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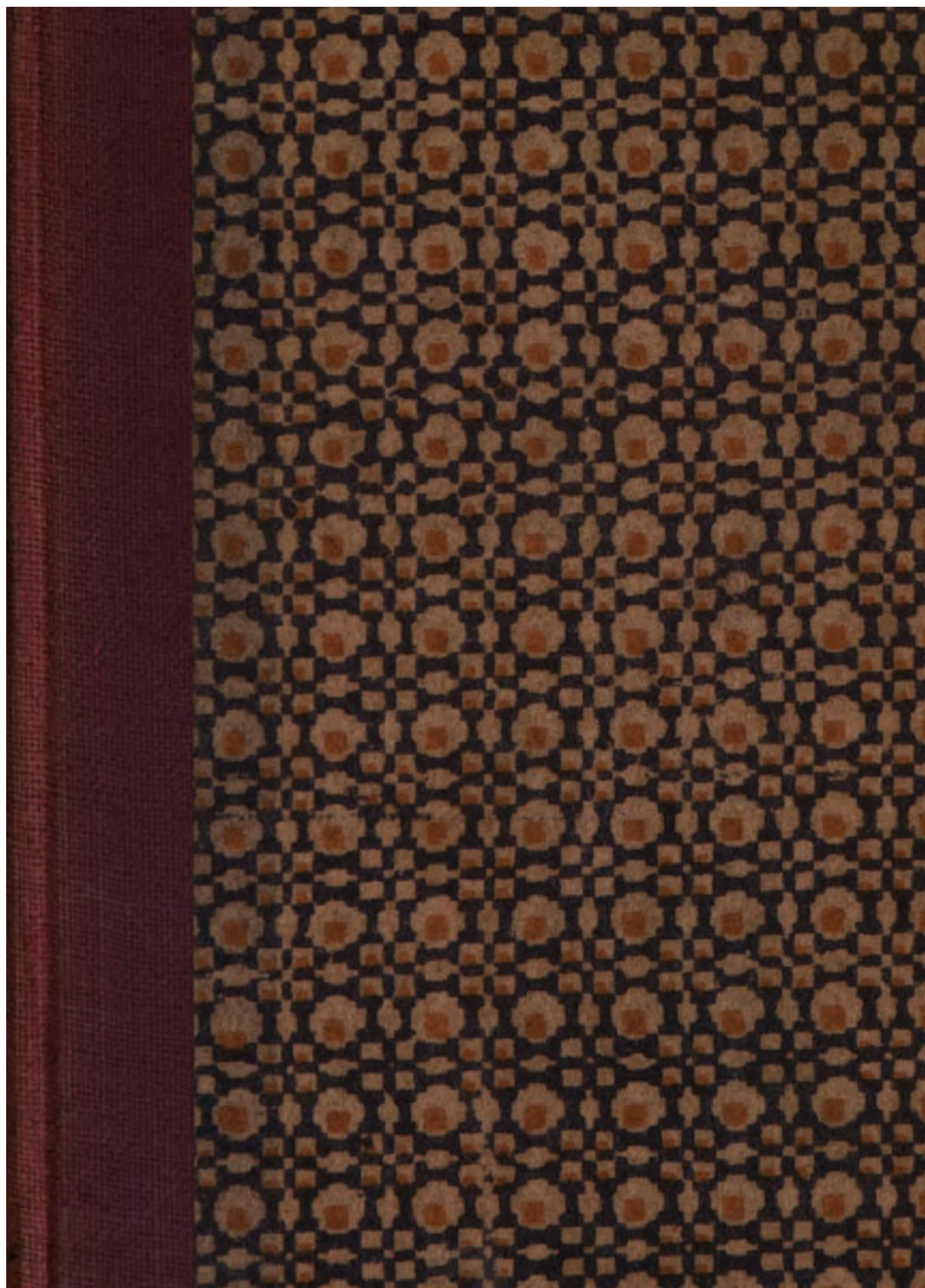
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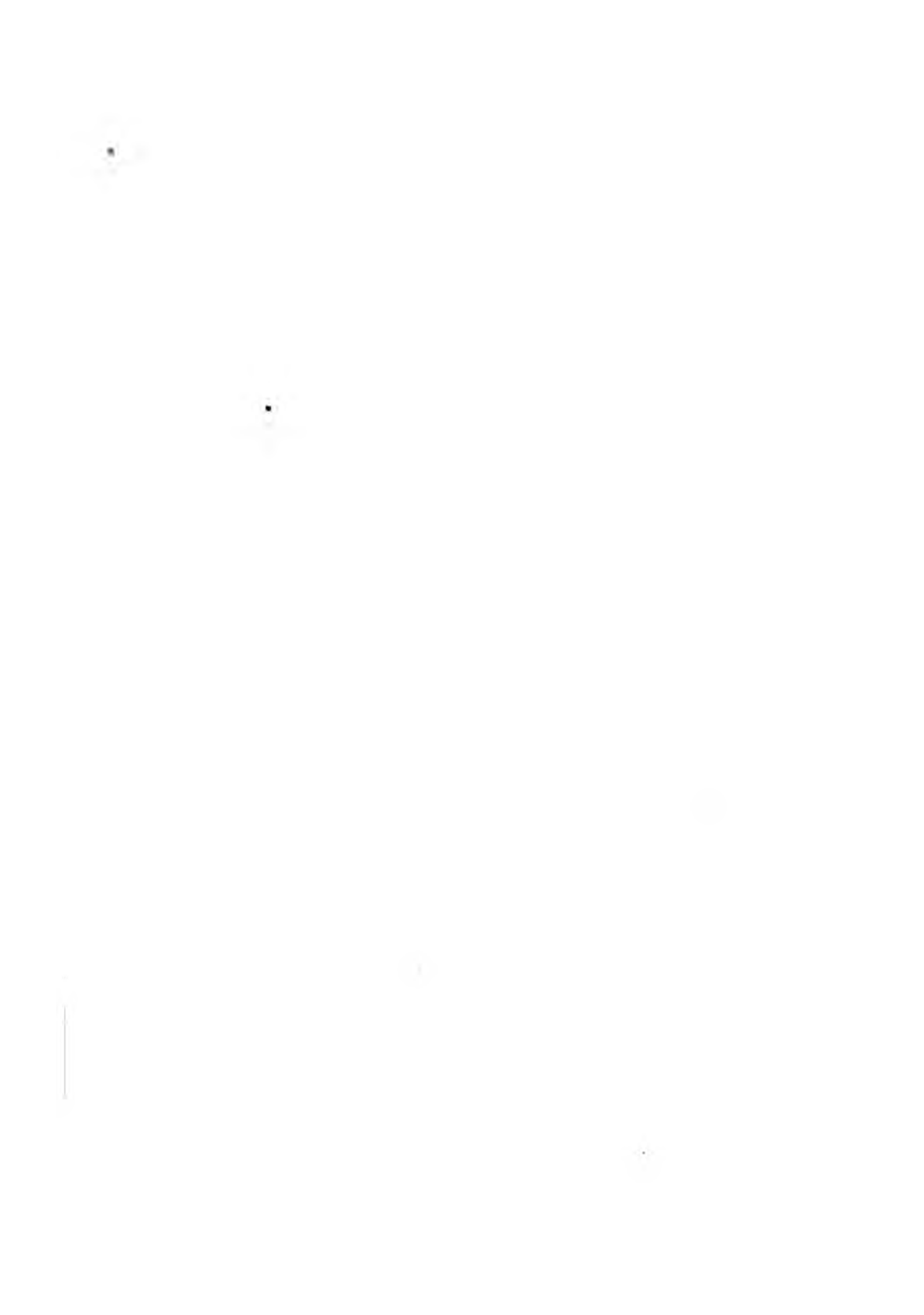
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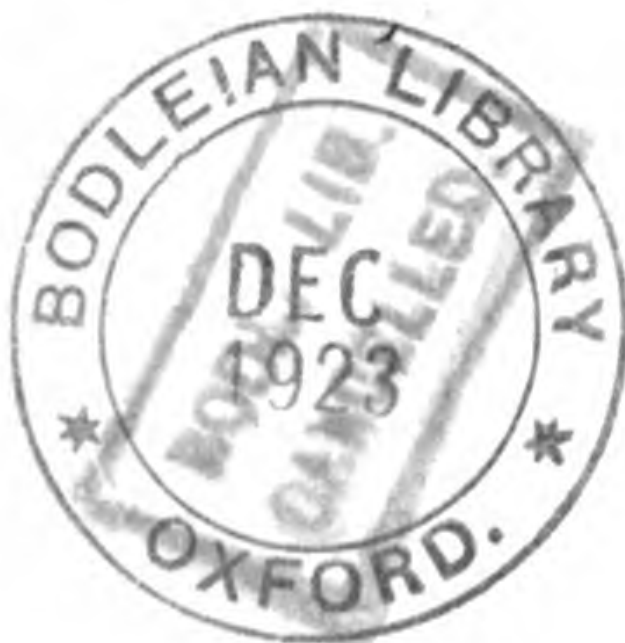


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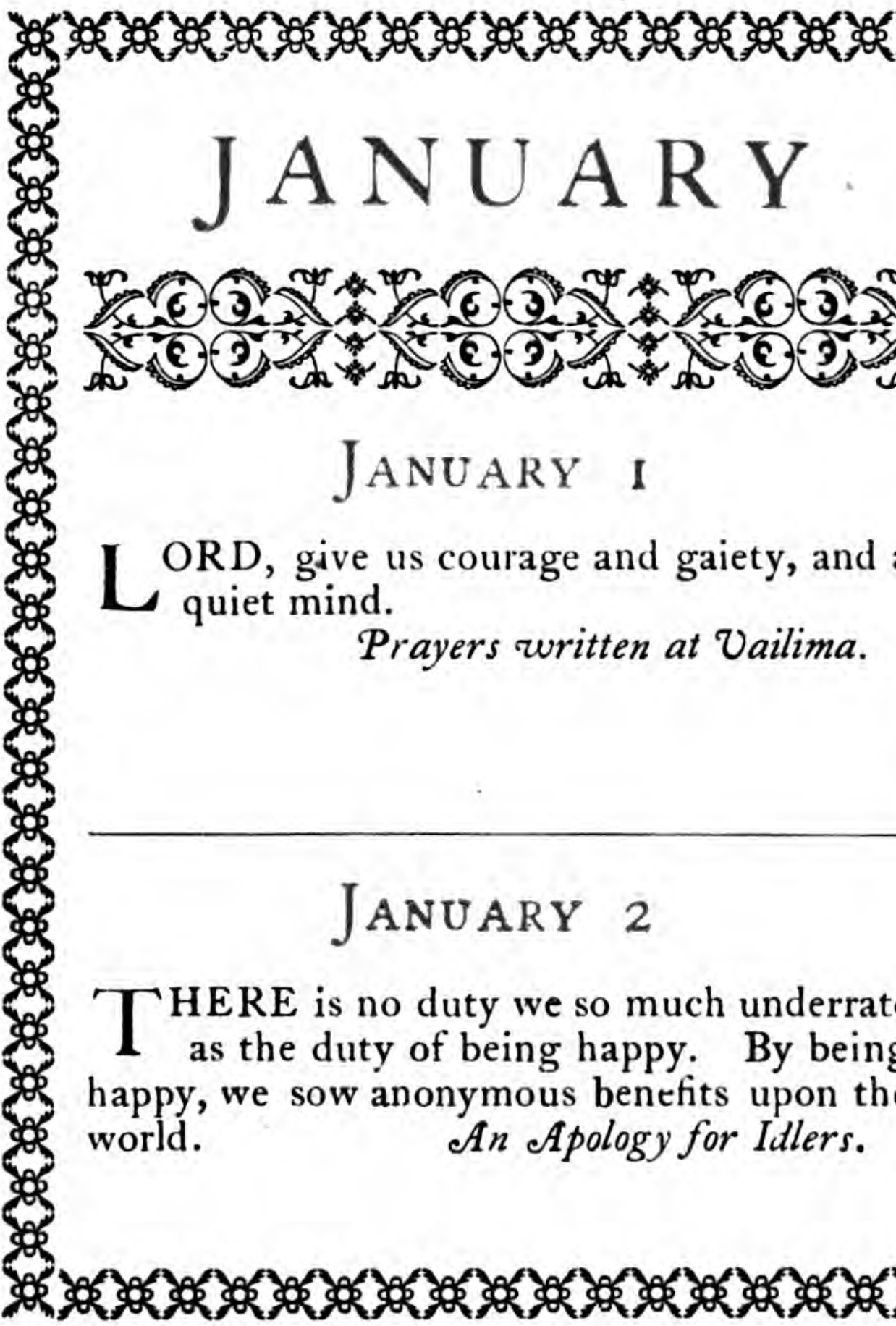
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ENVOY

‘**T**IME was,’ the golden head
Irrevocably said ;
But time which none can bind,
While flowing fast away, leaves love behind.
To Willie & Henrietta.



JANUARY



JANUARY 1

LORD, give us courage and gaiety, and a quiet mind.

Prayers written at Vailima.

JANUARY 2

THERE is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. By being happy, we sow anonymous benefits upon the world.

An Apology for Idlers.

JANUARY

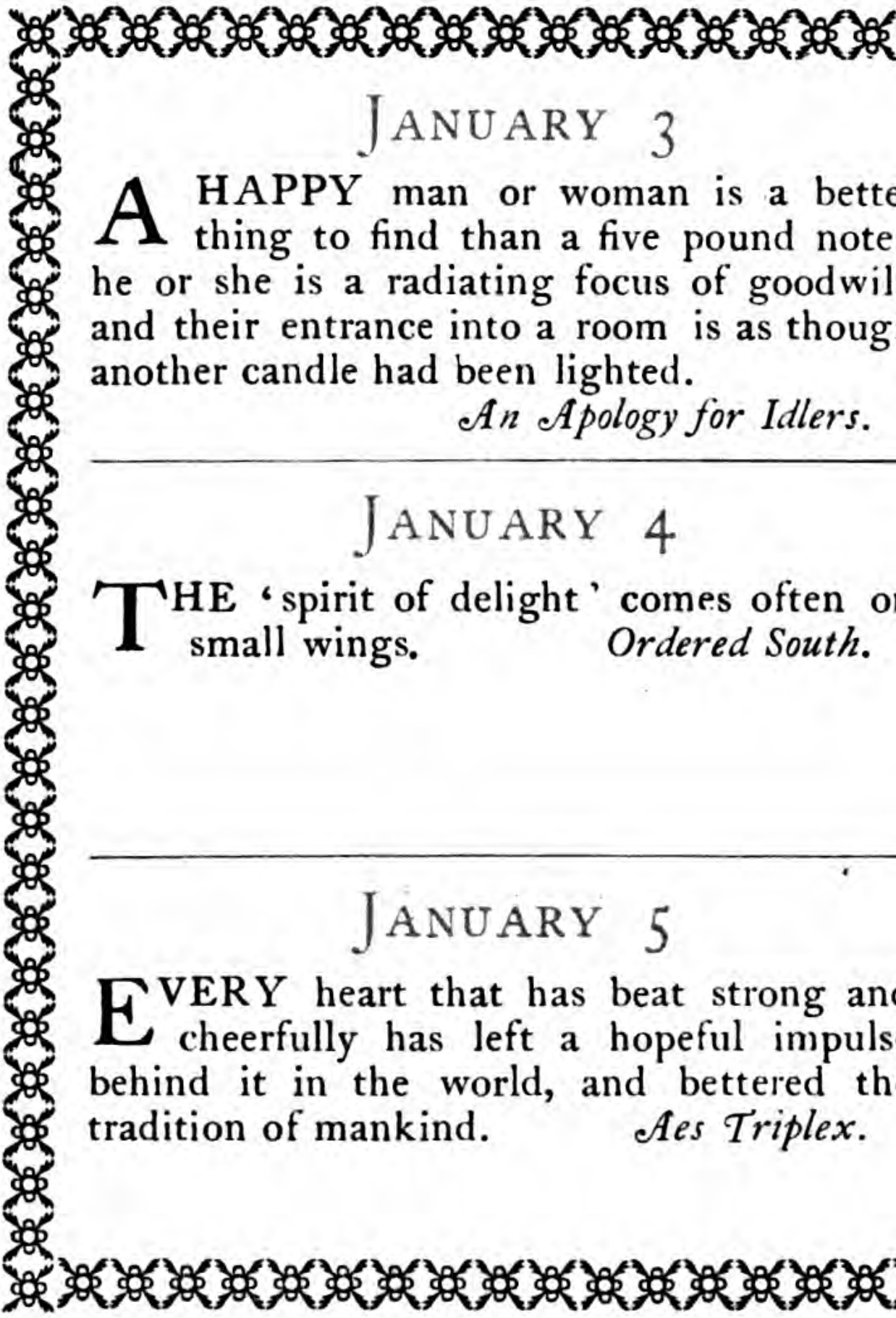


JANUARY 1



JANUARY 2





JANUARY 3

A HAPPY man or woman is a better thing to find than a five pound note. He or she is a radiating focus of goodwill and their entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted.

An Apology for Idlers.

JANUARY 4

THE 'spirit of delight' comes often on small wings.

Ordered South.

JANUARY 5

EVERY heart that has beat strong and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind.

Aes Triplex.

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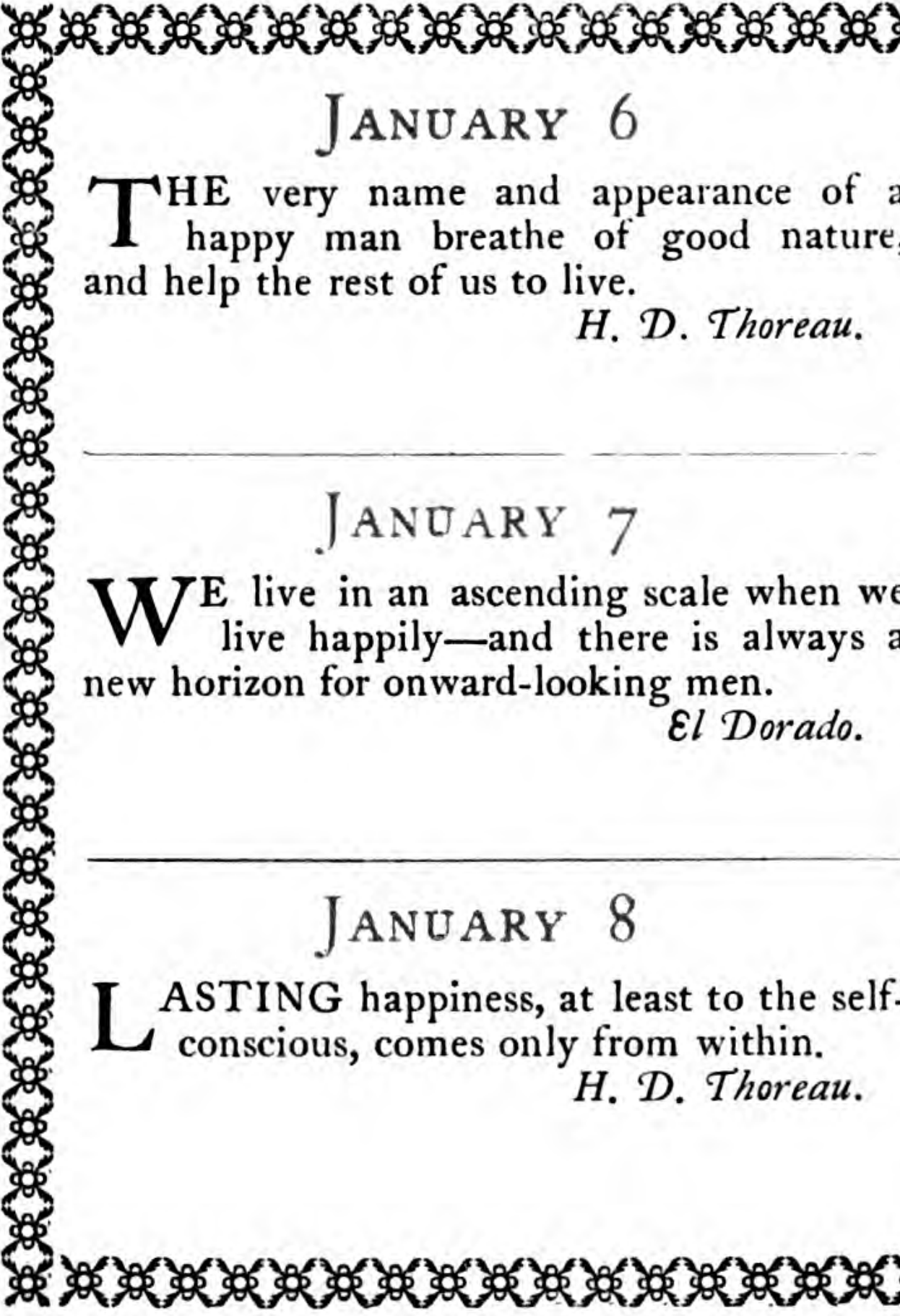
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JANUARY 6

THE very name and appearance of a happy man breathe of good nature, and help the rest of us to live.

H. D. Thoreau.

JANUARY 7

WE live in an ascending scale when we live happily—and there is always a new horizon for onward-looking men.

El Dorado.

JANUARY 8

LASTING happiness, at least to the self-conscious, comes only from within.

H. D. Thoreau.



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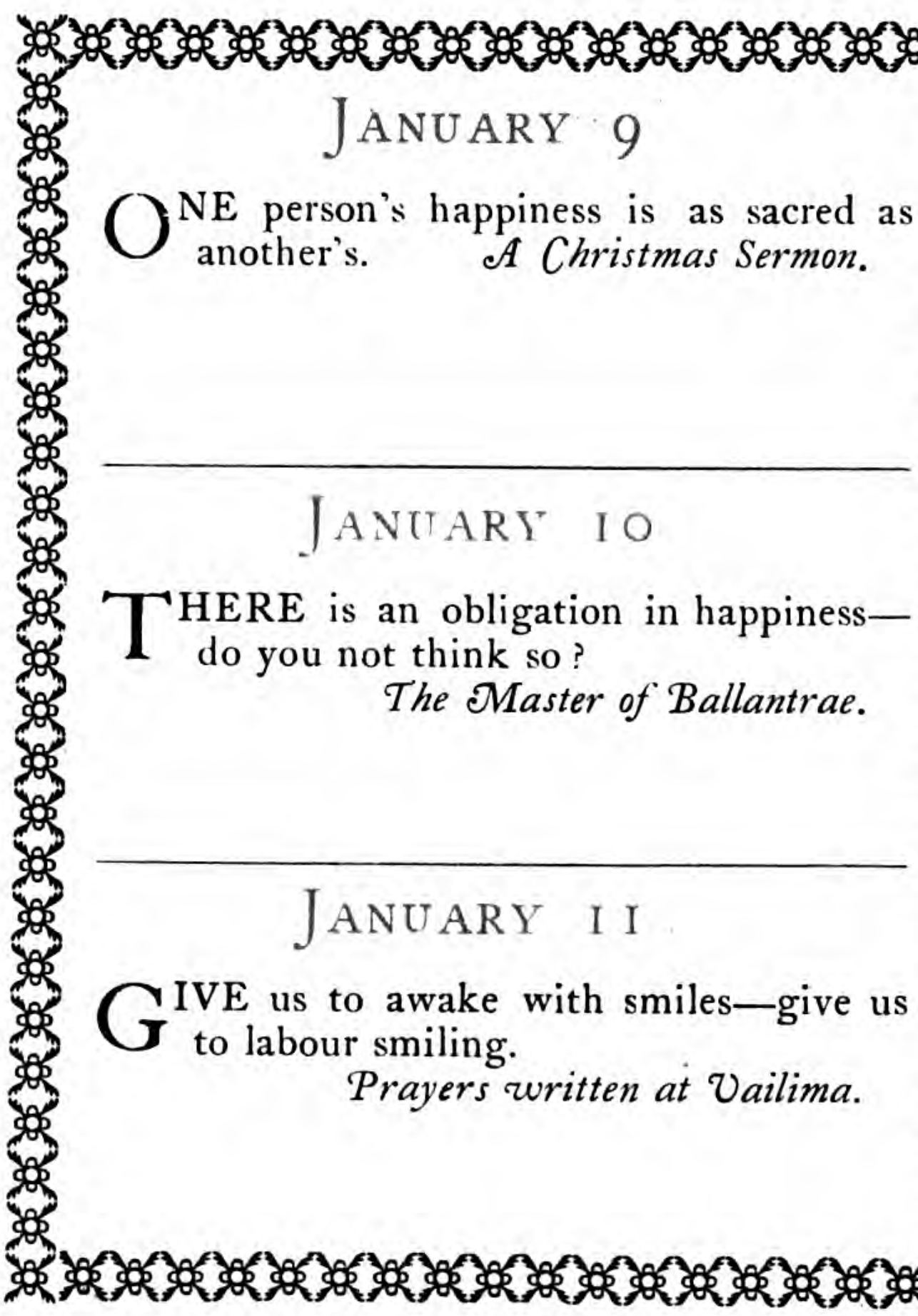
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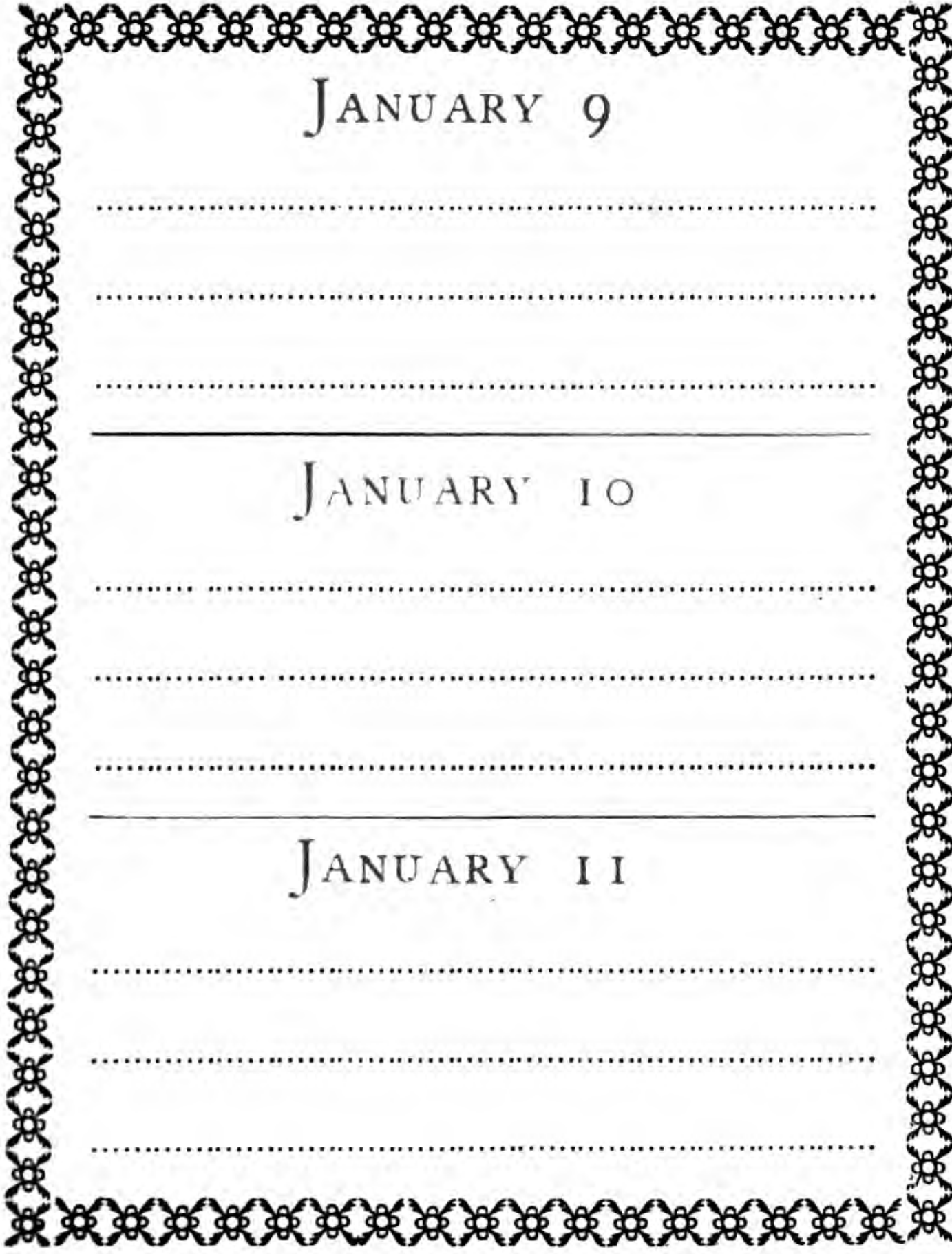
ONE person's happiness is as sacred as another's. *A Christmas Sermon.*

JANUARY 10

THERE is an obligation in happiness—do you not think so?
The Master of Ballantrae.

JANUARY 11

GIVE us to awake with smiles—give us to labour smiling.
Prayers written at Vailima.



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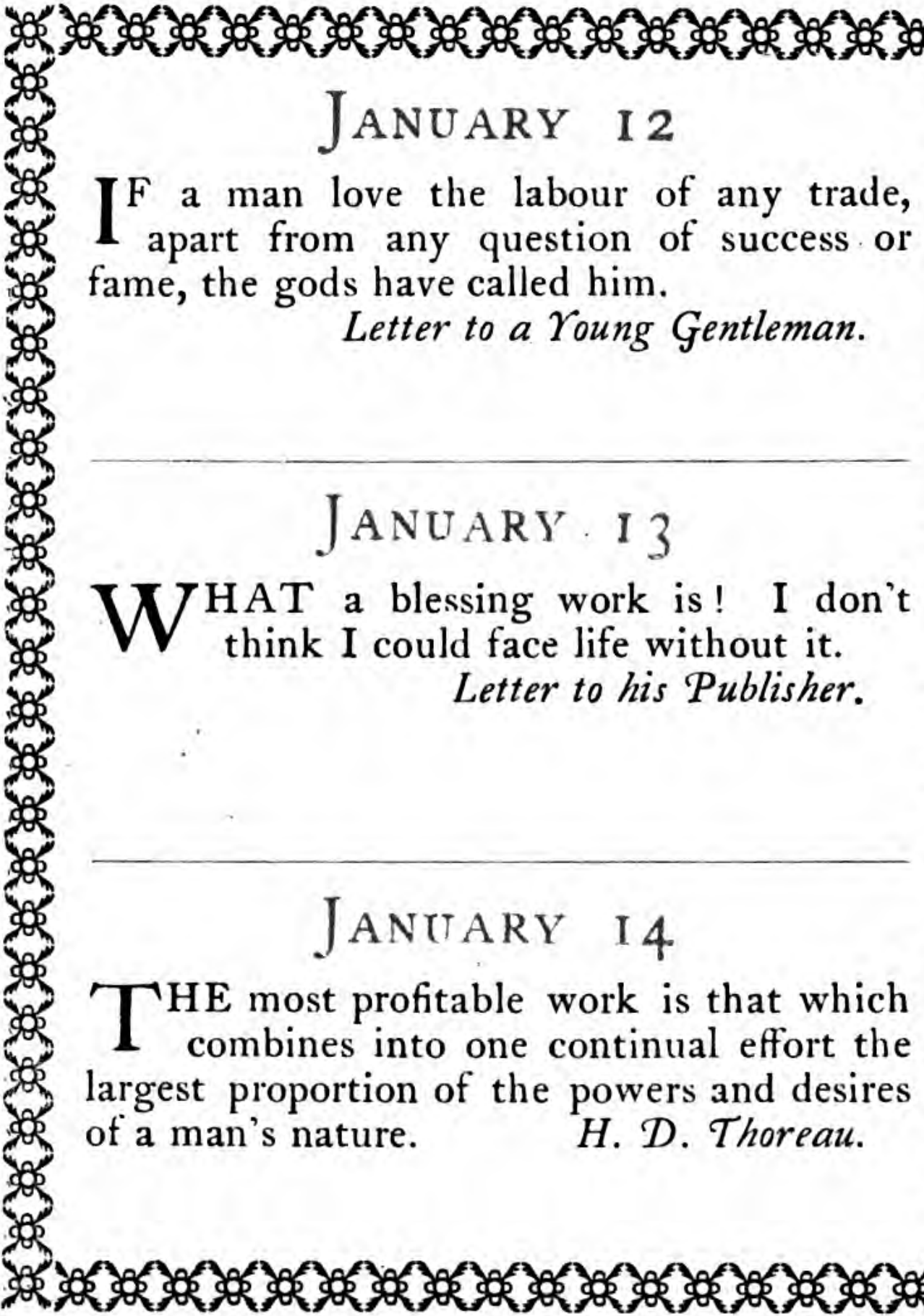
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JANUARY 12

IF a man love the labour of any trade,
apart from any question of success or
fame, the gods have called him.

Letter to a Young Gentleman.

JANUARY 13

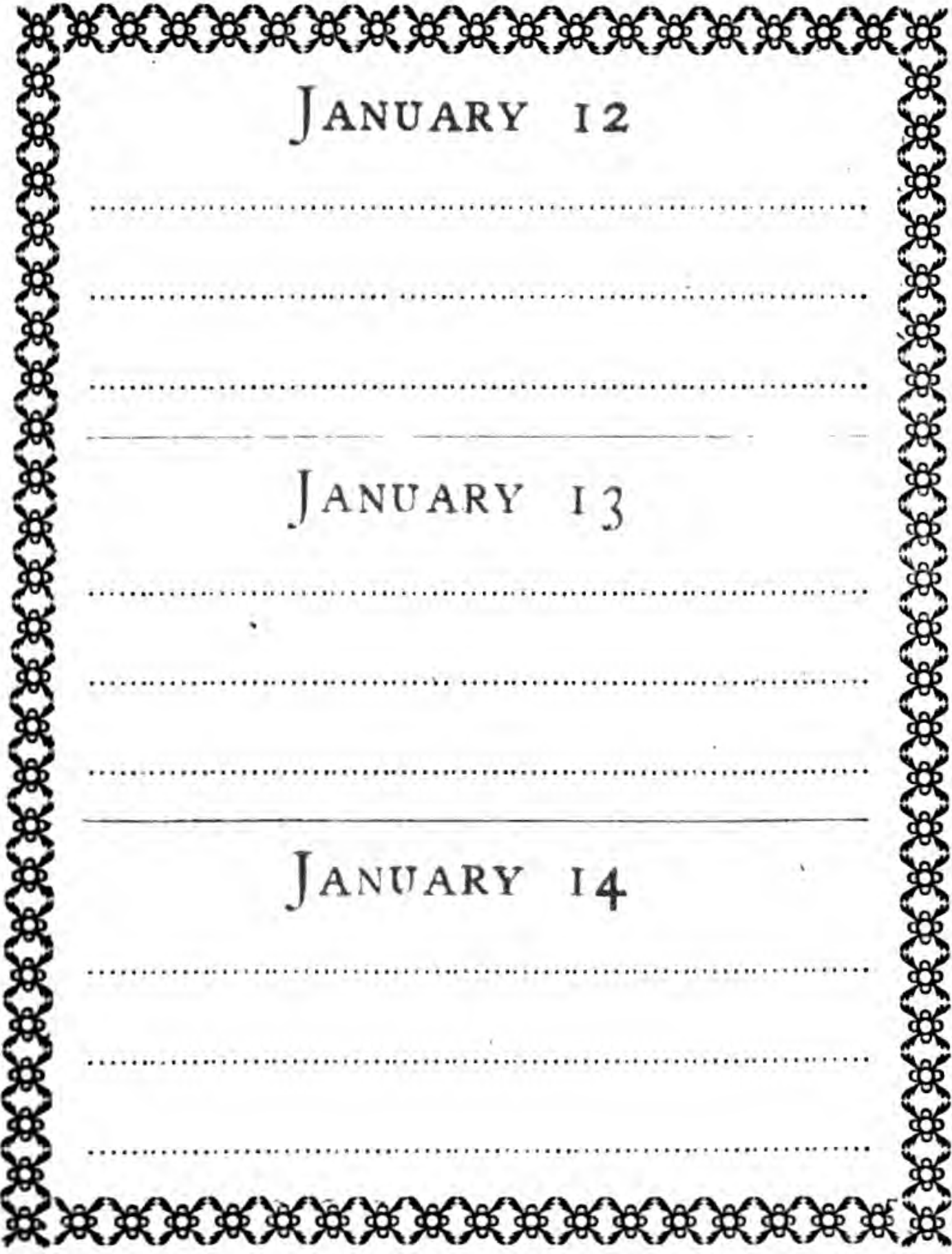
WHAT a blessing work is! I don't
think I could face life without it.

Letter to his Publisher.

JANUARY 14

THE most profitable work is that which
combines into one continual effort the
largest proportion of the powers and desires
of a man's nature.

H. D. Thoreau.



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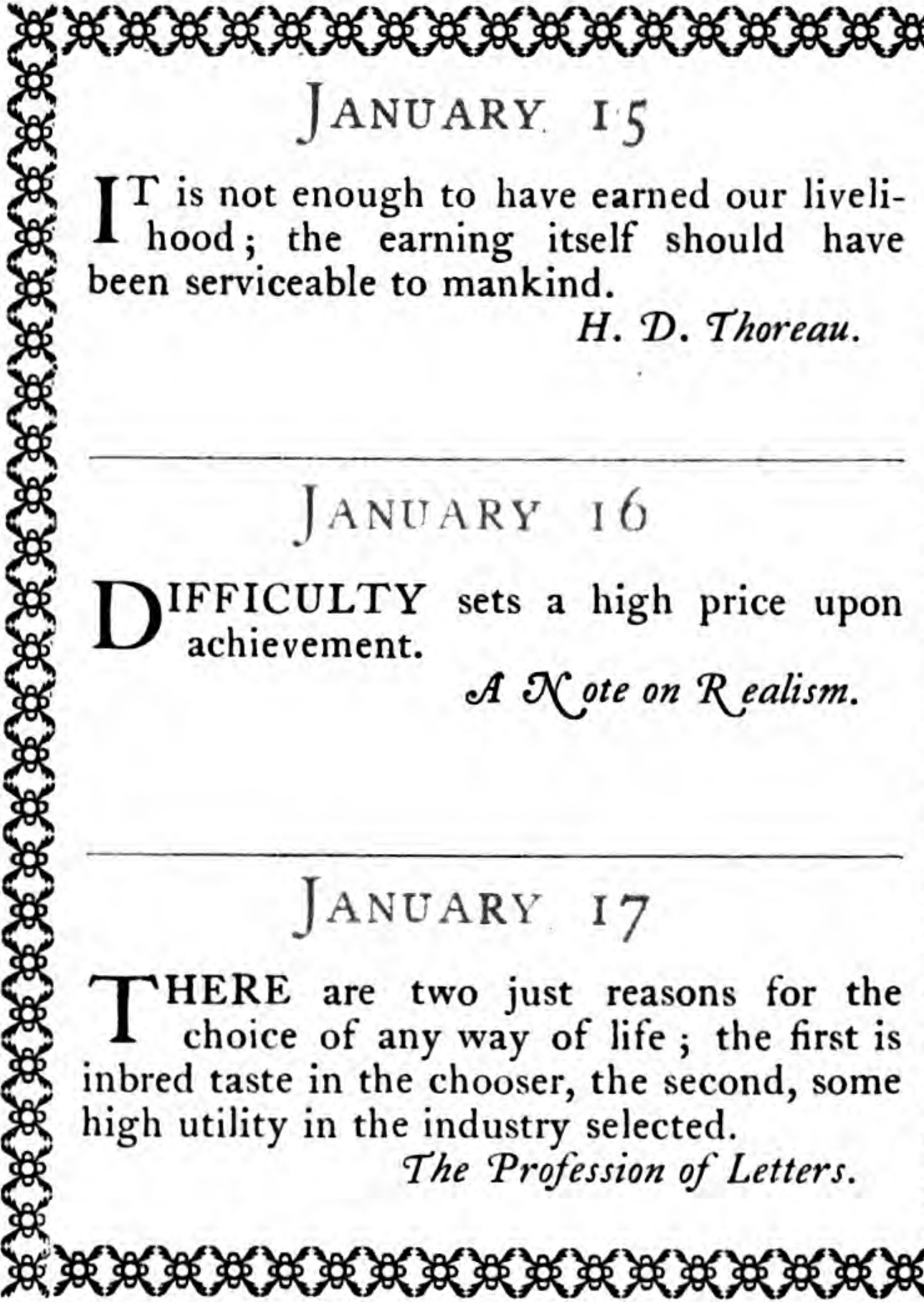
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JANUARY 15

IT is not enough to have earned our livelihood; the earning itself should have been serviceable to mankind.

H. D. Thoreau.

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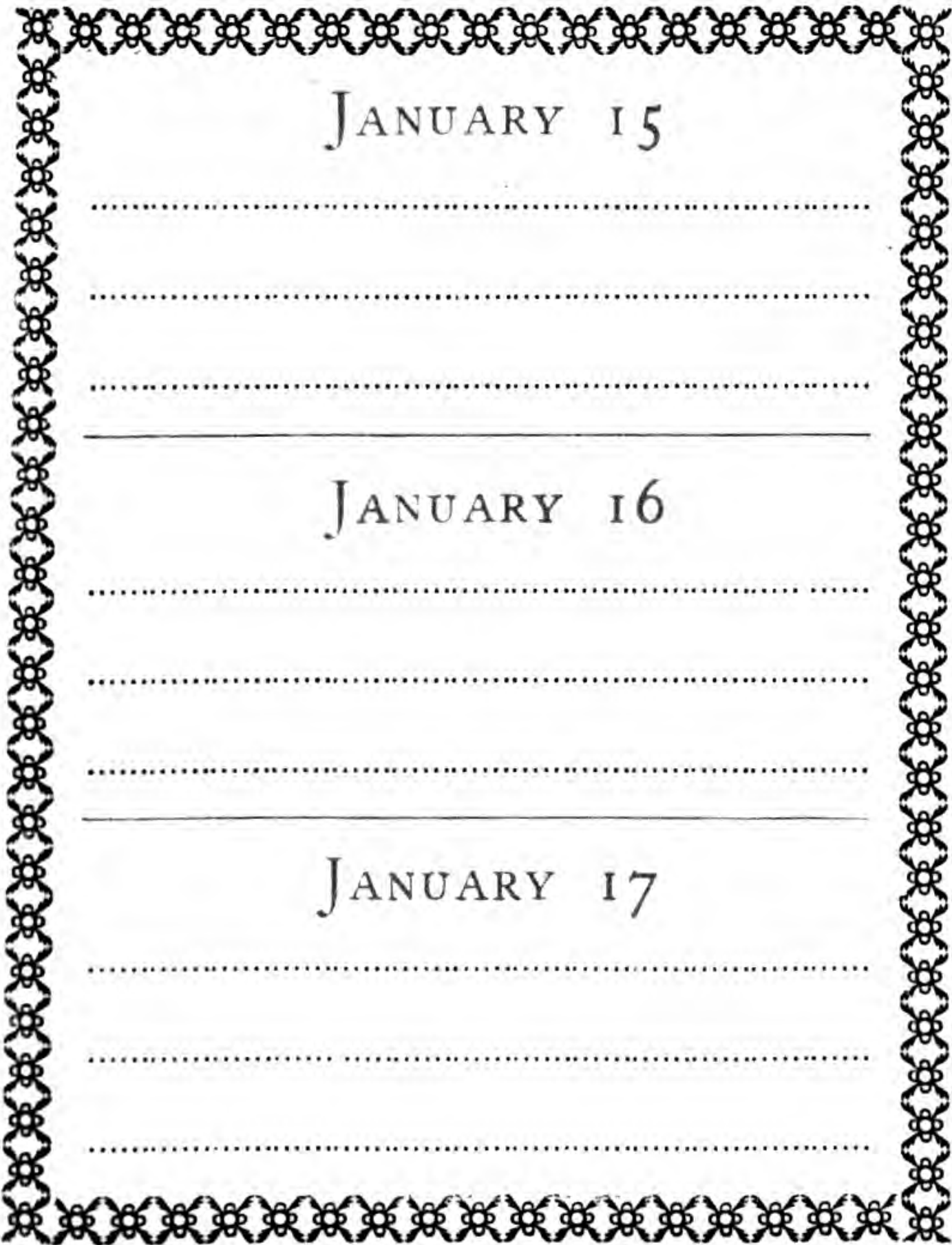
DIFFICULTY sets a high price upon achievement.

A Note on Realism.

JANUARY 17

THERE are two just reasons for the choice of any way of life; the first is inbred taste in the chooser, the second, some high utility in the industry selected.

The Profession of Letters.



