; it flows and flows, it joins itself with other veins and veinlets ; one day, it will start forth as a visible perennial well.

Essay on Varnhagen von Ense.

June 14.

In every well-conditioned stripling, as I conjecture, there already blooms a certain prospective Paradise, cheered by some fairest Eve.

Sartor Resartus.

He was a very vain man ; hungry for the praises of men.

On Heroes.

June 15.

Work is of a religious nature :—work is of a *brave* nature ; which it is the aim of all religion to be. All work of man is as the swimmer's : a waste ocean threatens to devour him ; if he front it not bravely, it will keep its word.

Past and Present.

June 13.

June 14.

June 15.

June 16.

A stout effectual man of thirty, full of broad sagacity and good humour, with faculties in him fit for any burden of business, hospitality and duty, legal or civic.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

Performing needs light, needs strength, and a firm clear footing.

The Diamond Necklace.

June 17.

Who art thou that complainest of thy life of toil? Complain not. Look up, my wearied brother; see thy fellow Workmen there, in God's Eternity; surviving there, they alone surviving.

Past and Present.

June 18.

There needs not a great soul to make a hero; there needs a god-created soul that will be true to its origin; that will be a great soul.

On Heroes.

A brave man and true.

Oliver Cromwell.

June 16.

June 17.

June 18.

June 19.

All mortals have a tongue ; and carry on some jumble,
if not of thought, yet of stuff which they could talk.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

Not a man of falsehoods, but a man of truths.

Oliver Cromwell.

June 20.

The End ! What solemn meaning lies in that sound,
as it peals mournfully through the soul, when a living
friend has passed away !

On the Death of Goethe.

June 21.

What are you doing in God's fair Earth and Task-
garden ; where whosoever is not working is begging or
stealing ?

French Revolution.

A free air of graceful stoicism, of easy silent dignity,
sits well on him.

Past and Present.

June 19.

June 20.

June 21.

June 22.

Life is, in few instances, and at rare intervals, the diapason of a heavenly melody ; oftenest the fierce jar of disruptions and convulsions, which, do what we will, there is no disregarding.

Essay on Characteristics.

A man universally loved as well as honoured.

Essay on Richter.

June 23.

A healthy nature may or may not be great ; but there is no great nature that is not healthy.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

A large fund of Hope dwells in him ; he is not a mourning man.

On Heroes.

June 24.

All true Work is sacred ; in all true Work, were it but true hand-labour, there is something of divineness. Labour, wide as the Earth, has its summit in Heaven.

Past and Present.

June 22.

June 23.

June 24.

June 25.

Witty,—above all, O be not witty : none of us is bound to be witty, under penalties ; to be wise and true we all are, under the terriblest penalties !

Latter Day Pamphlets.

A wise, gifted, noble-hearted man.

On Heroes.

June 26.

The strong man, what is he if we will consider? The wise man ; the man with the gift of method, of faithfulness and valour, all of which are of the basis of wisdom.

Chartism.

June 27.

That living flood, pouring through these streets, of all qualities and ages, knowest thou whence it is coming, whither it is going ?

Sartor Resartus.

A thoughtful, prudent woman.

Early Kings of Norway.

June 25.

June 26.

June 27.

June 28.

He that works and *does* some Poem, not he that merely *says* one, is worthy of the name of Poet.

Oliver Cromwell.

The first Sin in our Universe was Lucifer's, that of Self-conceit.

Essay on "The Tale."

June 29.

Produce! Produce! Were it but the pitifulest infinitesimal fraction of a Product, produce it in God's name! 'Tis the utmost thou hast in thee: out with it, then. Up, up!

Sartor Resartus.

June 30.

To reform a world, to reform a nation, no wise man will undertake; and all but foolish men know, that the only solid, though a far slower reformation, is what each begins and perfects on *himself*.

Essays on Signs of the Times.

June 28.

June 29.

June 30.



JULY.

So pass the sultry dog-days, in the most electric manner ; and the whole month of July.

French Revolution.

O evening sun of July, how, at this hour, thy beams fall slant on reapers amid peaceful woody fields ; on old women spinning in cottages ; on ships far out in the silent main.

French Revolution.

July 1.

He that has done nothing, has known nothing. Vain is it to sit scheming and plausibly discoursing : up and be doing.

Essay on Corn-Law Rhymes.

An independent, patient, prudent man.

Essay on Diderot.

July 2.

Great men are the inspired (speaking and acting) Texts of the divine BOOK OF REVELATIONS, whereof a chapter is completed from Epoch to Epoch, and by some named HISTORY.

Sartor Resartus.

July 3.

If all men were such that a mere spoken or sworn Contract would bind them, all men were then true men, and Government a superfluity.

French Revolution.

God made the soul of man.

On Heroes.

July 1.

July 2.

July 3.

July 4.

You who are young, yours is the golden season of life.
Inaugural Address.

Skill in music and the like.

Essay on Diderot.

July 5.

We have, simply, to carry the whole world and its business on our backs, we poor united Human Species ; to carry it, and shove it forward, from day to day, somehow or other, among us, or else be ground to powder under it, one and all.

The Nigger Question.

July 6.

Who is there that, in logical words, can express the effect music has on us? A kind of inarticulate, unfathomable speech, which leads us to the edge of the Infinite, and lets us for moments gaze into that !

On Heroes.

A quick, intelligent, graceful girl.

Essay on Diderot.

July 4.

July 5.

July 6.

July 7.

To the eye of vulgar Logic, what is man? An omnivorous Biped that wears Breeches. To the eye of Pure Reason what is he? A Soul, a Spirit, and divine Apparition.

Sartor Resartus.

July 8.

The wise man may now everywhere discern that he must found on his manhood, not on the garnitures of his manhood.

French Revolution.

Men are led by strange ways.

On Heroes.

July 9.

What the light of your mind, which is the direct inspiration of the Almighty, pronounces incredible,—that, in God's name, leave uncredited ; at your peril do not try believing that.

John Sterling.

July 7.

July 8.

July 9.

July 10.

The essence of affectation is that it be assumed : the character is, as it were, forcibly crushed into some foreign mould, in the hope of being thereby reshaped and beautified.

Essay on Richter.

July 11.

For suffering and enduring there is no remedy but striving and doing.

Essay on Burns.

This man, indeed, has in him the root of all reverence, —a principle of Religion.

Essay on Corn-Law Rhymes.

July 12.

No mortal has a right to wag his tongue, much less to wag his pen, without saying something ; he knows not what mischief he does, past computation ; scattering words without meaning, —to afflict the whole world yet, before they cease.

Essay on Dr. Francia.

July 10.

July 11.

July 12.

July 13.

There is no uniform of excellence, either in physical or spiritual Nature : all *genuine* things are what they ought to be.

Essay on Richter.

There are depths in man that go the length of lowest Hell, as there are heights that reach highest Heaven.

French Revolution.

July 14.

Obedience, little as many may consider that side of the matter, is the primary duty of man. No man but is bound indefeasibly, with all force of obligation, to obey.

Chartism.

July 15.