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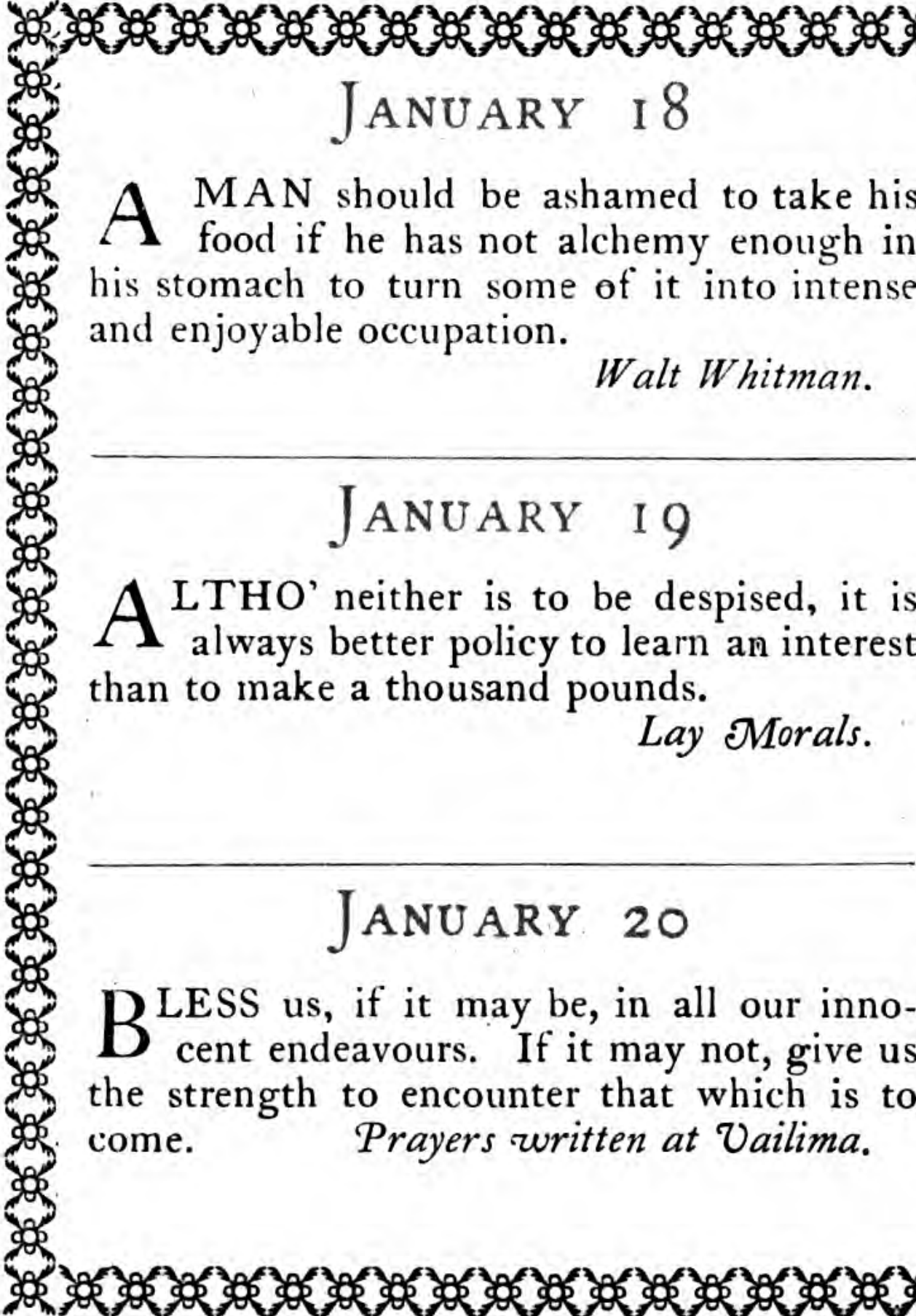
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A MAN should be ashamed to take his food if he has not alchemy enough in his stomach to turn some of it into intense and enjoyable occupation.

Walt Whitman.

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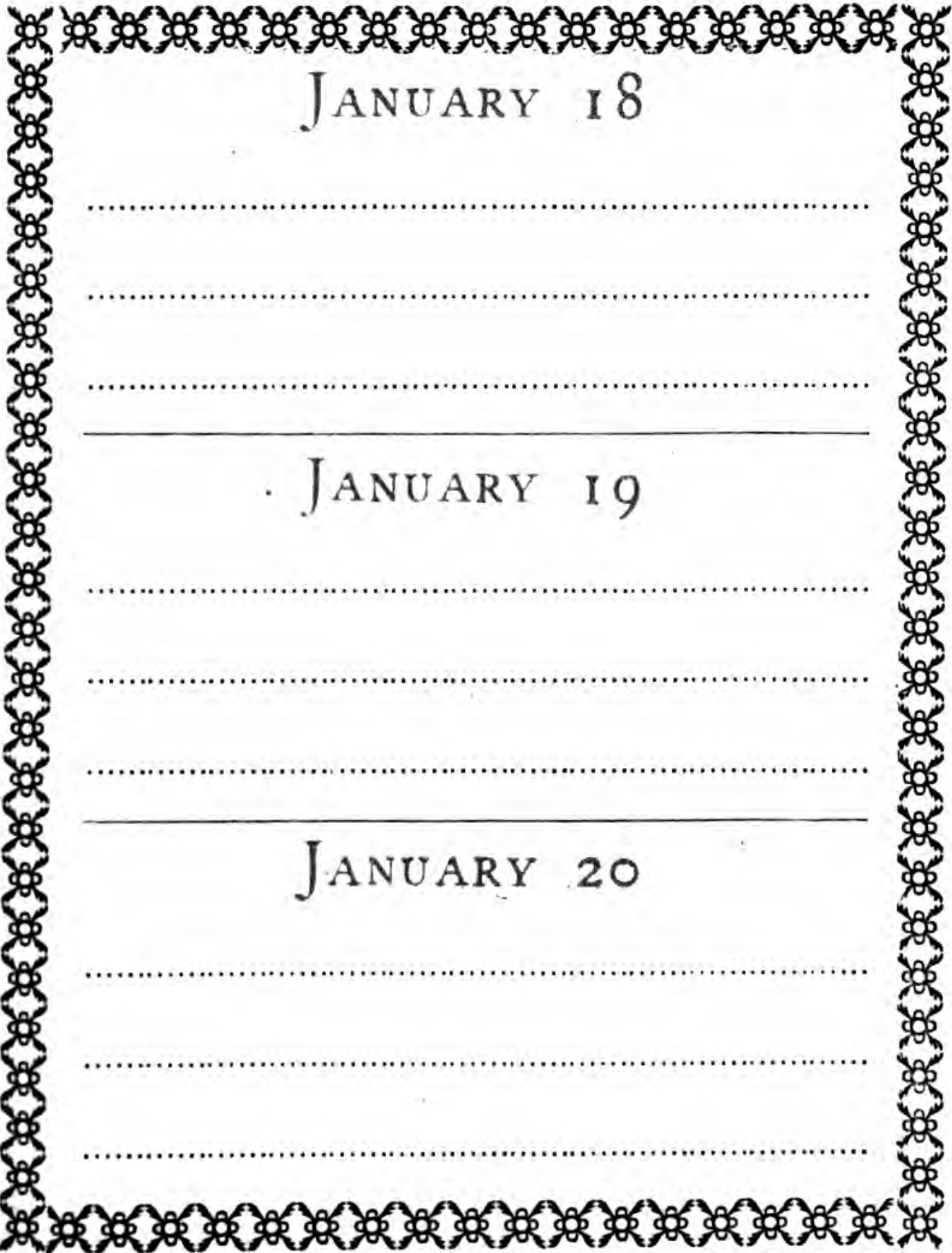
ALTHO' neither is to be despised, it is always better policy to learn an interest than to make a thousand pounds.

Lay Morals.

JANUARY 20

BLESS us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavours. If it may not, give us the strength to encounter that which is to come.

Prayers written at Vailima.



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JANUARY 21

THE longer we live the more we perceive
the sagacity of Aristotle and the other
old philosophers.

The Master of Ballantrae.

JANUARY 22

THOSE changing prospects of the truth
that are the best of education.

Talk and Talkers.

JANUARY 23

ONE thing leads naturally to another in
an awakened mind, and that with an
upward progress from effect to cause.

Yoshida-Torajiro.

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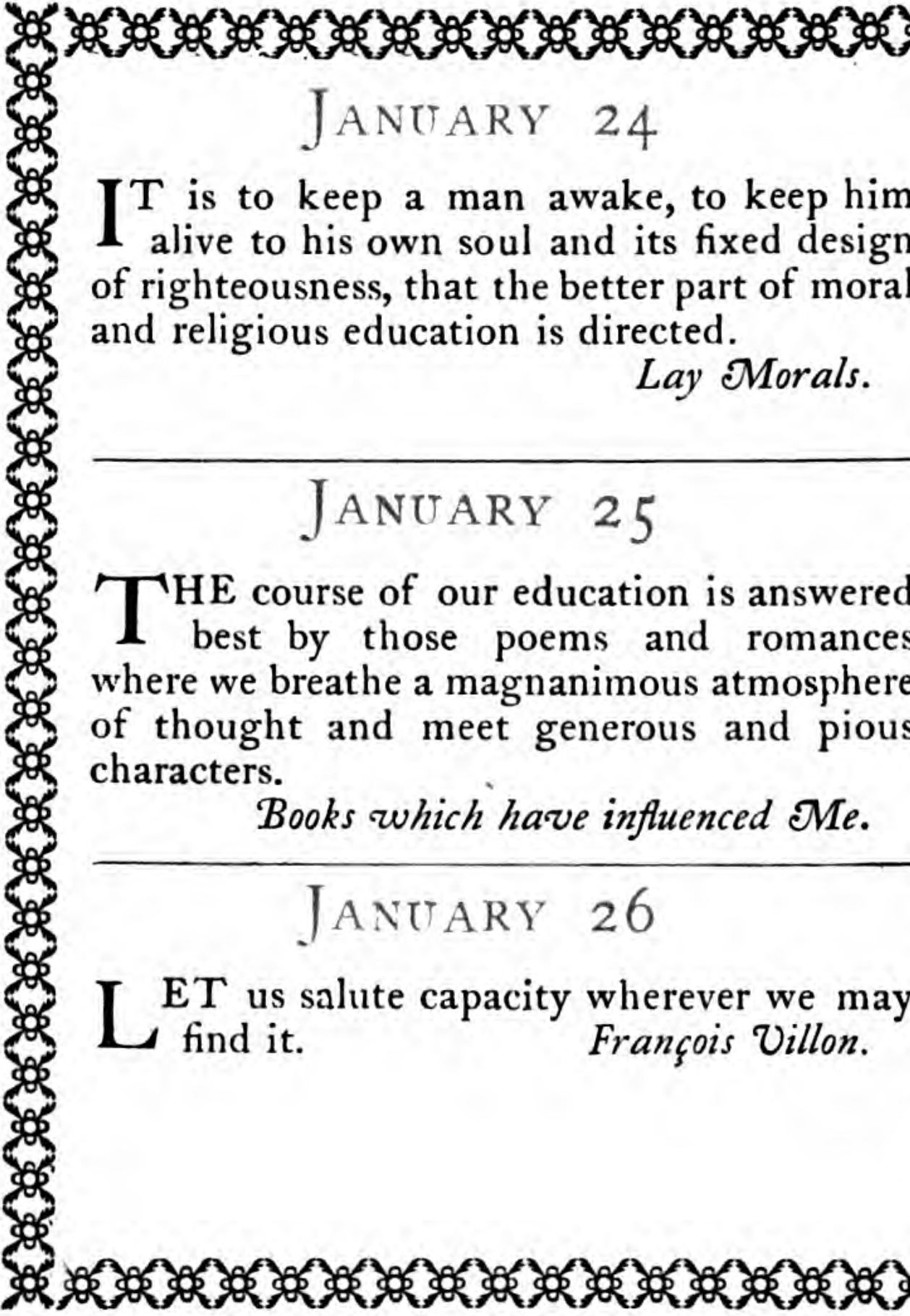
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JANUARY 24

IT is to keep a man awake, to keep him alive to his own soul and its fixed design of righteousness, that the better part of moral and religious education is directed.

Lay Morals.

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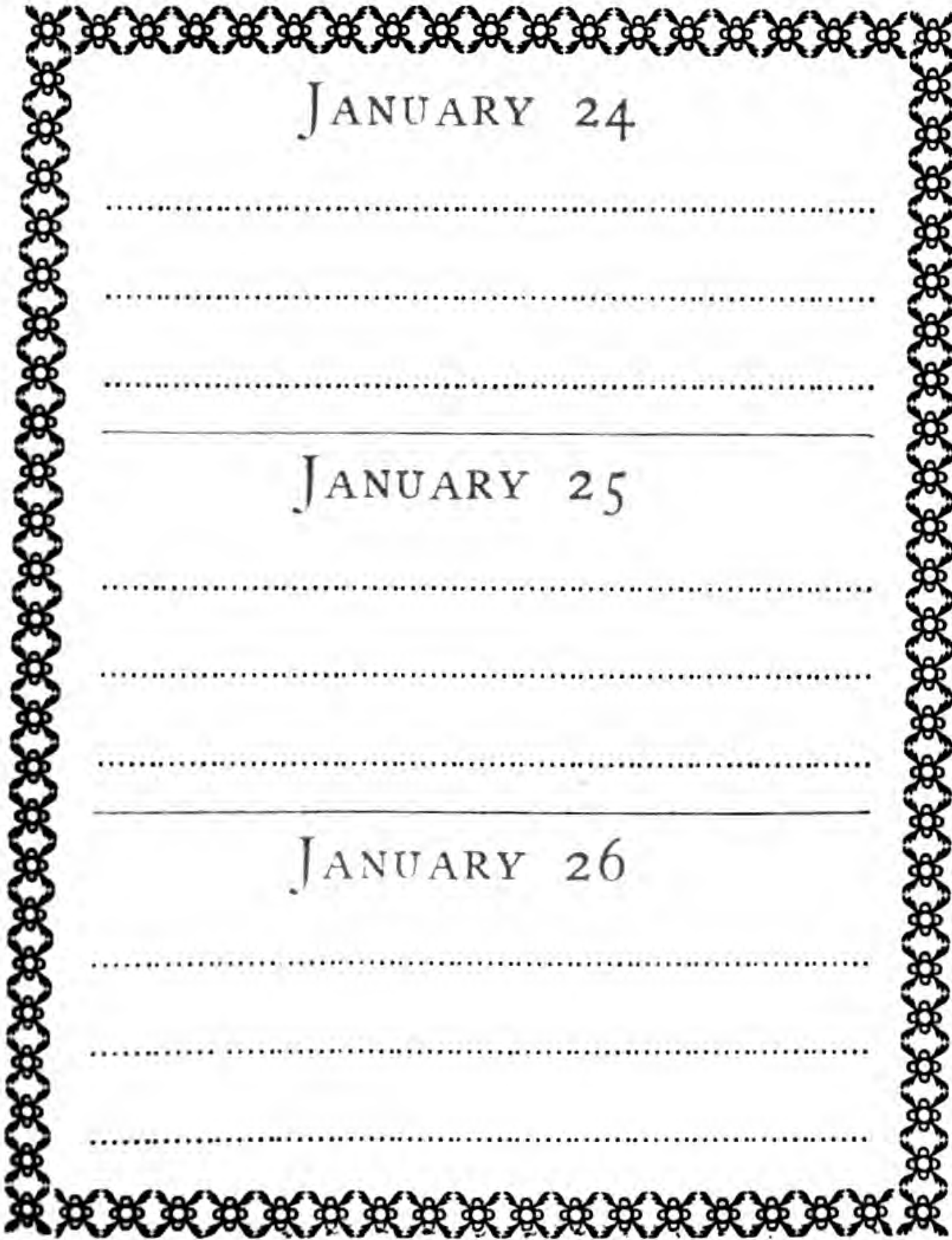
THE course of our education is answered best by those poems and romances where we breathe a magnanimous atmosphere of thought and meet generous and pious characters.

Books which have influenced Me.

JANUARY 26

LET us salute capacity wherever we may find it.

François Villon.



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JANUARY 27

THE man who has wrung forth the secret of one part of life knows more about the other than he who has tepidly circumnavigated all.

Reflections on Human Life.

JANUARY 28

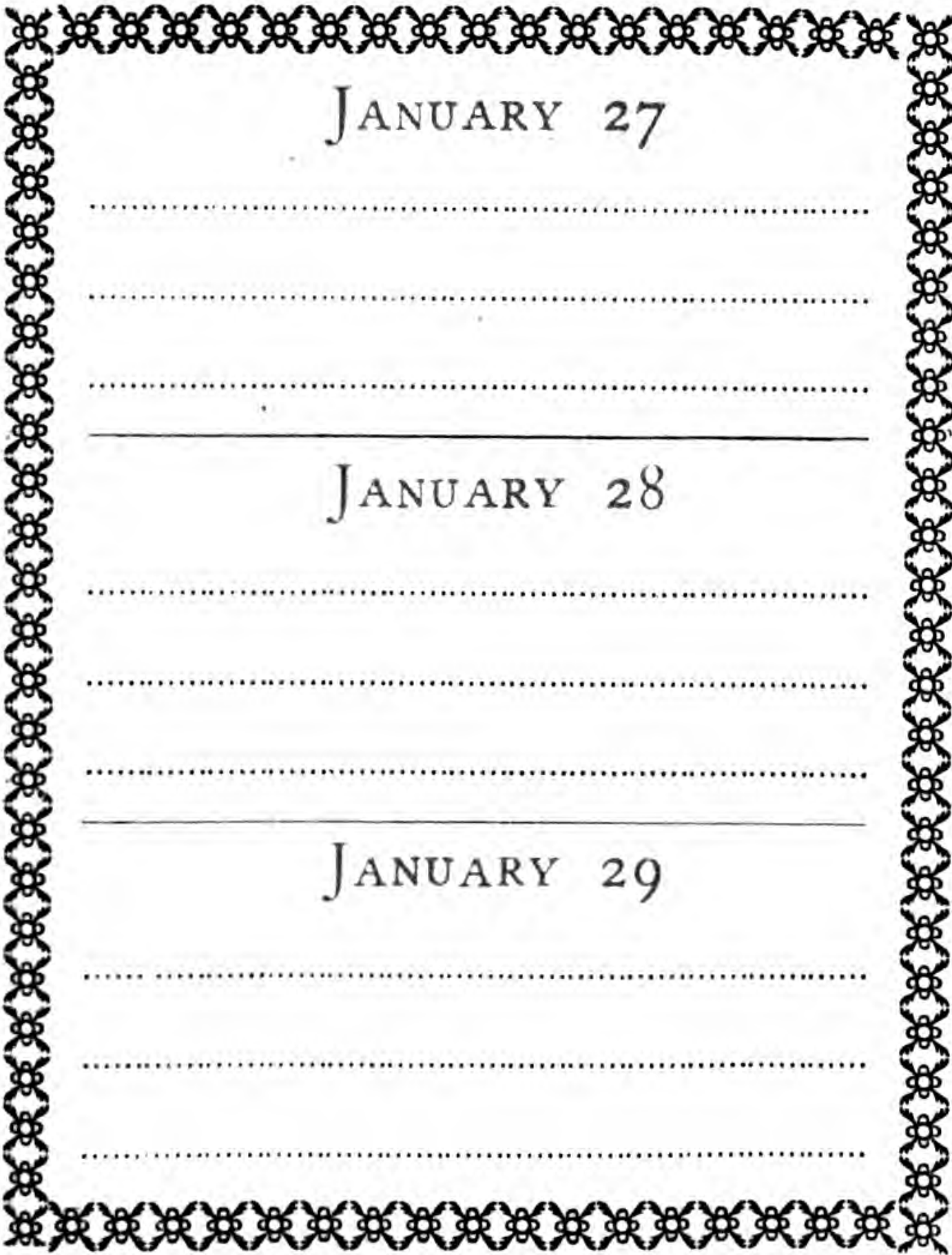
YOU will learn a great deal of virtue by studying any art.

Reflections on Human Life.

JANUARY 29

IN what we meditate of evil, frustrate our will; in what of good, further our endeavours.

Prayers written at Vailima.



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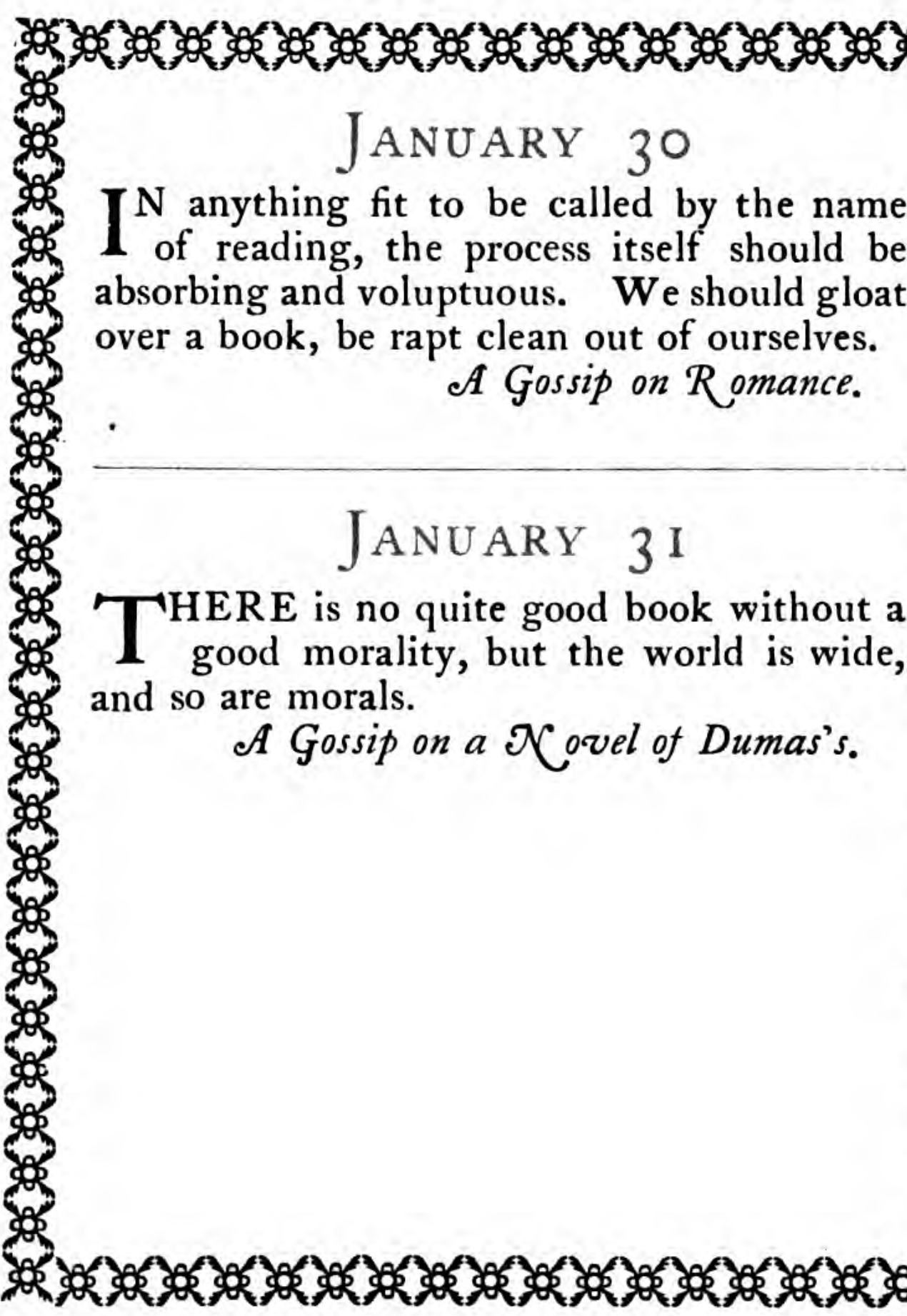
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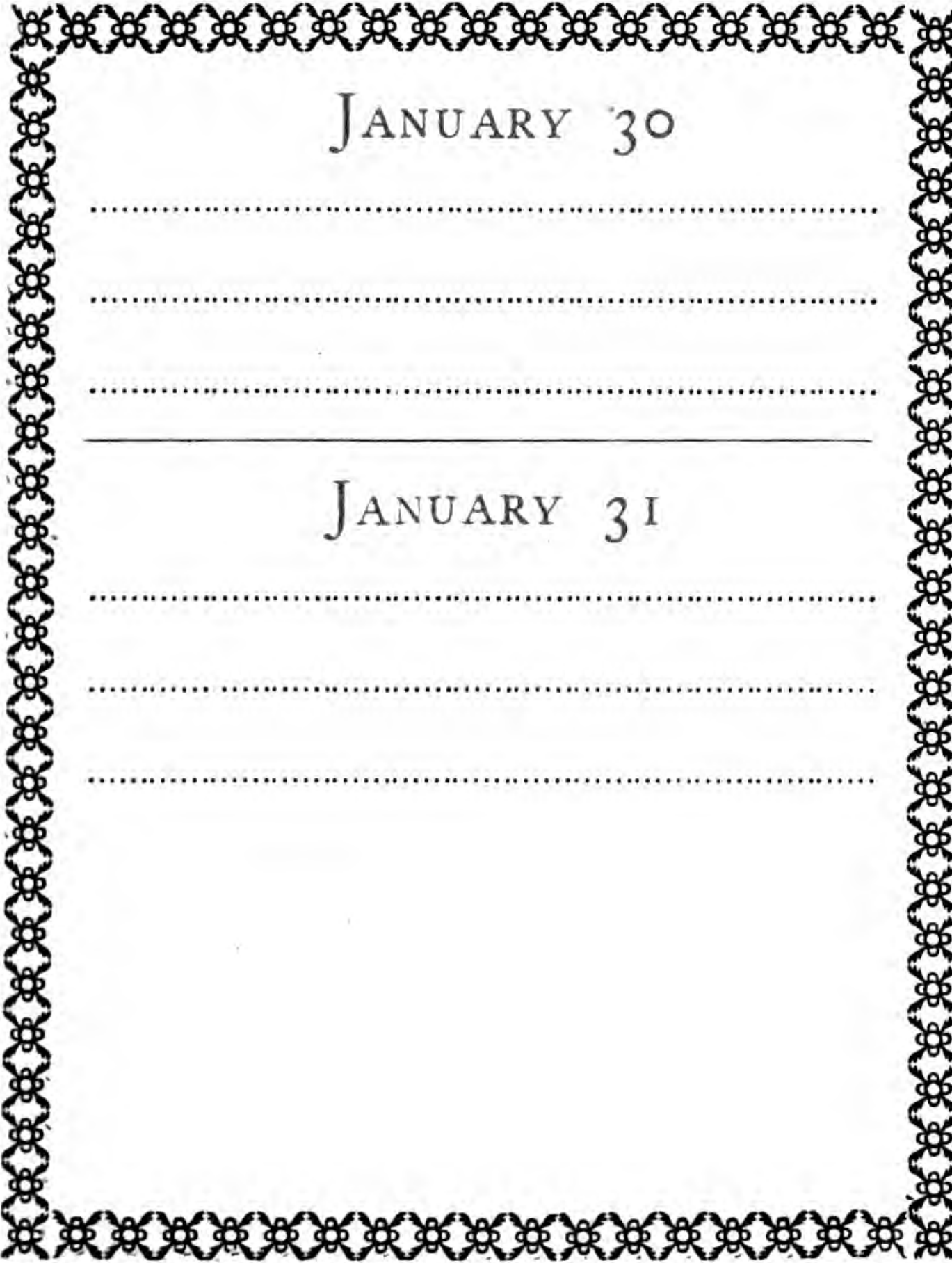
IN anything fit to be called by the name of reading, the process itself should be absorbing and voluptuous. We should gloat over a book, be rapt clean out of ourselves.

A Gossip on Romance.

JANUARY 31

THERE is no quite good book without a good morality, but the world is wide, and so are morals.

A Gossip on a Novel of Dumas's.



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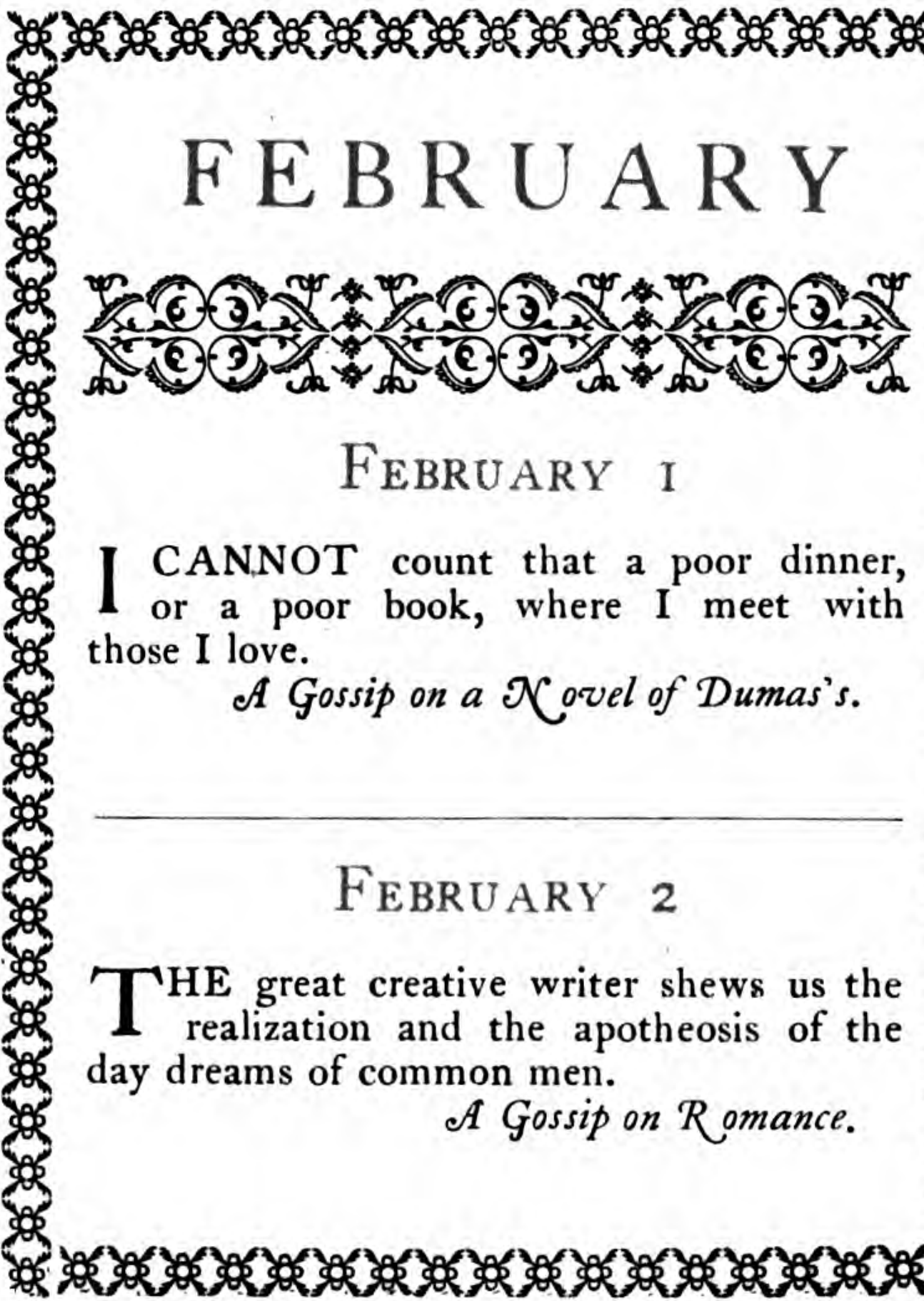
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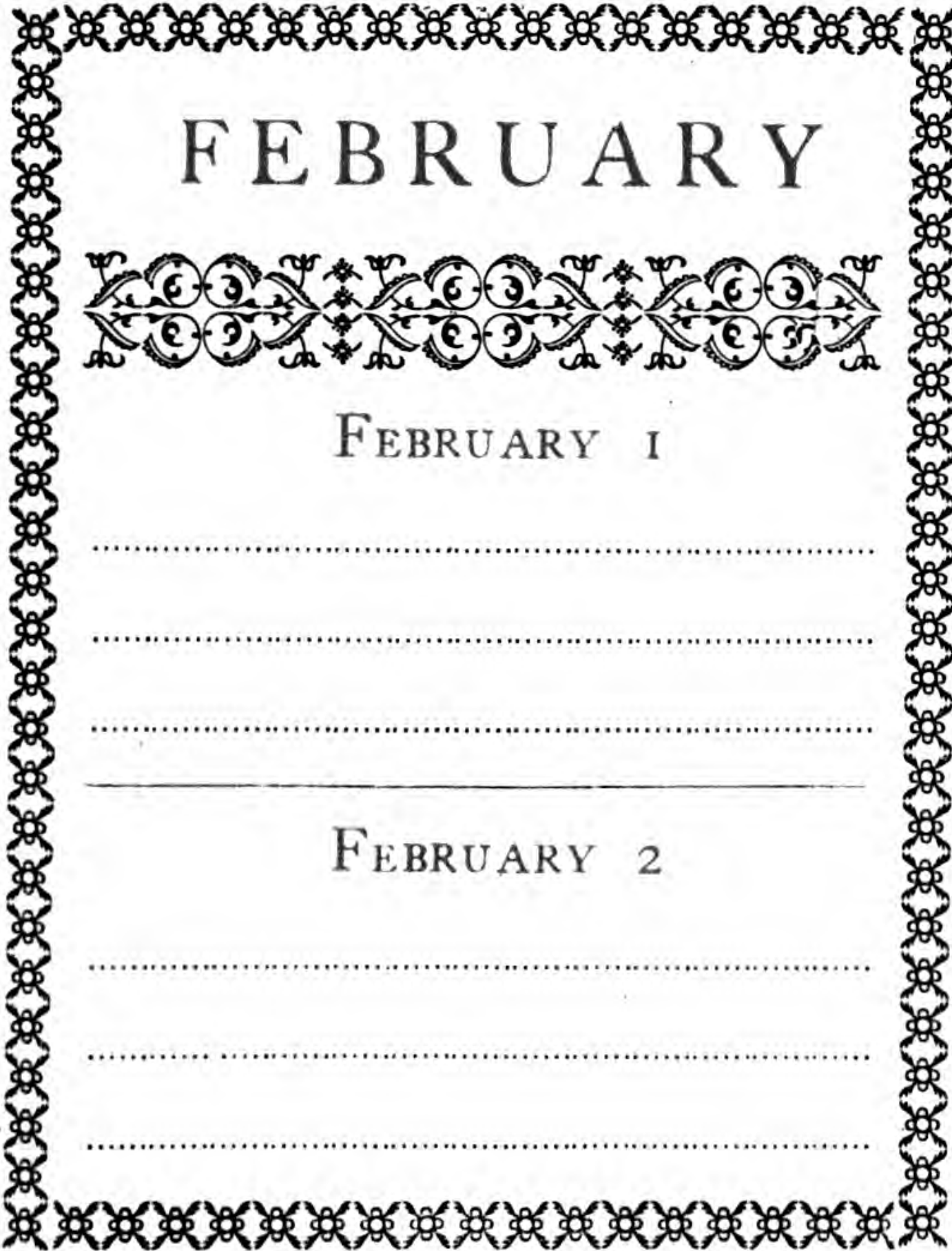
I CANNOT count that a poor dinner,
or a poor book, where I meet with
those I love.

A Gossip on a Novel of Dumas's.

FEBRUARY 2

THE great creative writer shews us the
realization and the apotheosis of the
day dreams of common men.

A Gossip on Romance.



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WHATEVER you do, read something
else besides novels and newspapers.
Letter to Fred Orr.

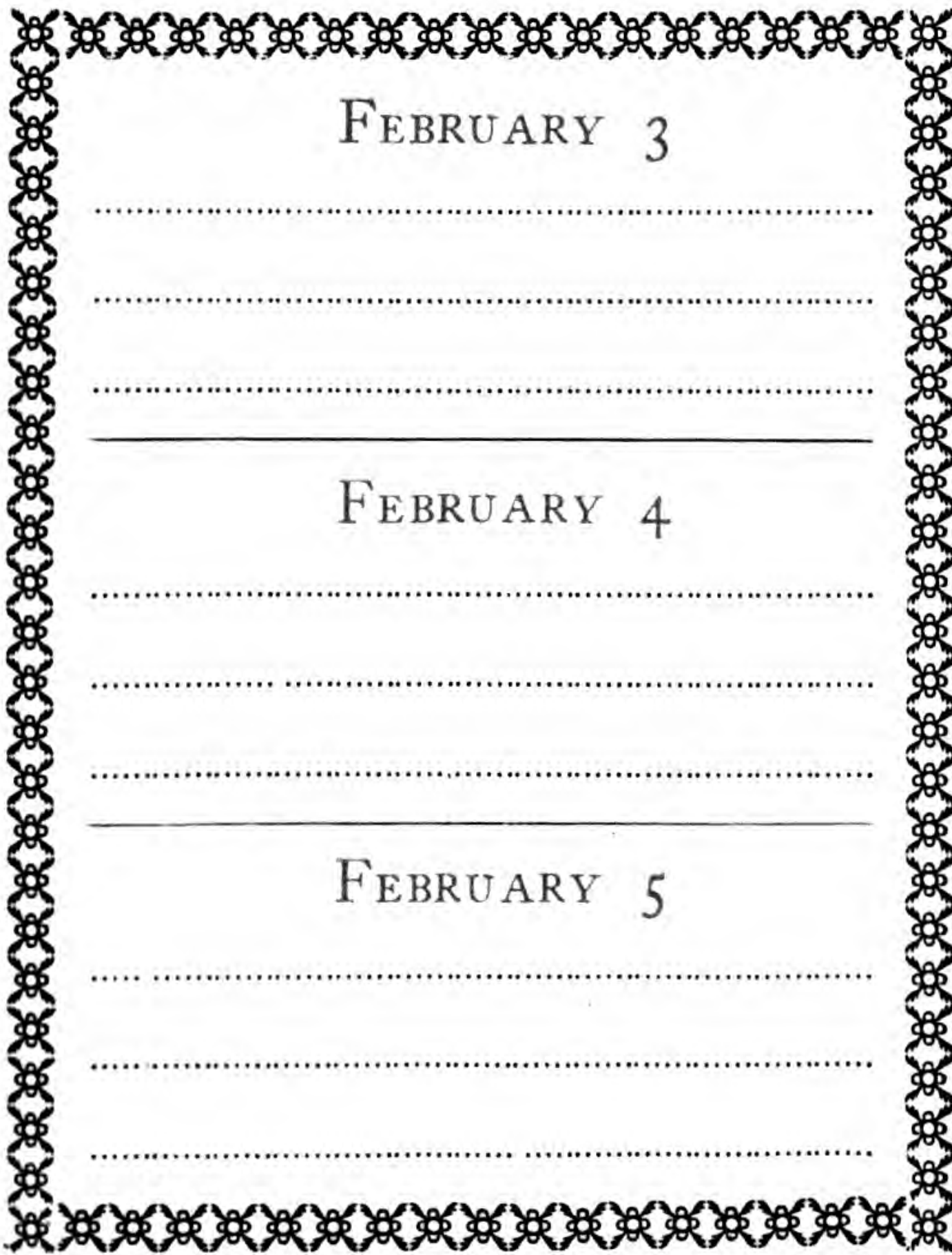
FEBRUARY 4

OF works of art little can be said. Their
influence is profound and silent, like
the influence of nature. They mould by
contact.

Books which have influenced Me.

FEBRUARY 5

GREAT prose, of equal elevation, com-
mands our respect more than great
verse.
H. D. Thoreau.



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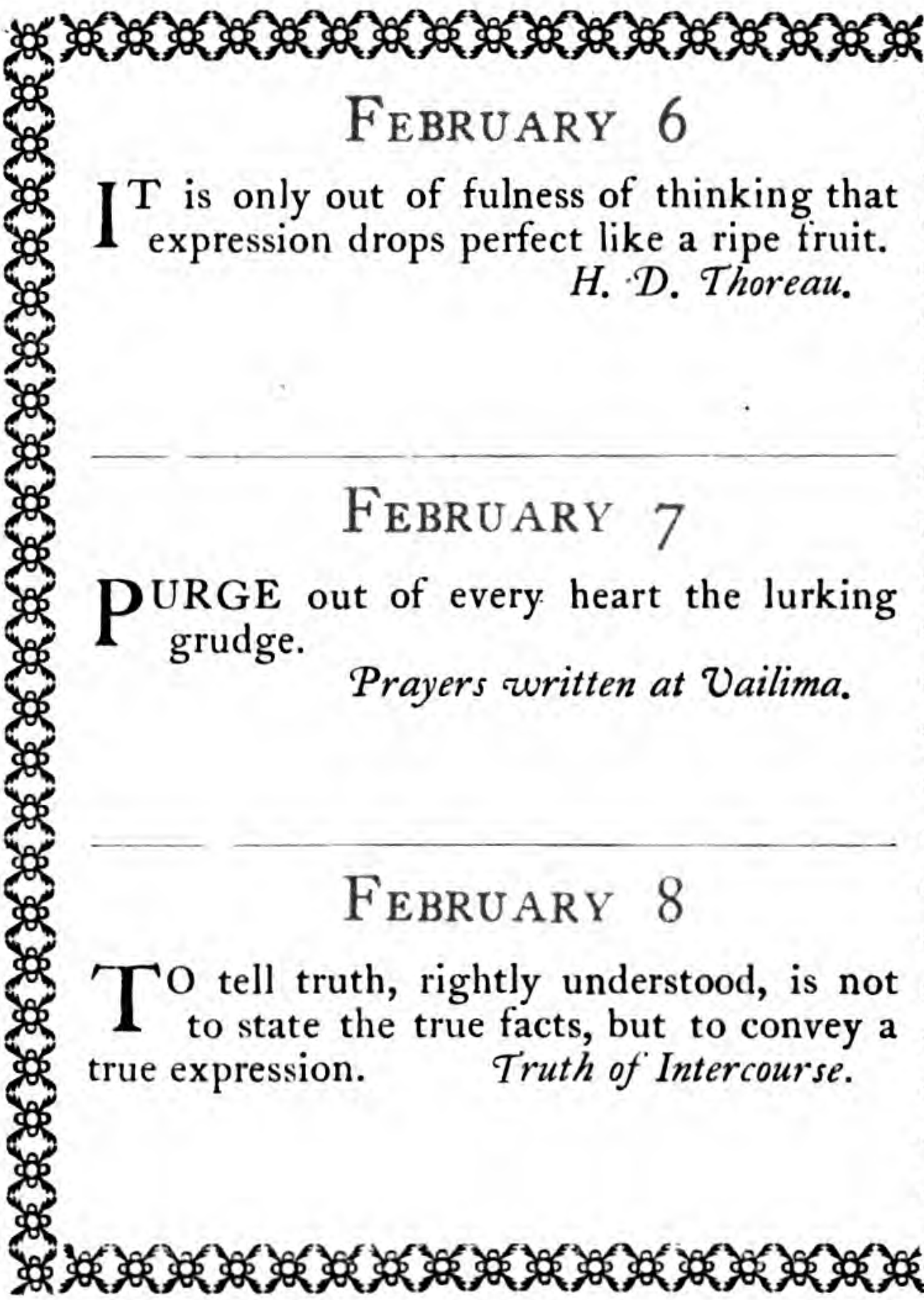
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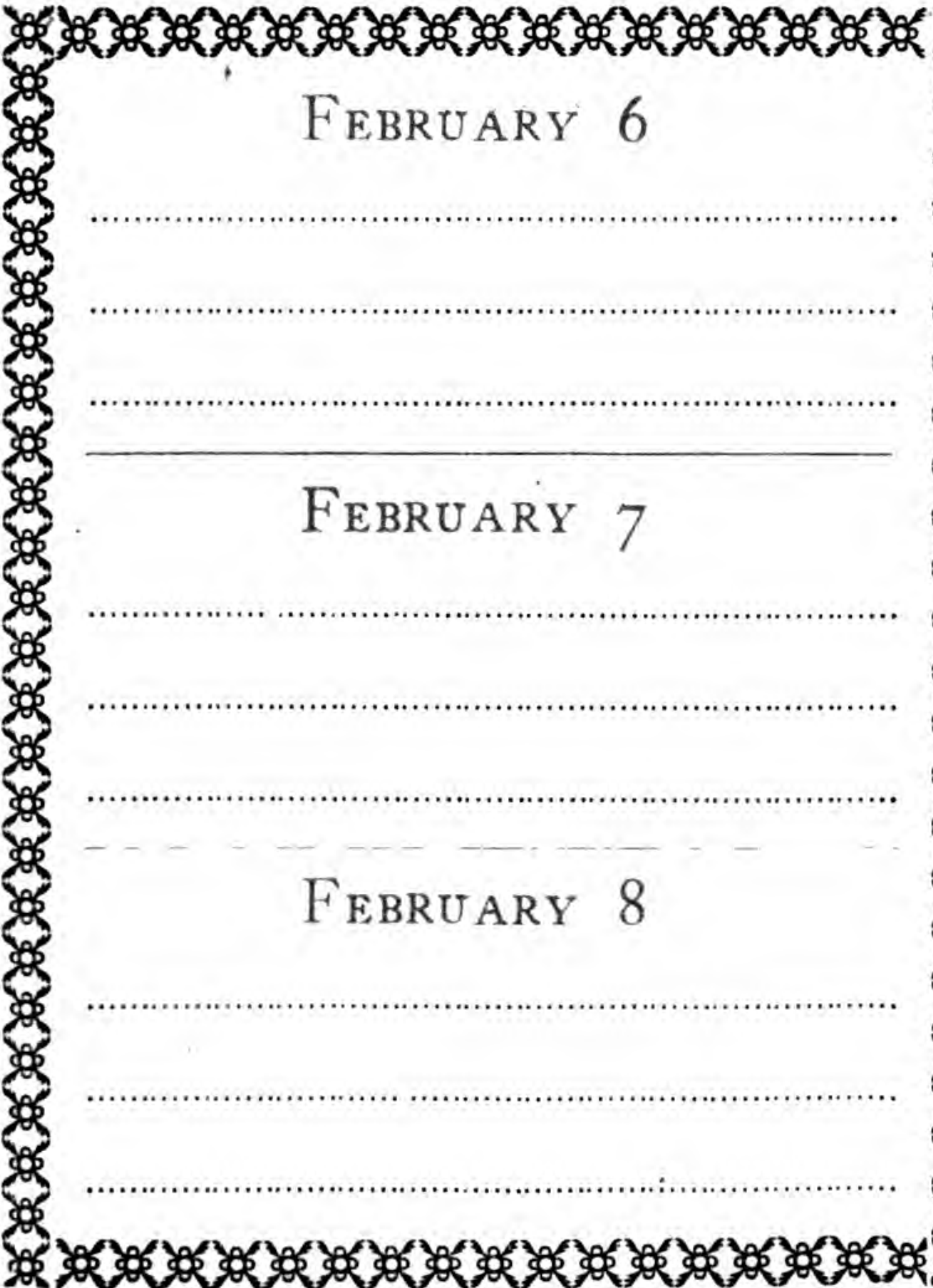
IT is only out of fulness of thinking that expression drops perfect like a ripe fruit.
H. D. Thoreau.

FEBRUARY 7

PURGE out of every heart the lurking grudge.
Prayers written at Uailima.

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TO tell truth, rightly understood, is not to state the true facts, but to convey a true expression.
Truth of Intercourse.



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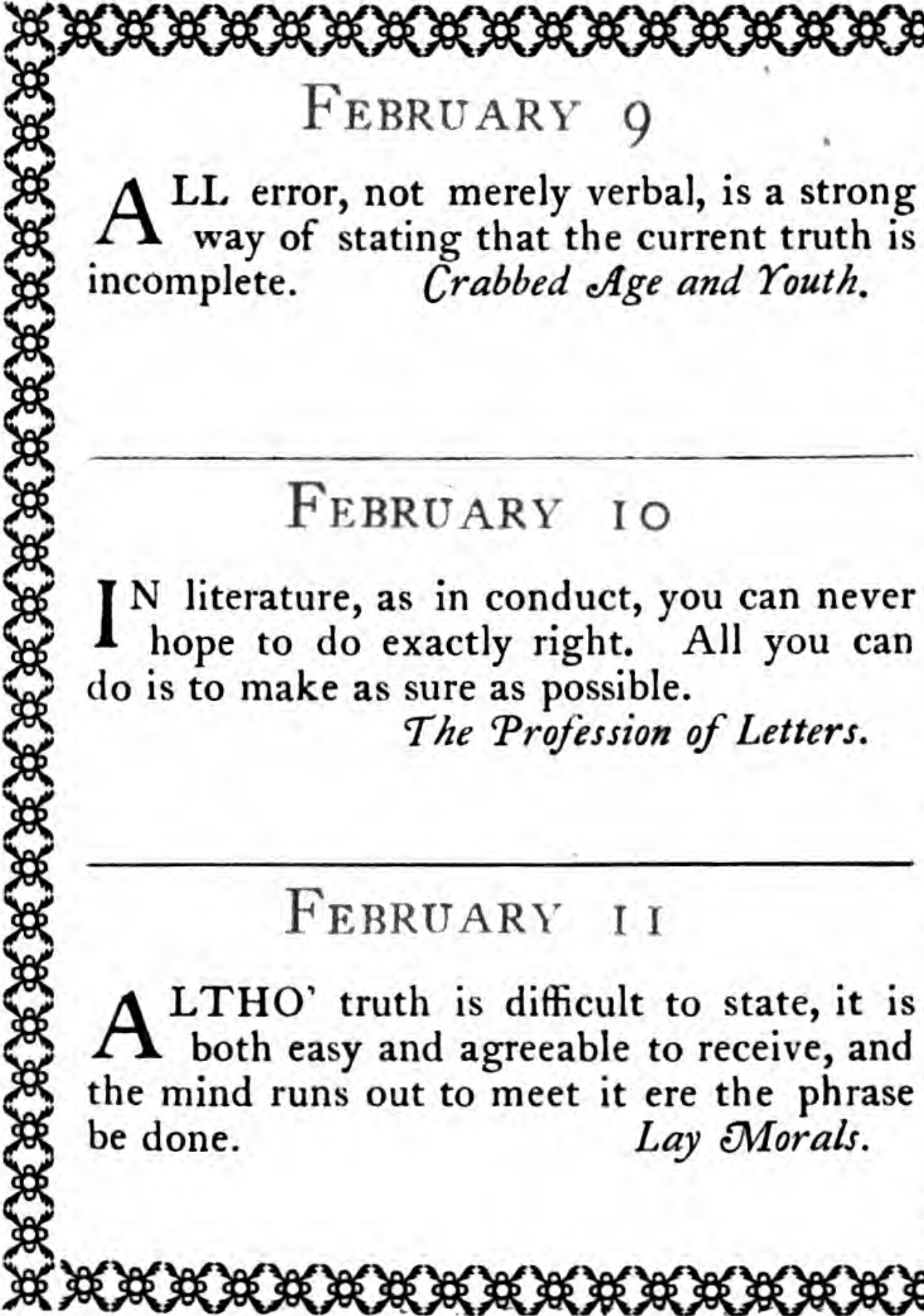
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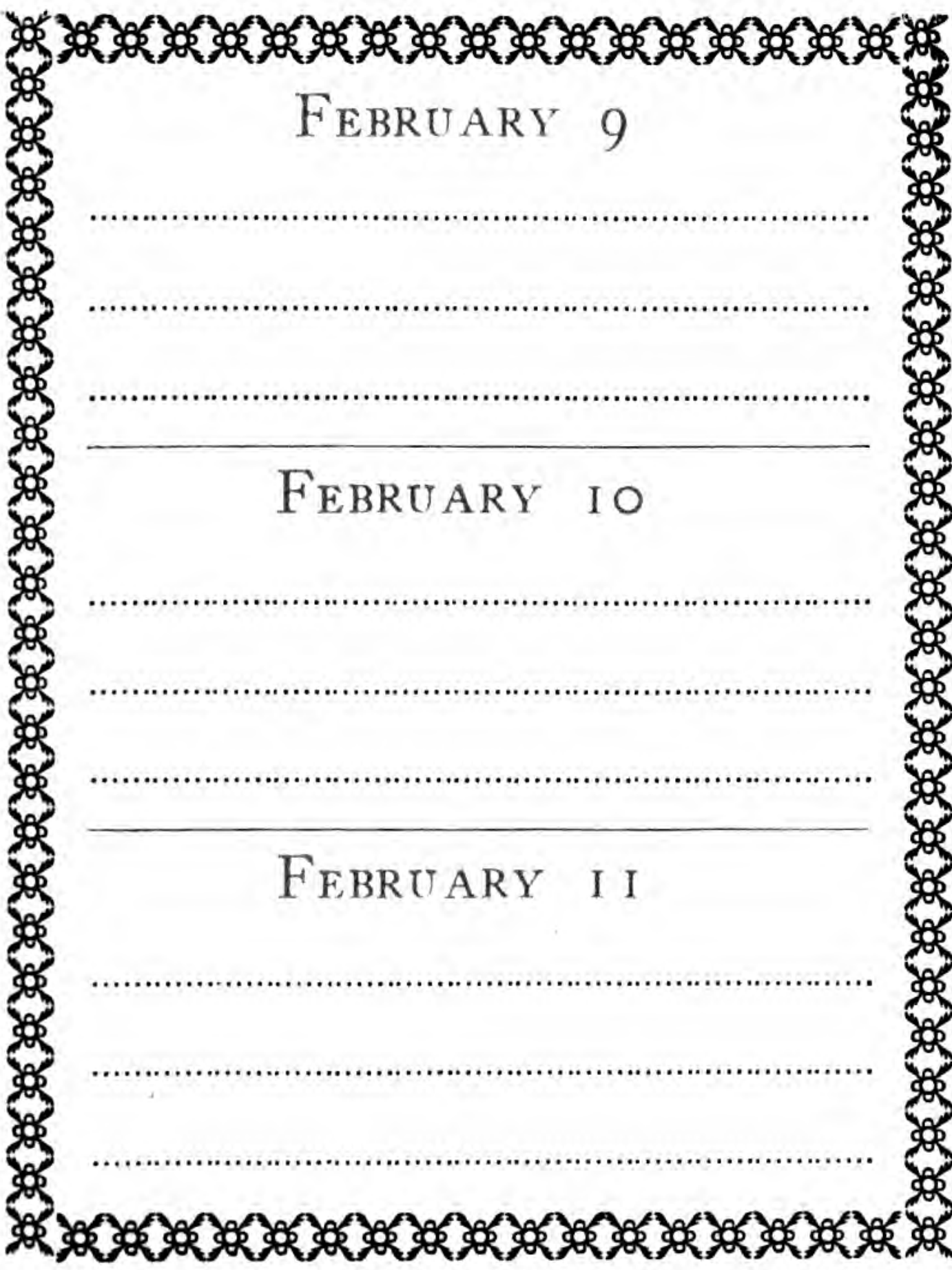
ALL error, not merely verbal, is a strong way of stating that the current truth is incomplete. *Crabbed Age and Youth.*

FEBRUARY 10

IN literature, as in conduct, you can never hope to do exactly right. All you can do is to make as sure as possible. *The Profession of Letters.*

FEBRUARY 11

ALTHO' truth is difficult to state, it is both easy and agreeable to receive, and the mind runs out to meet it ere the phrase be done. *Lay Morals.*



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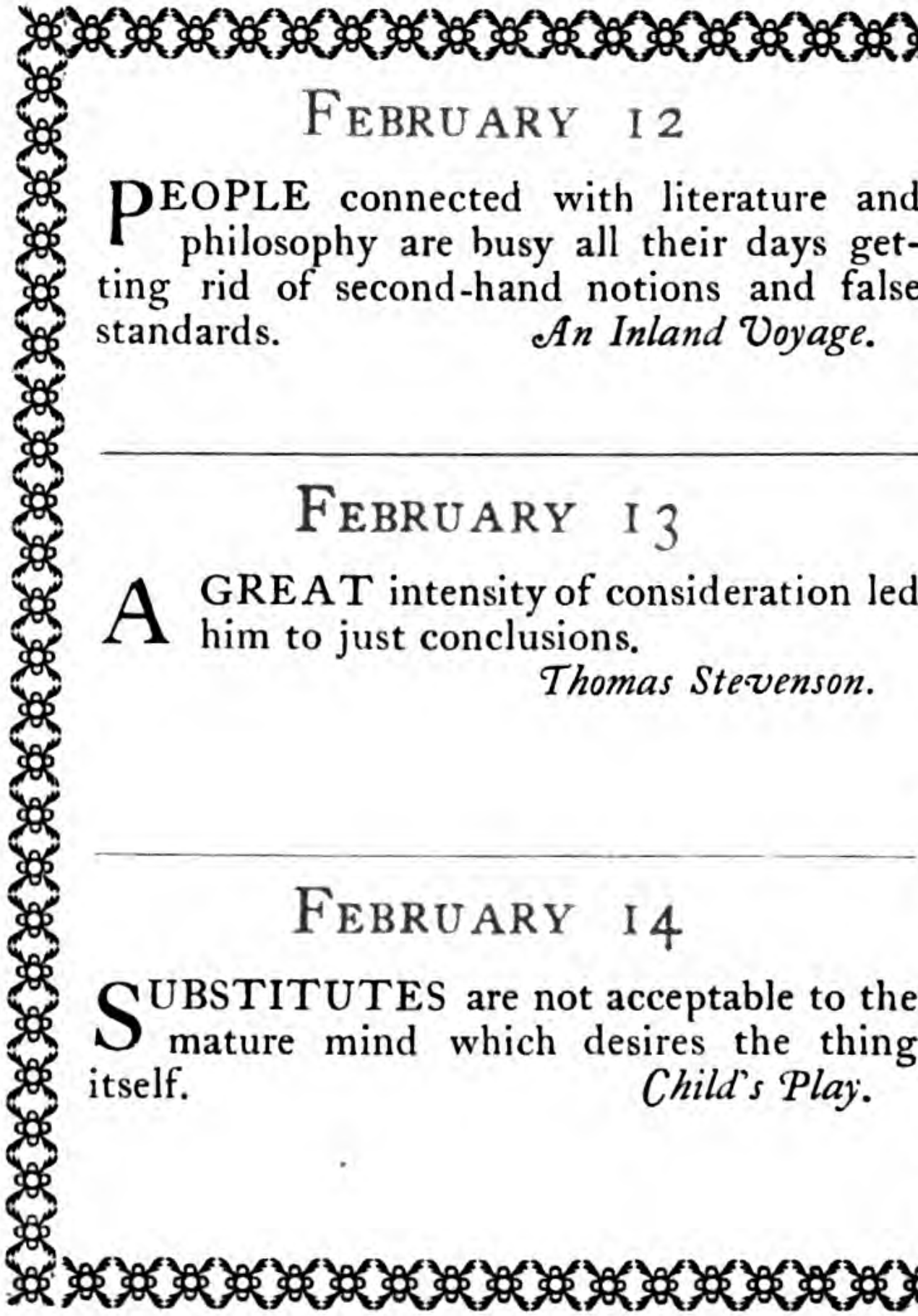
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PEOPLE connected with literature and philosophy are busy all their days getting rid of second-hand notions and false standards.

An Inland Voyage.

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A GREAT intensity of consideration led him to just conclusions.

Thomas Stevenson.

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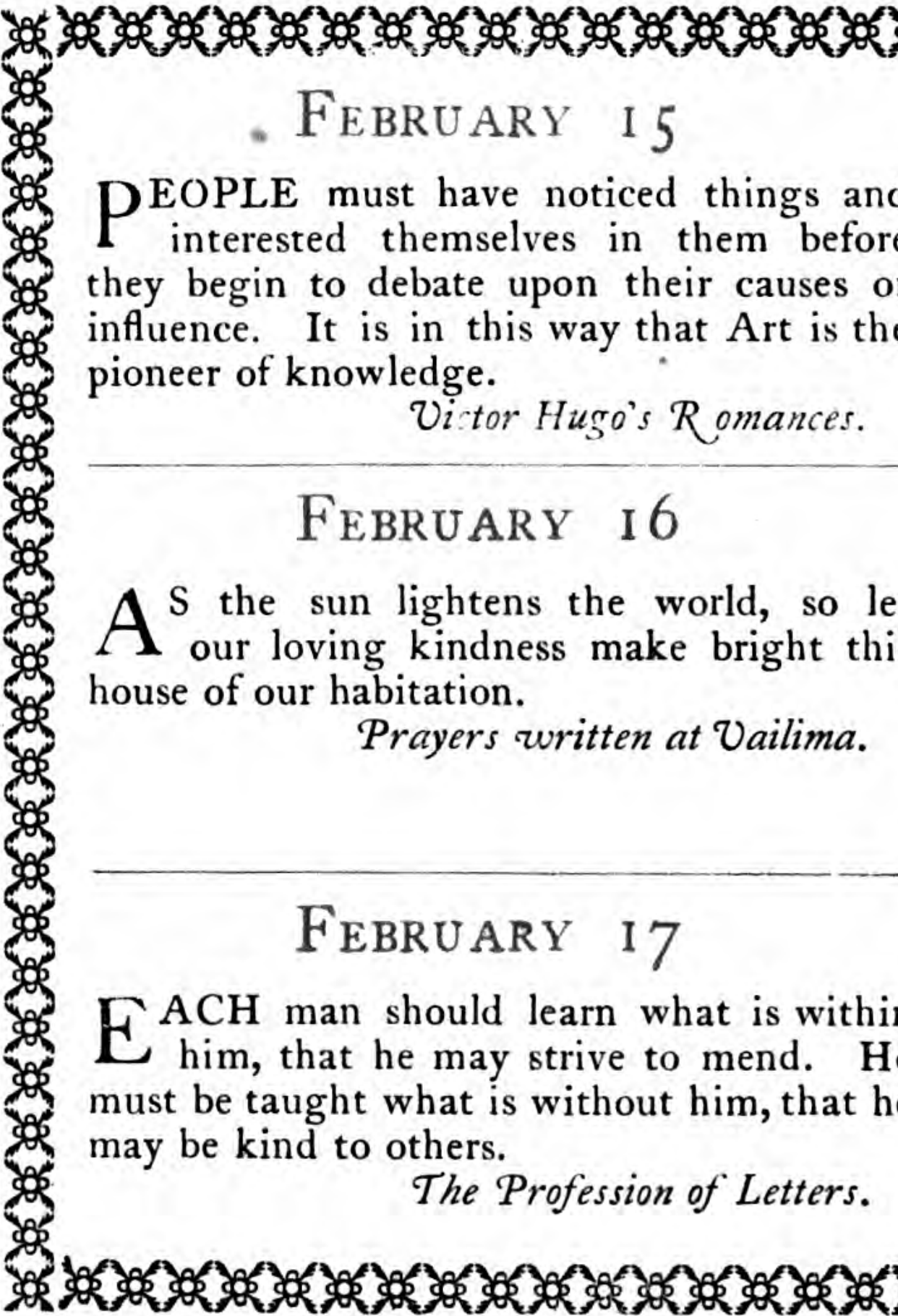
SUBSTITUTES are not acceptable to the mature mind which desires the thing itself.

Child's Play.

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FEBRUARY 15

PEOPLE must have noticed things and interested themselves in them before they begin to debate upon their causes or influence. It is in this way that Art is the pioneer of knowledge.

Victor Hugo's Romances.

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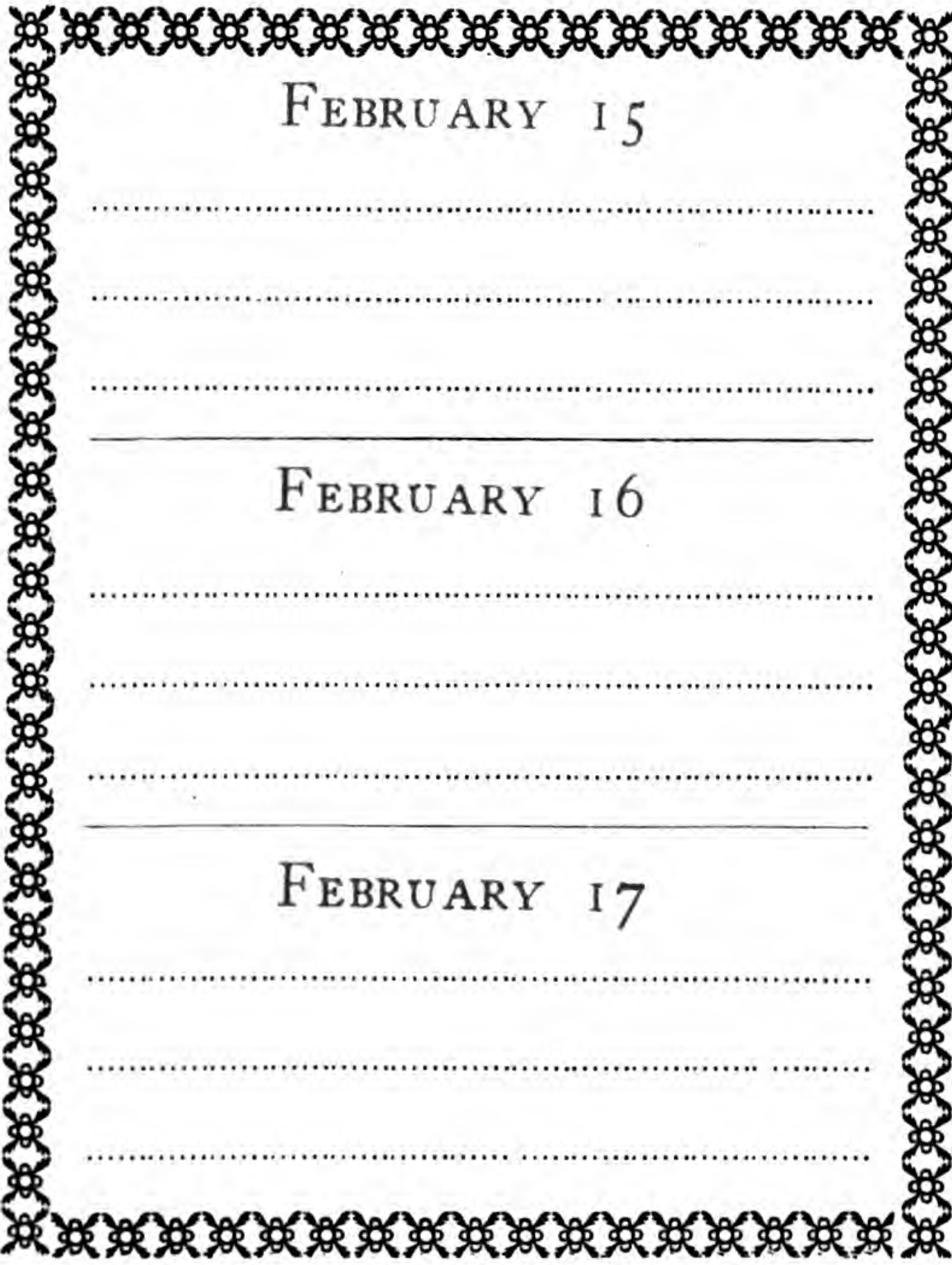
AS the sun lightens the world, so let our loving kindness make bright this house of our habitation.

Prayers written at Vailima.

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EACH man should learn what is within him, that he may strive to mend. He must be taught what is without him, that he may be kind to others.

The Profession of Letters.



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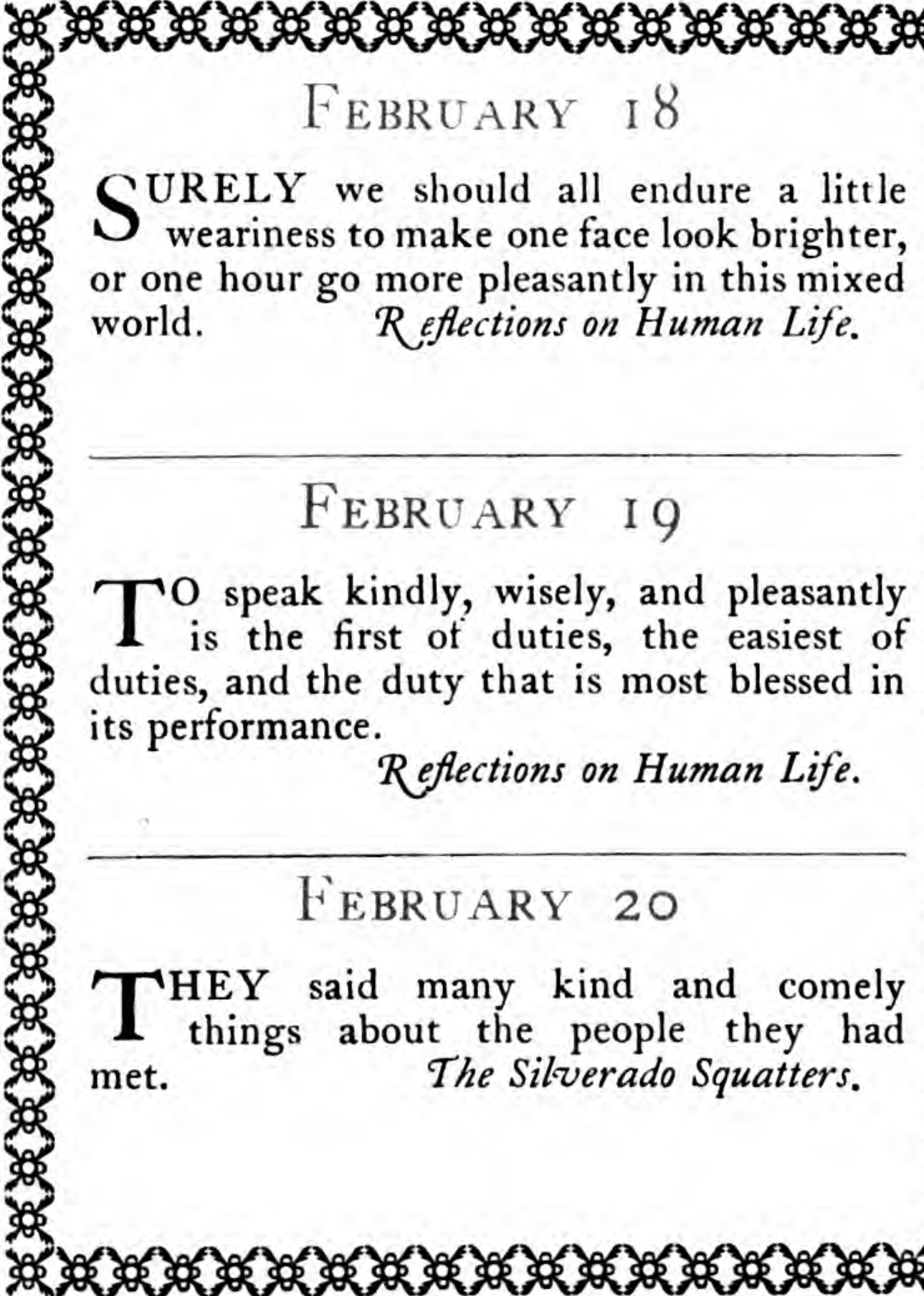
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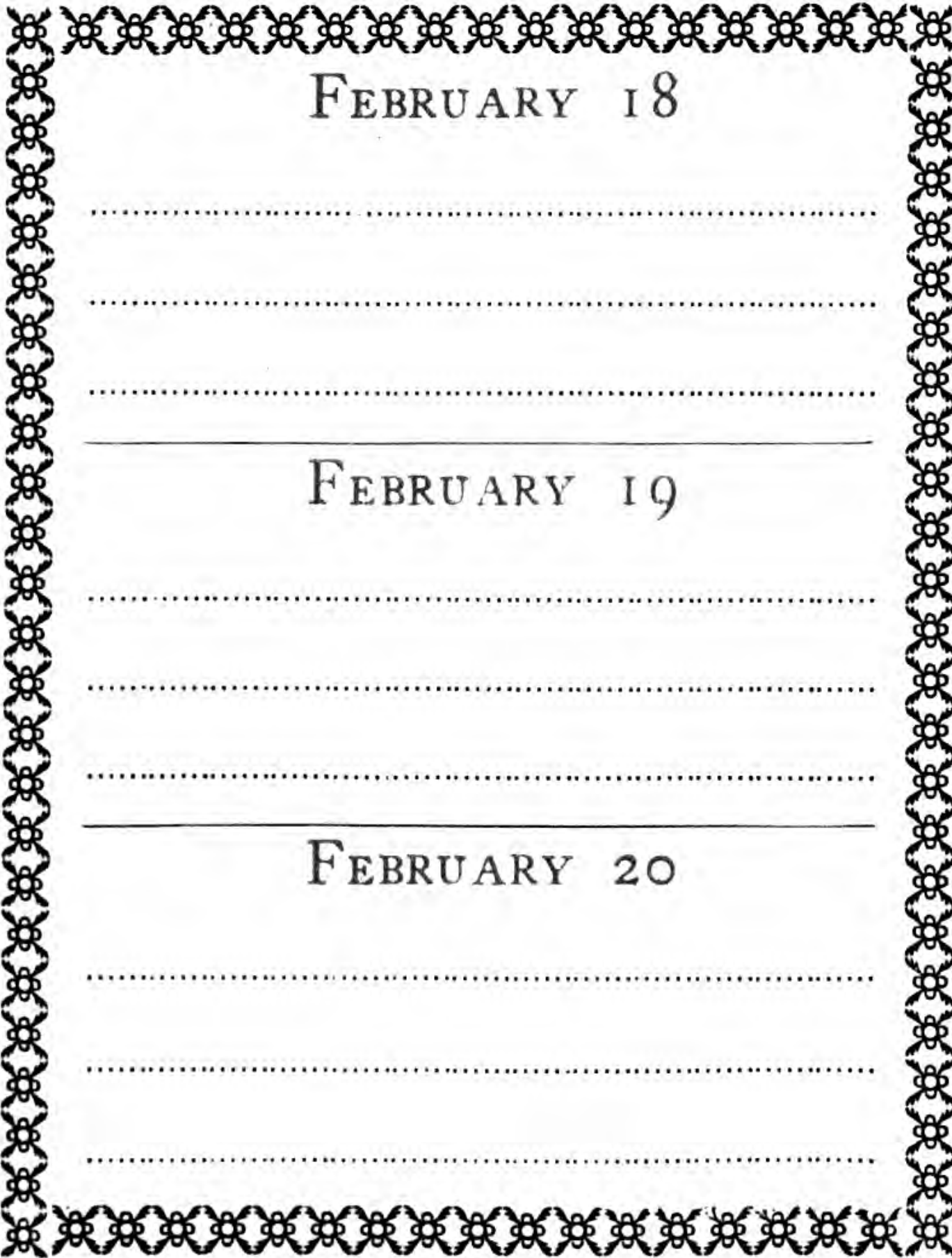
SURELY we should all endure a little weariness to make one face look brighter, or one hour go more pleasantly in this mixed world.
Reflections on Human Life.

FEBRUARY 19

TO speak kindly, wisely, and pleasantly is the first of duties, the easiest of duties, and the duty that is most blessed in its performance.
Reflections on Human Life.

FEBRUARY 20

THEY said many kind and comely things about the people they had met.
The Silverado Squatters.

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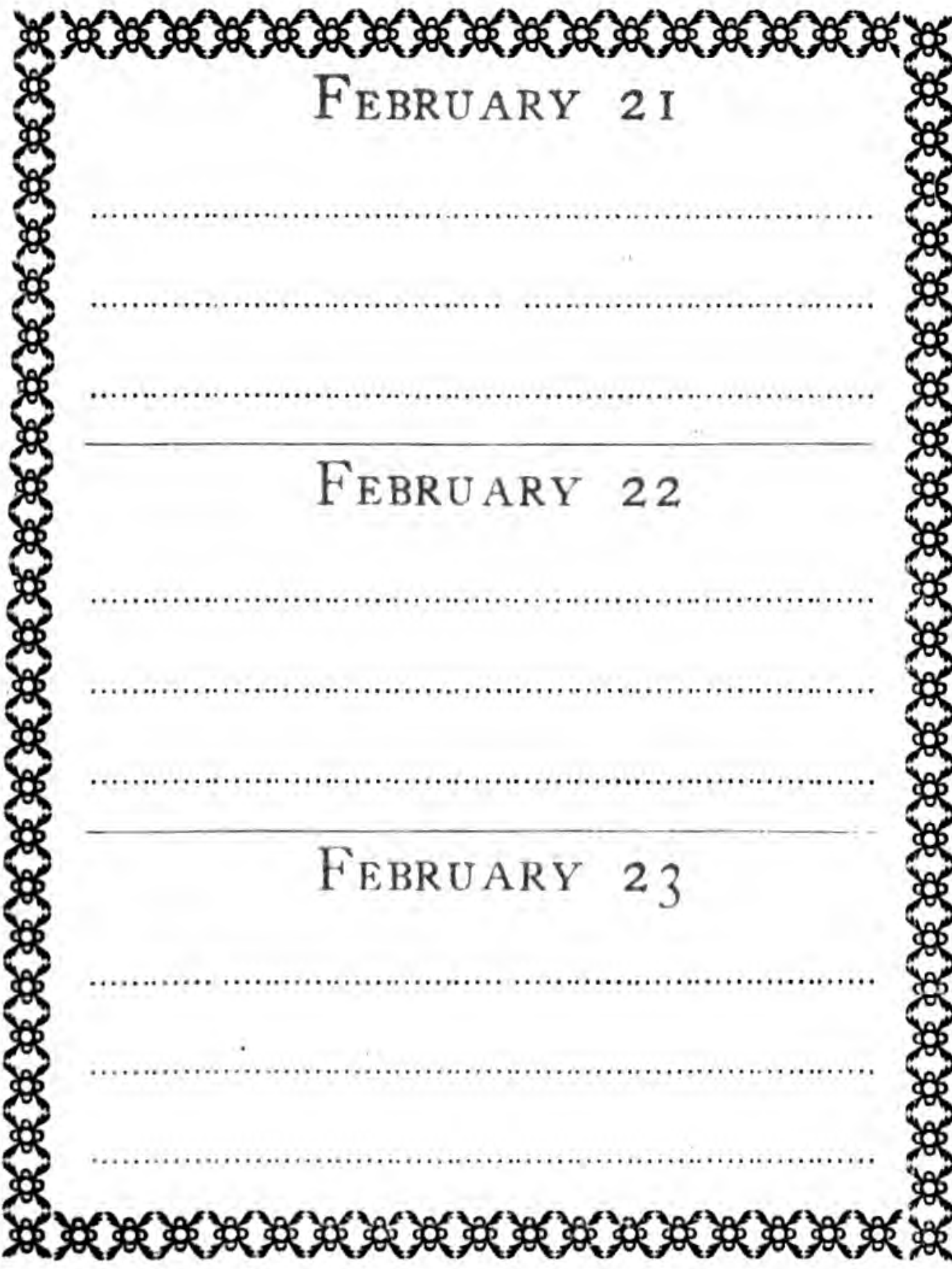
THE essence of love is kindness—and indeed it may best be defined as passionate kindness. *Virginibus Puerisque.*

FEBRUARY 22

HOW we should all be strengthened to be kind, and not only in act, but in speech also, that so much more important part. *Letter to Sidney Colvin.*

FEBRUARY 23

WE are not, above all, to look for faults, but merits. *The Profession of Letters.*



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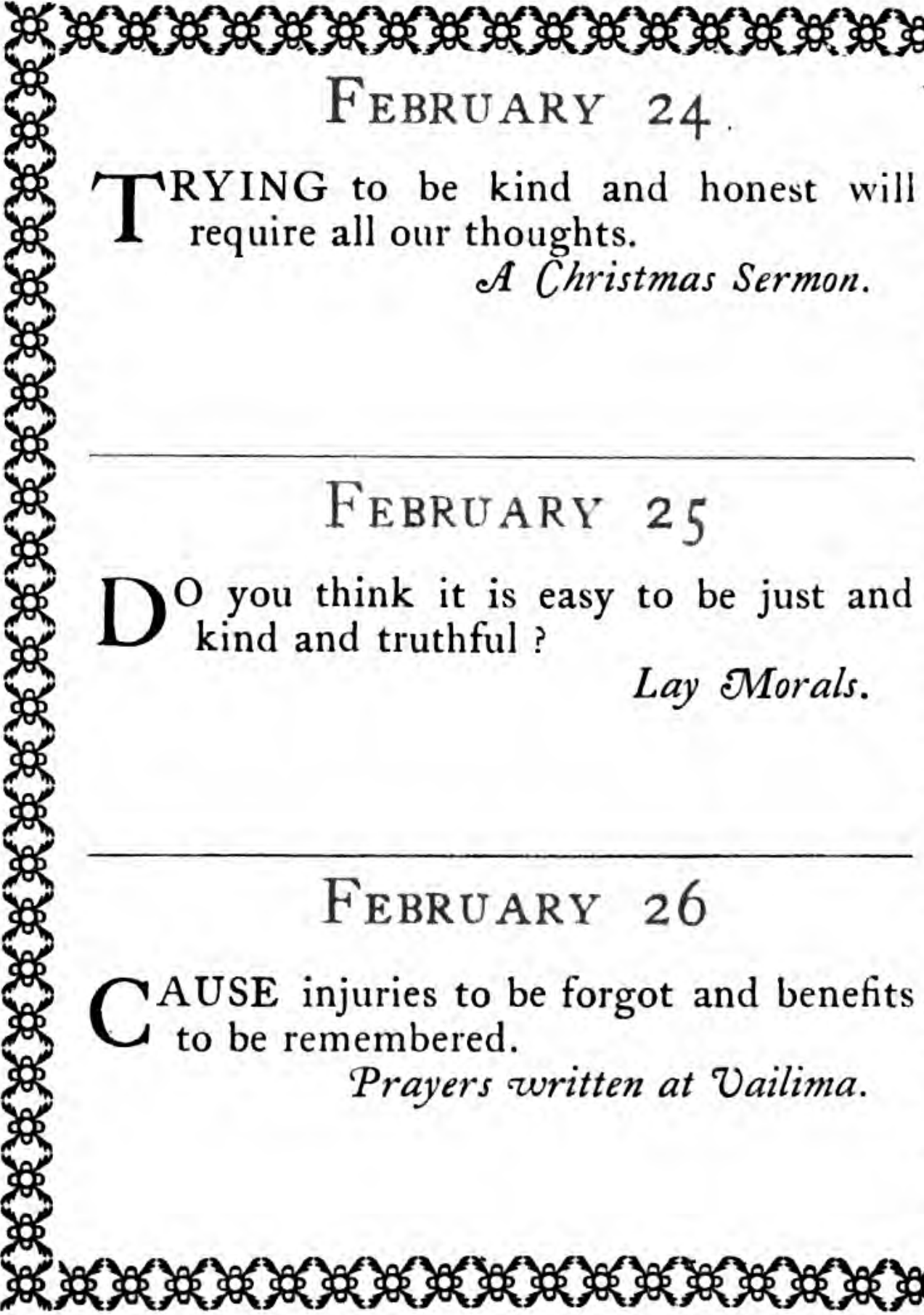
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FEBRUARY 24.

TRYING to be kind and honest will
require all our thoughts.

A Christmas Sermon.

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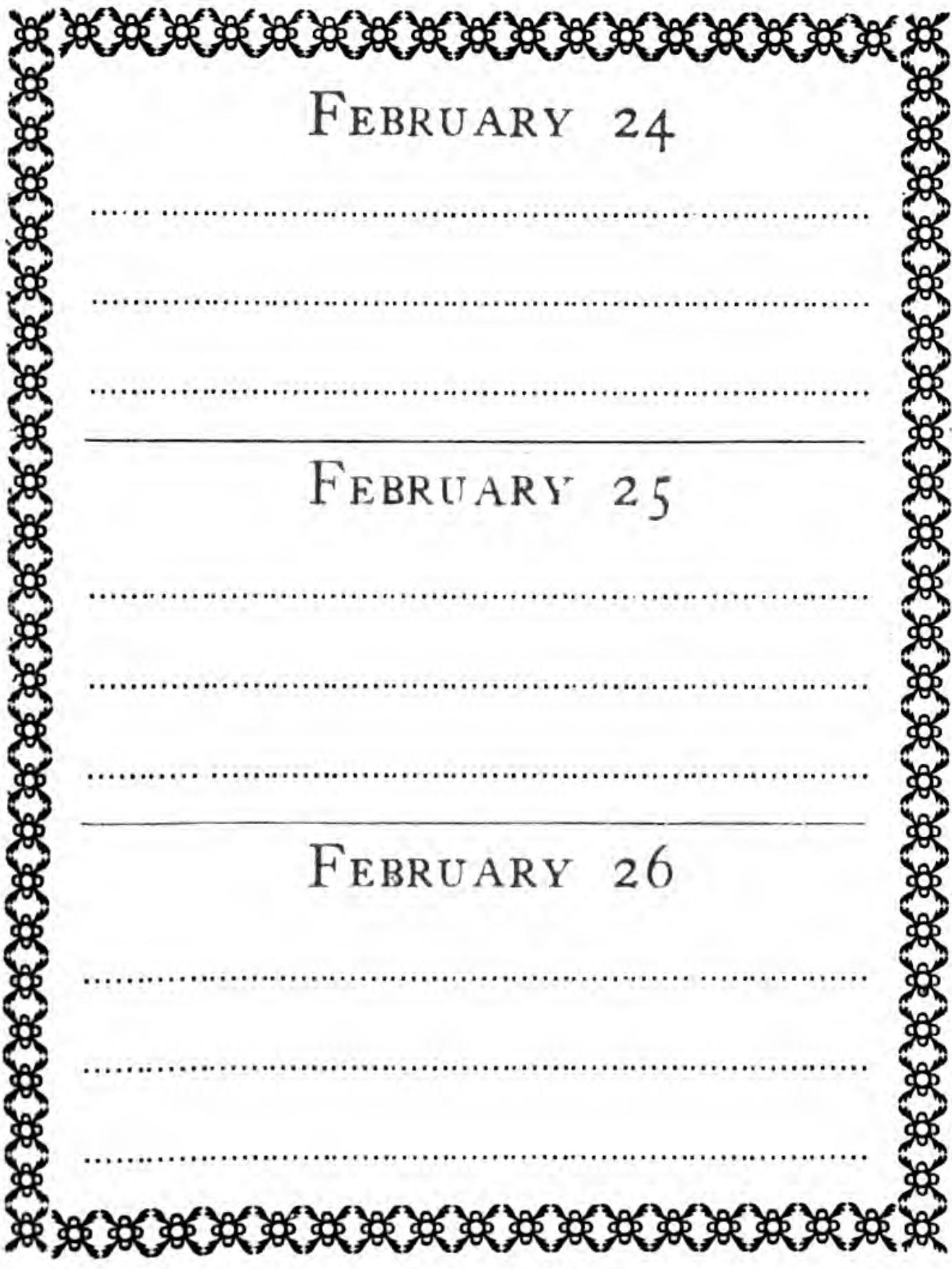
DO you think it is easy to be just and
kind and truthful ?

Lay Morals.

FEBRUARY 26

CAUSE injuries to be forgot and benefits
to be remembered.

Prayers written at Vailima.



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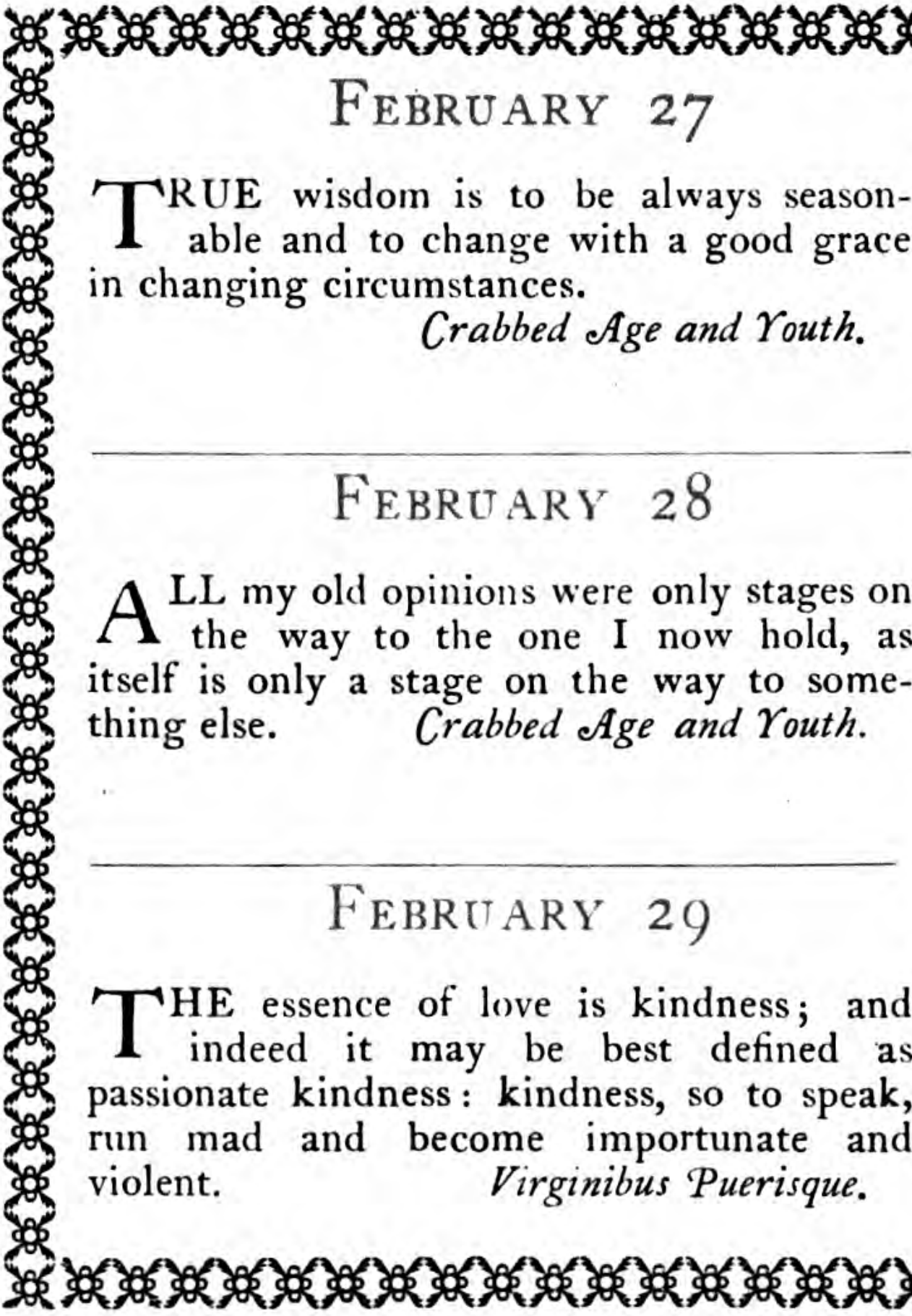
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TRUE wisdom is to be always seasonable and to change with a good grace in changing circumstances.