Nature, like the Sphinx, is of womanly celestial loveliness and tenderness ; the face and bosom of a goddess, but ending in claws and the body of a lioness.

Past and Present.

July 13.

July 14.

July 15.

July 16.

The real quantity of our insight,—how justly and thoroughly we shall comprehend the nature of a thing, especially of a human thing,—depends on our patience, our fairness, lovingness, what strength soever we have : intellect comes from the whole man, as it is the light that enlightens the whole man.

Essay on Mirabeau.

July 17.

Is deep in music, too ; plays daily on her harpsichord, and fantasies, and even composes, in an eminent manner.

Frederick the Great.

Light is the one thing wanted for the world.

On Heroes.

July 18.

Experience is the grand spiritual Doctor.

Sartor Resartus.

A woman of many household virtues ; to a warm affection for her children and husband she joined a degree of taste and intelligence which is of much rarer occurrence.

Life of Schiller.

July 16.

July 17.

July 18.

July 19.

He who takes not counsel of the Unseen and Silent,
from him will never come real visibility and speech.

Past and Present.

A fiery man, very proud and positive.

Early Kings of Norway.

July 20.

The man of Humour sees common life, even mean
life, under the new light of sportfulness and love ; what-
ever has existence has a charm for him.

Essay on Schiller.

A lonely man ; his life a long soliloquy.

Essay on Diderot.

July 21.

Mystical, more than magical, is the Communing of
Soul with Soul, both looking heavenward : here properly
Soul first speaks with Soul ; for only in looking heaven-
ward, take it in what sense you may, not in looking
earthward, does what we can call Union, mutual Love,
Society, begin to be possible.

Sartor Resartus.

July 19.

July 20.

July 21.

July 22.

How has Heaven's *light*, oftentimes in this Earth, to clothe itself in thunder and electric murkiness ; and descend as molten *lightning*, blasting, if purifying !

French Revolution.

A thoughtful, firm-standing man.

Past and Present.

July 23.

Death is ever a sublimity, and supernatural wonder, were there no other left ; the last act of a most strange drama, which is not dramatic, but has now become real.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

Above all, he is, has been, and will be, respectable.

Essay on Corn-Law Rhymes.

July 24.

To him that will consider it, idle speaking is precisely the beginning of all Hollowness, Halfness, Infidelity.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

He loved once ; and once only.

Sartor Resartus.

July 22.

July 23.

July 24.

July 25.

Pastry-cooks, coffee-sellers, milkmen, sing out their trivial quotidian cries : the world wags on.

French Revolution.

Blessed is he who has found his work ; let him ask no other blessedness.

Past and Present.

July 26.

Give a thing time ; if it can succeed, it is a right thing.

On Heroes.

A daughter not without charms for the youthful heart.

Oliver Cromwell.

July 27.

There is but one thing needed for the world ; but that one is indispensable. Justice, Justice, in the name of Heaven ; give us Justice and we live.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

July 25.

July 26.

July 27.

July 28.

Thus does Nature hold on her wondrous, unquestionable course ; and all our systems and theories are but so many froth-eddies or sand-banks, which from time to time she casts up, and washes away.

Essays on Signs of the Times.

July 29.

In our wide world there is but one altogether fatal personage—the dunce ; he that speaks *irrationally*, that sees not, and yet thinks he sees.

Introduction to Wilhelm Meister.

A thick-set, sturdy, florid, brisk young fellow ; with a jovial laugh in him, yet of solid grave ways.

Frederick the Great.

July 30.

The Maker's Laws, whether they are promulgated in Sinai Thunder, to the ear or imagination, or quite otherwise promulgated, are the Laws of God ; transcendent, everlasting, imperatively demanding obedience from all men.

Past and Present.

July 28.

July 29.

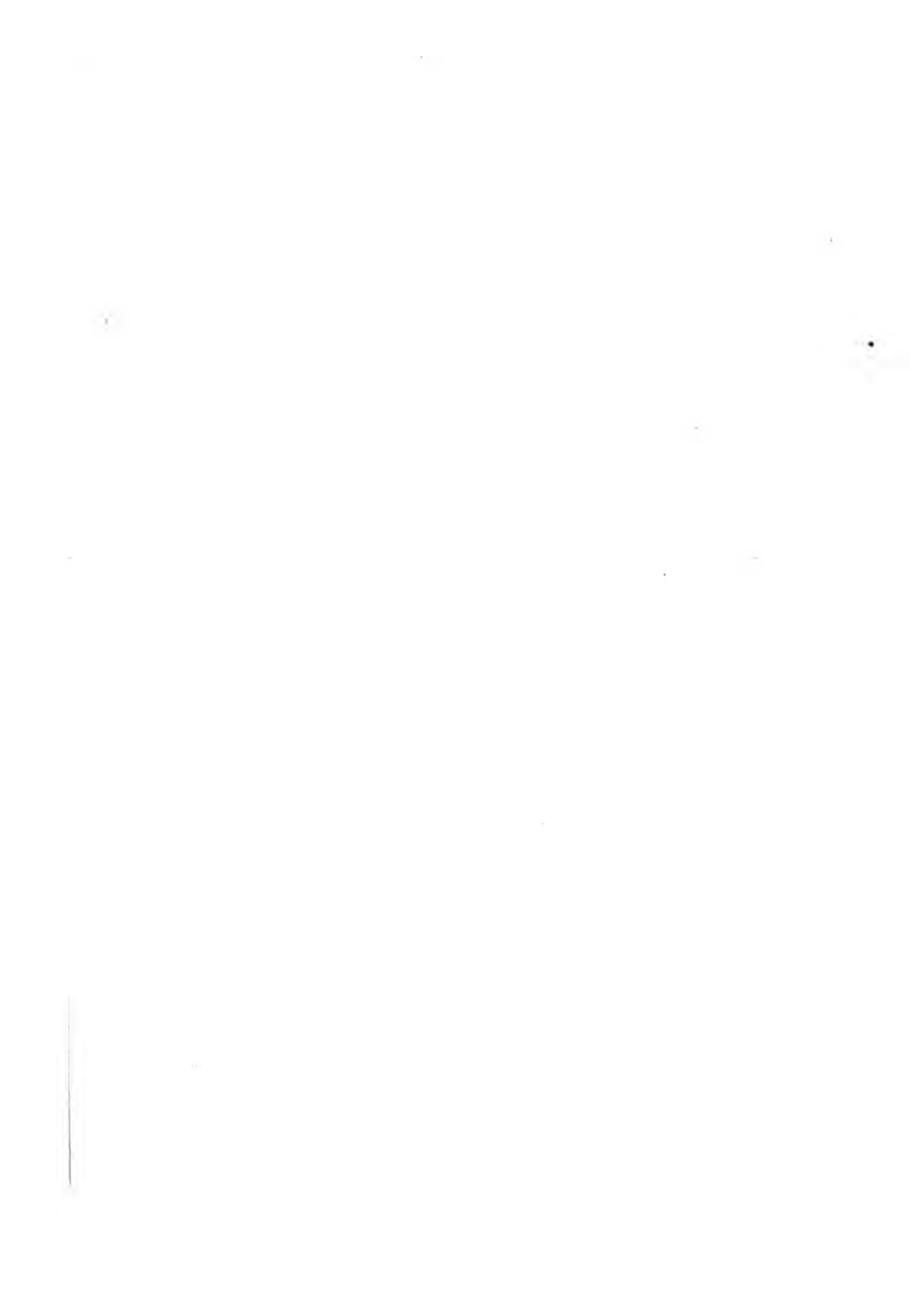
July 30.