Crabbed Age and Youth.

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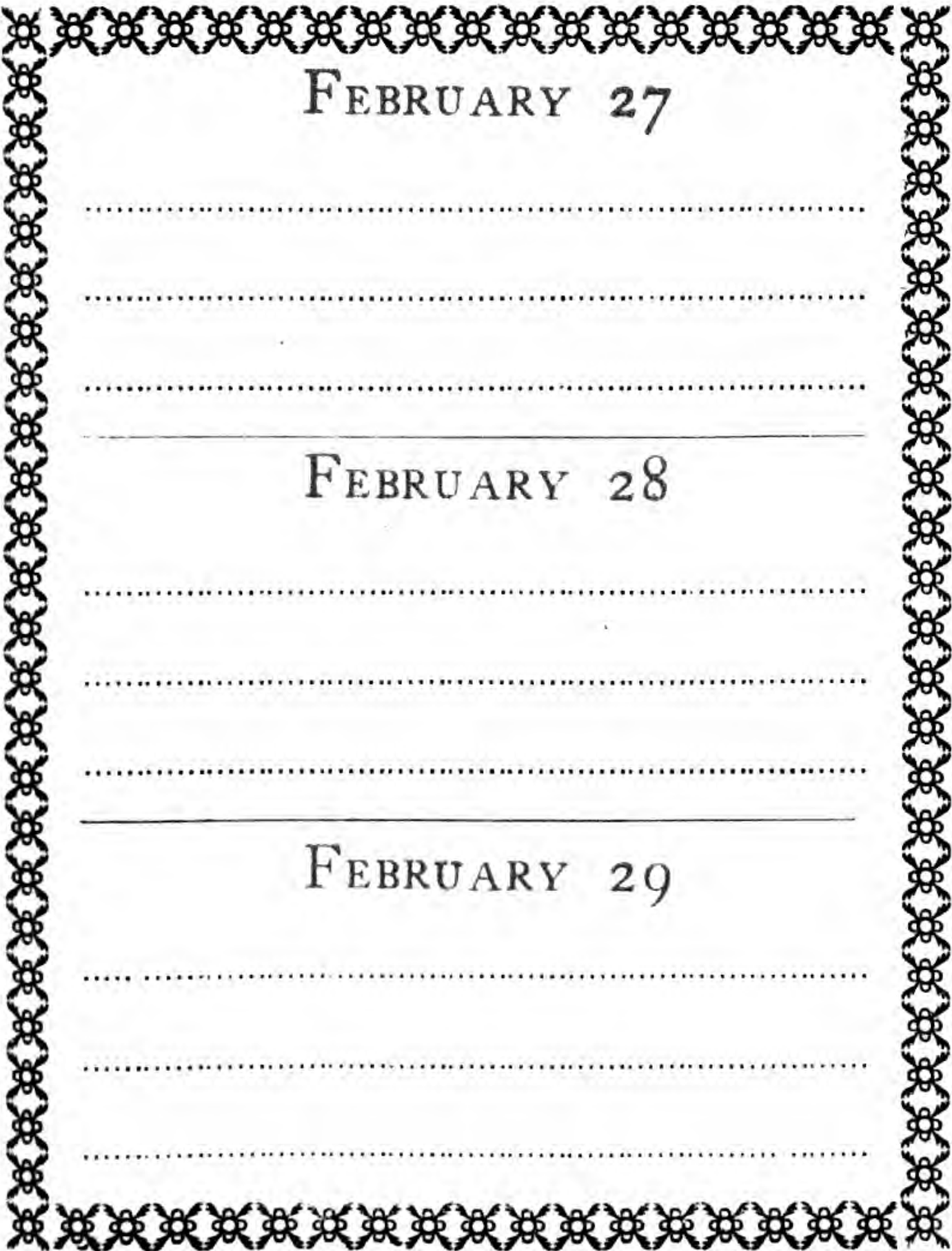
ALL my old opinions were only stages on the way to the one I now hold, as itself is only a stage on the way to something else.

Crabbed Age and Youth.

FEBRUARY 29

THE essence of love is kindness; and indeed it may be best defined as passionate kindness: kindness, so to speak, run mad and become importunate and violent.

Virginibus Puerisque.



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MARCH



MARCH 1

TO have a catchword in your mouth is not the same thing as to hold an opinion. Still less is it the same thing as to have made one for yourself.

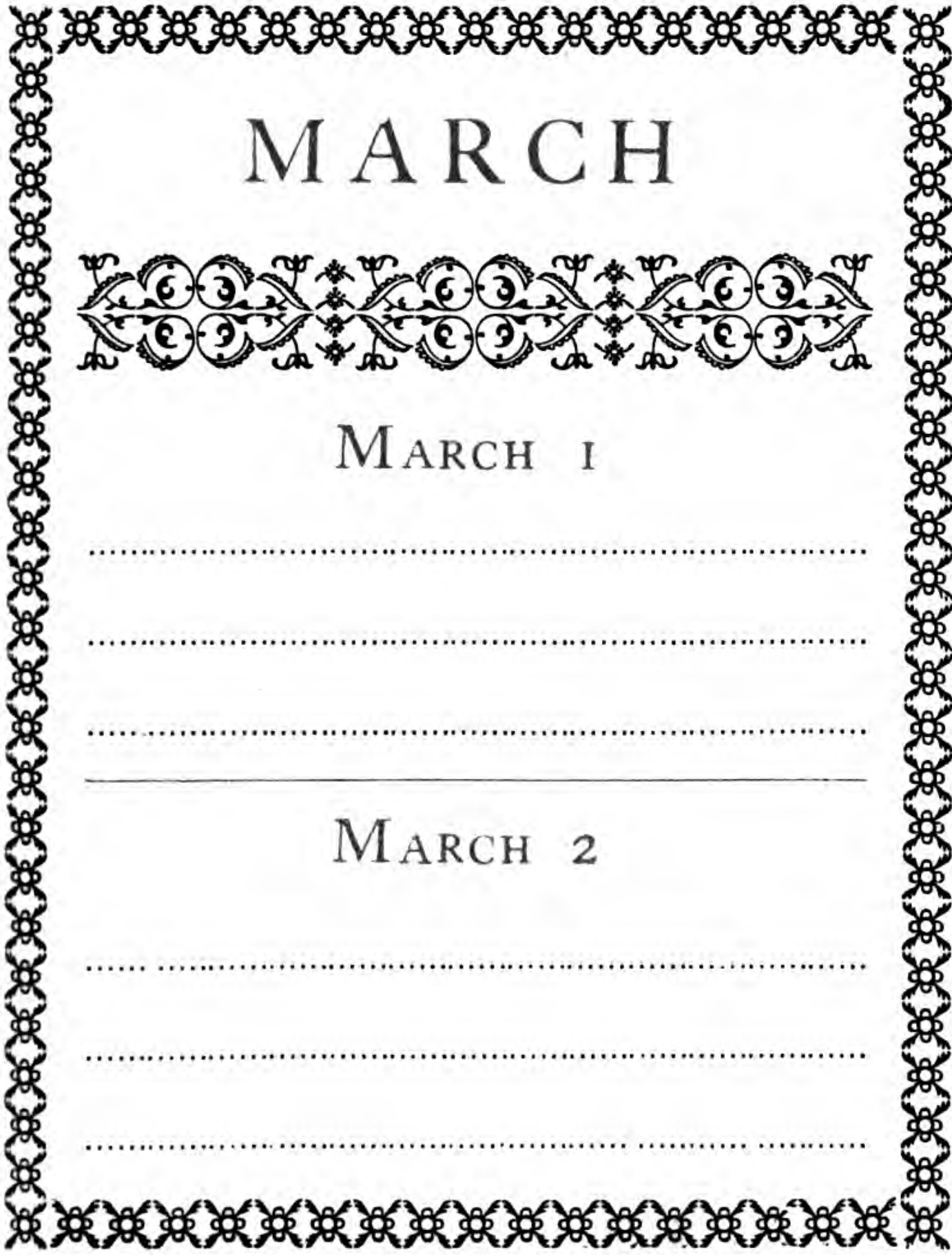
Crabbed Age and Youth.

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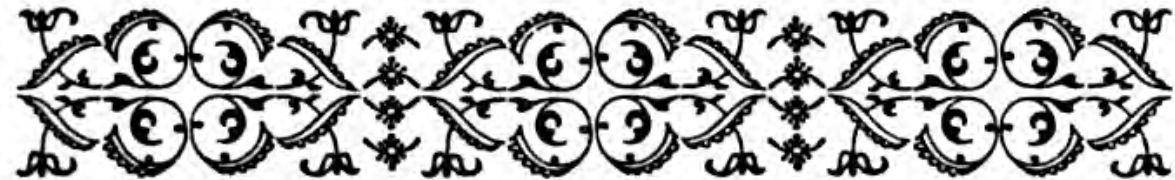
TO hold the same views at forty as we held at twenty is to have been stupefied for a score of years, and take rank, not as a prophet, but as an unteachable brat, well birched and none the wiser.

Crabbed Age and Youth.





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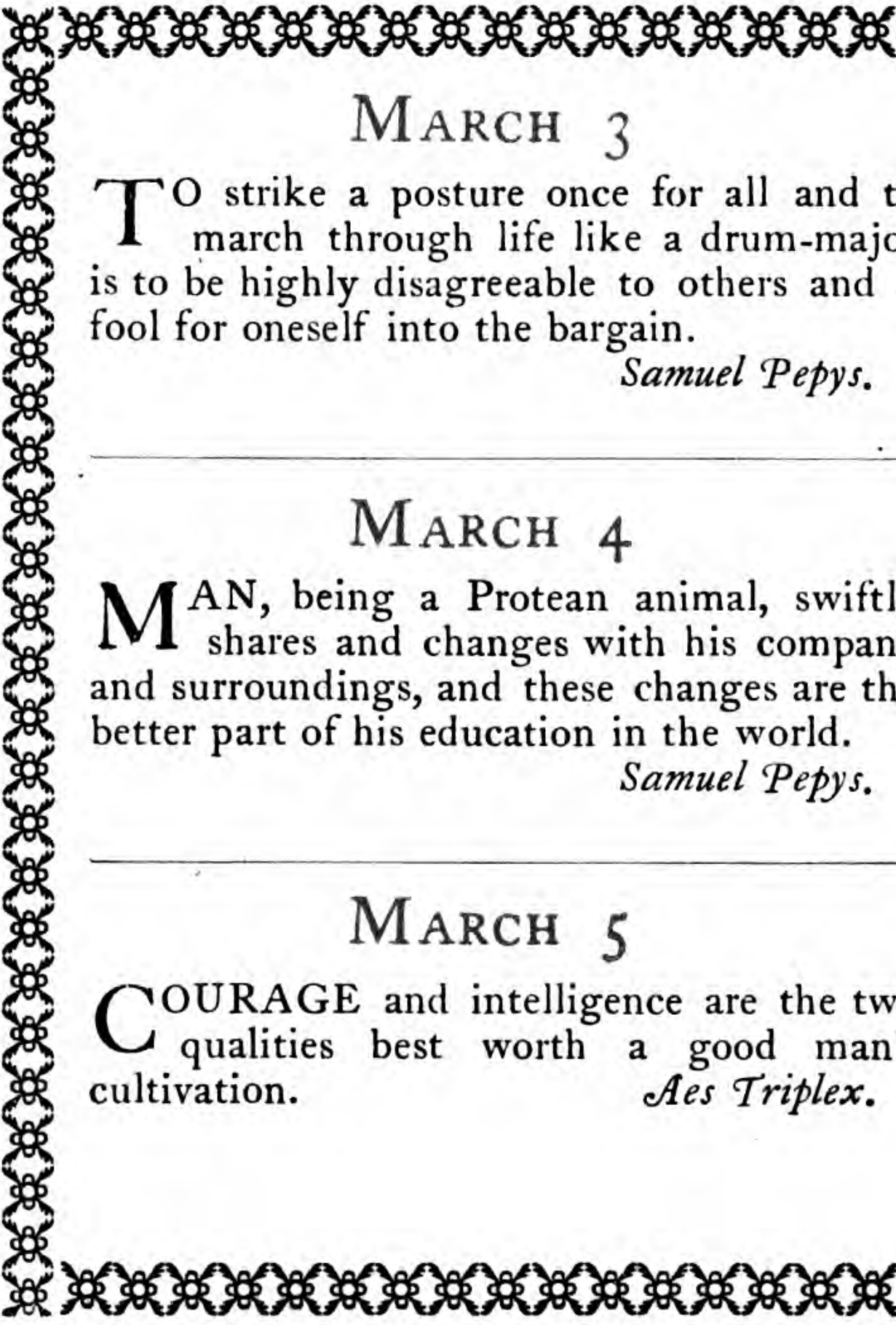
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TO strike a posture once for all and to march through life like a drum-major is to be highly disagreeable to others and a fool for oneself into the bargain.

Samuel Pepys.

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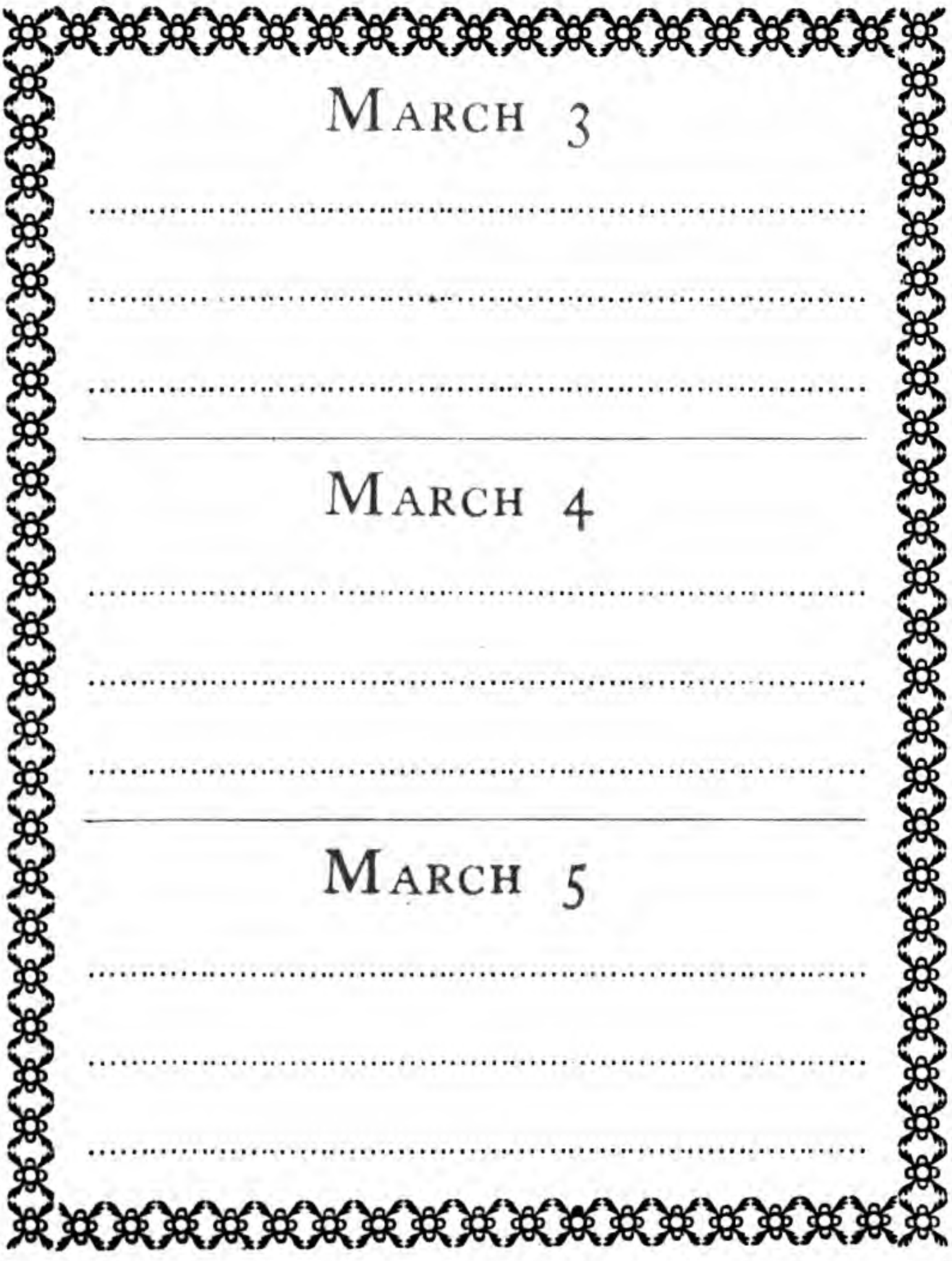
MAN, being a Protean animal, swiftly shares and changes with his companions and surroundings, and these changes are the better part of his education in the world.

Samuel Pepys.

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COURAGE and intelligence are the two qualities best worth a good man's cultivation.

Aes Triplex.



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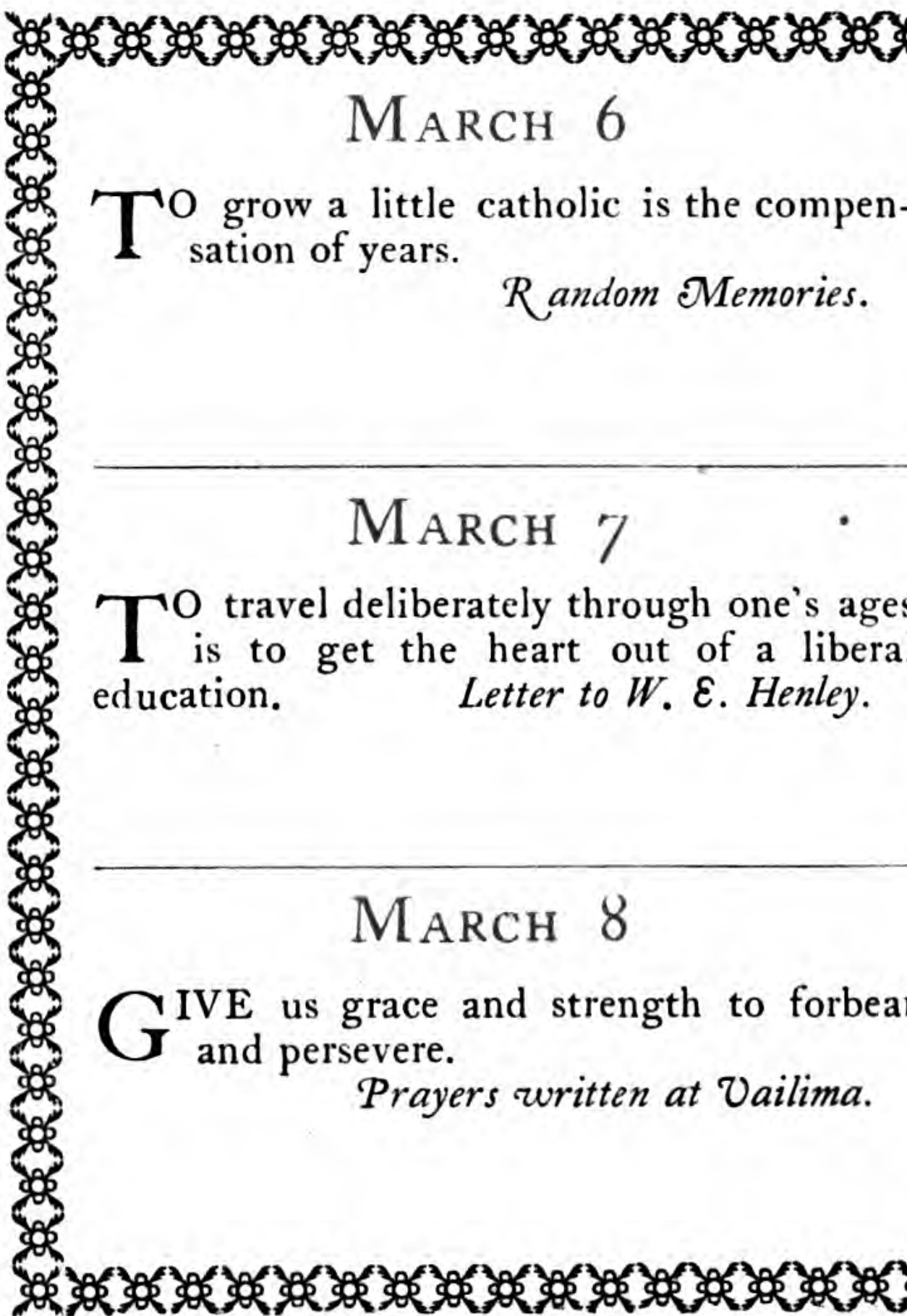
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TO grow a little catholic is the compensation of years.

Random Memories.

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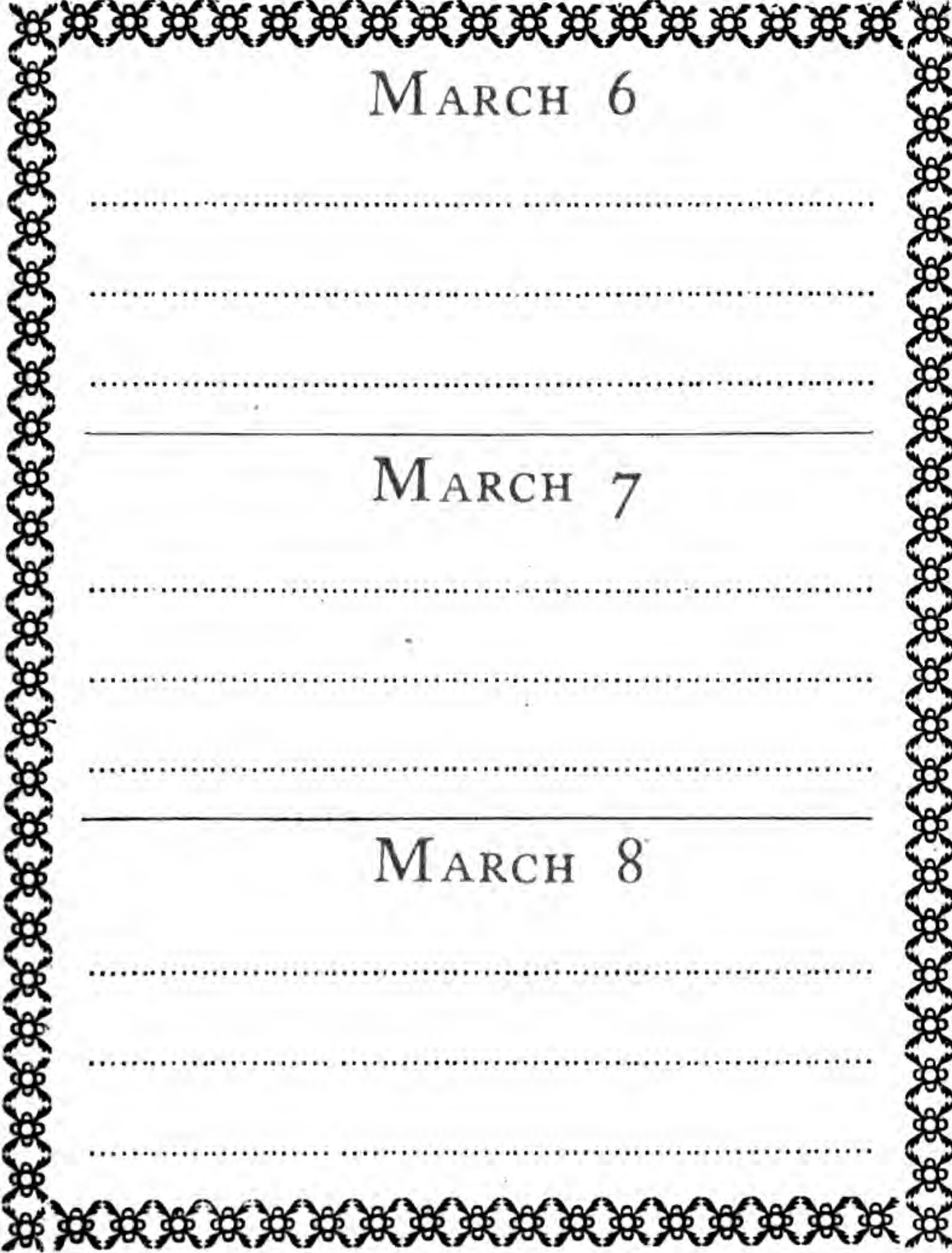
TO travel deliberately through one's ages is to get the heart out of a liberal education.

Letter to W. E. Henley.

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GIVE us grace and strength to forbear and persevere.

Prayers written at Vailima.



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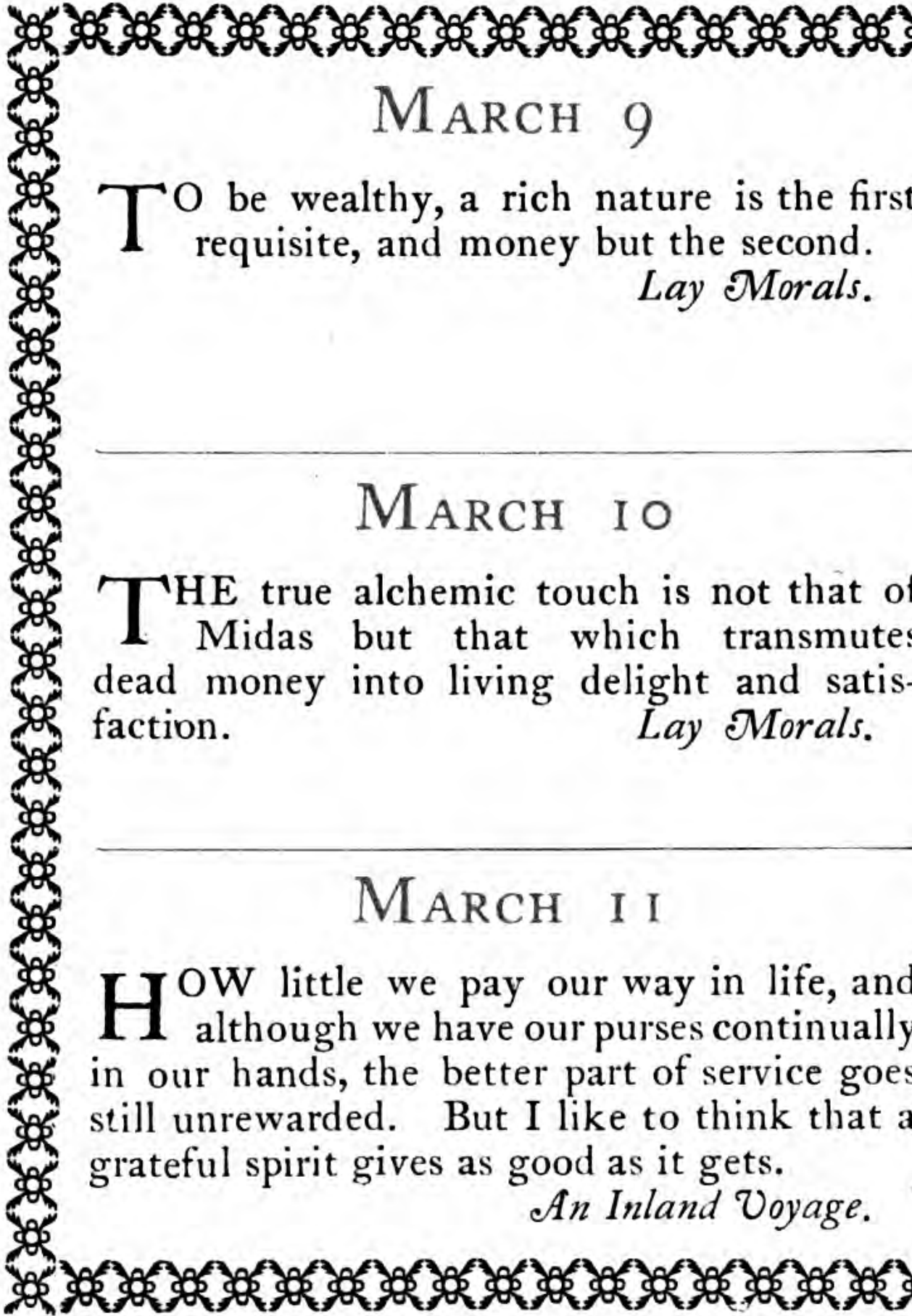
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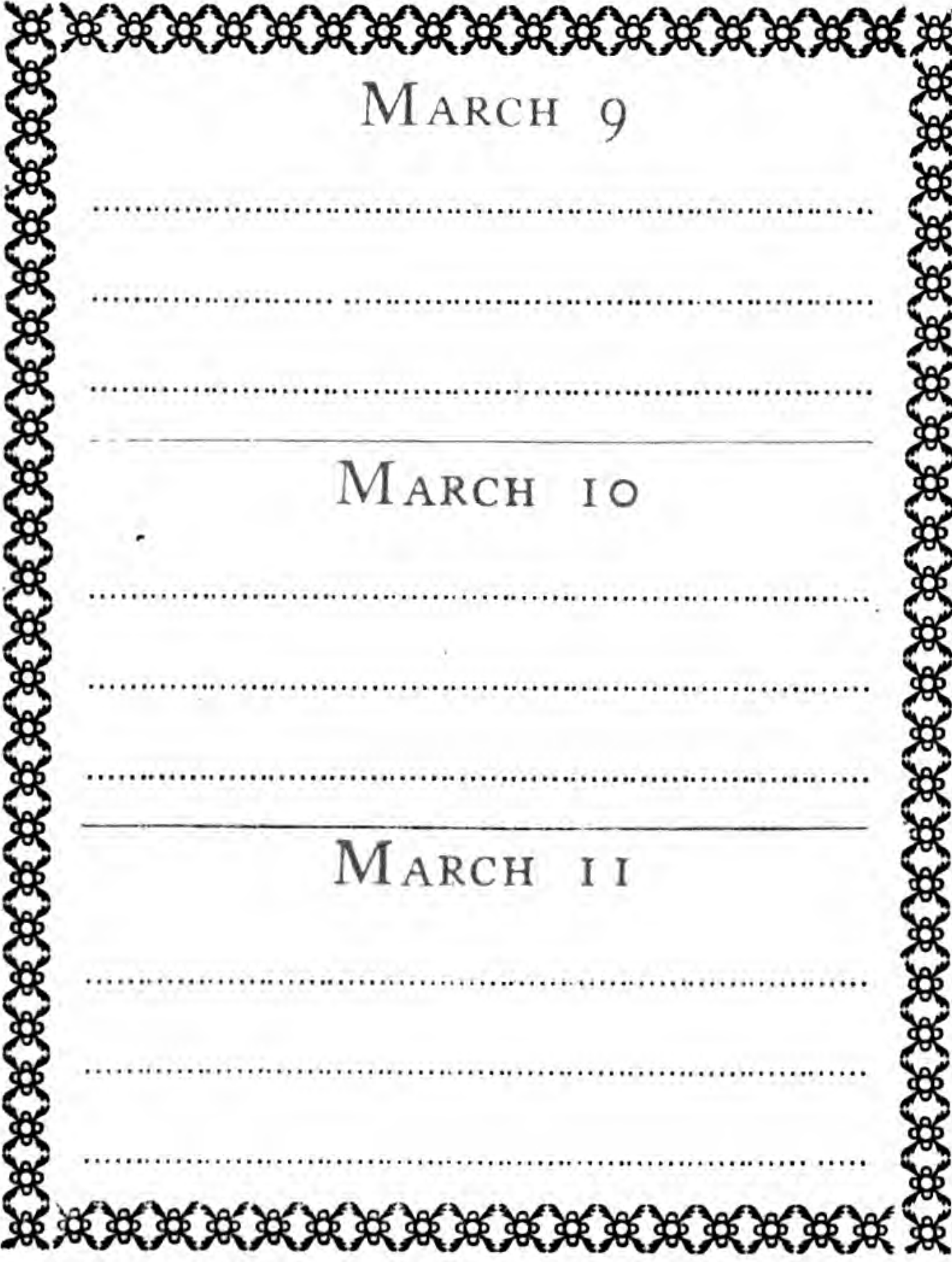
TO be wealthy, a rich nature is the first requisite, and money but the second.
Lay Morals.

MARCH 10

THE true alchemic touch is not that of Midas but that which transmutes dead money into living delight and satisfaction.
Lay Morals.

MARCH 11

HOW little we pay our way in life, and although we have our purses continually in our hands, the better part of service goes still unrewarded. But I like to think that a grateful spirit gives as good as it gets.
An Inland Voyage.



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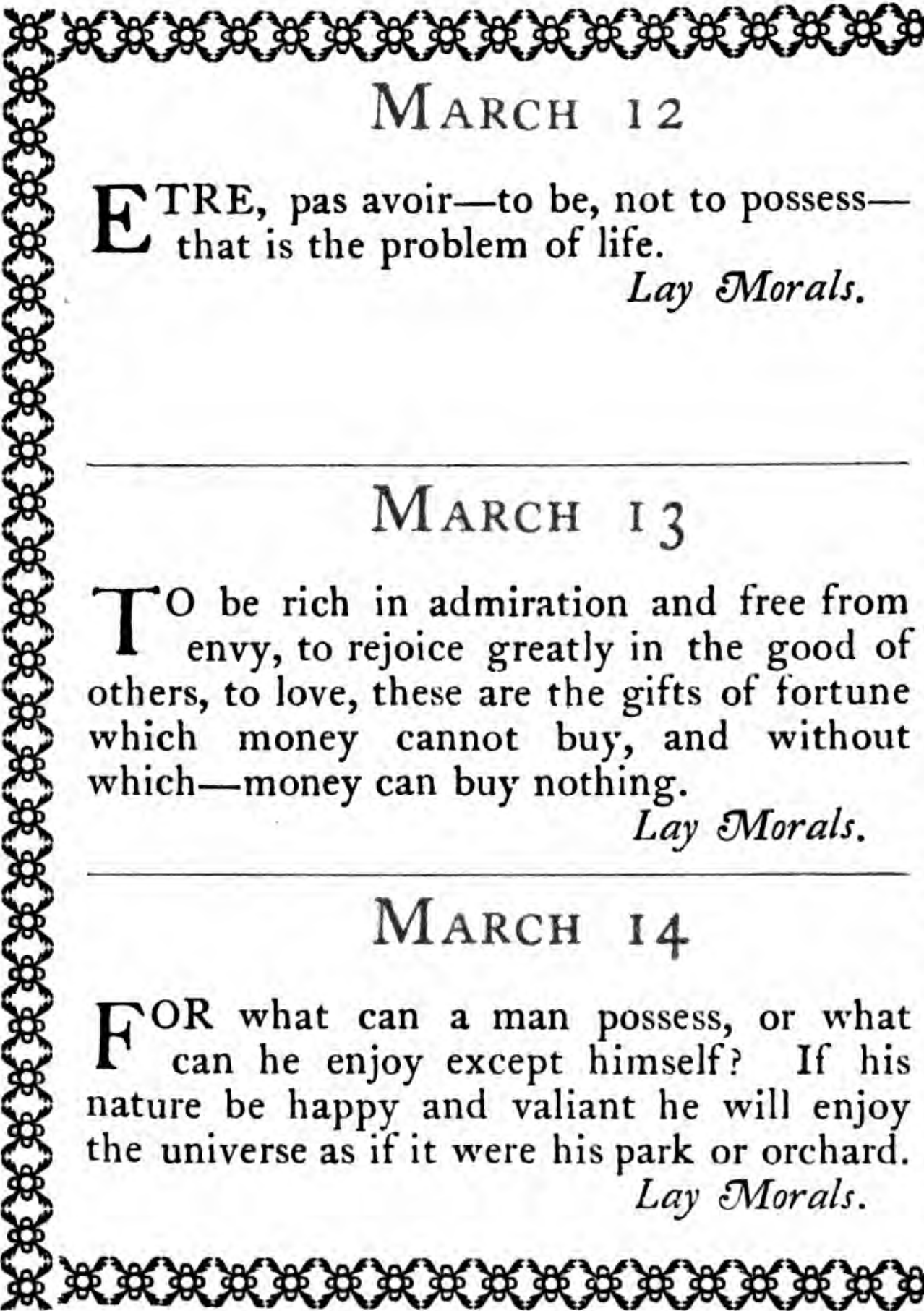
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ETRE, pas avoir—to be, not to possess—that is the problem of life.

Lay Morals.

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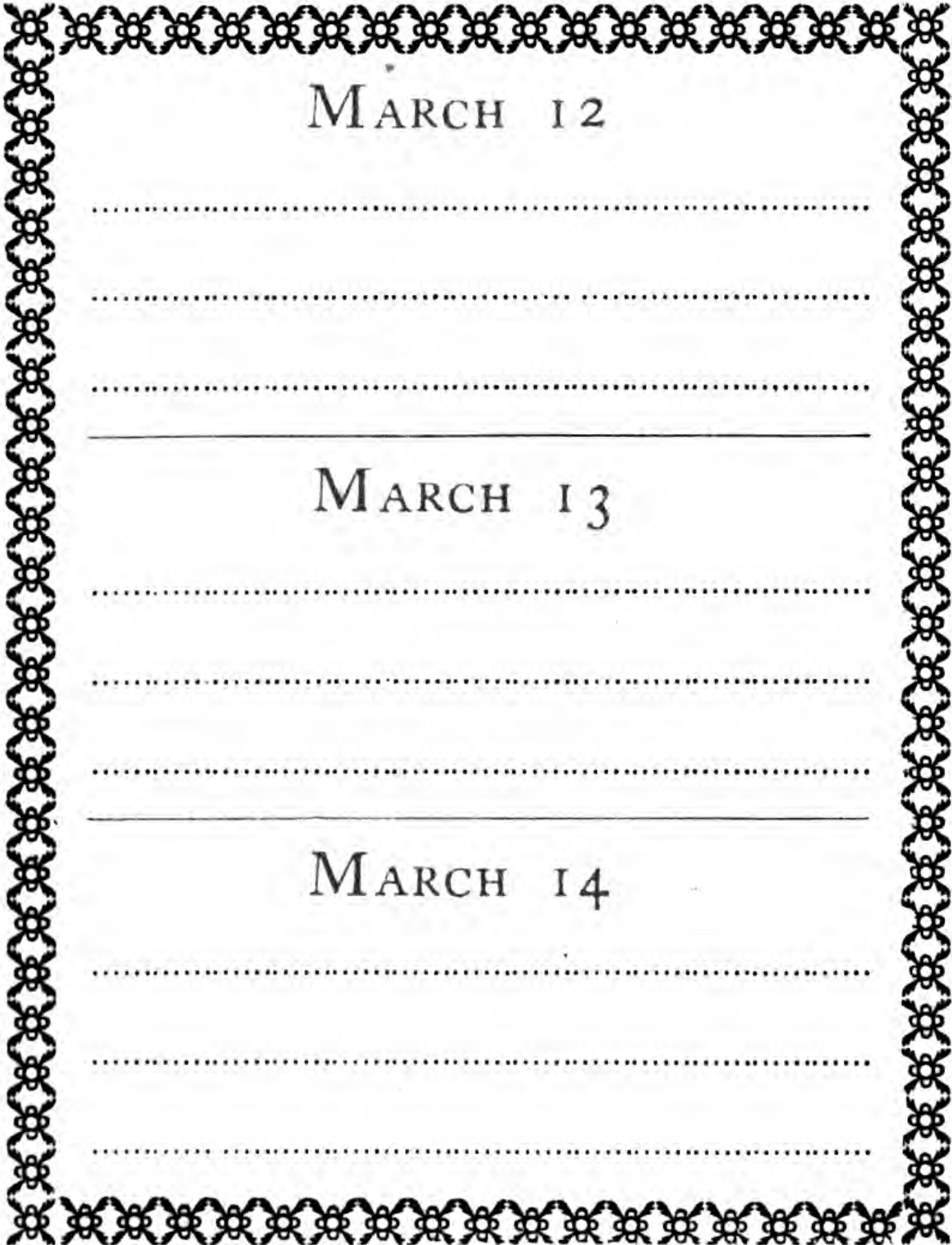
TO be rich in admiration and free from envy, to rejoice greatly in the good of others, to love, these are the gifts of fortune which money cannot buy, and without which—money can buy nothing.

Lay Morals.

MARCH 14

FOR what can a man possess, or what can he enjoy except himself? If his nature be happy and valiant he will enjoy the universe as if it were his park or orchard.

Lay Morals.



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MARCH 15

THE sense of service rendered to a man in mortal distress may be counted as a kind of riches of the soul.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

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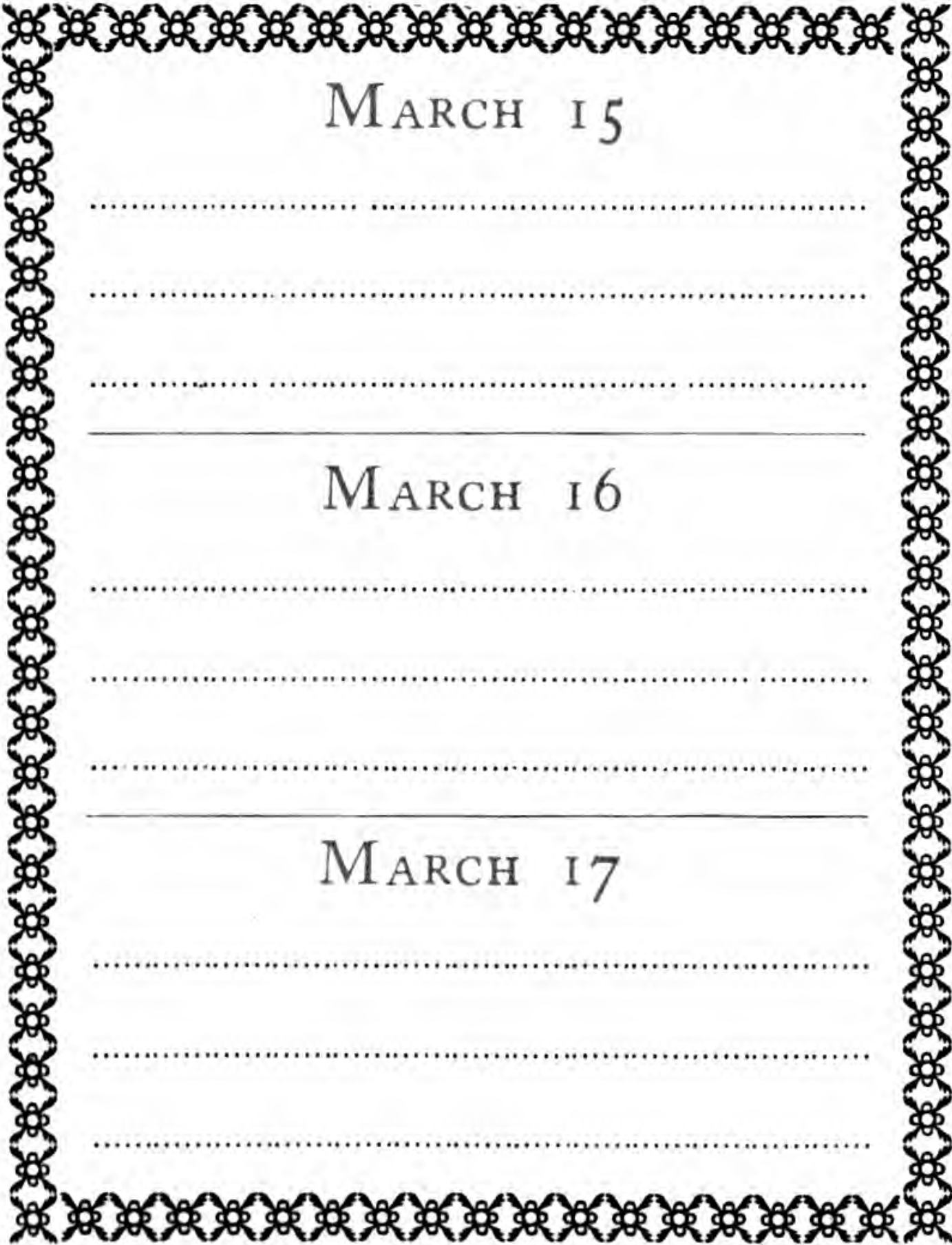
WHEN the fish came to his hook he blessed God without weighing.

The Poor Thing.

MARCH 17

PERMIT us not to be cast down, let us not lose the savour of past pleasures.

Prayers written at Vailima.



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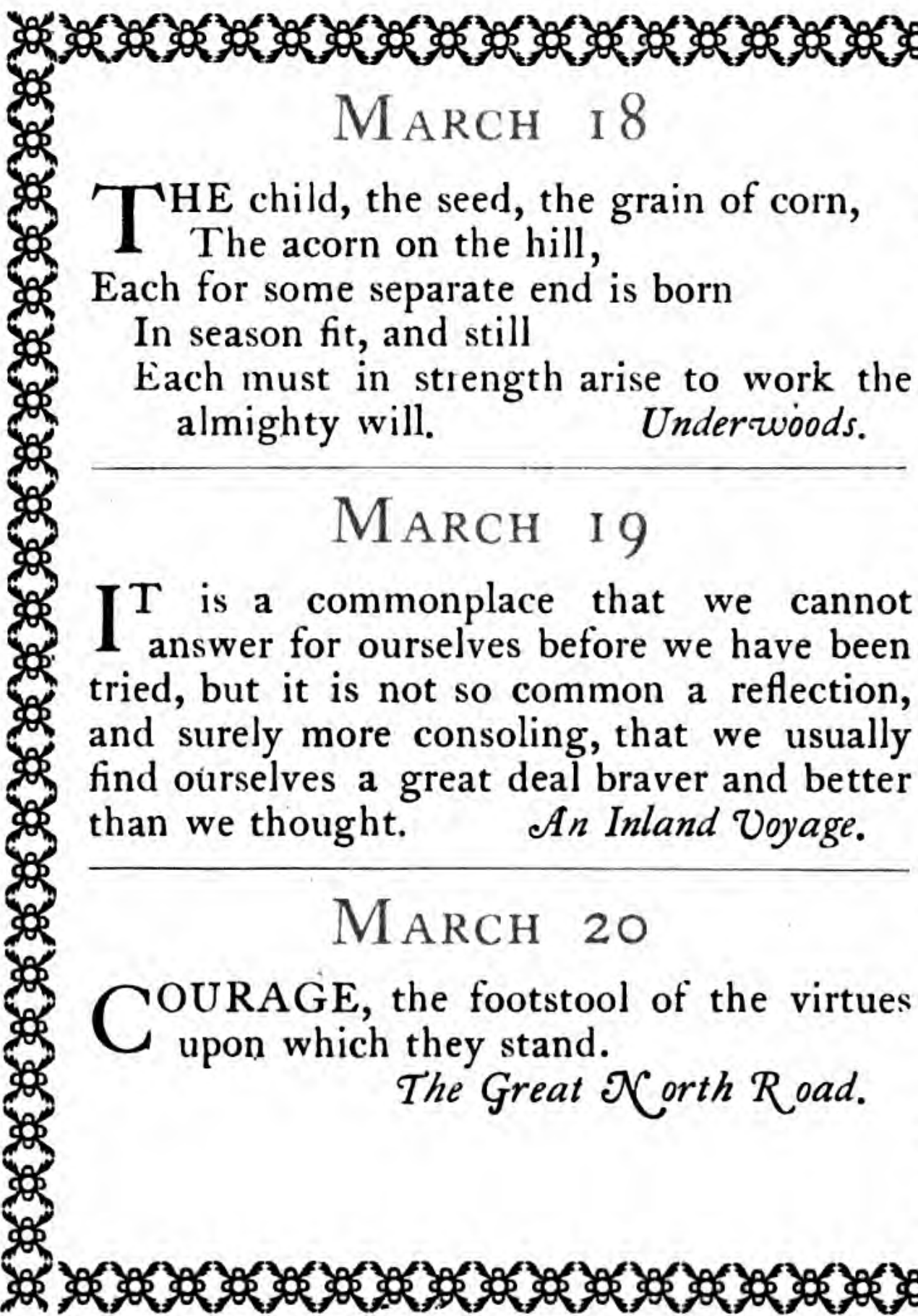
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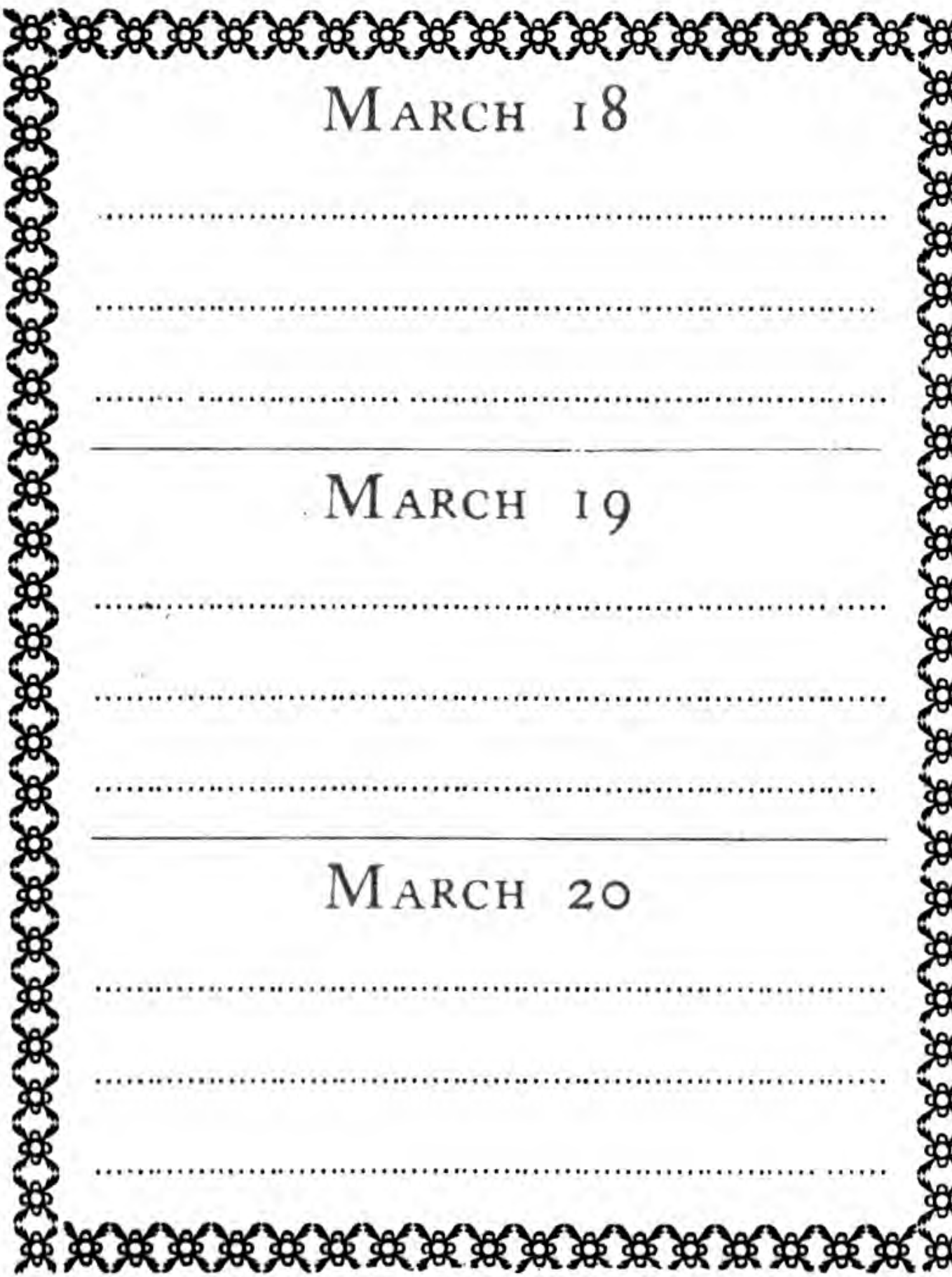
THE child, the seed, the grain of corn,
The acorn on the hill,
Each for some separate end is born
In season fit, and still
Each must in strength arise to work the
almighty will. *Underwoods.*

MARCH 19

IT is a commonplace that we cannot
answer for ourselves before we have been
tried, but it is not so common a reflection,
and surely more consoling, that we usually
find ourselves a great deal braver and better
than we thought. *An Inland Voyage.*

MARCH 20

COURAGE, the footstool of the virtues
upon which they stand.
The Great North Road.



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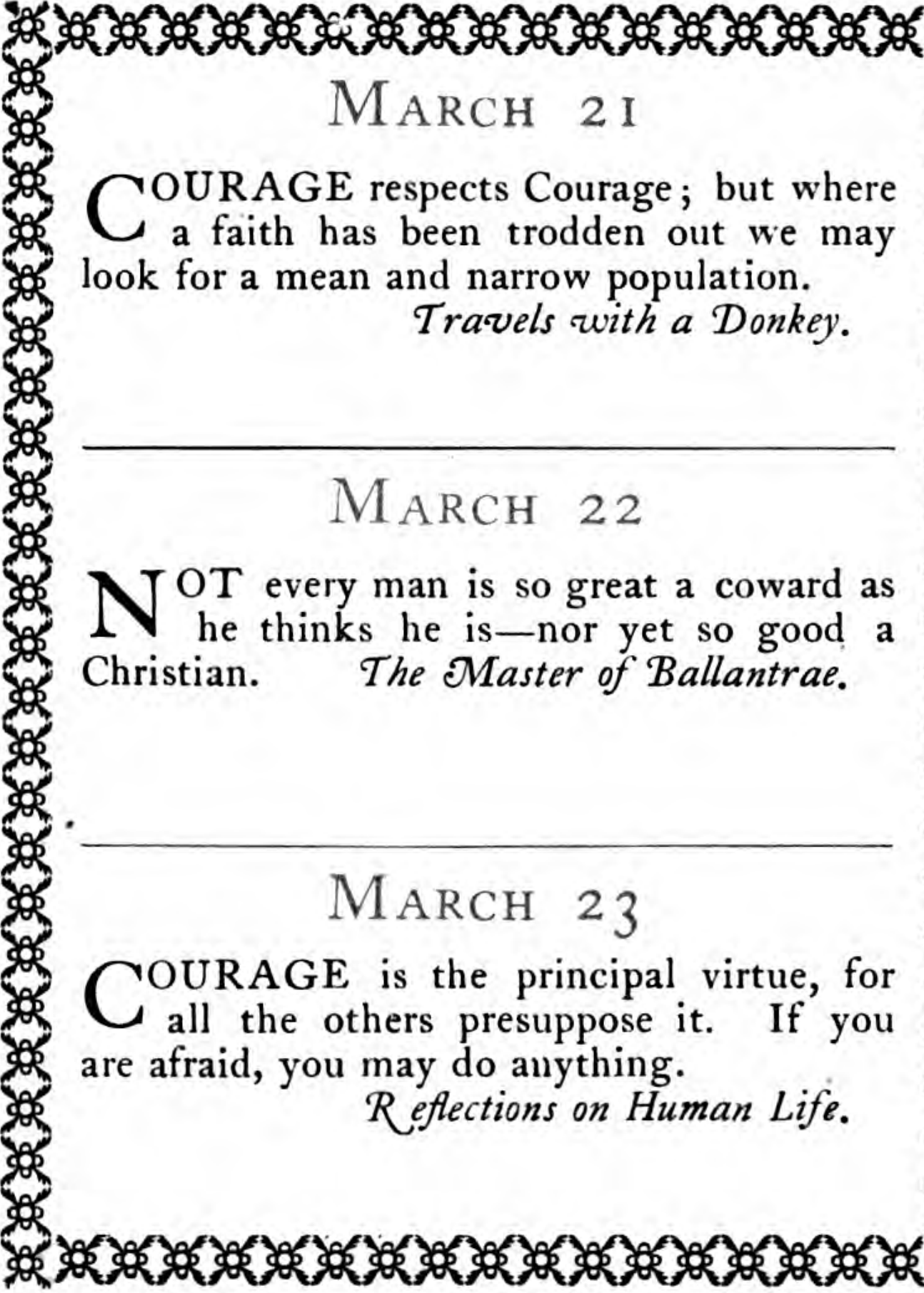
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MARCH 21

COURAGE respects Courage; but where a faith has been trodden out we may look for a mean and narrow population.

Travels with a Donkey.

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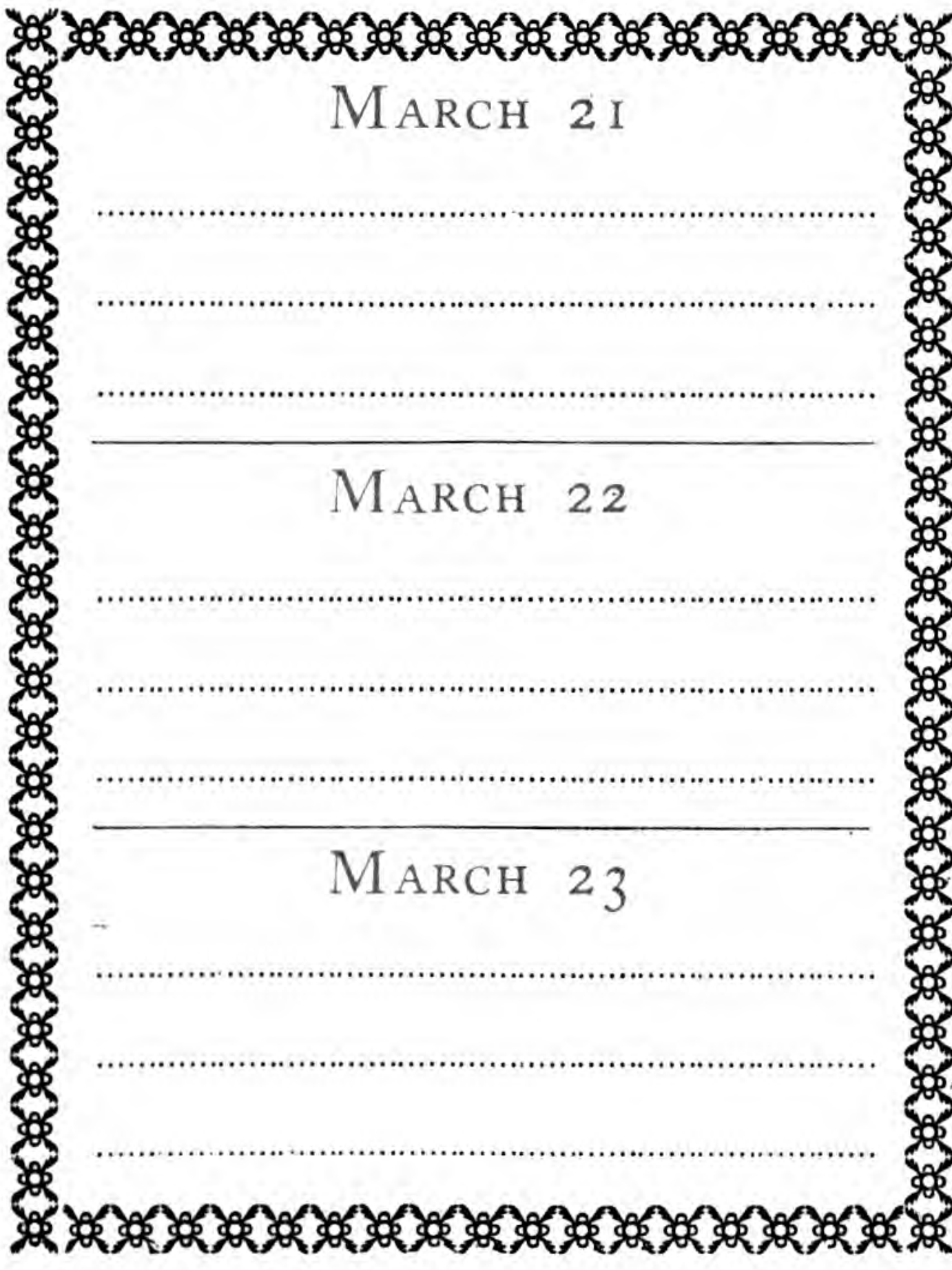
NOT every man is so great a coward as he thinks he is—nor yet so good a Christian.

The Master of Ballantrae.

MARCH 23

COURAGE is the principal virtue, for all the others presuppose it. If you are afraid, you may do anything.

Reflections on Human Life.



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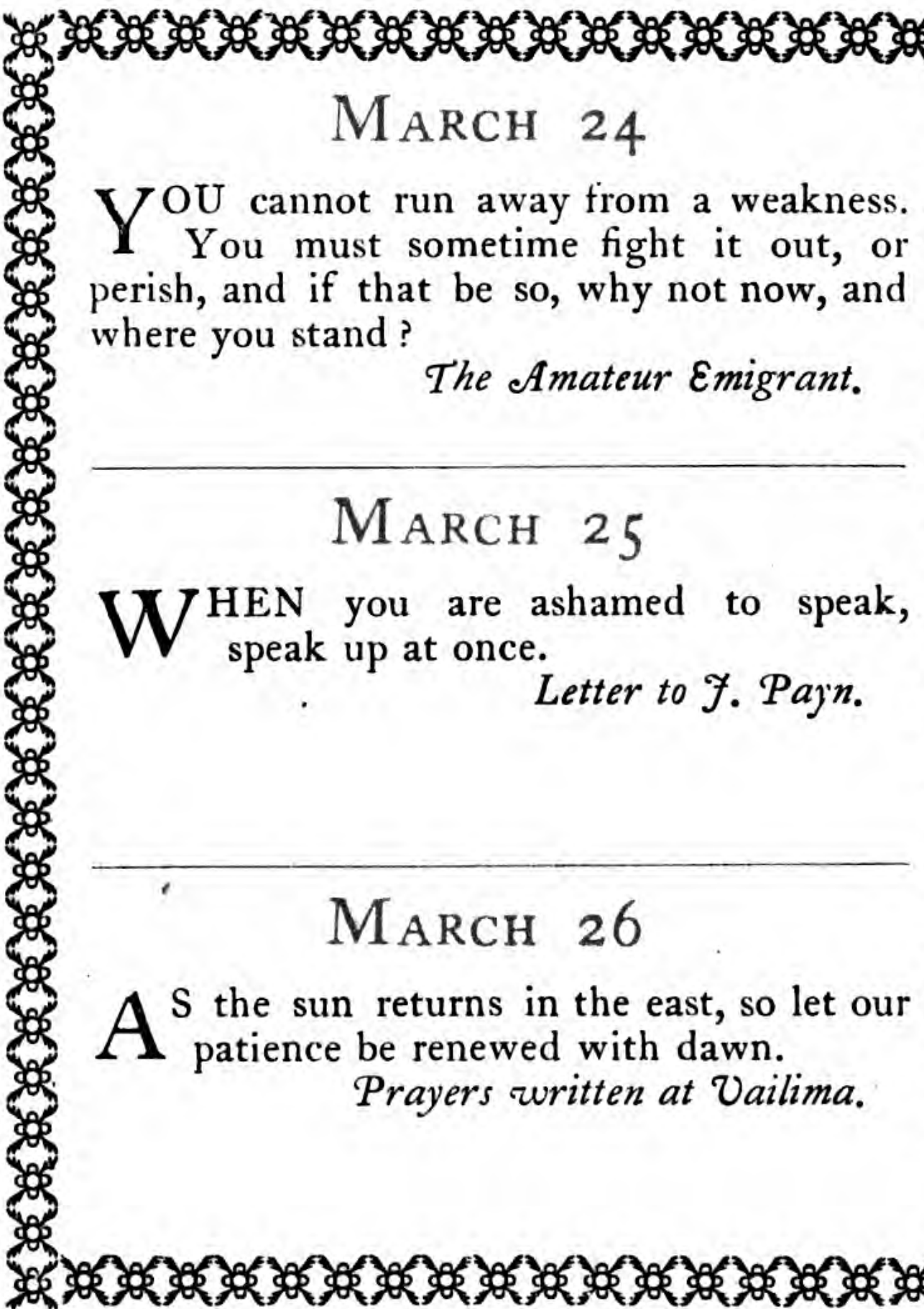
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MARCH 24

YOU cannot run away from a weakness. You must sometime fight it out, or perish, and if that be so, why not now, and where you stand?

The Amateur Emigrant.

MARCH 25

WHEN you are ashamed to speak, speak up at once.

Letter to J. Payn.

MARCH 26

AS the sun returns in the east, so let our patience be renewed with dawn.

Prayers written at Vailima.



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MARCH 27

A COMMON sentiment is one of those great goods that make life palatable and ever new. *Roads.*

MARCH 28

THE knowledge that another has felt as we have felt, and seen things not much otherwise than we have seen them, will continue to the end to be one of life's choicest pleasures. *Roads.*

MARCH 29

HAPPINESS at least is not solitary, it joys to communicate, it loves others, for it depends on them for its existence. It sanctions and encourages all delights that are not unkind in themselves.

H. D. Thoreau.



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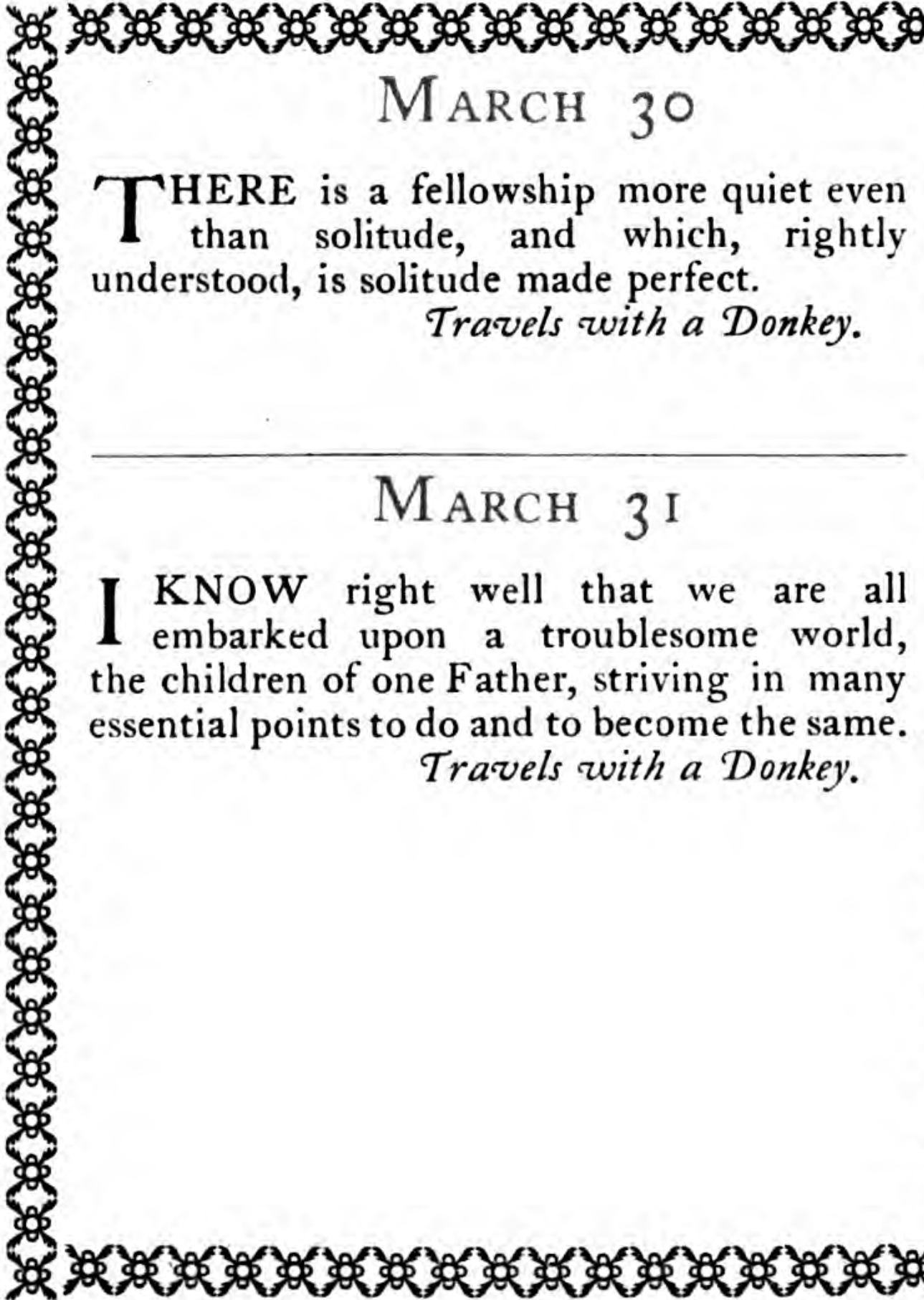
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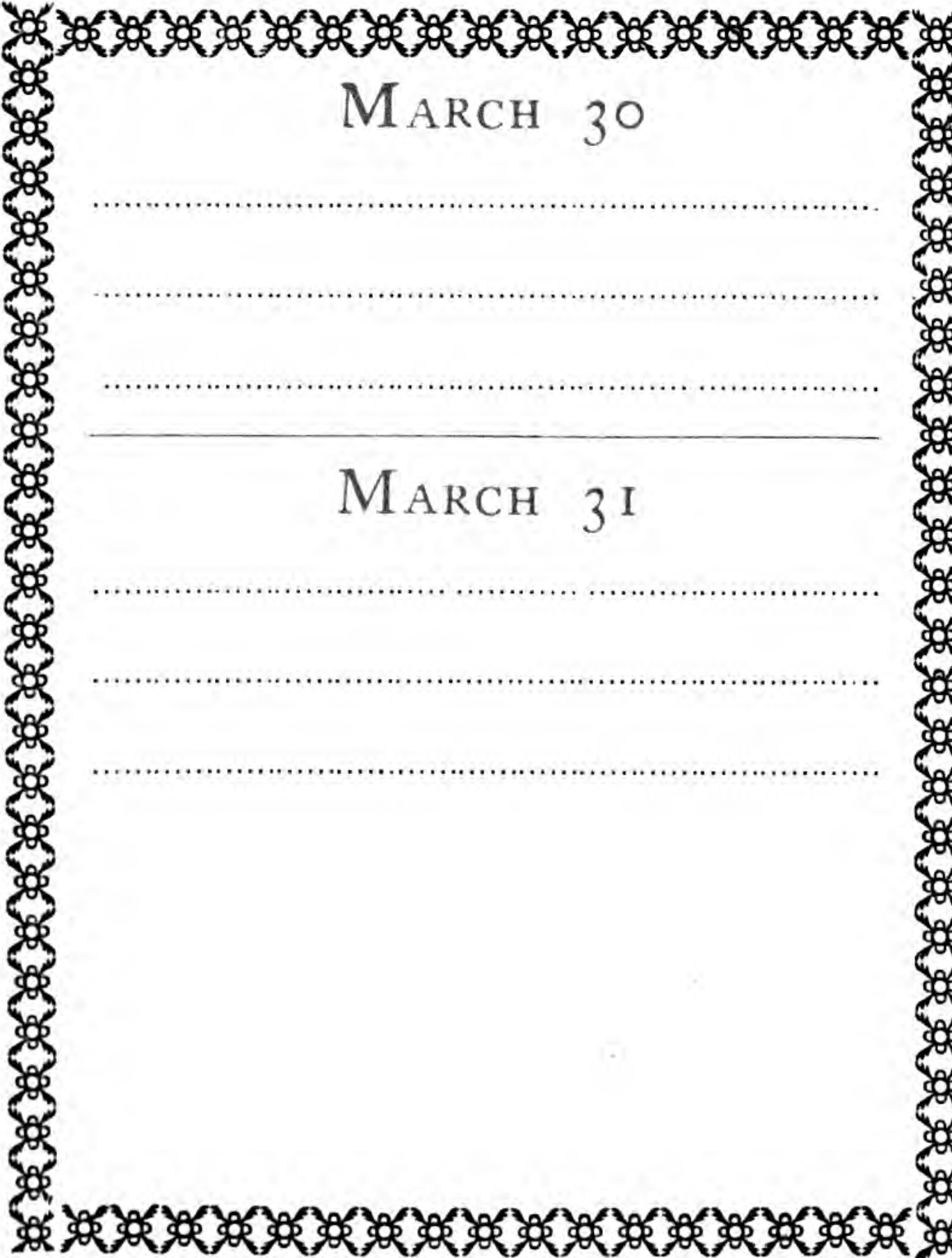
THERE is a fellowship more quiet even than solitude, and which, rightly understood, is solitude made perfect.

Travels with a Donkey.

MARCH 31

I KNOW right well that we are all embarked upon a troublesome world, the children of one Father, striving in many essential points to do and to become the same.

Travels with a Donkey.



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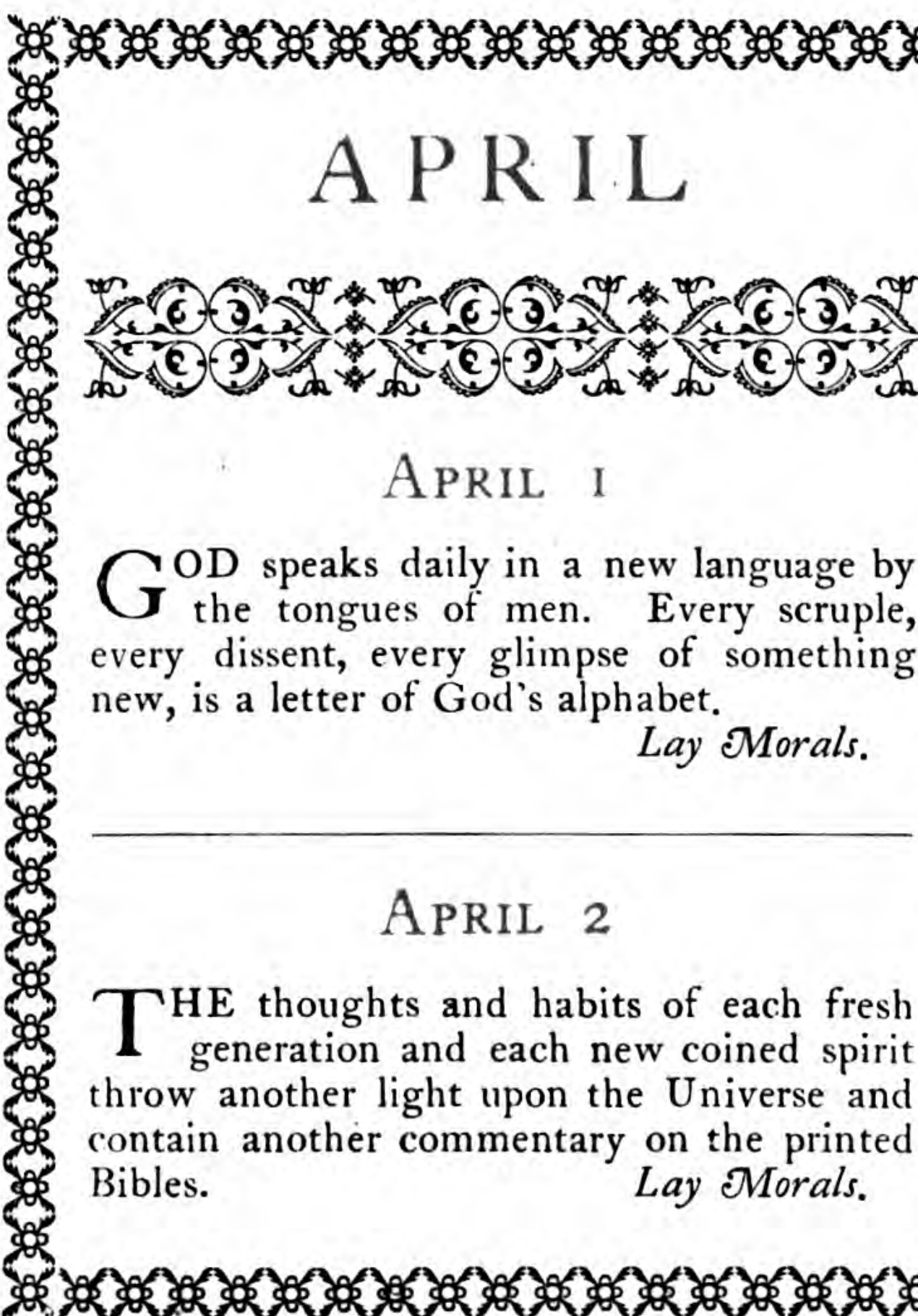
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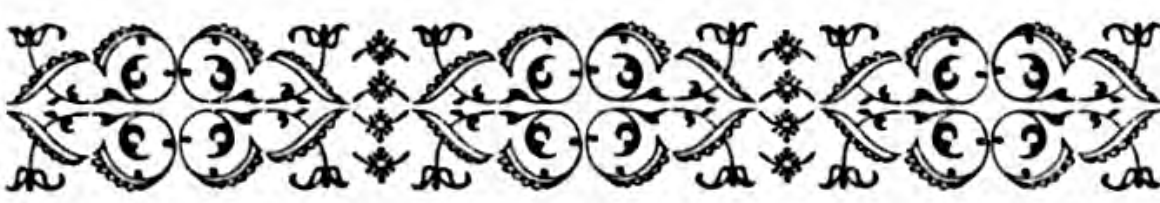
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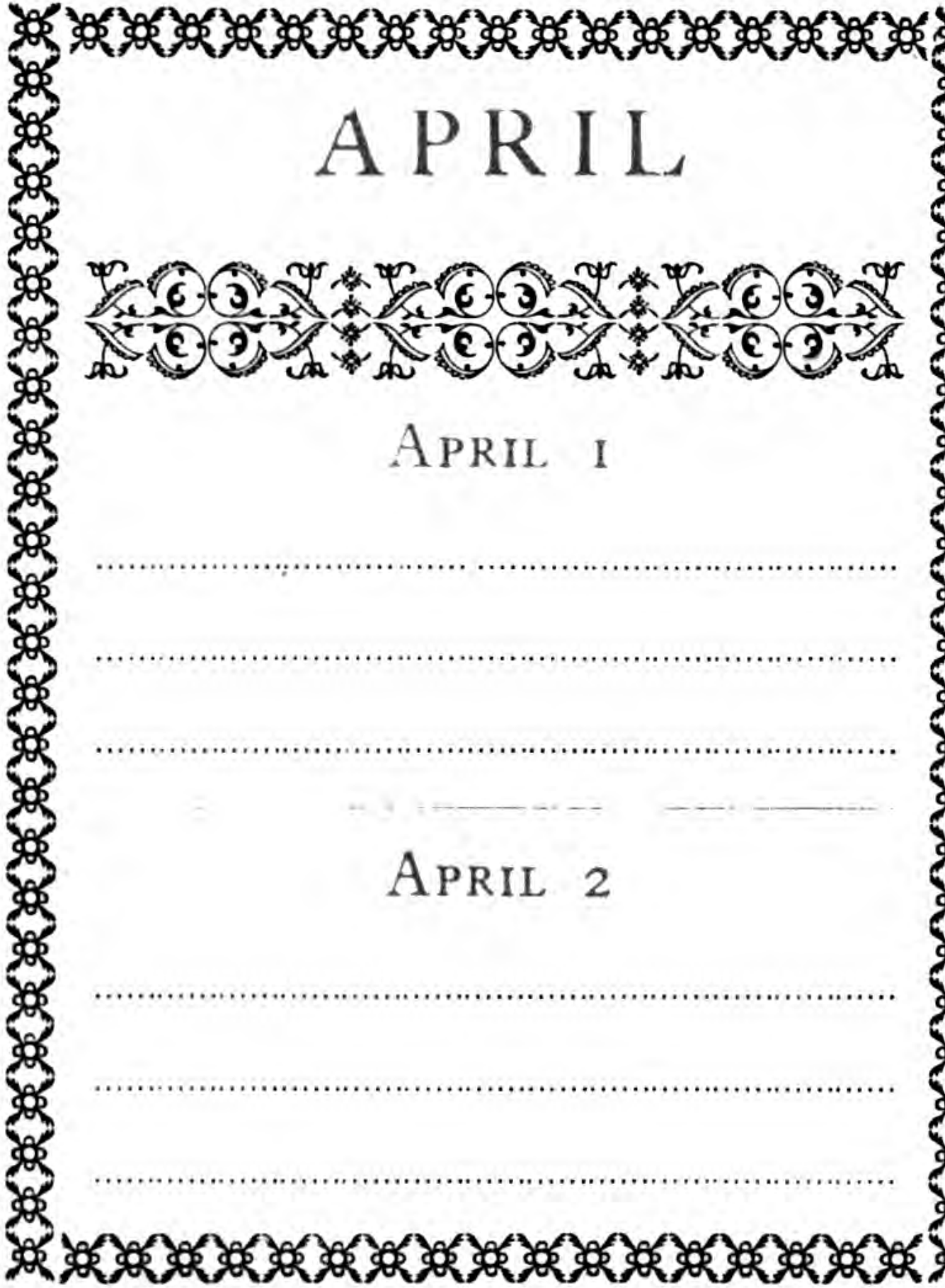
GOD speaks daily in a new language by the tongues of men. Every scruple, every dissent, every glimpse of something new, is a letter of God's alphabet.

Lay Morals.

APRIL 2

THE thoughts and habits of each fresh generation and each new coined spirit throw another light upon the Universe and contain another commentary on the printed Bibles.

Lay Morals.



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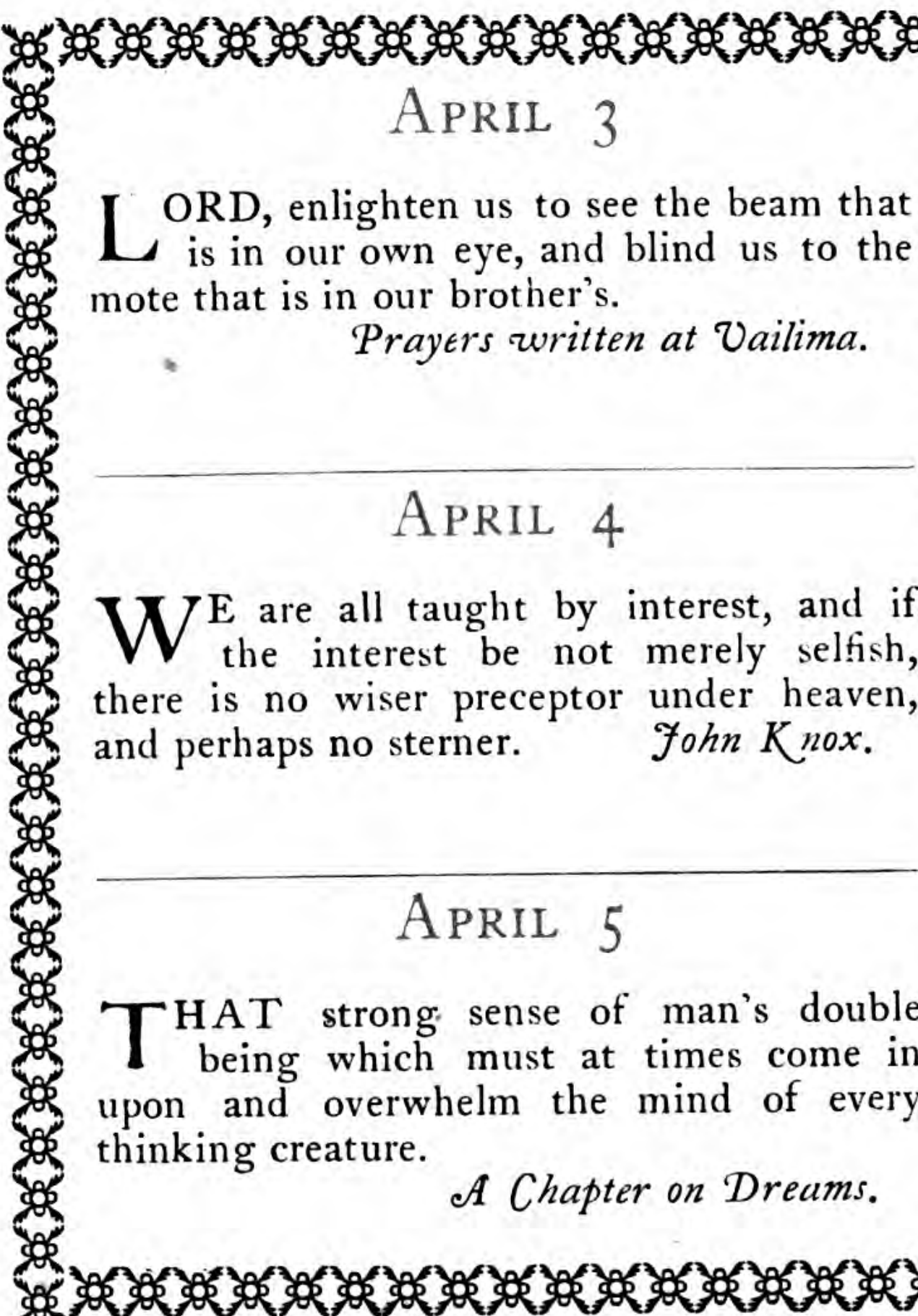
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LORD, enlighten us to see the beam that is in our own eye, and blind us to the mote that is in our brother's.

Prayers written at Uailima.

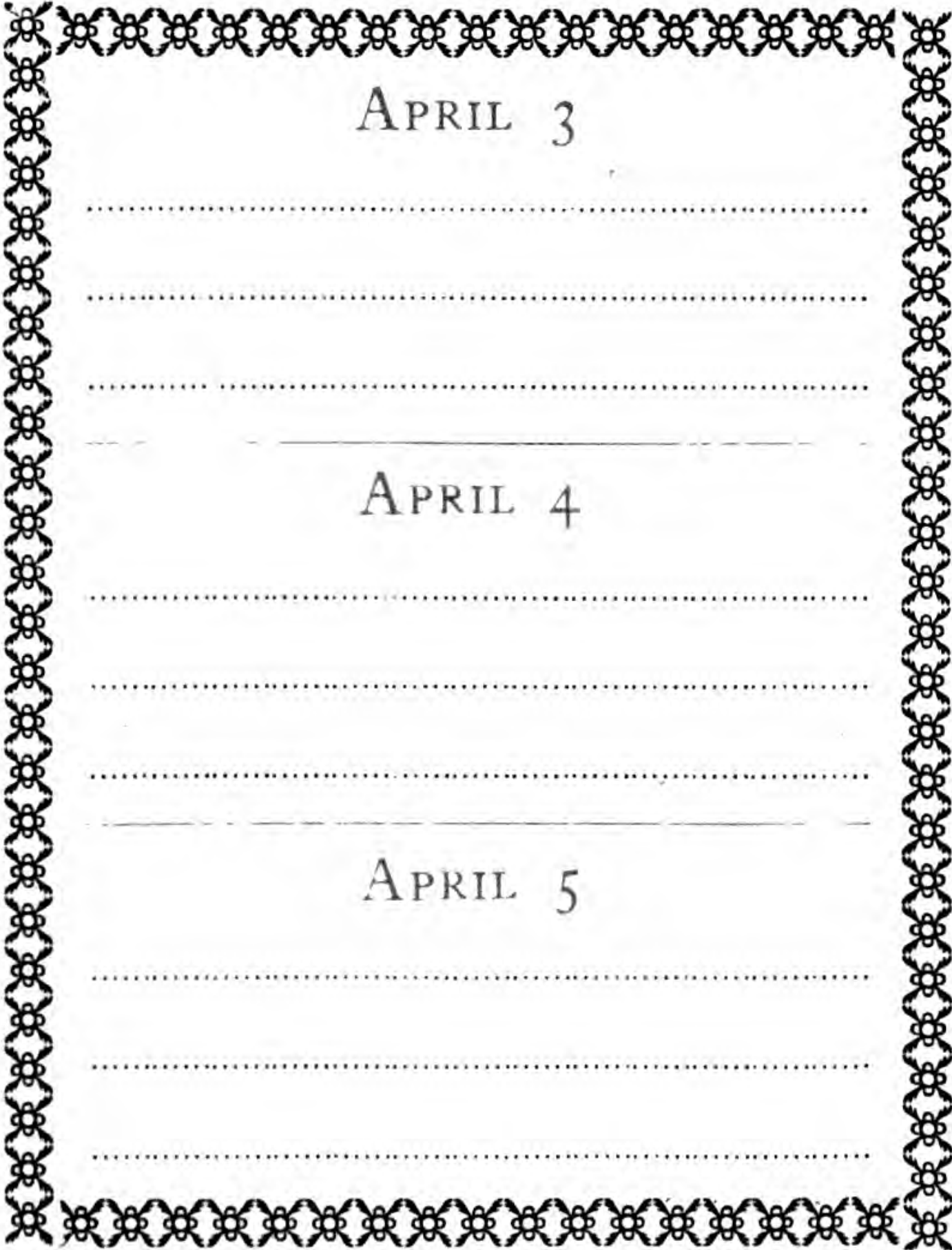
APRIL 4

WE are all taught by interest, and if the interest be not merely selfish, there is no wiser preceptor under heaven, and perhaps no sterner. *John Knox.*

APRIL 5

THAT strong sense of man's double being which must at times come in upon and overwhelm the mind of every thinking creature.

A Chapter on Dreams.