July 31.

The mistake of those who believe that fraud, force, injustice, whatsoever untrue thing, howsoever cloaked and decorated, was ever or can ever be the principle of man's relation to man, is great, and the greatest.

Chartism.

July 31.



AUGUST.

These August days, are they not worse than dogs' days?

The Diamond Necklace.

August 1.

Why should we quarrel with the high because it is not the highest ?

Essay on Richter.

There is a certain charm in the worthy man.

Essay on Early German Literature.

August 2.

The true Sovereign is the Wise Man.

Essay on the Death of Goethe.

The essence and outcome of all religions, creeds, and liturgies whatsoever is, To do one's work in a faithful manner.

Shooting Niagara.

August 3.

Lies, and the burden of evil they bring, are passed on ; shifted from back to back, and from rank to rank ; and so land ultimately on the dumb lowest rank, who with spade and mattock, with sore heart and empty wallet, daily come in *contact* with reality, and can pass the cheat no further.

French Revolution.

August 1.

August 2.

August 3.

August 4.

Constancy, in its true sense, may be called the root of all excellence ; especially excellent is constancy in active well-doing, in friendly helpfulness to those that love us, and to those that hate us.

Essay on Novalis.

August 5.

There is still a real magic in the action and reaction of minds on one another.

Essays on Signs of the Times.

He had his troubles with his womankind.

Frederick the Great.

August 6.

Reality is of God's making ; it is alone strong.

On Heroes.

A frank, fearless, honest, yet truly spiritual faith is of all things the rarest in our time.

Essay on Richter.

August 4.

August 5.

August 6.

August 7.

In any point of Space, in any section of Time, let there be a living Man ; and there is an Infinitude above him and beneath him, and an Eternity encompasses him on this hand and on that ; and tones of Sphere-music, and tidings from loftier worlds, will flit round him, if he can but listen, and visit him with holy influences, even in the thickest press of trivialities, or the din of busiest life.

Essay on the State of German Literature.

August 8.

The Philosopher is he to whom the Highest has descended, and the Lowest has mounted up ; who is the equal and kindly brother of all.

Sartor Resartus.

August 9.

O poor mortals, how ye make this Earth bitter for each other ; this fearful and wonderful Life fearful and horrible ; and Satan has his place in all hearts !

French Revolution.

August 7.

August 8.

August 9.

August 10.

Be true, if you would be believed. Let a man but speak forth with genuine earnestness the thought, the emotion, the actual condition of his own heart; and other men, so strangely are we all knit together by the tie of sympathy, must and will give heed to him.

Essay on Burns.

August 11.

Whoso cannot obey, cannot be free, still less bear rule; he that is the inferior of nothing, can be the superior of nothing, the equal of nothing.

Sartor Resartus.

A sweet, meek man.

Oliver Cromwell.

August 12.

It is less the severity of the Teacher than the aptness of the Pupil that secures the lesson; nor do the purifying effects of frustrated Hope, and Affection which in this world will ever be homeless, depend on the worth or loveliness of its objects, but on that of the heart which cherished it, and can draw mild wisdom from so stern a disappointment.

Essay on Novalis.

August 10.

August 11.

August 12.

August 13.

In the way of being *worthy*, the first condition surely is that one *be*. Let Cant cease, at all risks and at all costs ; till Cant cease, nothing else can begin.

French Revolution.

The true University of these days is a Collection of Books.

On Heroes.

August 14.

There are to whom the gods, in their bounty, give glory ; but far oftener it is given in wrath, as a curse and a poison ; disturbing the whole inner health and industry of the man.

Essay on Mirabeau.

August 15.

On all hands there is a certain spirit of Decency maintained and insisted on : if not good morals, yet good manners, are rigidly inculcated ; if not Religion, and a devout Christian heart, yet Orthodoxy, and a cleanly, Shovel-hatted look,—which, as compared with flat Nothing, is something very considerable.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

August 13.

August 14.

August 15.

August 16.

No man who has once heartily and wholly laughed can be altogether irreclaimably bad.

Sartor Resartus.

A wise, able and prudent man.

Early Kings of Norway.

August 17.

There is no act more moral between men than that of rule and obedience.

On Heroes.

The wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by !

Past and Present.

August 18.

There is but one thing without honour ; smitten with eternal barrenness, inability to do or be : Insincerity, Unbelief. He who believes no *thing*, who believes only the shows of things, is not in relation with Nature and Fact at all.

Chartism.

August 16.

August 17.

August 18.

August 19.

Are we not Spirits, that are shaped into a body, into an Appearance ; and that fade away again into air and Invisibility ?

Sartor Resartus.

A woman of genius, of true depth and worth.

Essay on Varnhagen von Ense.

August 20.

Honour to the brave and true ; they verily, we say, carry fire from Heaven, and have a power that themselves dream not of.

Chartism.

A mind stamped of Nature's noblest metal.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

August 21.

Who would not sigh over the thin delusions and foolish toys that divide heart from heart, and make man unmerciful to his brother !

Essay on Burns.

The richer a nature, the harder and slower its development.

Fractions.

August 19.

August 20.

. August 21.

August 22.

An ironic man, with his sly stillness, and ambuscading ways, more especially an ironic young man, from whom it is least expected, may be viewed as a pest to society.

Sartor Resartus.

August 23.

In the centre of the world whirl-wind, verily now as in the oldest days, dwells and speaks a God. The great soul of the world is *just*.

Past and Present.

A kind of chaotic man.

On Heroes.

August 24. *

Alas, it is so much easier to love men while they exist only on paper, or quite flexible and compliant in your imagination, than to love Jack and Kit who stand there in the body, hungry, untoward; jostling you, barring you, with angular elbows, with appetites, irascibilities, and a stupid will of their own.

Essay on Misabeau.

August 22.

August 23.

August 24.

August 25.

Belief is, indeed, the beginning and first condition of all spiritual Force whatsoever.

Essay on Biography.

Nature is good, but she is not the best.

Sartor Resartus.

August 26.

We are Giants in physical power : in a deeper than metaphorical sense, we are Titans, that strive, by heaping mountain on mountain, to conquer Heaven also.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

August 27.

A genuine seer and speaker, under what conditions soever, shall be welcome to us : has he not *seen* somewhat, of great Nature our common Mother's bringing-forth ; seen it, loved it, laid his heart open to it, and to the Mother of it, so that he can now rationally speak it for us ?

Introduction to Wilhelm Meister.

August 25.

August 26.

August 27.

August 28.

Only to spiritual worth can the spirit do reverence ; only in a soul deeper and better than ours can we see any heavenly mystery, and in humbling ourselves feel ourselves exalted.