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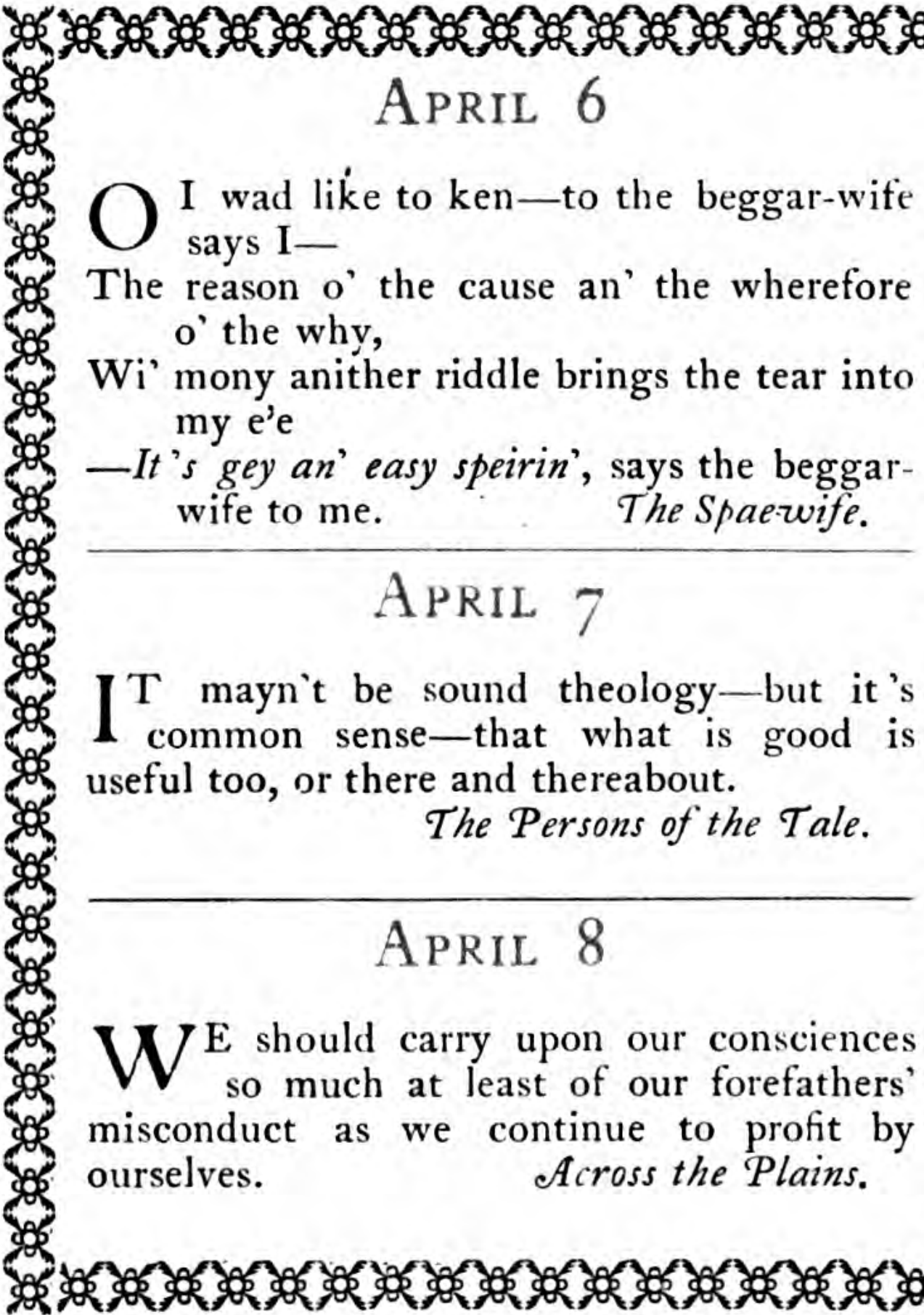
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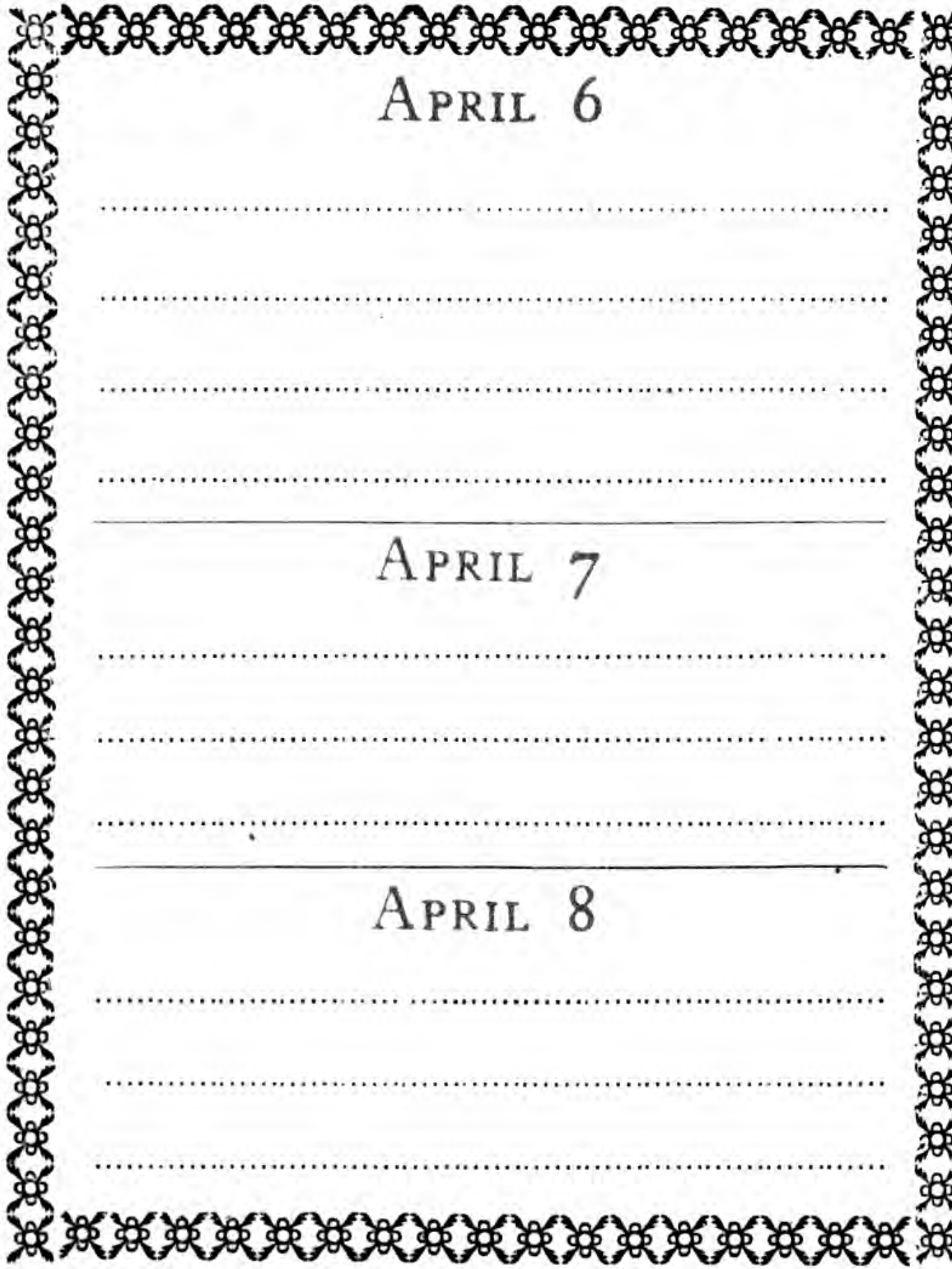
O I wad like to ken—to the beggar-wife
says I—
The reason o' the cause an' the wherefore
o' the why,
Wi' mony anither riddle brings the tear into
my e'e
—*It's gey an' easy speirin',* says the beggar-
wife to me. *The Spaewife.*

APRIL 7

I T mayn't be sound theology—but it's
common sense—that what is good is
useful too, or there and thereabout.
The Persons of the Tale.

APRIL 8

WE should carry upon our consciences
so much at least of our forefathers'
misconduct as we continue to profit by
ourselves. *Across the Plains.*



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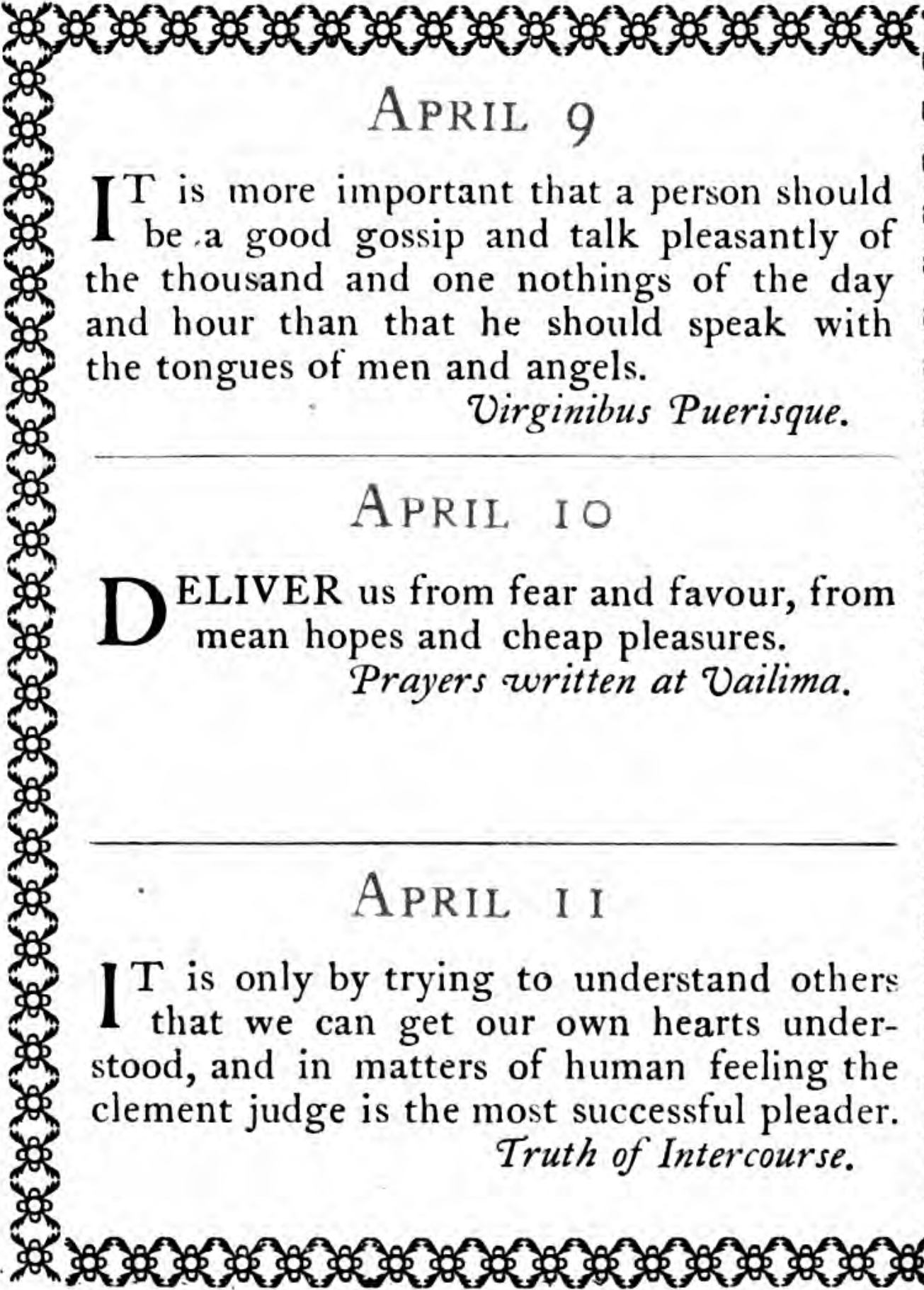
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APRIL 9

IT is more important that a person should be a good gossip and talk pleasantly of the thousand and one nothings of the day and hour than that he should speak with the tongues of men and angels.

Virginibus Puerisque.

APRIL 10

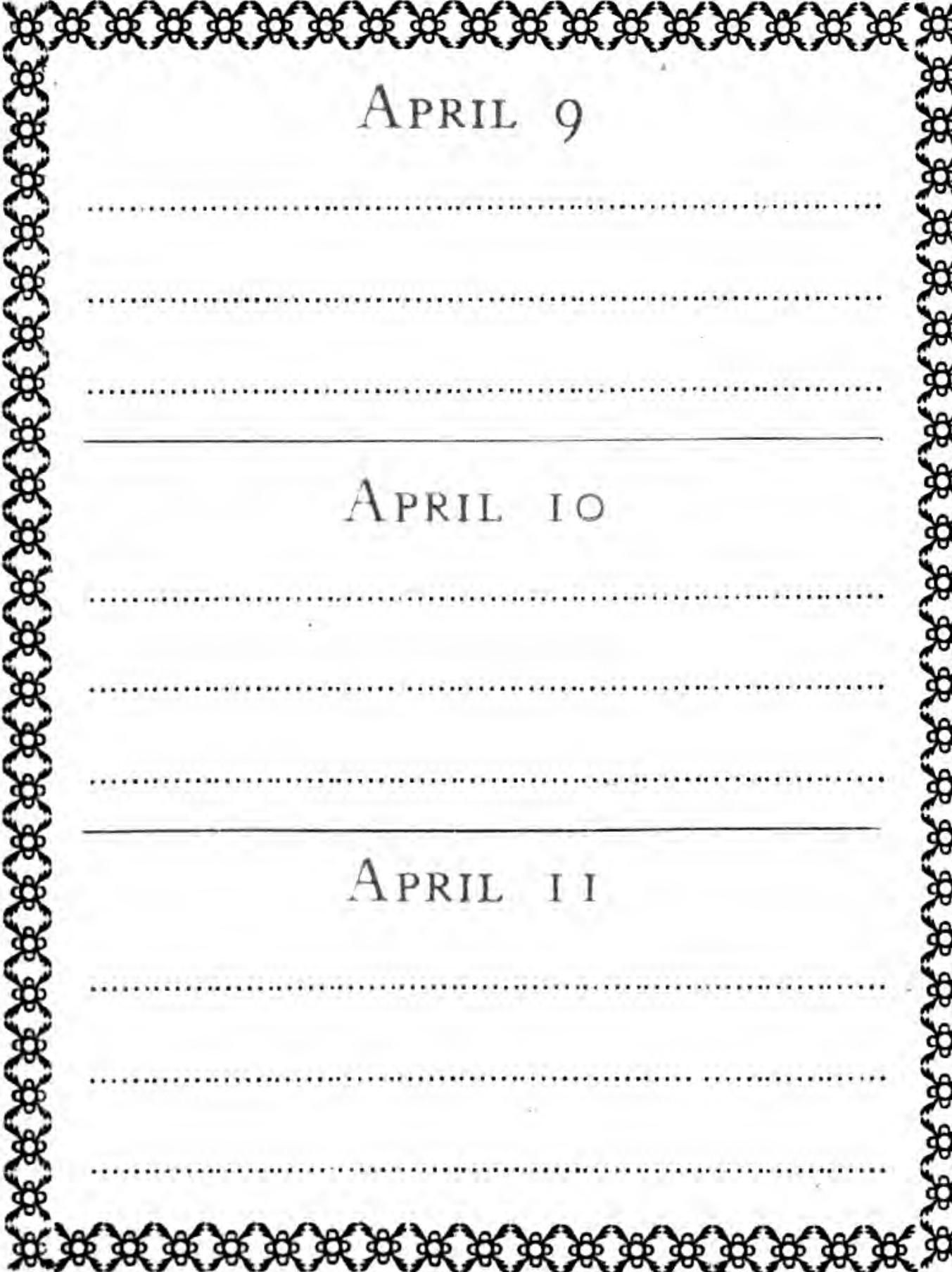
DELIVER us from fear and favour, from mean hopes and cheap pleasures.

Prayers written at Vailima.

APRIL 11

IT is only by trying to understand others that we can get our own hearts understood, and in matters of human feeling the clement judge is the most successful pleader.

Truth of Intercourse.



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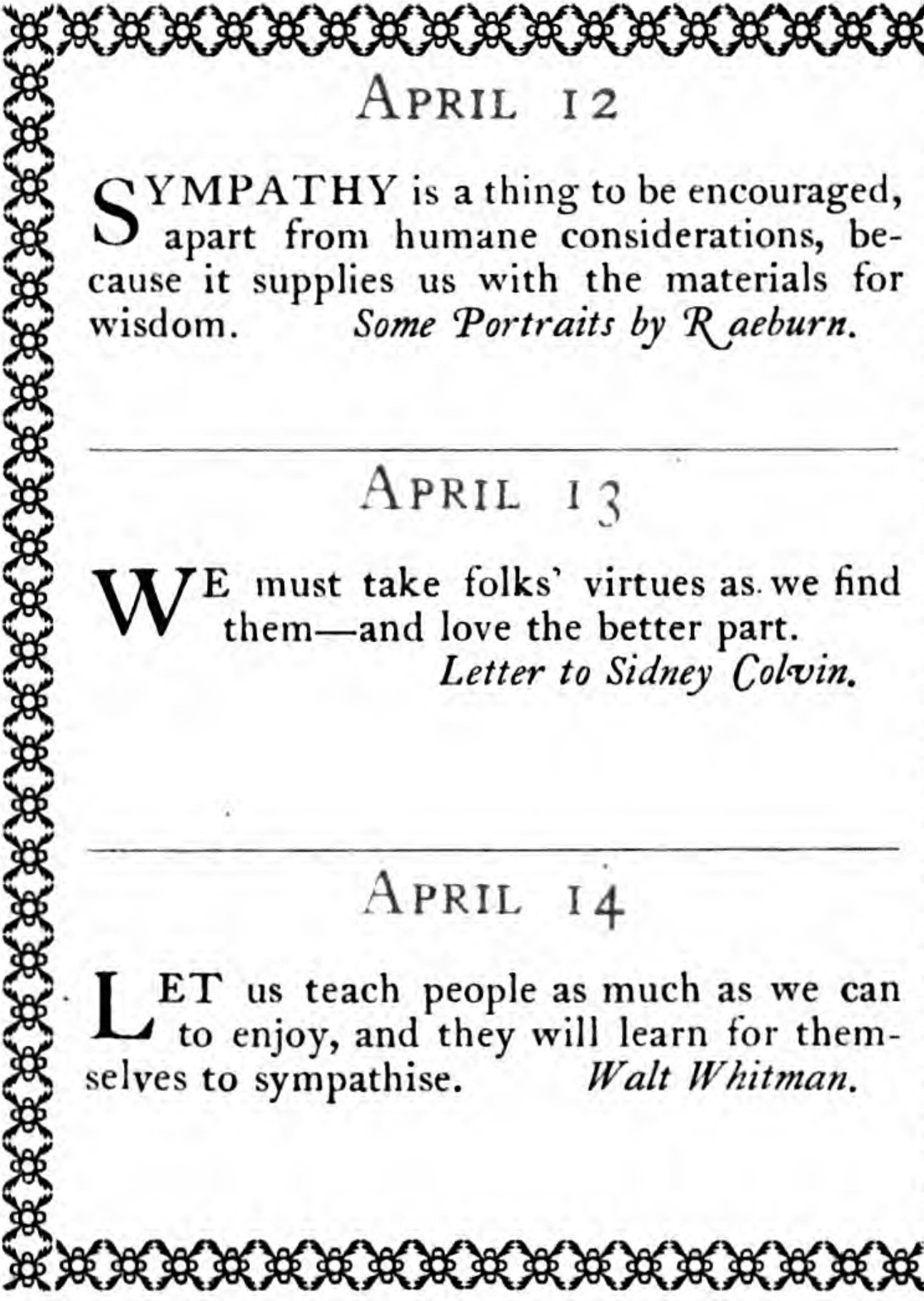
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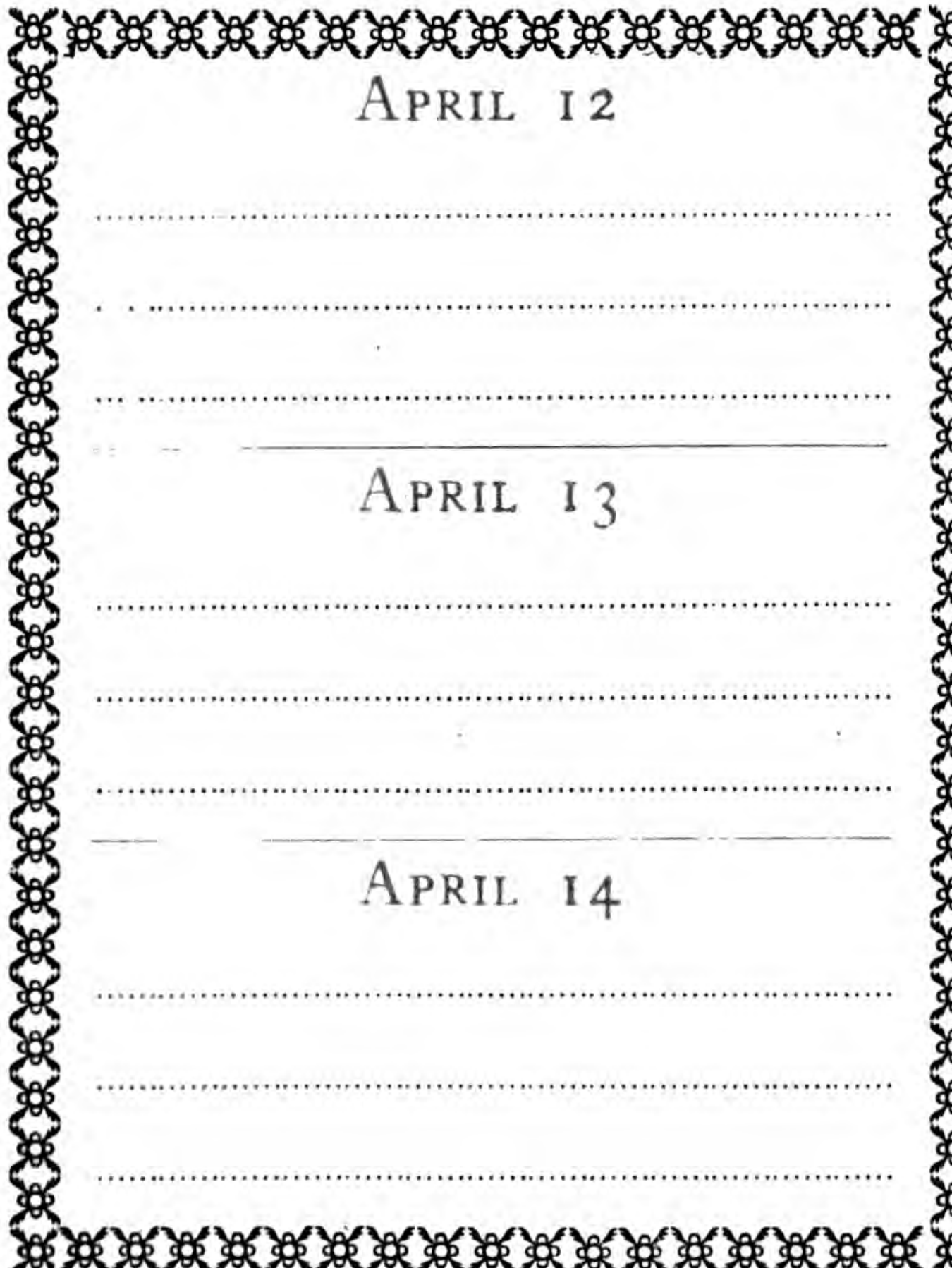
SYMPATHY is a thing to be encouraged,
apart from humane considerations, be-
cause it supplies us with the materials for
wisdom. *Some Portraits by Raeburn.*

APRIL 13

WE must take folks' virtues as we find
them—and love the better part.
Letter to Sidney Colvin.

APRIL 14

LET us teach people as much as we can
to enjoy, and they will learn for them-
selves to sympathise. *Walt Whitman.*



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WE may struggle as we please, we are not born economists. The individual is more affecting than the mass.

The Amateur Emigrant.

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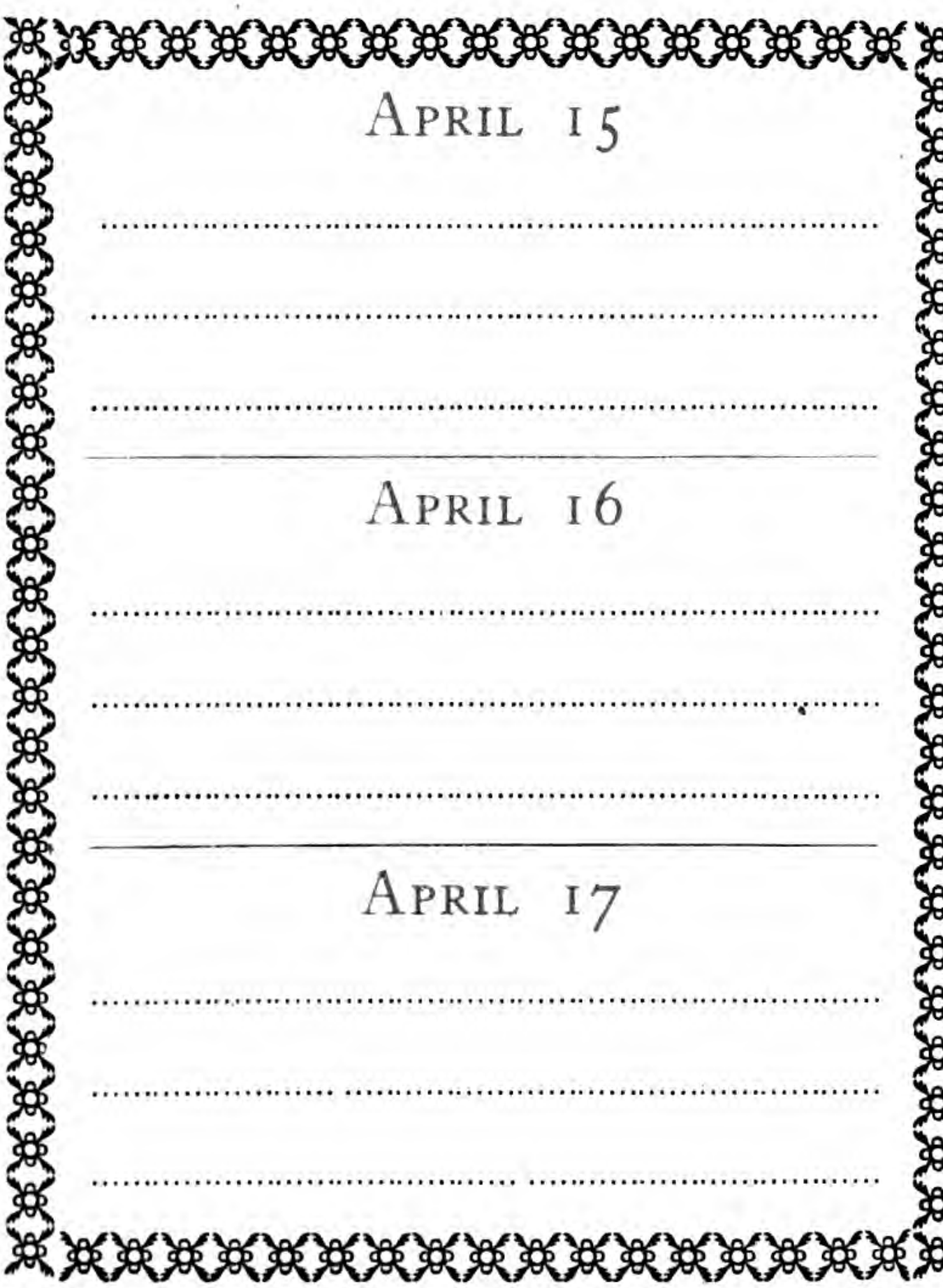
CHARITY begins blindfold, and only through a sense of similar misapprehensions rises at length into a settled principle of love and patience and a firm belief in all our fellow men.

Travels with a Donkey.

APRIL 17

IT is the proof of intelligence, the proof of not being a barbarian, to be able to enter into something outside oneself.

Letter to Sidney Colvin.



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APRIL 18

IF we are indeed here to perfect and complete our own natures and grow larger and stronger and more sympathetic against some nobler career in the future, we had all best bestir ourselves while we have the time.

Crabbed Age and Youth.

APRIL 19

OUR beloved in the far parts of the earth, bless, help, console and prosper them.

Prayers written at Uailima.

APRIL 20

THAT heat and height of sane emotion which we agree to call by the name of poetry.

A Humble Remonstrance.

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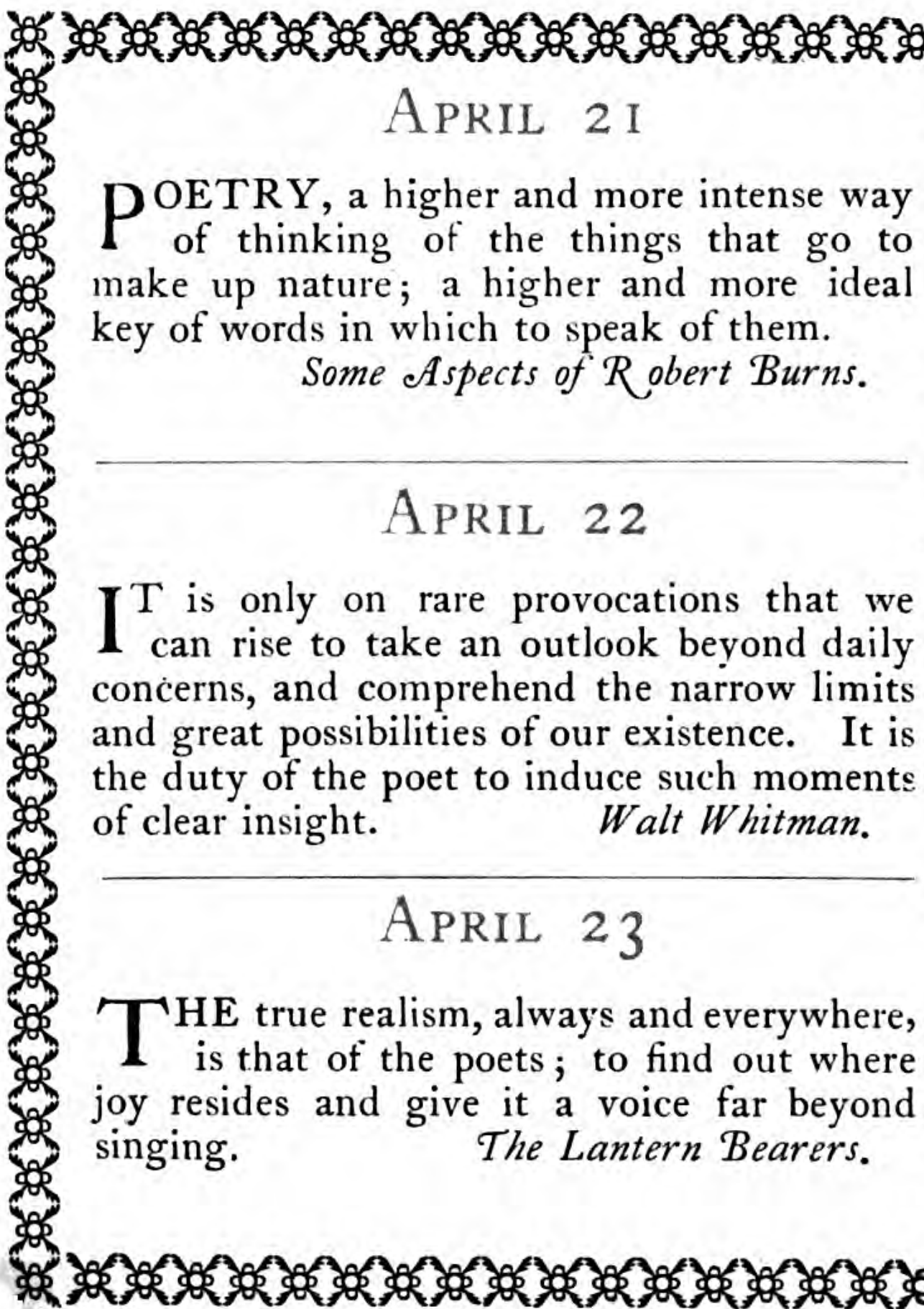
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APRIL 21

POETRY, a higher and more intense way of thinking of the things that go to make up nature; a higher and more ideal key of words in which to speak of them.

Some Aspects of Robert Burns.

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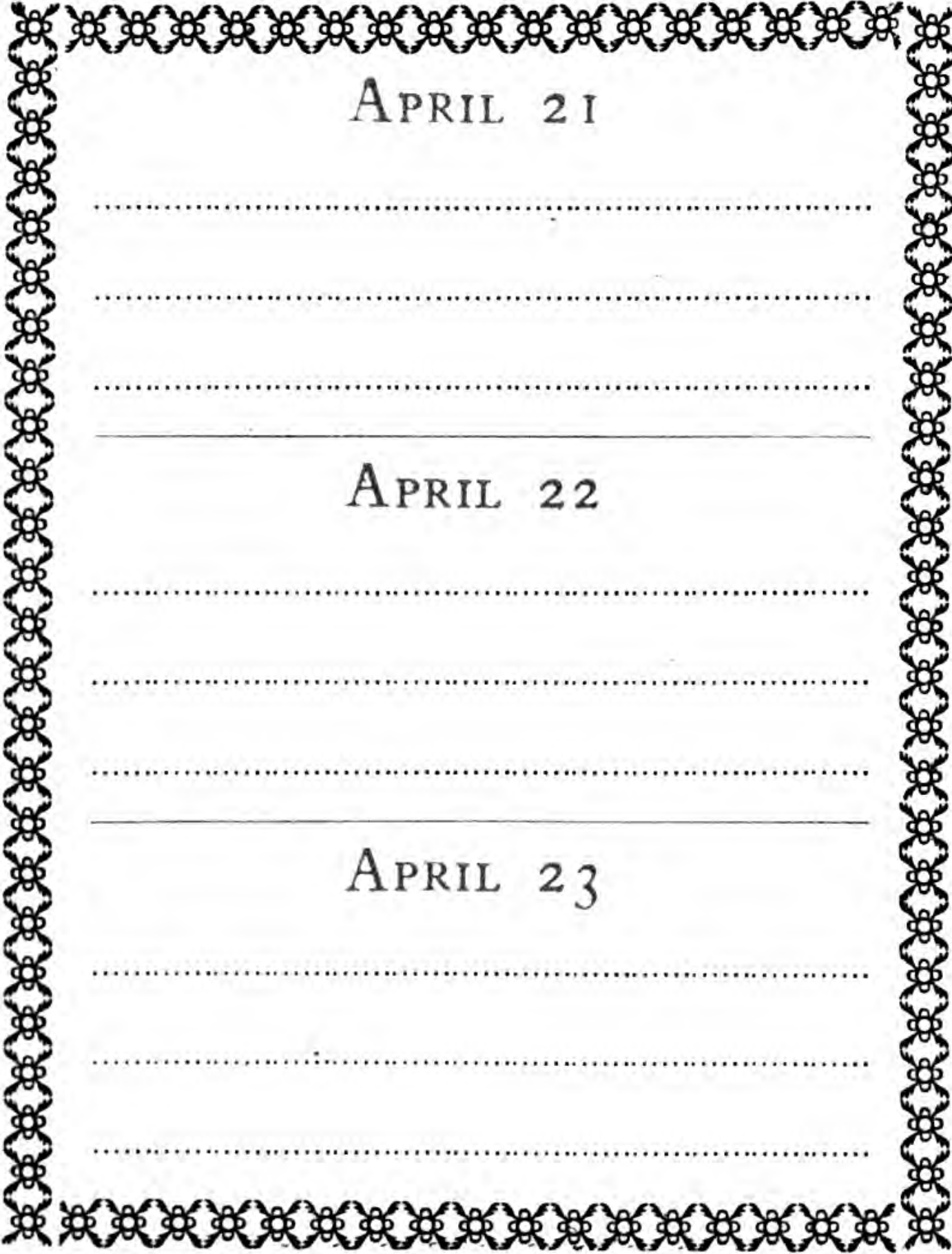
IT is only on rare provocations that we can rise to take an outlook beyond daily concerns, and comprehend the narrow limits and great possibilities of our existence. It is the duty of the poet to induce such moments of clear insight.

Walt Whitman.

APRIL 23

THE true realism, always and everywhere, is that of the poets; to find out where joy resides and give it a voice far beyond singing.

The Lantern Bearers.



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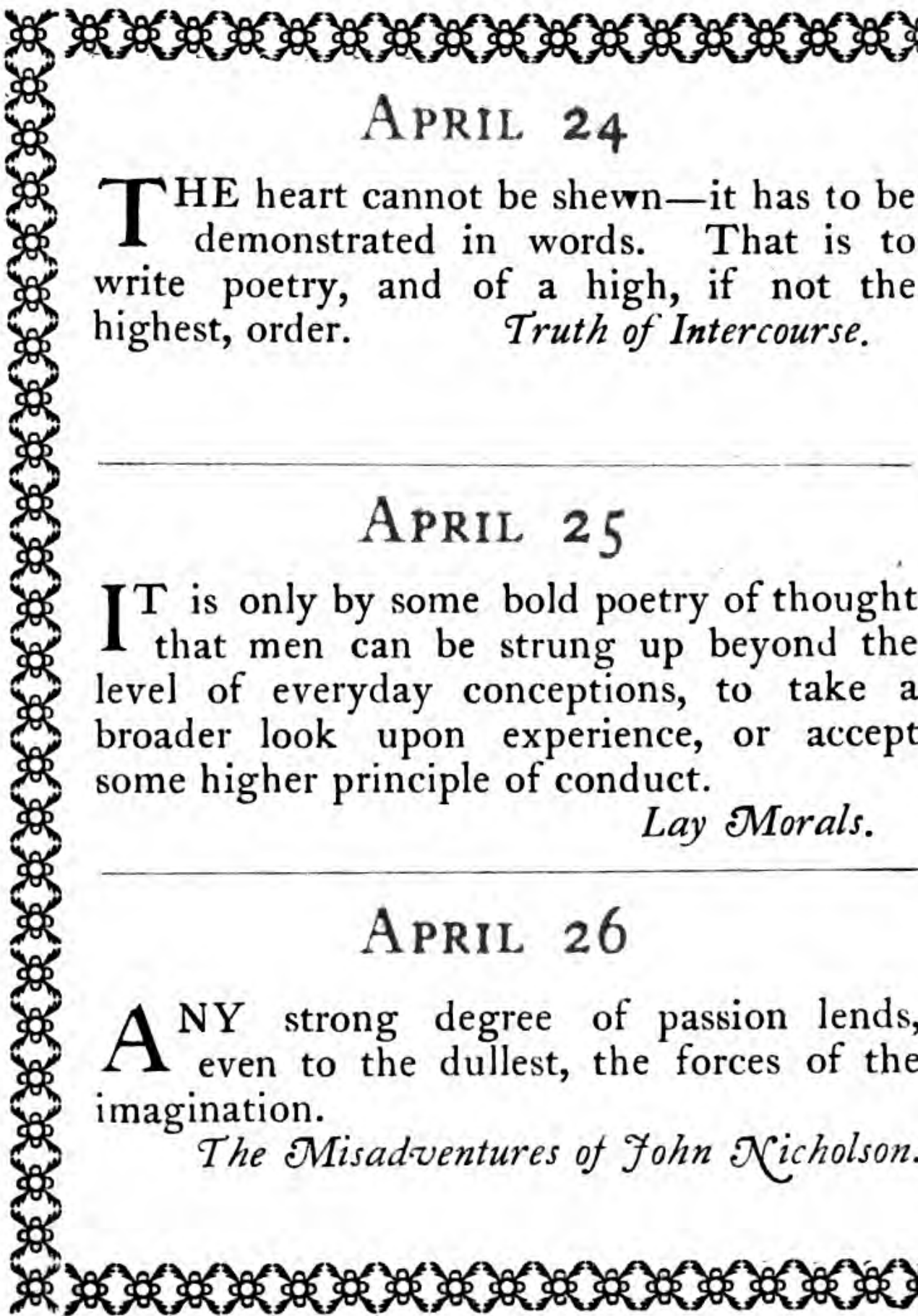
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APRIL 24

THE heart cannot be shewn—it has to be demonstrated in words. That is to write poetry, and of a high, if not the highest, order. *Truth of Intercourse.*

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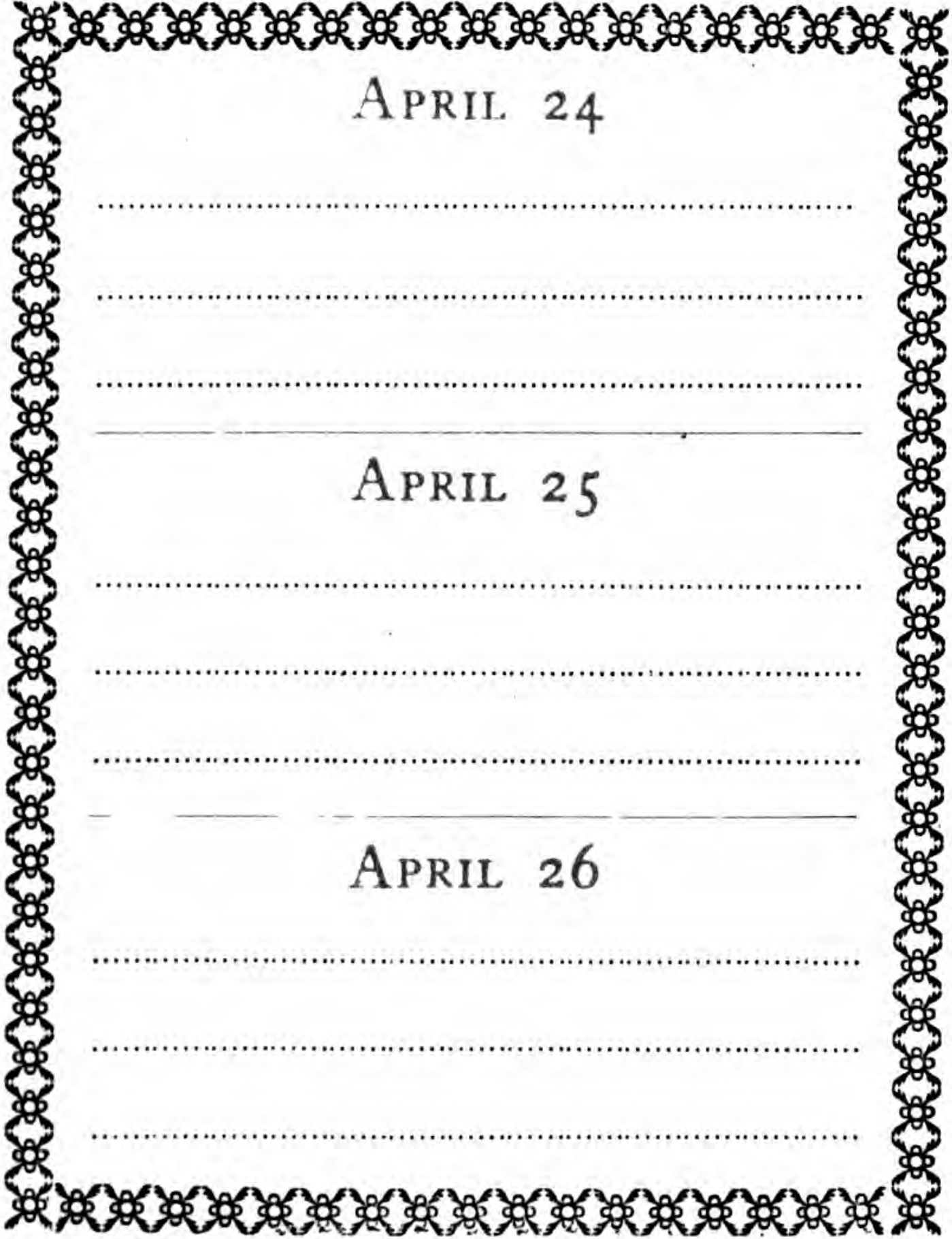
IT is only by some bold poetry of thought that men can be strung up beyond the level of everyday conceptions, to take a broader look upon experience, or accept some higher principle of conduct.

Lay Morals.

APRIL 26

ANY strong degree of passion lends, even to the dullest, the forces of the imagination.

The Misadventures of John Nicholson.



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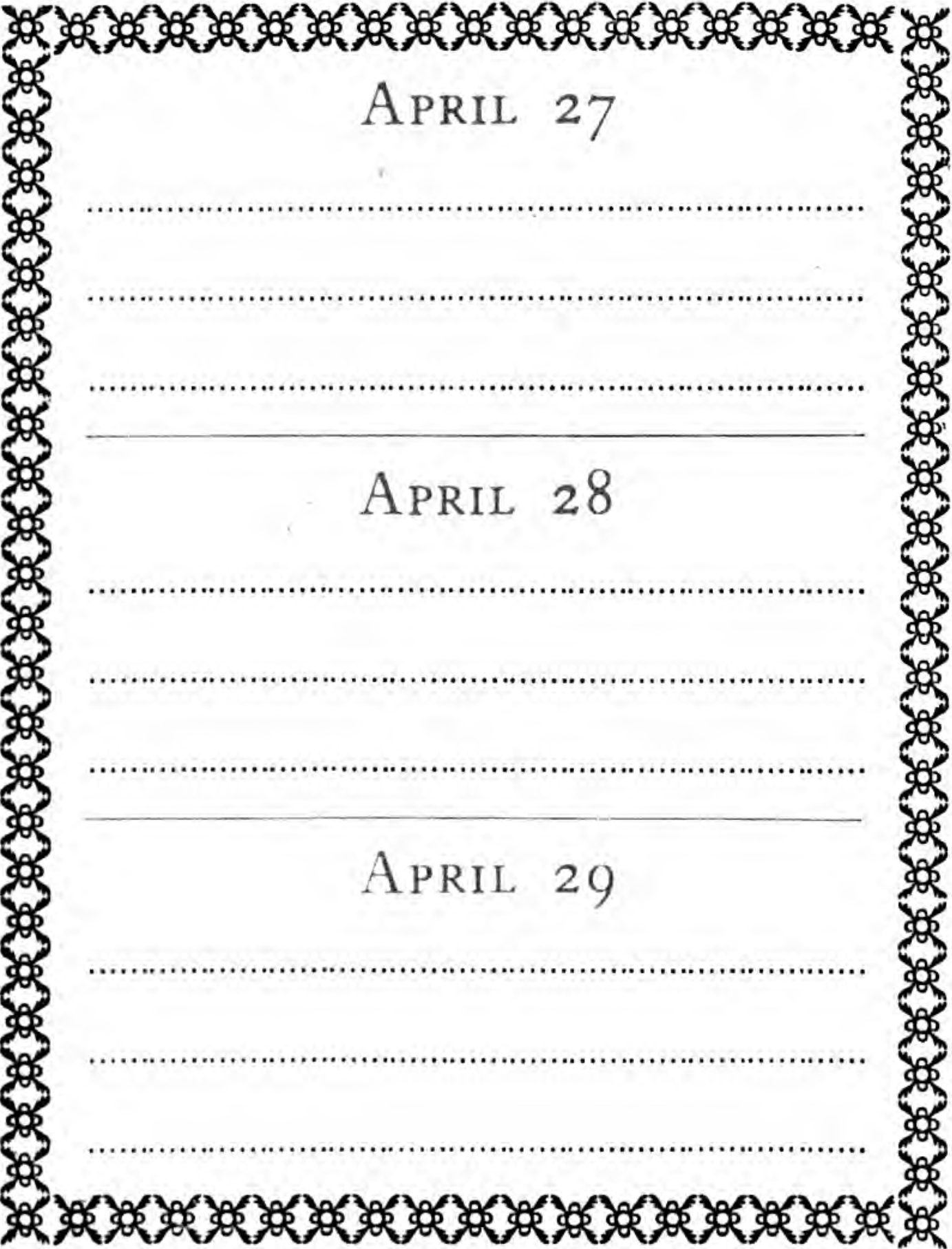
DRAMA is the poetry of conduct ;
Romance the poetry of circumstance.
A Gossip on Romance.

APRIL 28

LORD, we thank Thee for the health, the
work, the food, and the bright skies
which make our lives delightful.
Prayers written at Uailima.

APRIL 29

THE coming of the day is most inspirit-
ing, yet day's departure also, and the
return of night, refresh, renew, and quiet us.
The Silverado Squatters.



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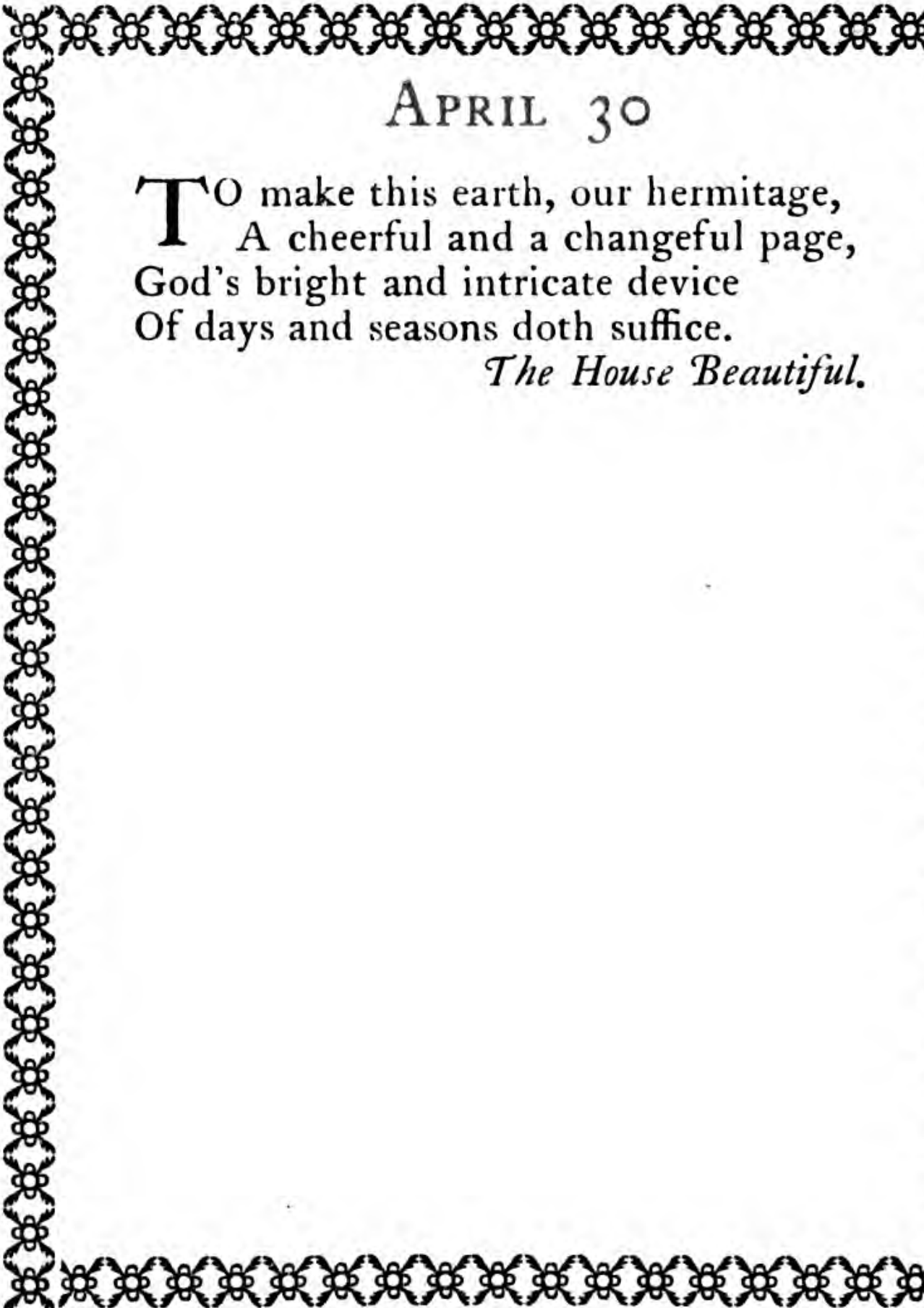
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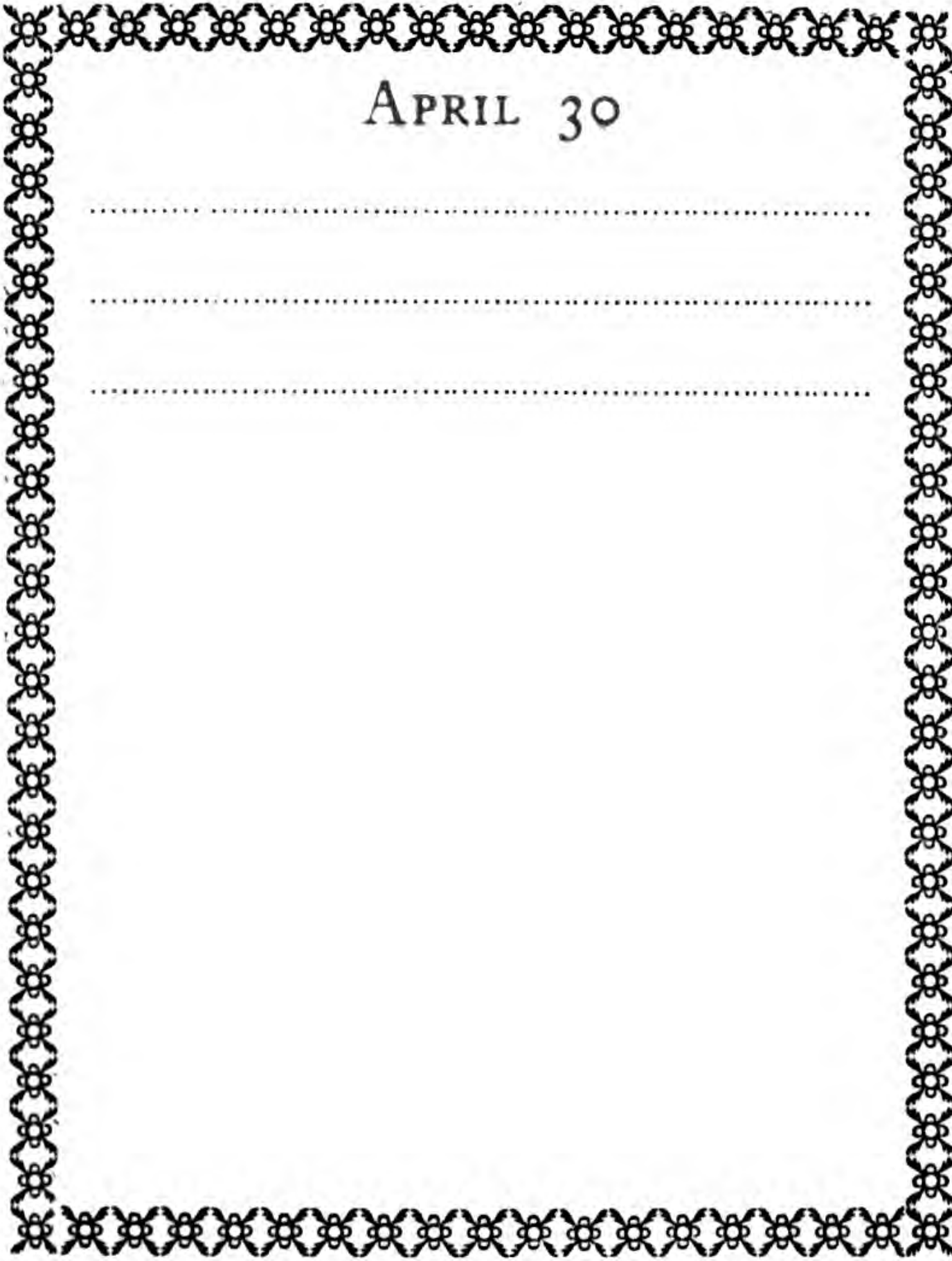
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APRIL 30

TO make this earth, our hermitage,
A cheerful and a changeful page,
God's bright and intricate device
Of days and seasons doth suffice.

The House Beautiful.

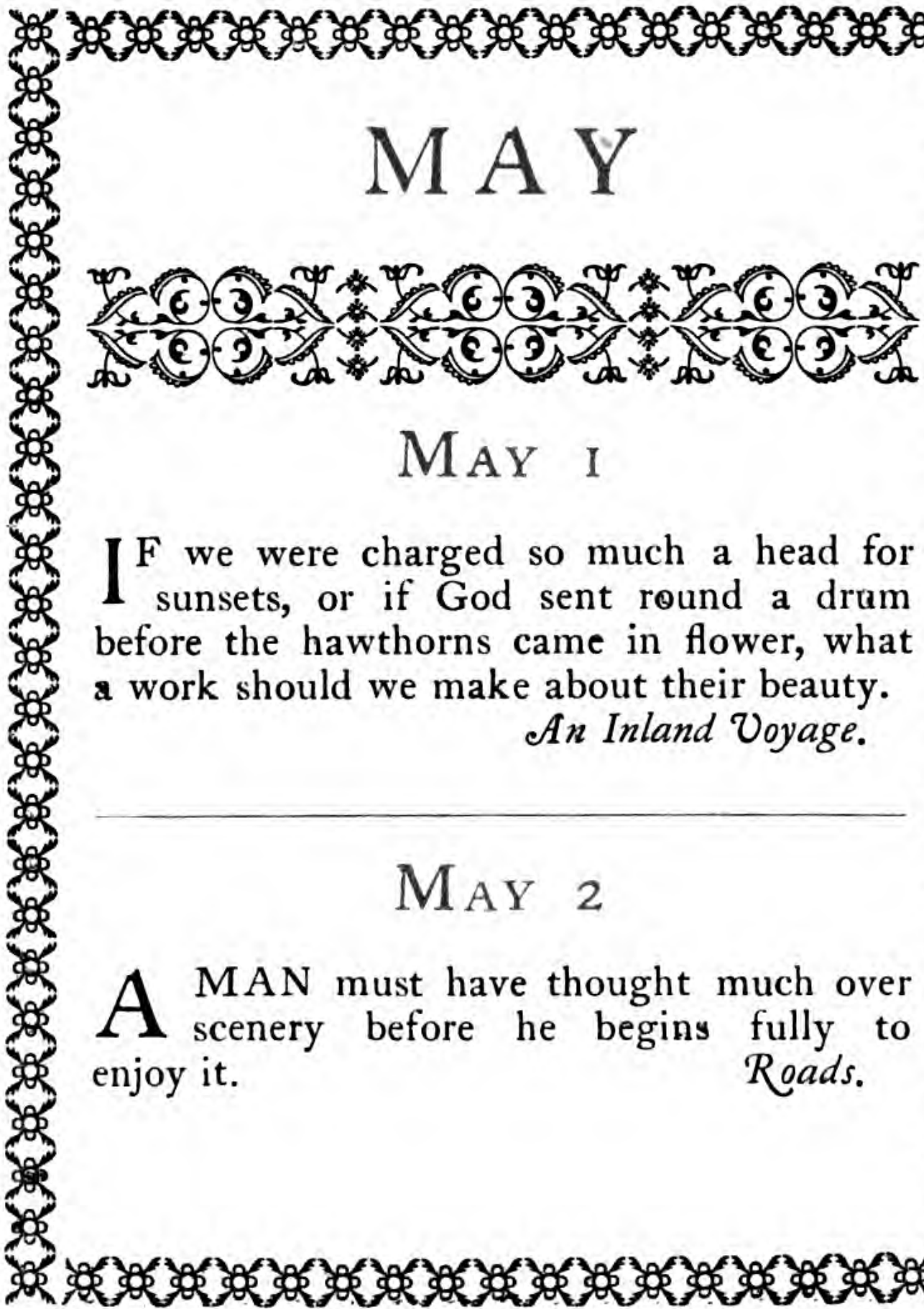


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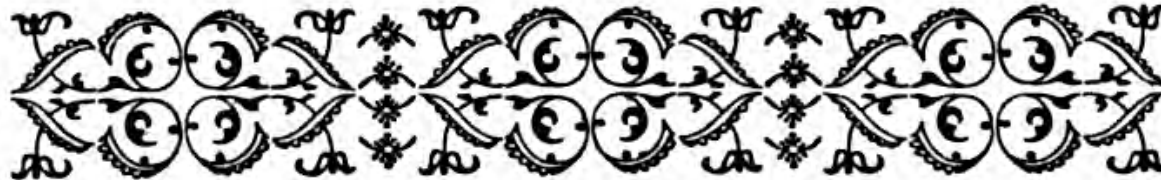
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IF we were charged so much a head for sunsets, or if God sent round a drum before the hawthorns came in flower, what a work should we make about their beauty.

An Inland Voyage.

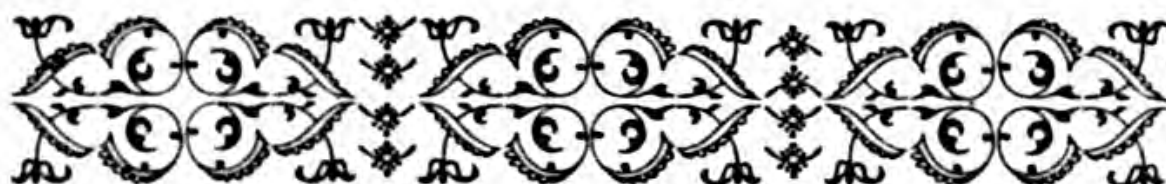
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A MAN must have thought much over scenery before he begins fully to enjoy it.

Roads.



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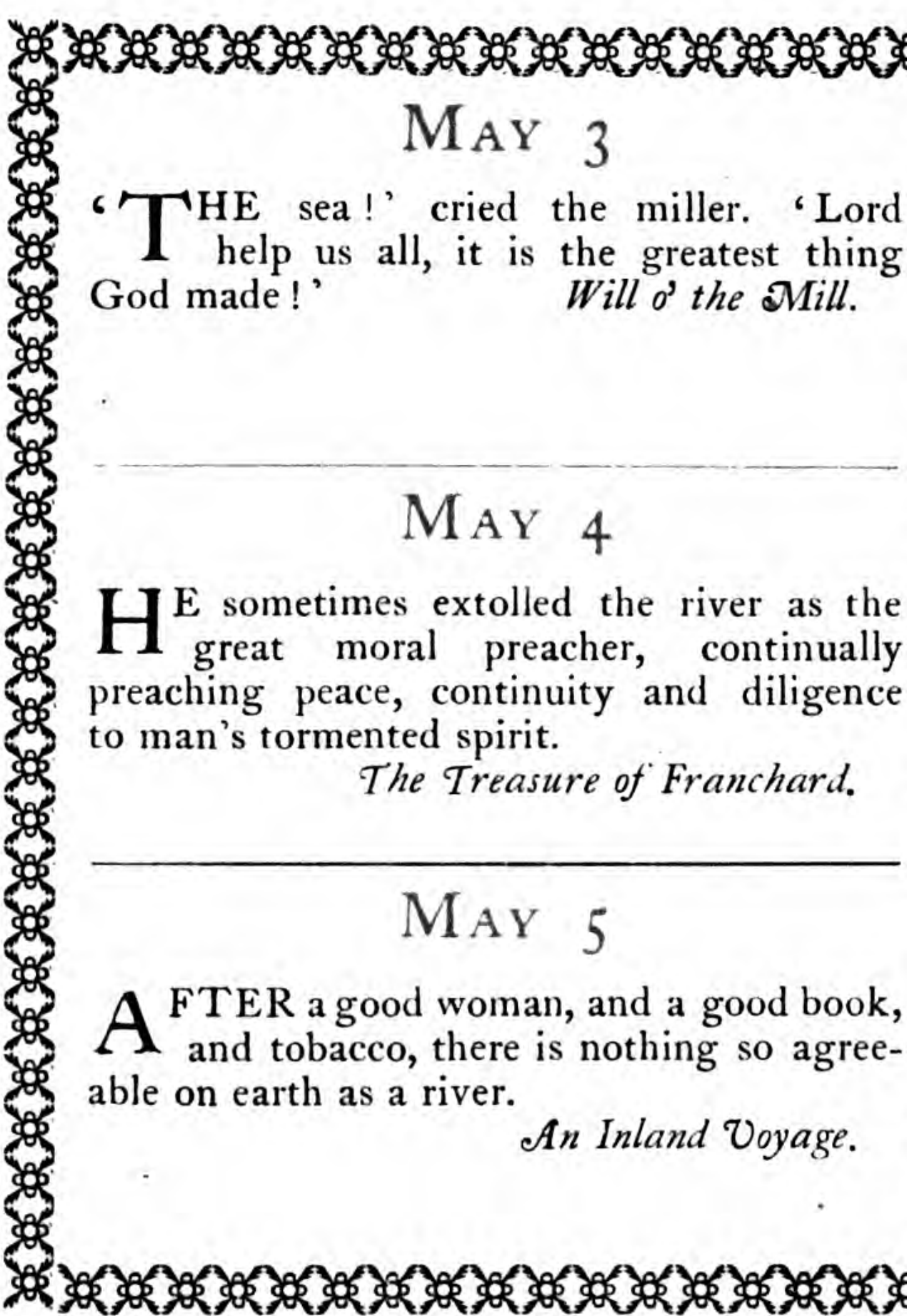
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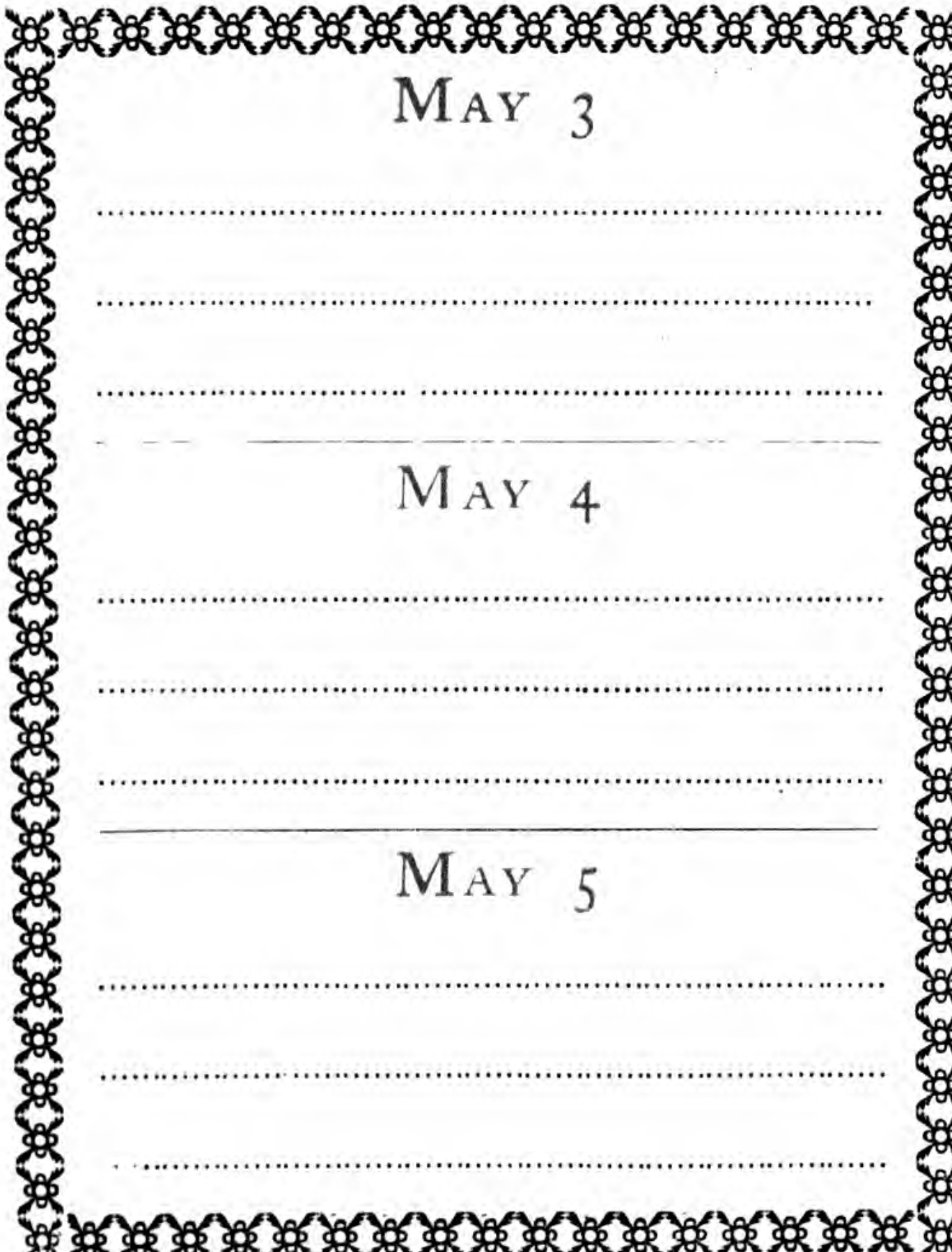
‘**T**HE sea!’ cried the miller. ‘Lord
help us all, it is the greatest thing
God made!’ *Will o’ the Mill.*

MAY 4

HE sometimes extolled the river as the
great moral preacher, continually
preaching peace, continuity and diligence
to man’s tormented spirit.
The Treasure of Franchard.

MAY 5

AFTER a good woman, and a good book,
and tobacco, there is nothing so agree-
able on earth as a river.
An Inland Voyage.



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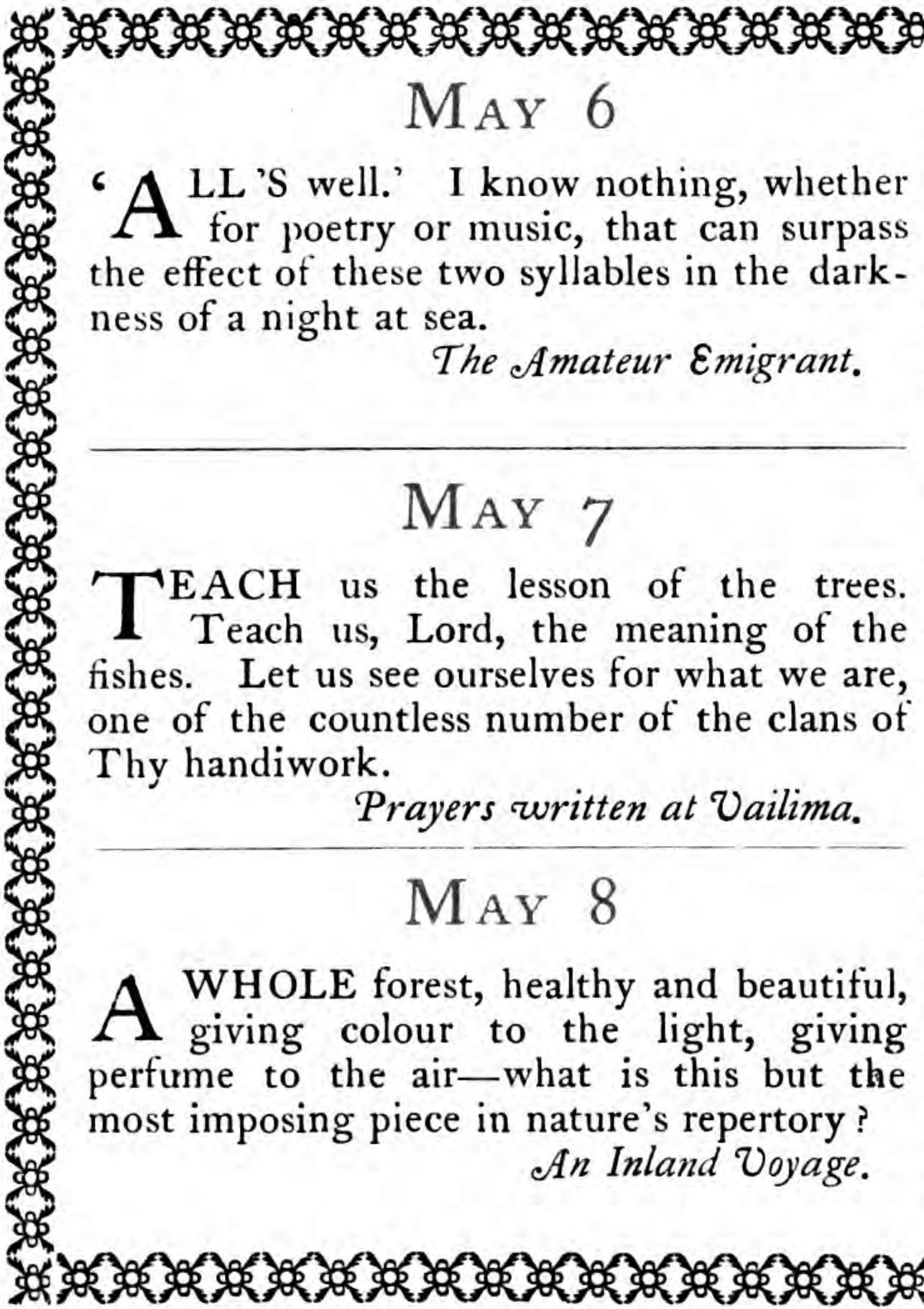
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‘ALL’S well.’ I know nothing, whether for poetry or music, that can surpass the effect of these two syllables in the darkness of a night at sea.

The Amateur Emigrant.

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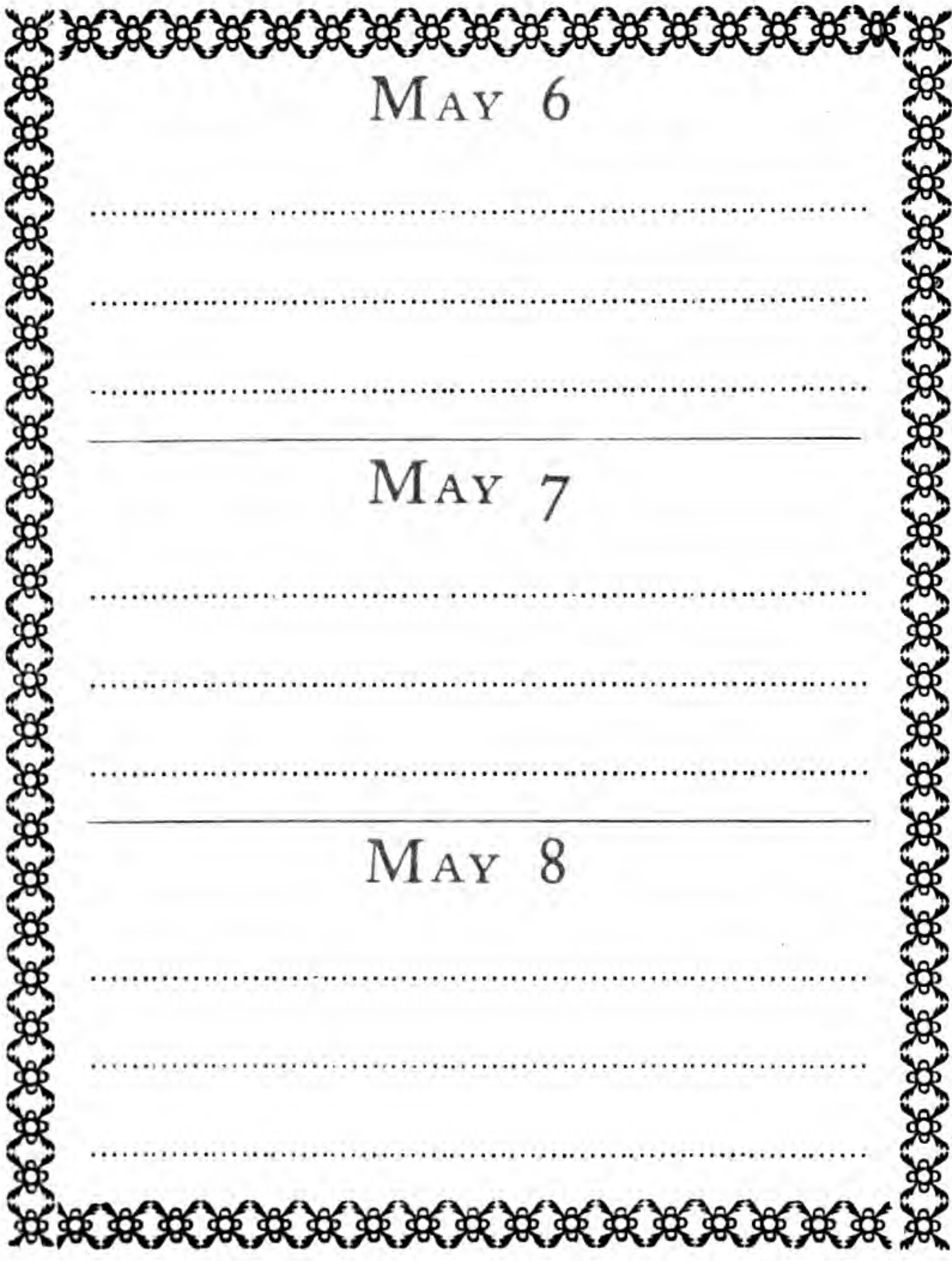
TEACH us the lesson of the trees. Teach us, Lord, the meaning of the fishes. Let us see ourselves for what we are, one of the countless number of the clans of Thy handiwork.

Prayers written at Uailima.

MAY 8

A WHOLE forest, healthy and beautiful, giving colour to the light, giving perfume to the air—what is this but the most imposing piece in nature’s repertory?

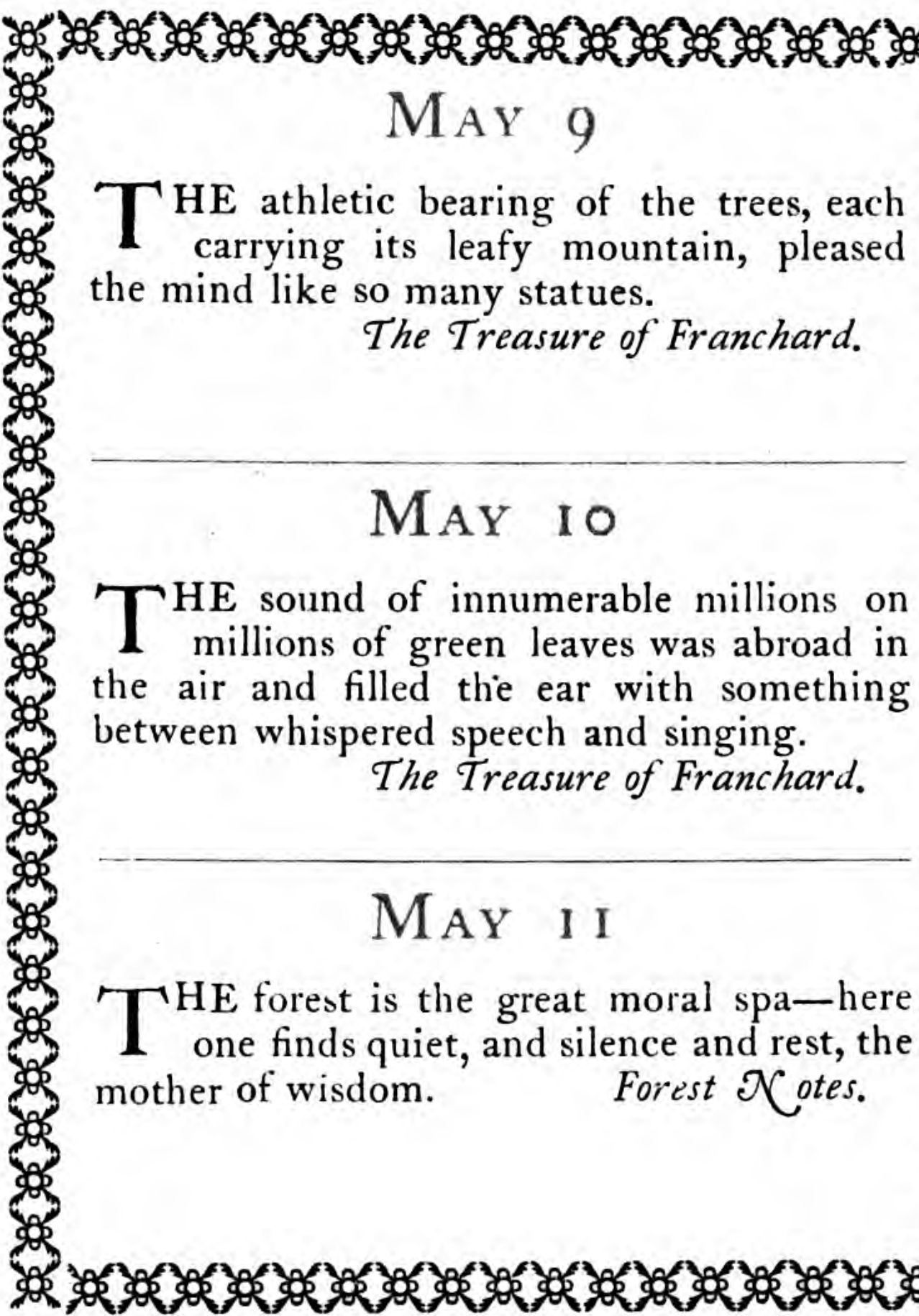
An Inland Voyage.



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MAY 9

THE athletic bearing of the trees, each carrying its leafy mountain, pleased the mind like so many statues.

The Treasure of Franchard.

MAY 10

THE sound of innumerable millions on millions of green leaves was abroad in the air and filled the ear with something between whispered speech and singing.

The Treasure of Franchard.

MAY 11

THE forest is the great moral spa—here one finds quiet, and silence and rest, the mother of wisdom.

Forest Notes.

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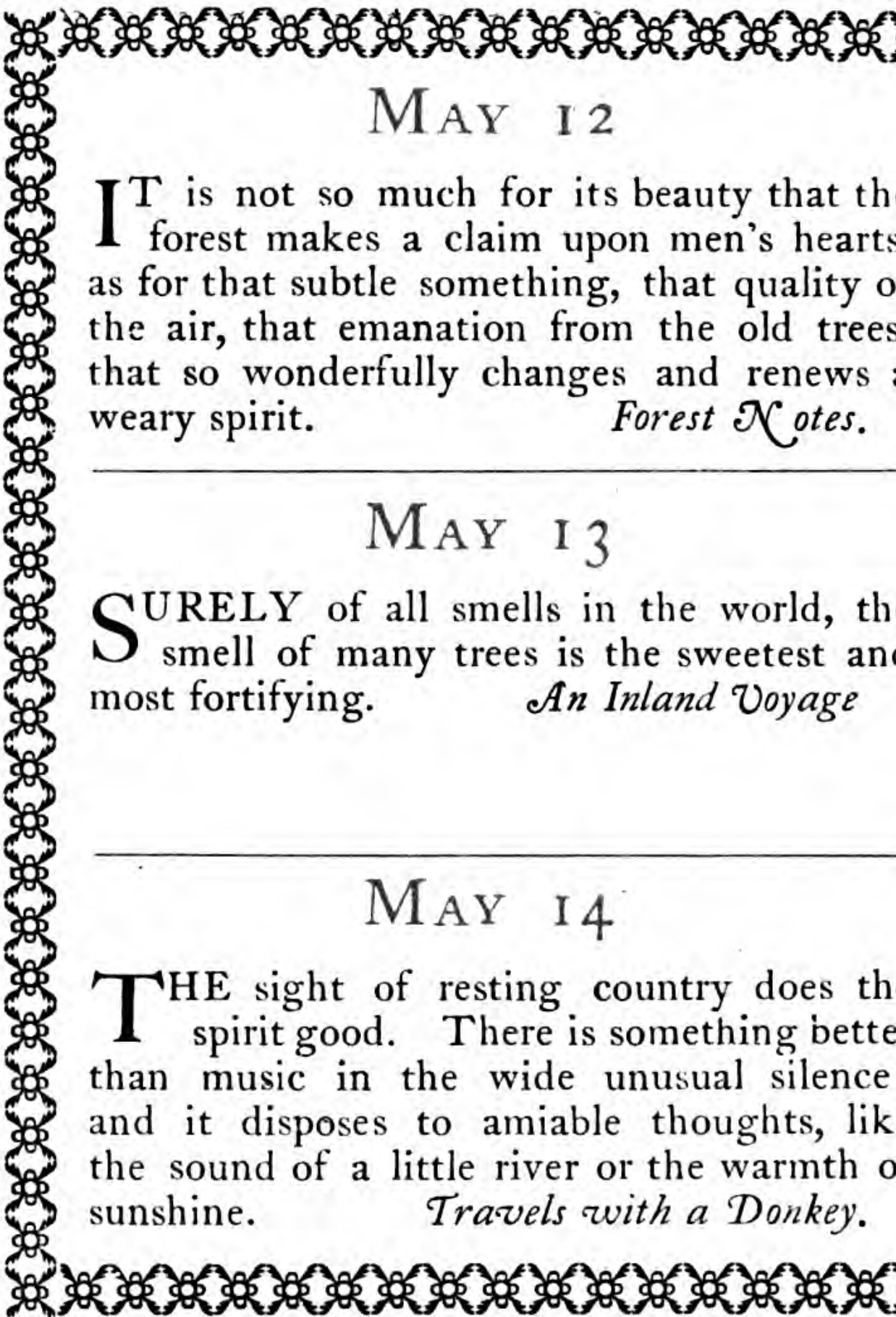
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IT is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts as for that subtle something, that quality of the air, that emanation from the old trees that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.

Forest Notes.

MAY 13

SURELY of all smells in the world, the smell of many trees is the sweetest and most fortifying.

An Inland Voyage

MAY 14

THE sight of resting country does the spirit good. There is something better than music in the wide unusual silence and it disposes to amiable thoughts, like the sound of a little river or the warmth of sunshine.

Travels with a Donkey.





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MAY 15

GRANT that we may be set free from
the fear of vicissitude and the fear of
death.

Prayers written at Uailima.

MAY 16

TO believe in immortality is one thing
but it is first needful to believe in life.

Old Mortality.

MAY 17

HOPE, which comes to all, outwears the
accidents of life, and reaches tremulous
hands beyond the grave and death.

Travels with a Donkey.



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MAY 18

EASY to say—yea, but also, by God's mercy, both easy and grateful to believe.

Travels with a Donkey.

MAY 19

LOVE makes people believe in immortality, for it is inconceivable that the most wonderful of our emotions should have no more than the spare moments of a few years.

Virginibus Puerisque.

MAY 20

ONE thing I see so clearly; Death is the end neither of joy nor sorrow.

Letter to Mrs. Sitwell.



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MAY 21

I HAVE convinced myself that we had better leave these great changes to what we call blind forces—their blindness being so much more perspicacious than the little peering, partial eyesight of men.

Crabbed Age and Youth.

MAY 22

I HEAR the signal, Lord—I understand.
The night at Thy command
Comes. I will eat and sleep and will not
question more. *Evensong.*

MAY 23

NOT yet thy human task is done !
A bond at birth is forged ; a debt
doth lie
Immortal on mortality.

‘Not yet, My Soul.’



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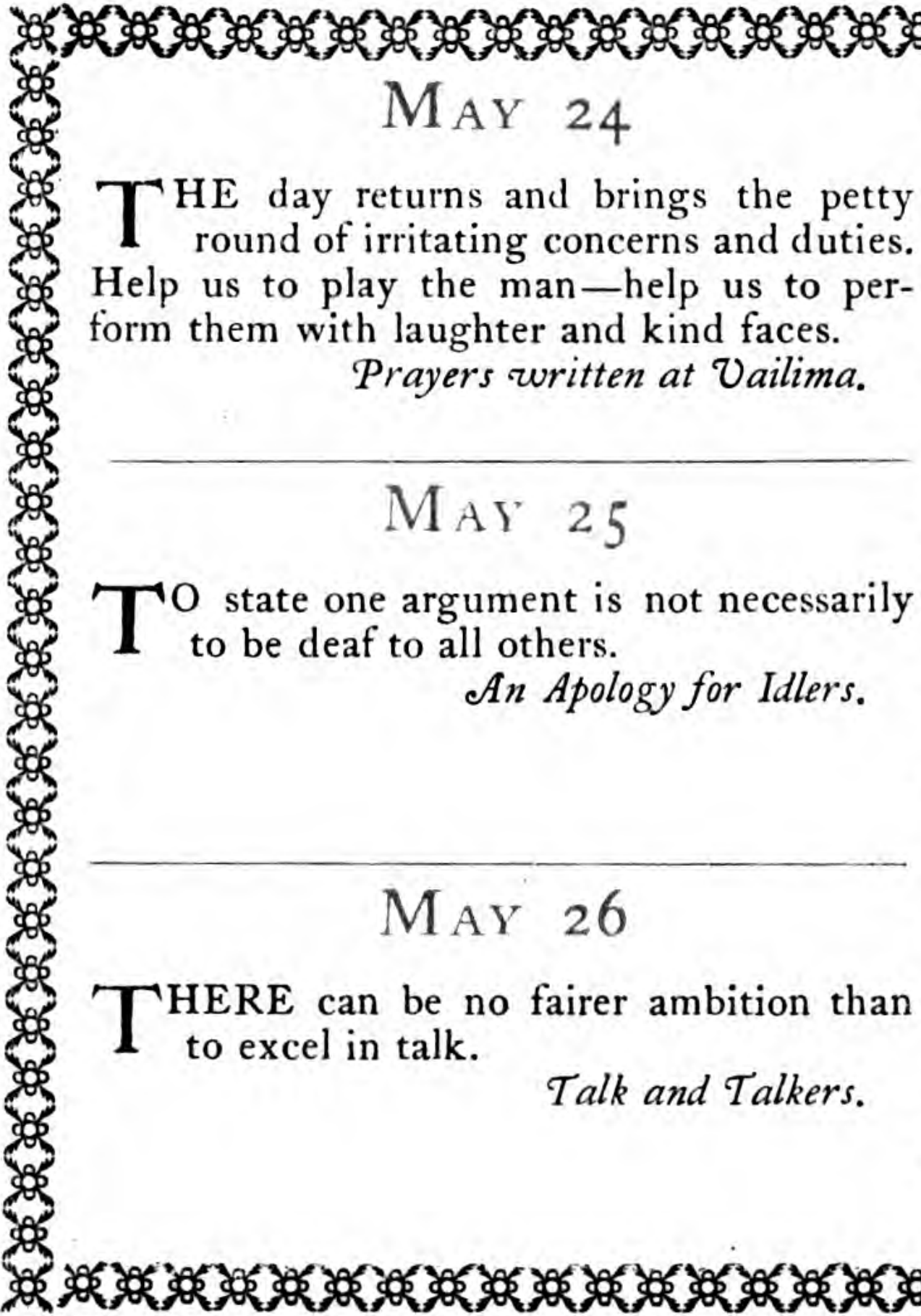
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THE day returns and brings the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man—help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces.