Essay on Voltaire.

August 29.

A frank, ever-hoping, social character.

Essay on Diderot.

Welcome thou great Nature, savage, but not false, not unkind, unmotherly ; speak thou to me, O Mother, and sing my sick heart thy mystic everlasting, lullaby-song, and let all the rest be far !

French Revolution.

August 30.

Forever in the neighbourhood of an inevitable Death, man can forget that he is born to die ; of his Life, which, strictly meditated, contains in it an Immensity and an Eternity, he can conceive lightly, as of a simple implement wherewith to do day-labour and earn wages.

Essay on Characteristics.

August 28.

August 29.

August 30.

August 31.

In this world there is one godlike thing, the essence of all that was or ever will be of godlike in this world : the veneration done to Human Worth by the hearts of men.

Past and Present.

August 31.

SEPTEMBER.

The Earth . . . was yellow with her kind harvests.

French Revolution.

September 1.

Each one of us here, let the world go how it will, and be victorious or not victorious, has he not a Life of his own to lead?

On Heroes.

Here is a man whose word represents a thing!

Oliver Cromwell.

September 2.

Causes and effects connecting every man and thing with every other extend through all Time and Space.

Essay on Novalis.

A cheerful, shrewd, patient, witty, and effective fellow.

Early Kings of Norway.

September 3.

Thought without Reverence is barren.

Sartor Resartus.

Care not for the *reward* of your speaking, but simply and with undivided mind for the *truth* of your speaking.

Essay on Biography.

September 1.

September 2.

September 3.

September 4.

Consider all that lies in that one word, *Past!* What a pathetic, sacred, and in every sense *poetic* meaning is implied in it ; a meaning growing ever the clearer, the farther we recede in Time,—the *more* of the same Past we have to look through.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

September 5.

There is one Preacher who does preach with effect, and gradually persuade all persons : his name is Destiny, is Divine Providence, and his Sermon the inflexible Course of Things.

Past and Present.

September 6.

How true, that there is nothing dead in this Universe : that what we call dead is only changed, its forces working in inverse order !

French Revolution.

Injustice pays itself with frightful compound-interest.

On Heroes.

September 4.

September 5.

September 6.

September 7.

One man that has a higher Wisdom, a hitherto unknown spiritual Truth in him, is stronger, not than ten men that have it not, or than ten thousand, but than *all* men that have it not.

Essays on Signs of the Times.

September 8.

Thought (how often must we repeat it?) rules the world.

The Diamond Necklace.

Man is by birth somewhat of an owl.

Sartor Resartus.

September 9.

Rash enthusiast of Change, beware! Hast thou well considered all that Habit does in this life of ours; how all Knowledge and all Practice hang wondrous over infinite abysses of the Unknown, Impracticable; and our whole being is an infinite abyss, *overarched* by Habit, as by a thin Earth-rind, laboriously built together?

French Revolution.

September 7.

September 8.

September 9.

September 10.

In all battles, if you await the issue, each fighter has prospered according to his right. His right and his might, at the close of the account, were one and the same.

Past and Present.

He has a true eye for the ridiculous.

On Heroes.

September 11.

By your thought, not by your mode of delivering it, you must live or die.

John Sterling.

In the same house, one works, another goes idle.

Oliver Cromwell.

September 12.

Human creatures will not *go* quite accurately together, any more than clocks will.

Frederick the Great.

A man admired and loved exceedingly by those he liked.

Early Kings of Norway.

September 10.

September 11.

September 12.

September 13.

Our clock strikes when there is a change from hour to hour ; but no hammer in the Horologe of Time peals through the universe, when there is a change from Era to Era.

Essay on History.

September 14.

Here on earth we are as Soldiers, fighting in a foreign land ; that understand not the plan of the campaign, and have no need to understand it ; seeing well what is at our hand to be done. Let us do it like Soldiers, with submission, with courage, with a heroic joy.

Essay on Characteristics.

September 15.

Reform is not joyous but grievous ; no single man can reform himself without stern suffering and stern working ; how much less can a nation of men.

Essay on Dr. Francia.

A thoughtful, cheerful, faithful, and resolute man.

On the Portraits of John Knox.

September 13.

September 14.

September 15.

September 16.

Men understand not what is among their hands : as calmness is the characteristic of strength, so the weightiest causes may be most silent.

Essay on History.

We take him to be a man of sociable turn, not without kindness.

Essay on a Survey of German Poetry.

September 17.

Welcome the beggarliest truth, so it *be* one, in exchange for the royalest sham ! Truth of any kind breeds ever new and better truth ; thus hard granite rock will crumble down into soil, under the blessed skyey influence ; and cover itself with verdure, with fruitage, and umbrage.

French Revolution.

September 18.

The faith in an Invisible, Unnameable, Godlike, present everywhere in all that we see and work and suffer, is the essence of all faith whatsoever.

Past and Present.

A dark, tough man, of the toughness of leather.

Oliver Cromwell.

September 16.

September 17.

September 18.

September 19.

It is very mournful, yet not useless, to see and know, how the Greatest and Dearest, in a short while, would find his place quite filled up here, and no room for him.

Sartor Resartus.

September 20.

Hot tempers go not always softly together.

Essay on Mirabeau.

The fearful Unbelief is unbelief in yourself.

Sartor Resartus.

September 21.

Consider how, even in the meanest sorts of Labour, the whole soul of a man is composed into a kind of real harmony, the instant he sets himself to work !

Past and Present.

September 19.

September 20.

September 21.

September 22.

Opinion is at all times doubly related to Action, first as cause, then as effect.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

No despiser of women ; far the reverse in fact.

On the Portraits of John Knox.

September 23.

The wise man travels in lofty far-seeing regions ; the fool in low-lying, high-fenced lanes : retracing the footsteps of the former, to discover where he deviated, whole provinces of the Universe are laid open to us ; in the path of the latter, granting even that he have not deviated at all, little is laid open to us but two wheel-ruts and two hedges.

Essay on Novalis.

September 24.

He that models Nations according to his own image, he is a King, though his sceptre were a walking-stick.

Frederick the Great.

An ardent youth.

John Sterling.

September 22.

September 23.

September 24.

September 25.

Belief I define to be the healthy act of a man's mind.
On Heroes.

It is Wisdom alone that can recognise wisdom :
Folly or Imbecility never can.
Latter Day Pamphlets.

September 26.

Brief brawling Day, with its noisy phantasms, its poor paper-crowns tinsel-gilt, is gone ; and divine everlasting Night, with her star-diadems, with her silences and her veracities, is come ! What hast thou done, and how ?
Past and Present.

September 27.

Of all "rights of man," the right of the ignorant man to be guided by the wiser, to be, gently or forcibly, held in the true course by him, is the indisputablest.
Chartism.

September 25.

September 26.

September 27.

September 28.

O why was the Earth so beautiful, becrimsoned with dawn and twilight, if man's dealings with man were to make it a vale of scarcity, of tears?

French Revolution.

September 29.

For a hundred that can bear adversity, there is hardly one that can bear prosperity.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

She is meek and soft and maiden-like.

Life of Schiller.

September 30.

From every mortal death there is a new birth ; in this wondrous course of his, man may indeed linger, but cannot retrograde or stand still.

Essay on a Survey of German Poetry.

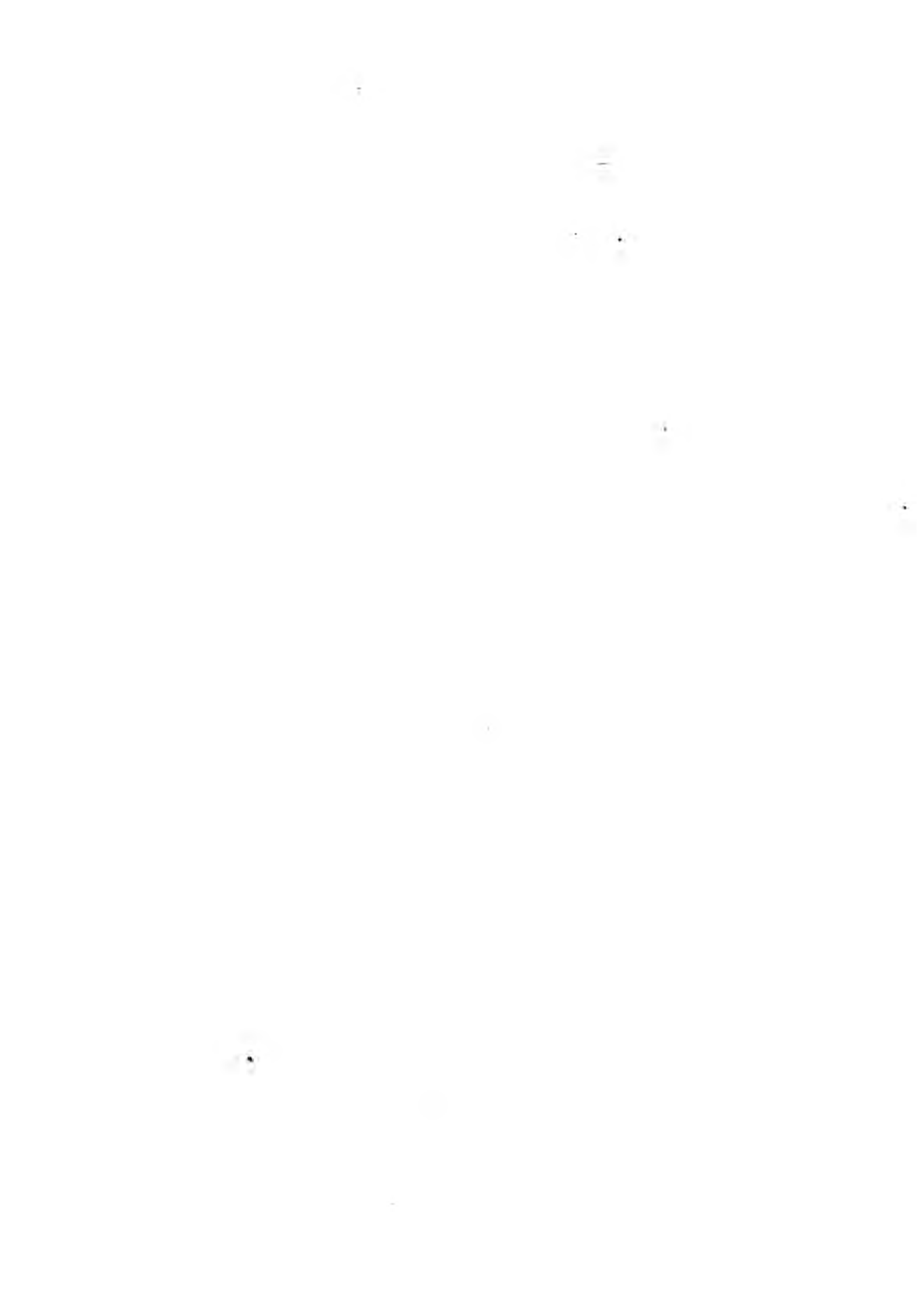
This was a genuine strong man.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

September 28.

September 29.

September 30.



OCTOBER.

The autumnal equinox is past, and gray September fades into brown October.

French Revolution.

October 1.

The meaning of Song goes deep.

On Heroes.

Nature has given him her choicest gift,—an open eye and heart.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

October 2.

Poverty, we may say, surrounds a man with ready-made barriers, which, if they mournfully gall and hamper, do at least prescribe for him and force on him a sort of course and goal.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

October 3.

My friend, all speech and rumour is short-lived, foolish, untrue. Genuine WORK alone, what thou workest faithfully, that is eternal, as the Almighty Founder and World-BUILDER himself. Stand thou by that : and let Fame and the rest of it go prating.

Past and Present.

October 1.

October 2.

October 3.

October 4.

An honest-hearted, brotherly man ; brother to the high, brother also to the low ; sincere in his sympathy with both.

On Heroes.

No good thing of any sort shows its best face at first.

Essay on Novalis.

October 5.

The whims of women must be humoured.

French Revolution.

That light yet so stately form ; those dark tresses, shading a face where smiles and sunlight played over earnest deeps.

Sartor Resartus.

October 6.

Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together ; that at length they may emerge full-formed and majestic, into the daylight of Life, which they are henceforth to rule.

Sartor Resartus.

October 4.

October 5.

October 6.

October 7.

The grand summary of a man's spiritual condition, what brings out all his heroism and insight, or all his flunkiness and horn-eyed dimness, is this question put to him, What man dost thou honour? What is thy Ideal of a man?

Past and Present.

October 8.

The one enemy we have in this Universe is Stupidity, Darkness of Mind ; of which darkness, again, there are many sources, every *sin* a source, and probably self-conceit the chief source.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

October 9.

Worship is transcendent wonder ; wonder for which there is now no limit or measure ; that is worship.

On Heroes.

An innocent, wise, dainty maiden ; pure and poor.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

October 7.

October 8.

October 9.

October 10.

The battle, and the hero-death, and victory's fire-chariot carrying men to the Immortals, shall never be thine.

Oliver Cromwell.

The politest of men.

Frederick the Great.

October 11.

Not in resisting, but also in resolutely struggling forward, does our life consist.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

A brave young damsel of twenty-one.

Oliver Cromwell.

October 12.

The Present is not needlessly trammelled with the Past ; and only grows out of it, like a Tree, whose roots are not intertangled with its branches, but lie peaceably underground.

Sartor Resartus.

October 10.

October 11.

October 12.

October 13.

All knowledge of the visible rests on belief of the invisible, and derives its first meaning and certainty therefrom.

Essay on Novalis.

A graceful, brave, and amiable woman.

Oliver Cromwell.

October 14.

A man's honest, earnest opinion, is the most precious of all he possesses ; let him communicate this, if he is to communicate anything.

Essay on a Survey of German Poetry.

An easy, laconic gentleman ; of grave politeness.

Essay on Diderot.

October 15.

Man is created to fight ; he is perhaps best of all definable as a born soldier ; his life "a battle and a march," under the right General.

Past and Present.

A dashing man, beloved at Patriotic dinner-tables ; with gaiety, nay with humour ; headlong, trenchant, of free purse.

French Revolution.

October 13.

October 14.

October 15.

October 16.

Vox is the God of this Universe.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

A tight little fellow, though of somewhat loose life.

Oliver Cromwell.

October 17.

Behind us, behind each one of us, lies Six Thousand Years of human effort, human conquest : before us is the boundless Time, with its as yet uncreated and unconquered Continents and Eldorados, which we, even we, have to conquer, to create ; and from the bosom of Eternity there shine for us celestial guiding stars.

Essay on Characteristics.

October 18.

The stupidity of men, especially of men congregated in masses round any object, is extreme.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

A young woman of soft blooming look.

French Revolution.

October 16.

October 17.

October 18.

October 19.

It is not by mechanism, but by Religion ; not by Self-interest, but by Loyalty, that men are governed or governable.

Essay on Characteristics.

A young woman fair to look upon.

French Revolution.

October 20.

The Progress of Human Society consists even in this same, The better and better apportioning of wages to work.

Past and Present.

October 21.

Who is there that can recognise real intellect, and do reverence to it ; and discriminate it well from sham intellect, which is so much more abundant, and deserves the reverse of reverence ? He that himself has it !

Latter Day Pamphlets.

October 19.

October 20.

October 21.

October 22.

Intellect is not speaking or logicising ; it is seeing and ascertaining.

On Heroes.

A silly fellow, who did not know the worth of men, but only the clothes and rank of them.

Early Kings of Norway.

October 23.

No idlest word thou speakest but is a seed cast into Time, and grows through all Eternity ! The Recording Angel, consider it well, is no fable, but the truest of truths.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

October 24.

As this wondrous planet, Earth, is journeying with its fellows through infinite Space, so are the wondrous destinies embarked on it journeying through infinite Time, under a higher guidance than ours.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

Full of beautiful piety, good-sense, and affection.

Frederick the Great.

October 22.

October 23.

October 24.

October 25.

Late in man's history, yet clearly at length, it becomes manifest to the dullest, that mind is stronger than matter, that mind is the creator and shaper of matter ; that not brute Force, but only Persuasion and Faith is the king of this world.

Essay on a Survey of German Poetry.

October 26.

Here hath been dawning
Another blue Day :
Think wilt thou let it
Slip useless away.

Poem : "To-day."

October 27.

Was the tongue suspended there, that it might tell truly what we had seen, and make man the soul's brother of man ; or only that it might utter vain sounds, jargon, soul-confusing, and so *divide* man, as by enchanted walls of Darkness, from union with man?

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

October 25.

October 26.

October 27.

October 28.

How much does one of *us* foresee of his own life?

On Heroes.

She was among the kindest, most innocent of women.

French Revolution.

October 29.

O Heaven, it is mysterious, it is awful to consider that we not only carry each a future Ghost within him ; but are, in very deed, Ghosts !

Sartor Resartus.

For wisdom and beauty the paragon of her time.

Essay on Early German Literature.

October 30.

Be not the slave of Words : is not the Distant, the Dead, while I love it, and long for it, and mourn for it, Here, in the genuine sense, as truly as the floor I stand on?

Sartor Resartus.

A deep, religious, contemplative spirit.

Essay on Novalis.

October 28.

October 29.

October 30.

October 31.

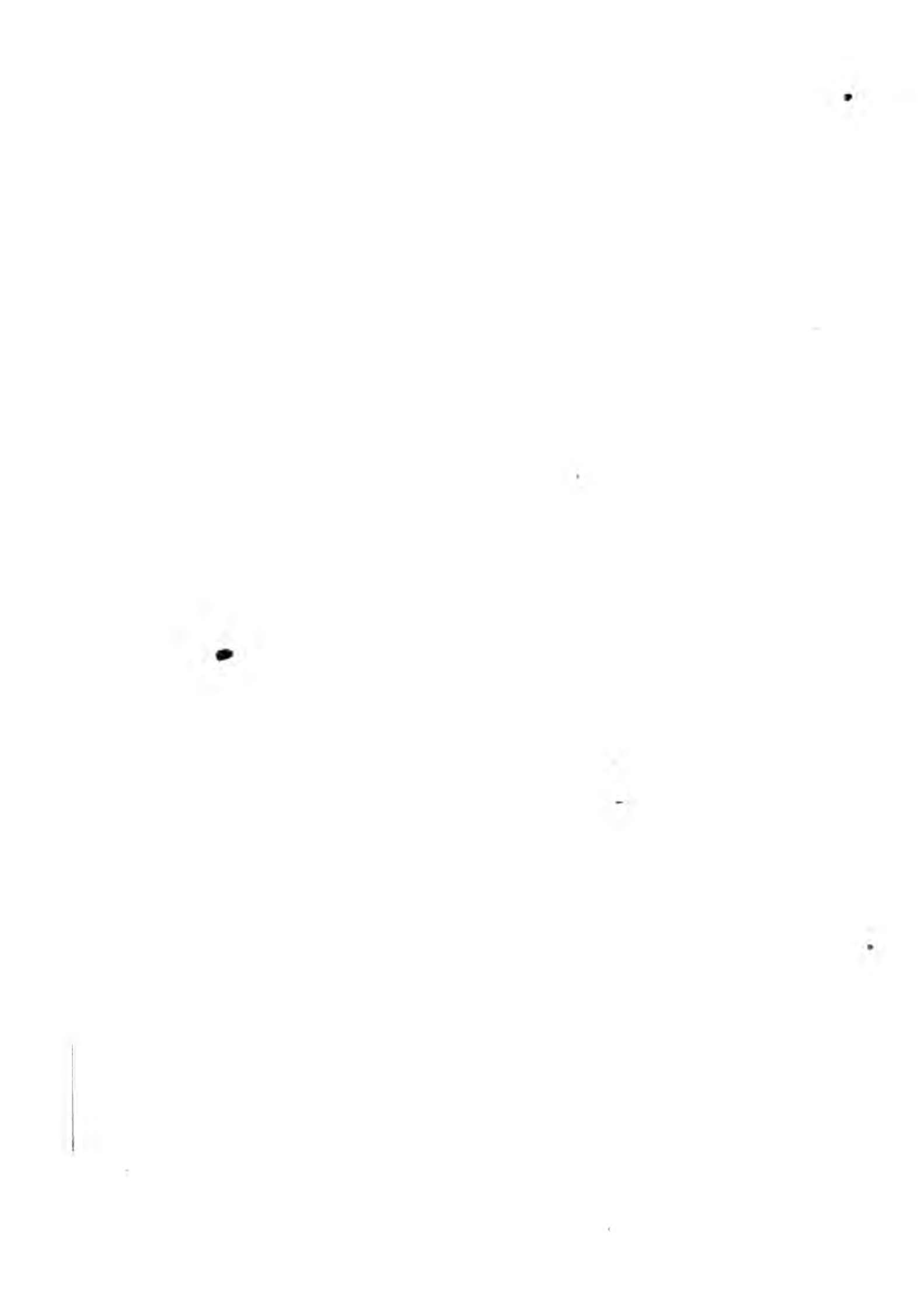
Under all speech that is good for anything there lies a silence that is better. Silence is deep as Eternity ; speech is shallow as Time.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

He is beautifully good-humoured.

Frederick the Great.

October 31.



NOVEMBER.

Wintry November 's come.

French Revolution.

November 1.

The abstruse is not precisely synonymous with the absurd.

Essay on Novalis.

So beautiful a being, so full of youth, of native grace and gift.

On the Portraits of John Knox.

November 2.

Seldom can the unhappy be persuaded that the evil of the day is sufficient for it ; and the ambitious will not be content with present splendour, but paints yet more glorious triumphs, on the cloud-curtain of the future.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

November 3.

Strange enough how creatures of the human kind shut their eyes to plainest facts ; and by the mere inertia of Oblivion and Stupidity, live at ease in the midst of Wonders and Terrors.

Sartor Resartus.

November 1.

November 2.

November 3.

November 4.

Perfect ignorance is quiet, perfect knowledge is quiet ;
not so the transition from the former to the latter.

Essay on a Survey of German Poetry.

He had rather a turn for spending money handsomely.

Frederick the Great.

November 5.

A man's "religion" consists not of the many things
he is in doubt of and tries to believe, but of the few he
is assured of, and has no need of effort for believing.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

November 6.

What is Life? A thawing iceboard
On a sea with sunny shore ;—
Gay we sail ; it melts beneath us ;
We are sunk, and seen no more.

Poem: "Cui Bono."

November 4.

November 5.

November 6.

November 7.

The thing a man does practically believe ; the thing a man does practically lay to heart, and know for certain, concerning his vital relations to this mysterious Universe, and his duty and destiny there, that is in all cases the primary thing for him, and creatively determines all the rest.

On Heroes.

November 8.

Freedom is the one purport, wisely aimed at, or unwisely, of all man's struggles, toilings, and sufferings, in this Earth.

French Revolution.

A beautiful boy.

Essay on Goethe's Works.

November 9.

A strict similarity of characters is not necessary, or perhaps very favourable to friendship. To render it complete, each party must no doubt be competent to understand the other ; both must be possessed of dispositions kindred in their great lineaments : but the pleasure of comparing our ideas and emotions is heightened when there is "likeness in unlikeness."

Life of Schiller.

November 7.

November 8.

November 9.

November 10.

Don't be ambitious ; don't too much need success ; be loyal and modest. Cut down the towering thoughts that get into you, or see that they be pure as well as high.

Inaugural Address.

November 11.

Life is no cunningly-devised deception or self-deception ; it is a great truth that thou art alive, that thou hast desires, necessities ; neither can these subsist and satisfy themselves on delusions, but on fact.

French Revolution.

November 12.

How can a man, without clear vision in his heart first of all, have any clear vision in the head ?

Past and Present.

She is a fair vision, the *beau idéal* of a poet's first mistress.

Life of Schiller.

November 10.

November 11.

November 12.

November 13.

Whatever prohibits or prevents a man from his sacred appointment to labour while he lives on earth,—that, I say, is the man's deadliest enemy.

The Nigger Question

November 14.

Man is, properly speaking, based upon Hope, he has no other possession but Hope; this world of his is emphatically the Place of Hope.

Sartor Resartus.

He was a man of few words, but all of them true and to the point.

Inaugural Address.

November 15.

How were Friendship possible? In mutual devotedness to the Good and True: otherwise impossible; except as Armed Neutrality, or hollow Commercial League.

Sartor Resartus.

November 13.

November 14.

November 15.

November 16.

A Lie is unbelievable. Believe that, stand by that, if more there be not : and let what thing or things soever will follow it follow.

French Revolution.

A man in no case has liberty to tell lies.

On Heroes.

November 17.

What changes are wrought, not by Time, yet in Time! For not Mankind only, but all that Mankind does or beholds, is in continual growth, regeneration, and self-perfecting vitality.

Sartor Resartus.

November 18.

Our grand business undoubtedly is, not to *see* what lies dimly at a distance, but to *do* what lies clearly at hand.

Essay on Signs of the Times.

She is of stately figure . . . of beautiful still countenance.

French Revolution.

November 16.

November 17.

November 18.

November 19.

Woman was given to man as a benefit, and for mutual support ; a precious ornament and staff whereupon to lean in many trying situations.

Essay on Voltaire.

Her judgment was good.

Frederick the Great.

November 20.

The thing men are taught, or get to *believe*, that is the thing they will infallibly *do*.

Oliver Cromwell.

A slim-built, witty-talking, popular, and pretty man, with uncommonly bright eyes.

Early Kings of Norway

November 21.

Man's Unhappiness comes of his Greatness ; it is because there is an Infinite in him, which with all his cunning he cannot quite bury under the Finite.

Sartor Resartus.

November 19.

November 20.

November 21.

November 22.

Our feelings are in favour of heroism ; we *wish* to be pure and perfect. Happy he whose resolutions are so strong, or whose temptations are so weak, that he can convert these feelings into action !

Life of Schiller.

November 23.

The law from the beginning was, he that will not work shall perish from the earth ; and the patience of the gods has limits.

The Nigger Question.

So fickle is womankind.

The Diamond Necklace.

November 24.

Serious nations, all nations that can still listen to the mandate of Nature, have prized song and music as the highest ; as a vehicle for worship, for prophecy, and for whatsoever in them was divine.

Essay on the Opera.

November 22.

November 23.

November 24.

November 25.

Love is a discerning of the Infinite in the Finite, of the Ideal made Real.

Sartor Resartus.

Her features are extremely regular, and full of vivacity.

Frederick the Great.

November 26.

We quietly believe this Universe to be intrinsically a great unintelligible PERHAPS.

Past and Present.

Here is an earnest, truth-speaking man.

Essay on Corn-Law Rhymes.

November 27.

Men that can have no communion in anything else, can sympathetically eat together, can still rise into some glow of brotherhood over food and wine.

French Revolution.

November 25.

November 26.

November 27.

November 28.

Talk, except as the preparation for work, is worth almost nothing.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

With every graceful and generous quality of womanhood harmoniously blended in her nature.

Life of Schiller.

November 29.

In a valiant suffering for others, not in a slothful making others suffer for us, did nobleness ever lie.

Past and Present.

She was of a compassionate nature, and had a loving, patient, and noble heart; prudent she was; the skilfullest and thriftiest of financiers; could well keep silence, too, and with a gentle stoicism endure much small unreason.

Life of Schiller.

November 30.

Have true reverence, and what indeed is inseparable therefrom, reverence the right man, all is well; have sham-reverence, and what also follows, greet with it the wrong man, then all is ill, and there is nothing well.

Past and Present.

November 28.

November 29.

November 30.

DECEMBER.

The world is all in pelisses and winter furs ; cheerful,
clear,—with noses tending to blue.

The Diamond Necklace.

Autumn becomes loud winter.

Essay on Mirabeau

December 1.

The mysterious River of Existence rushes on : a new Billow thereof has arrived, and lashes wildly as ever round the old embankments ; but the former Billow with *its* loud, mad eddyings, where is it ?

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

A right brave woman.

On Heroes.

December 2.

If we would win honour in this Universe, the rumour of Histories and Morning Newspapers will help us little !

Frederick the Great.

A man without qualms or fantasticalities.

Essay on Sir Walter Scott.

December 3.

What is man ? A foolish baby,
Vainly strives, and fights, and frets ;
Demanding all, deserving nothing ;—
One small grave is what he gets.

Poem : "Cui Bono."

December 1.

December 2.

December 3.

December 4.

Thomas Carlyle born, 1795.

He appears to us as a person of that deep endowment, and gifted vision, of that experience also and sympathy in the ways of all men, which qualify him to stand forth, not only as the literary ornament, but in many respects too as the Teacher and exemplar of his age.

Essay on Goethe.

December 5.

Habit is the deepest law of human nature. It is our supreme strength ; if also, in certain circumstances, our miserablest weakness.

Past and Present.

A young and pretty woman.

Frederick the Great.

December 6.

Bad is by its nature negative, and can do *nothing*; whatsoever enables us to *do* anything is by its very nature *good*.

Essay on Boswell's Life of Johnson.

Of a temper tending towards the obstinate, the quietly unchangeable.

Frederick the Great.

December 4.

December 5.

December 6.

December 7.

It is good that every reader and every writer understand, with all intensity of conviction, what quite infinite worth lies in *Truth*; how all-pervading, omnipotent, in man's mind, is the thing we name *Belief*.

Essay on Biography.

December 8.

No nobler feeling than this of admiration for one higher than himself dwells in the breast of man. It is to this hour, and at all hours, the vivifying influence in man's life.

'On Heroes.

December 9.

A fashionable wit, *ach Himmel!* if you ask, Which, he or a Death's-head, will be the cheerier company for me? pray send me *not* him.

Past and Present.

December 7.

December 8.

December 9.

December 10.

Love not pleasure; love God. This is the EVER-LASTING YEA, wherein all contradiction is solved: wherein whoso walks and works, it is well with him.

Sartor Resartus.

December 11.

There is one God, just, supreme, almighty: but is Mammon the name of him?

Past and Present.

An indispensable man: in the great *Art of Varnish* he may be said to seek his fellow.

French Revolution.

December 12.

The world without us and within us, beshone by the young light of Love, and all instinct with a divinity, is beautiful and great; it seems for us a boundless happiness that we are privileged to live.

Essay on Early German Literature.

December 10.

December 11.

December 12.

December 13.

Time does its work ; and the loved Dead lie silent in their mausoleum in our hearts,—serenely sad as Eternity, not in loud sorrow as of Time.

Frederick the Great.

A man withal of modest, affectionate nature ; courteous and yet truthful ; of quick apprehension, precise in utterance.

Essay on Varnhagen von Ense.

December 14.

We will not quarrel with the Destinies ; we will work as we can towards fulfilment of them.

Oliver Cromwell.

Meek and retiring by the softness of her nature, yet glowing with an ethereal ardour for all that is illustrious and lovely.

Life of Schiller.

December 15.

This is the eternal law of Nature for a man, that he shall be permitted, encouraged, and if need be, compelled to do what work the Maker of him has intended by the making of him for this world.

The Nigger Question.

December 13.

December 14.

December 15.

December 16.

Habit is our primal, fundamental law ; Habit and Imitation, there is nothing more perennial in us than these two. They are the source of all Working and all Apprenticeship, of all Practice and all Learning, in this world.

Past and Present.

December 17.

Unwise talk is matchless in unwisdom.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

Witty, haughty-minded, beautiful, not wise, or fortunate.

Frederick the Great.

December 18.

The Invisible World is near us : or rather it is here, in us and about us ; were the fleshly coil removed from our Soul, the glories of the Unseen were even now around us ; as the Ancients fabled of the Spherical Music.

Essay on Novalis.

December 16.

December 17.

December 18.

December 19.

There is in man a HIGHER than Love of Happiness :
he can do without Happiness, and instead thereof find
Blessedness !

Sartor Resartus.

The man is of patient, peaceable, loving, clear-smiling
nature.

Past and Present.

December 20.

Nature admits no lie ; most men profess to be aware
of this, but few in any measure lay it to heart.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

She had a pleasant, attractive physiognomy ; which
may be considered better than strict beauty.

Frederick the Great.

December 21.

To make some nook of God's Creation a little fruit-
fuller, better, more worthy of God ; to make some
human hearts a little wiser, manfuller, happier,—more
blessed, less accursed ! It is work for a God.

Past and Present.

December 19.

December 20.

December 21.

December 22.

Men have to return to reality ; they cannot live on semblance.

On Heroes.

And then her mind,—for gifts, for graces, culture, where will you find such a mind ?

Frederick the Great.

December 23.

O Heavens, there are tears for human destiny ; and immortal Hope itself is beautiful because it is steeped in Sorrow, and foolish Desire lies vanquished under its feet !

Oliver Cromwell.

December 24.

We have a faith in the imperishable dignity of man ; in the high vocation to which, throughout this his earthly history, he has been appointed.

Essays on Signs of the Times.

December 22.

December 23.

December 24.

December 25.

Our highest Orpheus walked in Judea, eighteen hundred years ago : his sphere-melody, flowing in wild native tones, took captive the ravished souls of men ; and, being of a true sphere-melody, still flows and sounds, though now with thousandfold accompaniments, and rich symphonies, through all our hearts ; and modulates, and divinely leads them.

Sartor Resartus.

December 26.

The life of all gods figures itself to us as a Sublime Sadness,—earnestness of Infinite Battle against Infinite Labour.

Past and Present.

Clearly a superior woman.

Frederick the Great.

December 27.

Wonder is the basis of worship : the reign of wonder is perennial, indestructible in Man.

Sartor Resartus.

That is the way with female intellects when they are good ; nothing equals their acuteness, and their rapidity is almost excessive.

Frederick the Great.

December 25.

December 26.

December 27.

December 28.

Conviction, were it never so excellent, is worthless till it convert itself into Conduct.

Sartor Resartus.

A brilliant, ingenious, and hopeful young man.

Oliver Cromwell.

December 29.

Who can account for the taste of females ?

The Diamond Necklace.

The Tongue, with or without much meaning, will keep in motion.

Essay on Corn-Law Rhymes.

December 30.

Wisdom, the divine message which every soul of man brings into this world ; the divine prophecy of what the new man has got, the new and peculiar capability to do, is intrinsically of silent nature.

Latter Day Pamphlets.

December 28.

December 29.

December 30.

December 31.

How indestructibly the Good grows, and propagates itself, even among the weedy entanglements of Evil !

Sartor Resartus.

All things end, and nothing ceases changing till it end.

Frederick the Great.

Here finally these wide roamings of ours . . . are to terminate. I am sorry for it : there was pleasure for me in this business.

On Heroes.

December 31.

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