Prayers written at Uailima.

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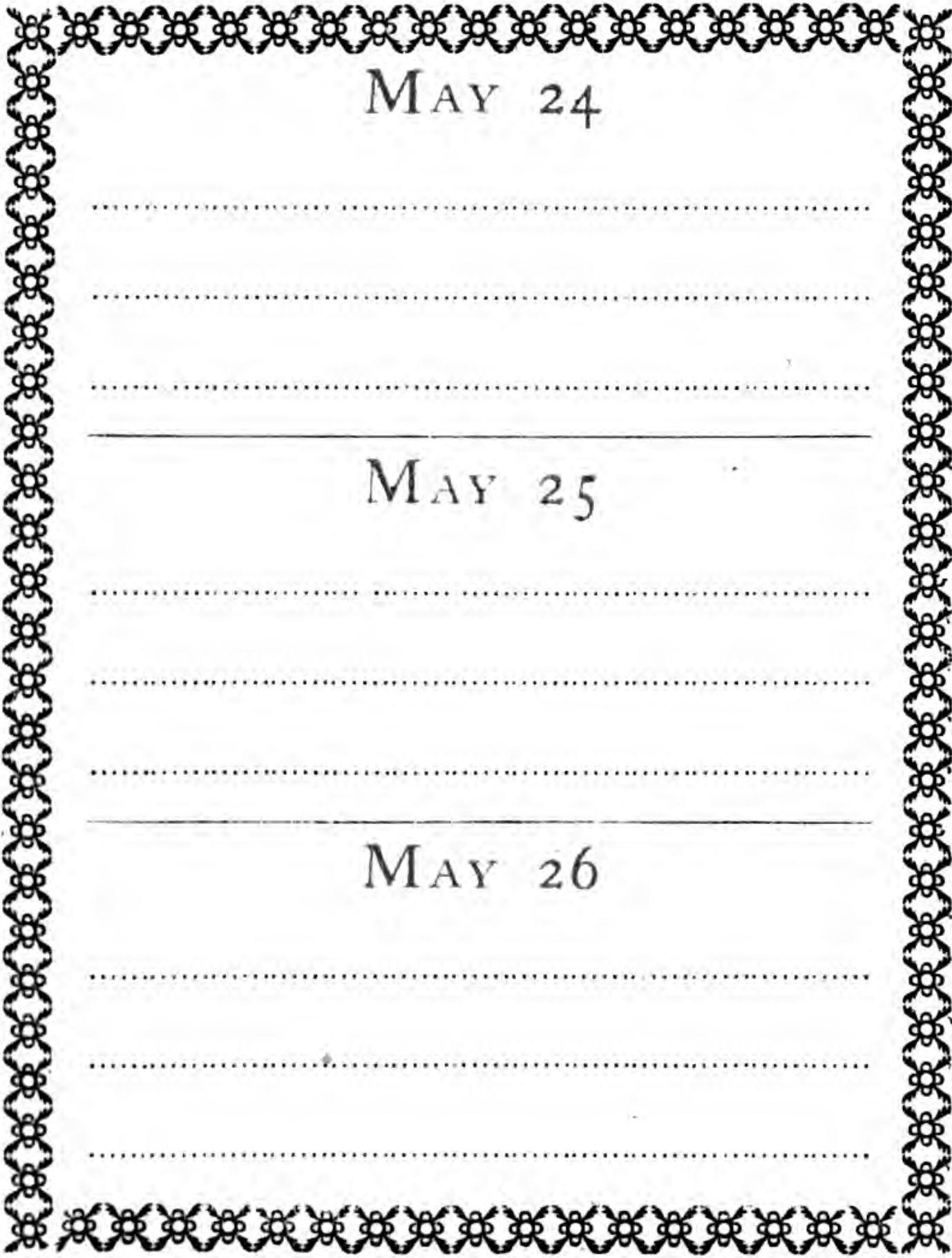
TO state one argument is not necessarily to be deaf to all others.

An Apology for Idlers.

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THERE can be no fairer ambition than to excel in talk.

Talk and Talkers.



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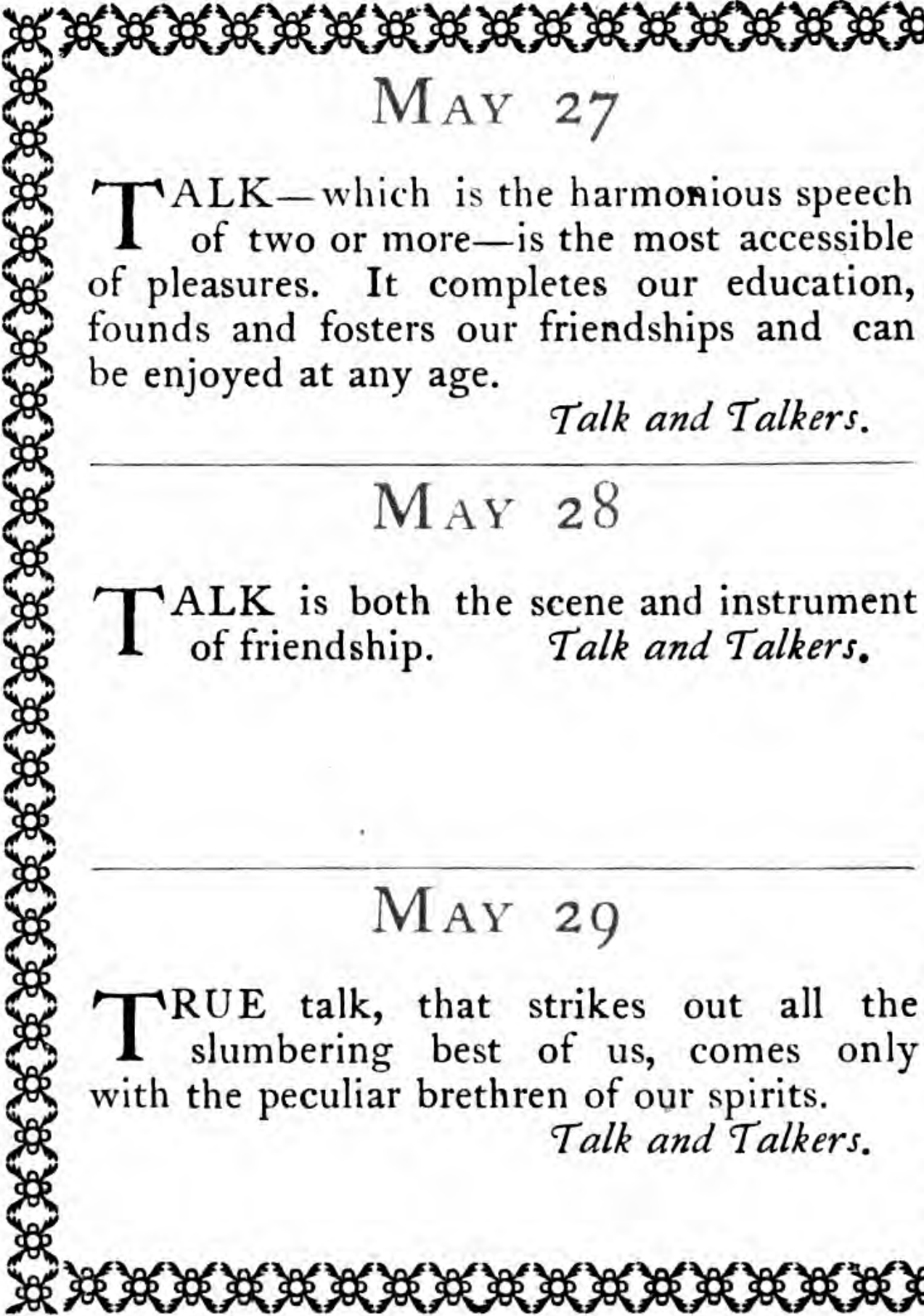
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MAY 27

TALK—which is the harmonious speech of two or more—is the most accessible of pleasures. It completes our education, founds and fosters our friendships and can be enjoyed at any age.

Talk and Talkers.

MAY 28

TALK is both the scene and instrument of friendship.

Talk and Talkers.

MAY 29

TRUE talk, that strikes out all the slumbering best of us, comes only with the peculiar brethren of our spirits.

Talk and Talkers.



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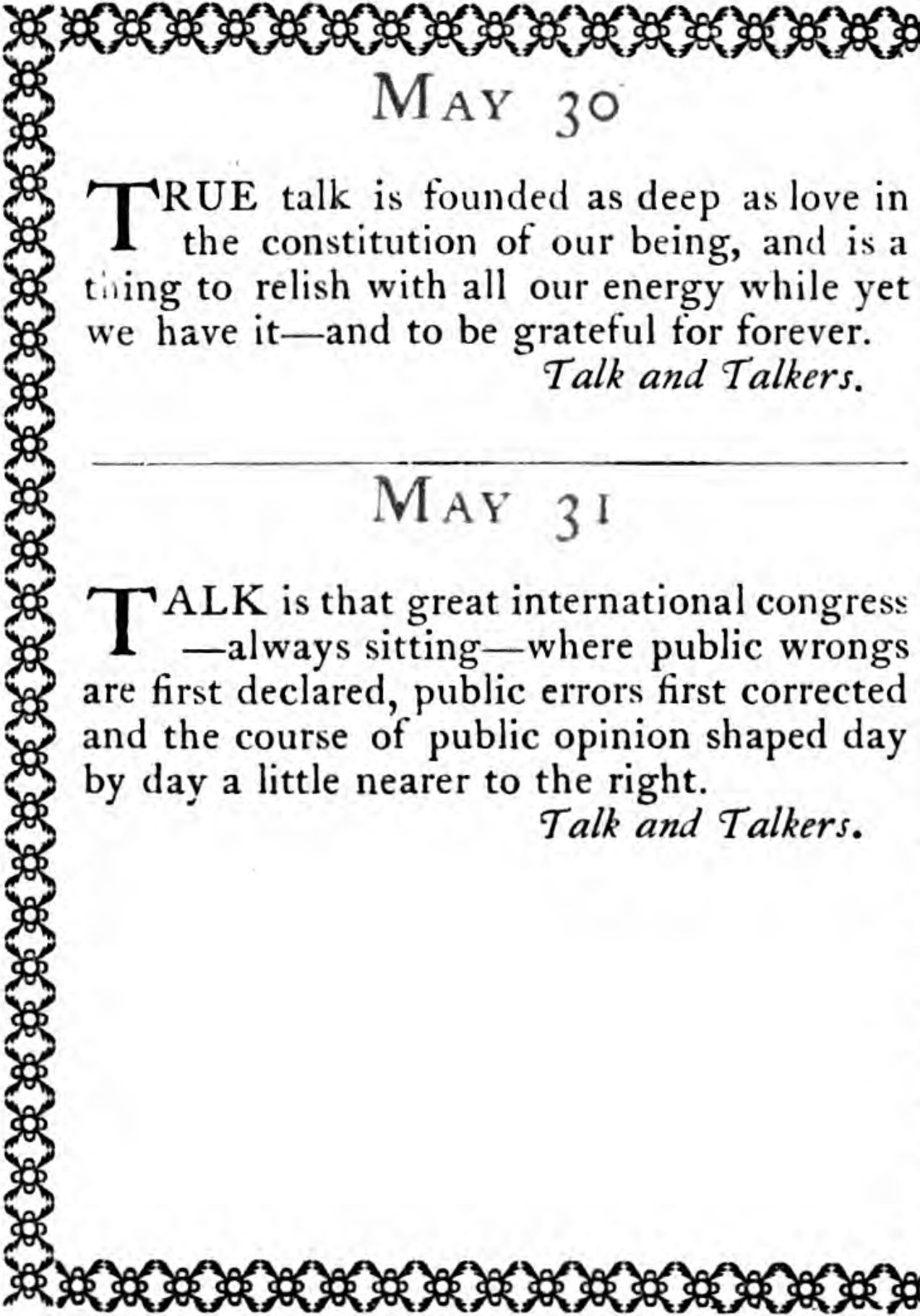
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MAY 30

TRUE talk is founded as deep as love in the constitution of our being, and is a thing to relish with all our energy while yet we have it—and to be grateful for forever.

Talk and Talkers.

MAY 31

TALK is that great international congress—always sitting—where public wrongs are first declared, public errors first corrected and the course of public opinion shaped day by day a little nearer to the right.

Talk and Talkers.



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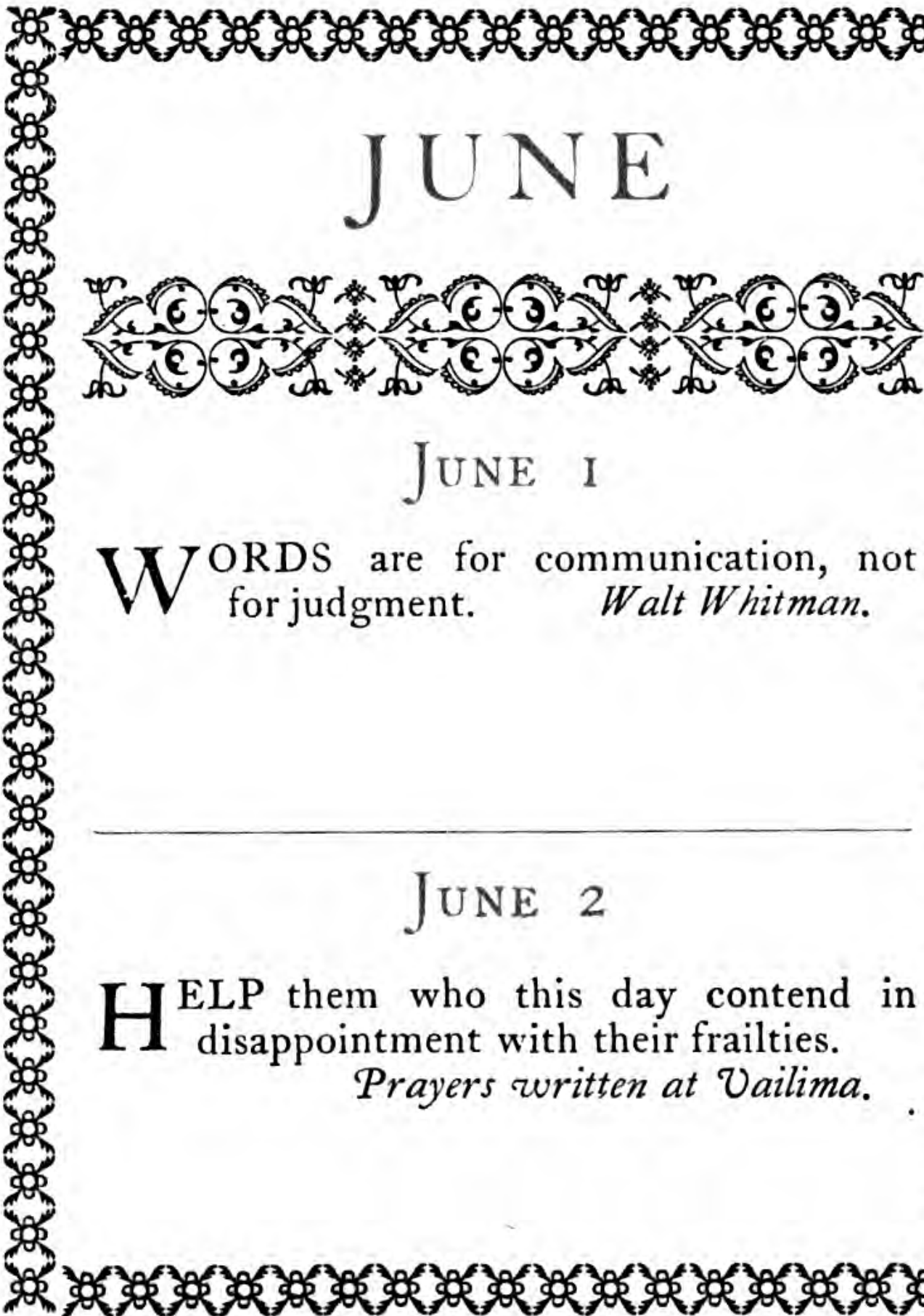
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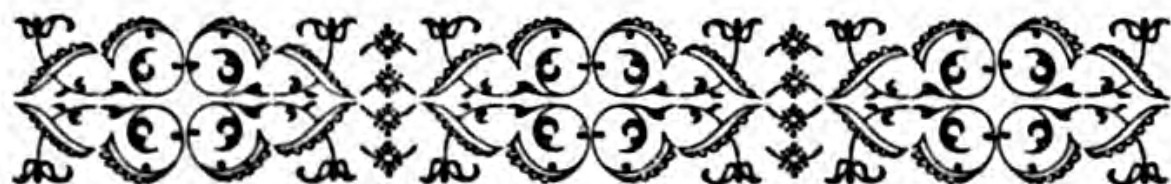
JUNE 1

WORDS are for communication, not
for judgment. *Walt Whitman.*

JUNE 2

HELP them who this day contend in
disappointment with their frailties.
Prayers written at Uailima.

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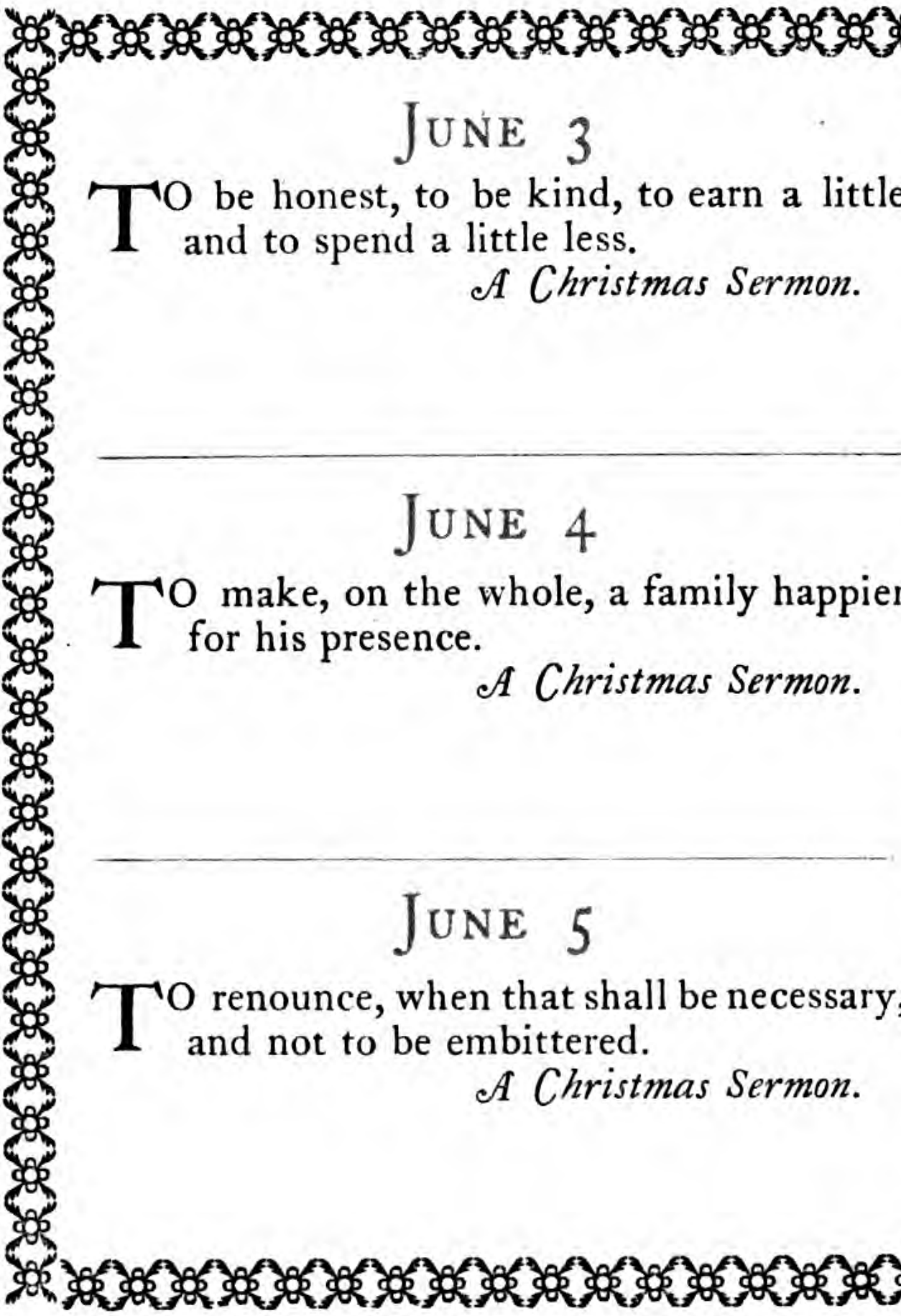
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TO be honest, to be kind, to earn a little
and to spend a little less.

A Christmas Sermon.

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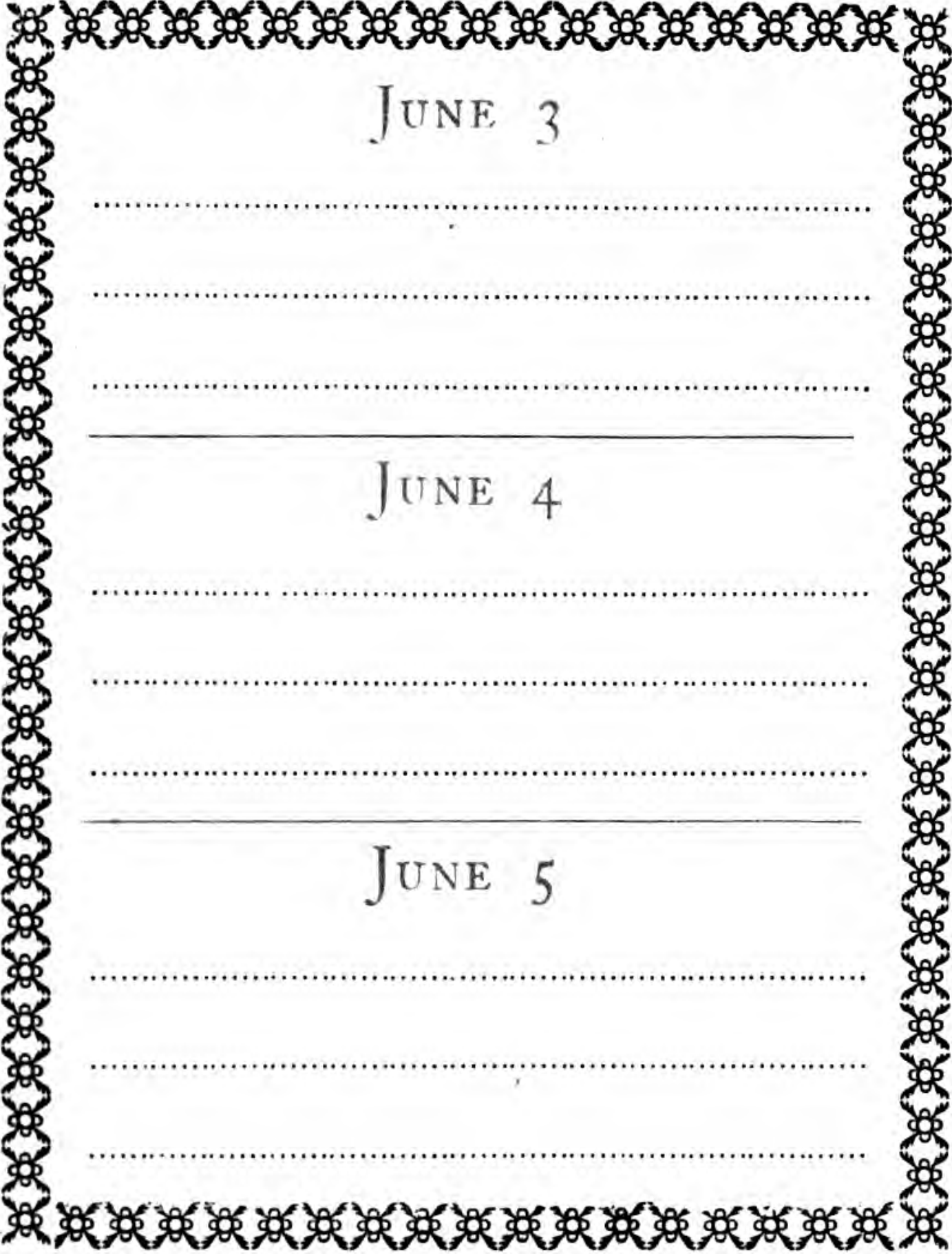
TO make, on the whole, a family happier
for his presence.

A Christmas Sermon.

JUNE 5

TO renounce, when that shall be necessary,
and not to be embittered.

A Christmas Sermon.



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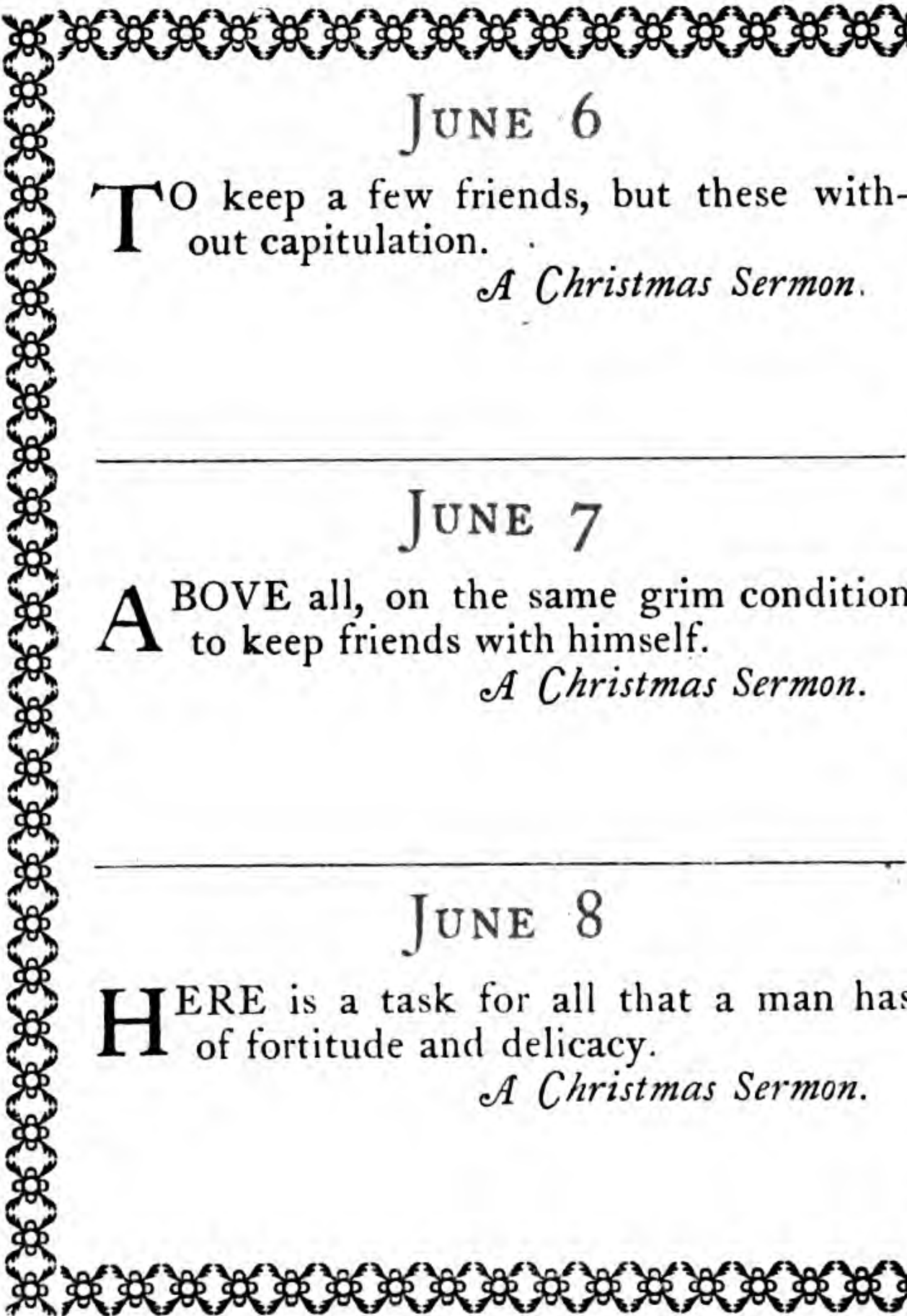
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TO keep a few friends, but these without capitulation.

A Christmas Sermon.

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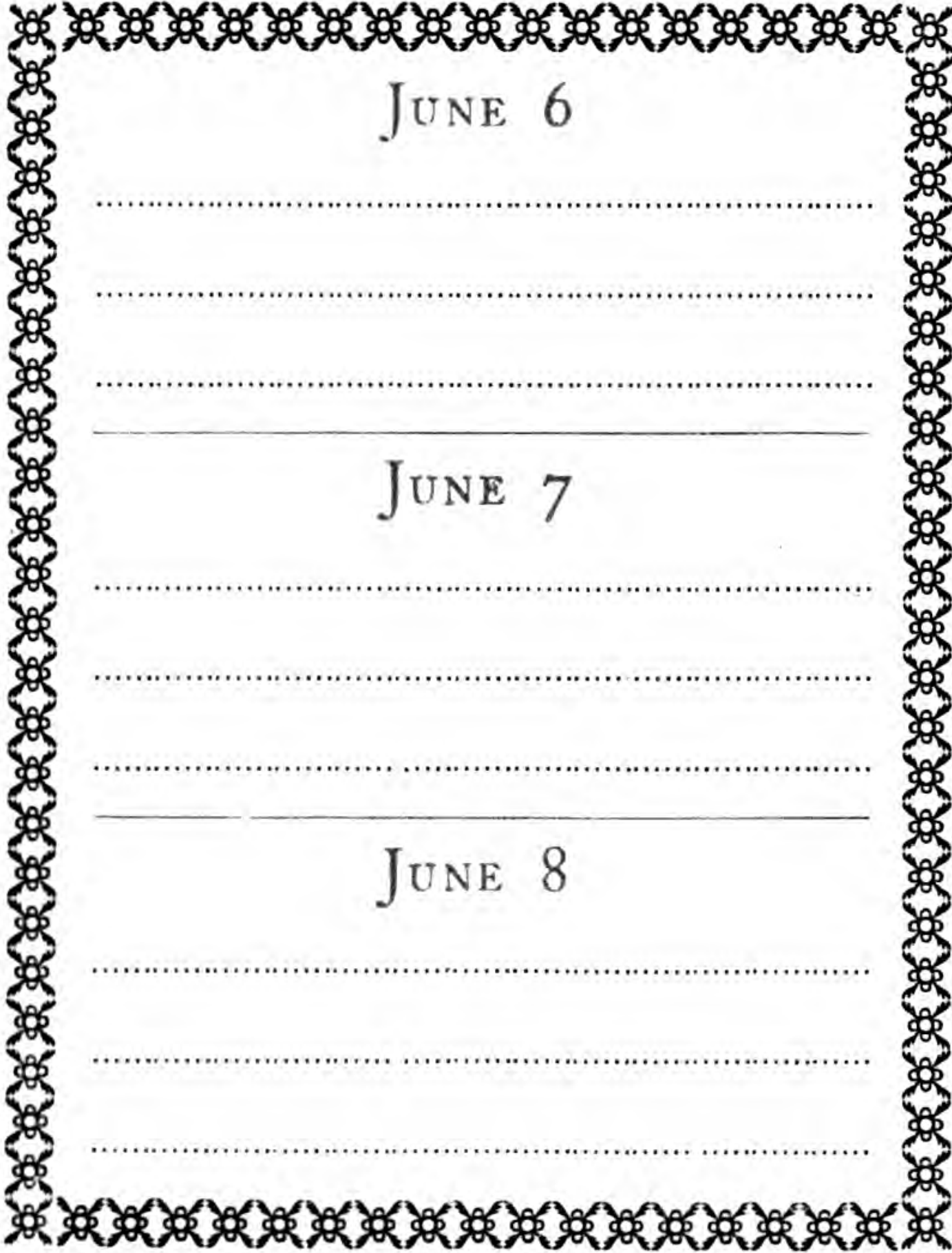
ABOVE all, on the same grim condition to keep friends with himself.

A Christmas Sermon.

JUNE 8

HERE is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.

A Christmas Sermon.



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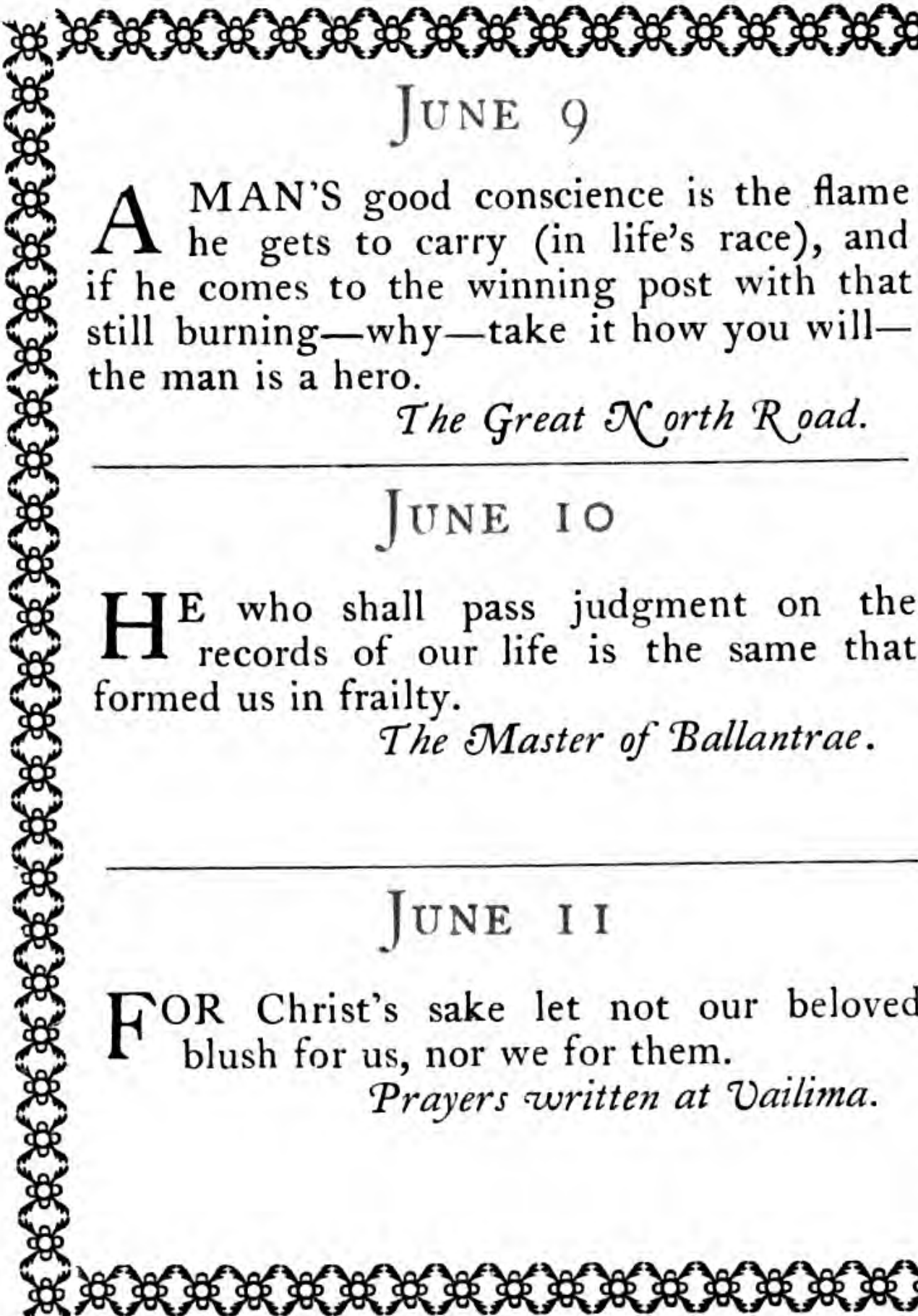
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JUNE 9

A MAN'S good conscience is the flame he gets to carry (in life's race), and if he comes to the winning post with that still burning—why—take it how you will—the man is a hero.

The Great North Road.

JUNE 10

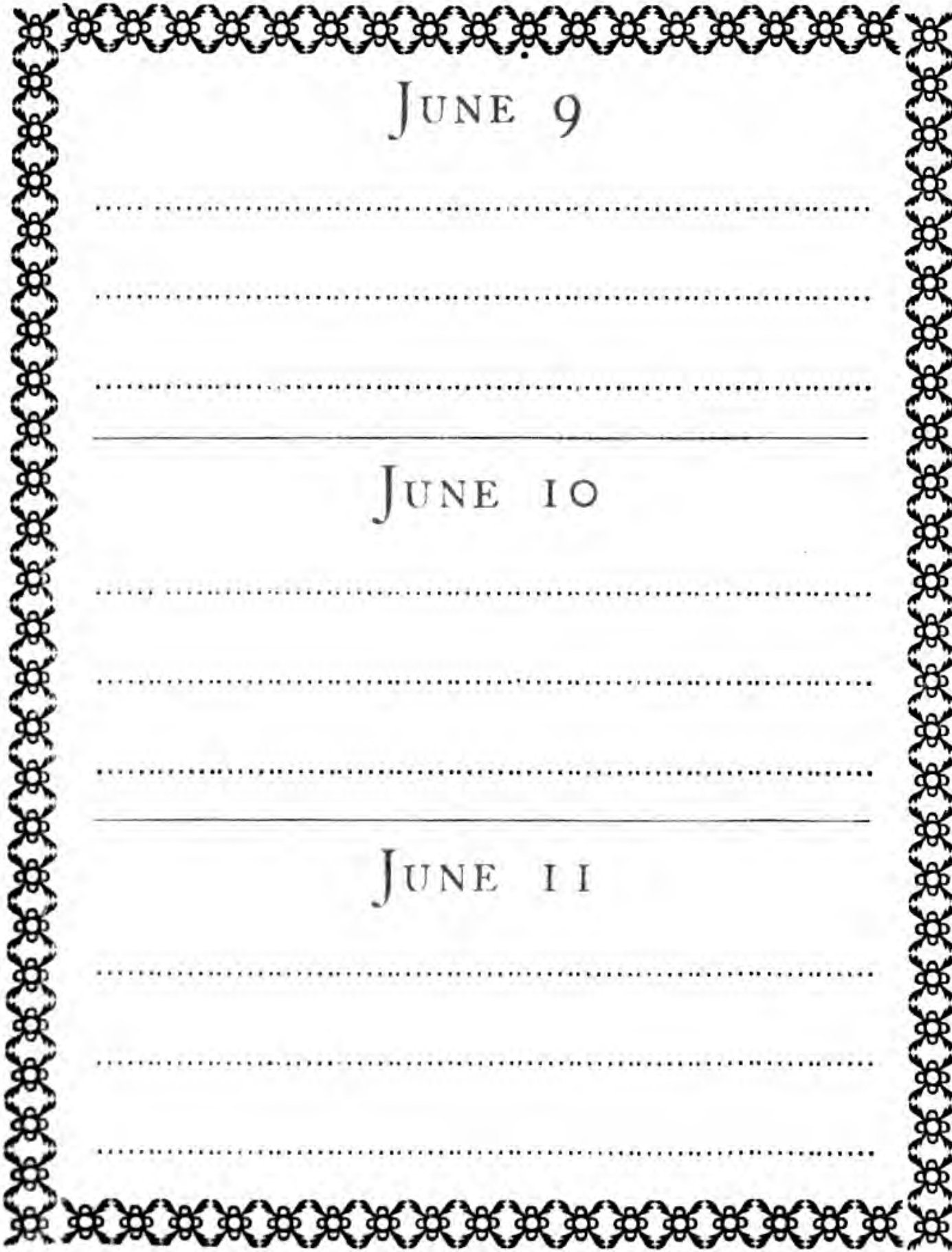
HE who shall pass judgment on the records of our life is the same that formed us in frailty.

The Master of Ballantrae.

JUNE 11

FOR Christ's sake let not our beloved blush for us, nor we for them.

Prayers written at Vailima.



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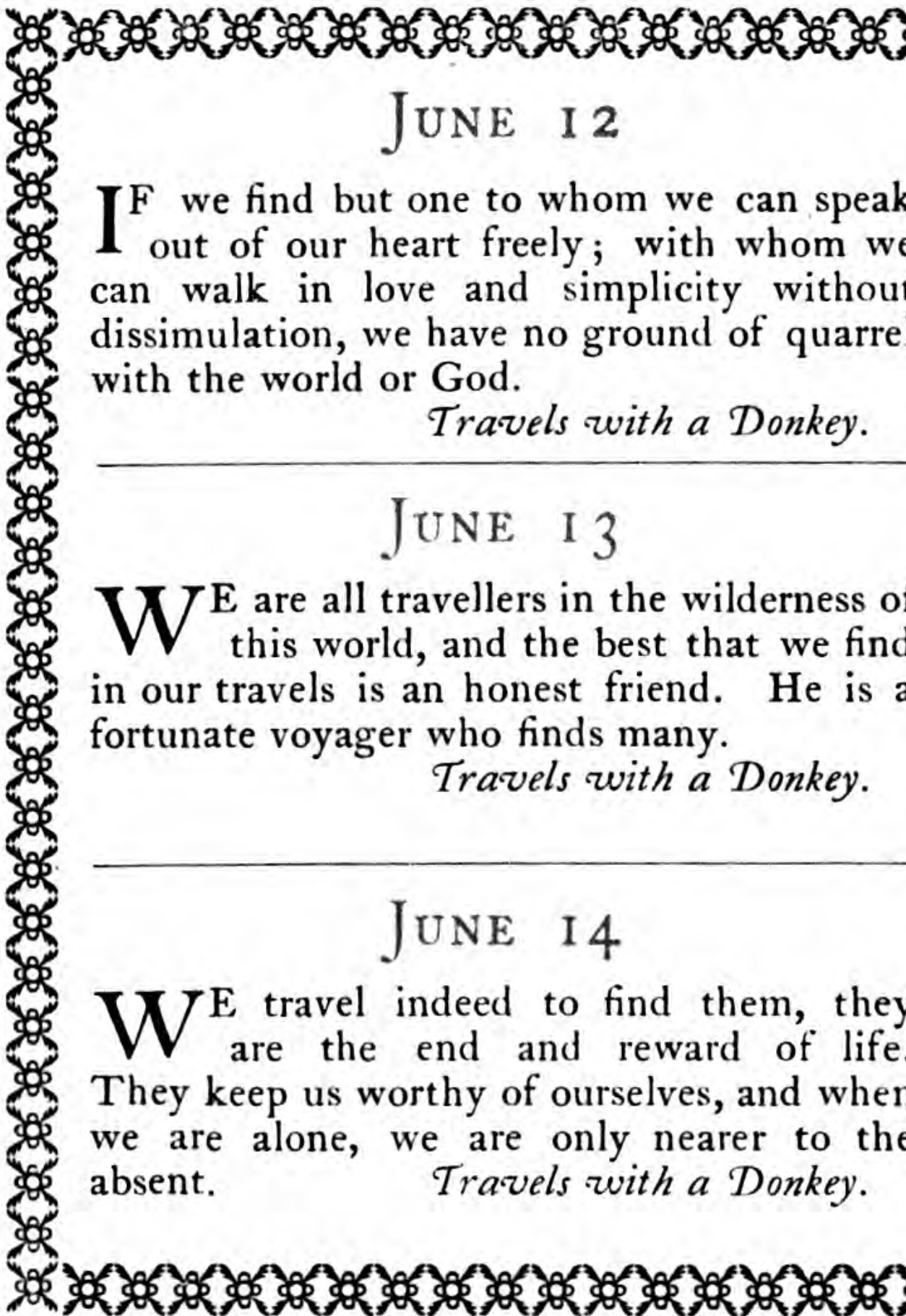
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JUNE 12

IF we find but one to whom we can speak out of our heart freely; with whom we can walk in love and simplicity without dissimulation, we have no ground of quarrel with the world or God.

Travels with a Donkey.

JUNE 13

WE are all travellers in the wilderness of this world, and the best that we find in our travels is an honest friend. He is a fortunate voyager who finds many.

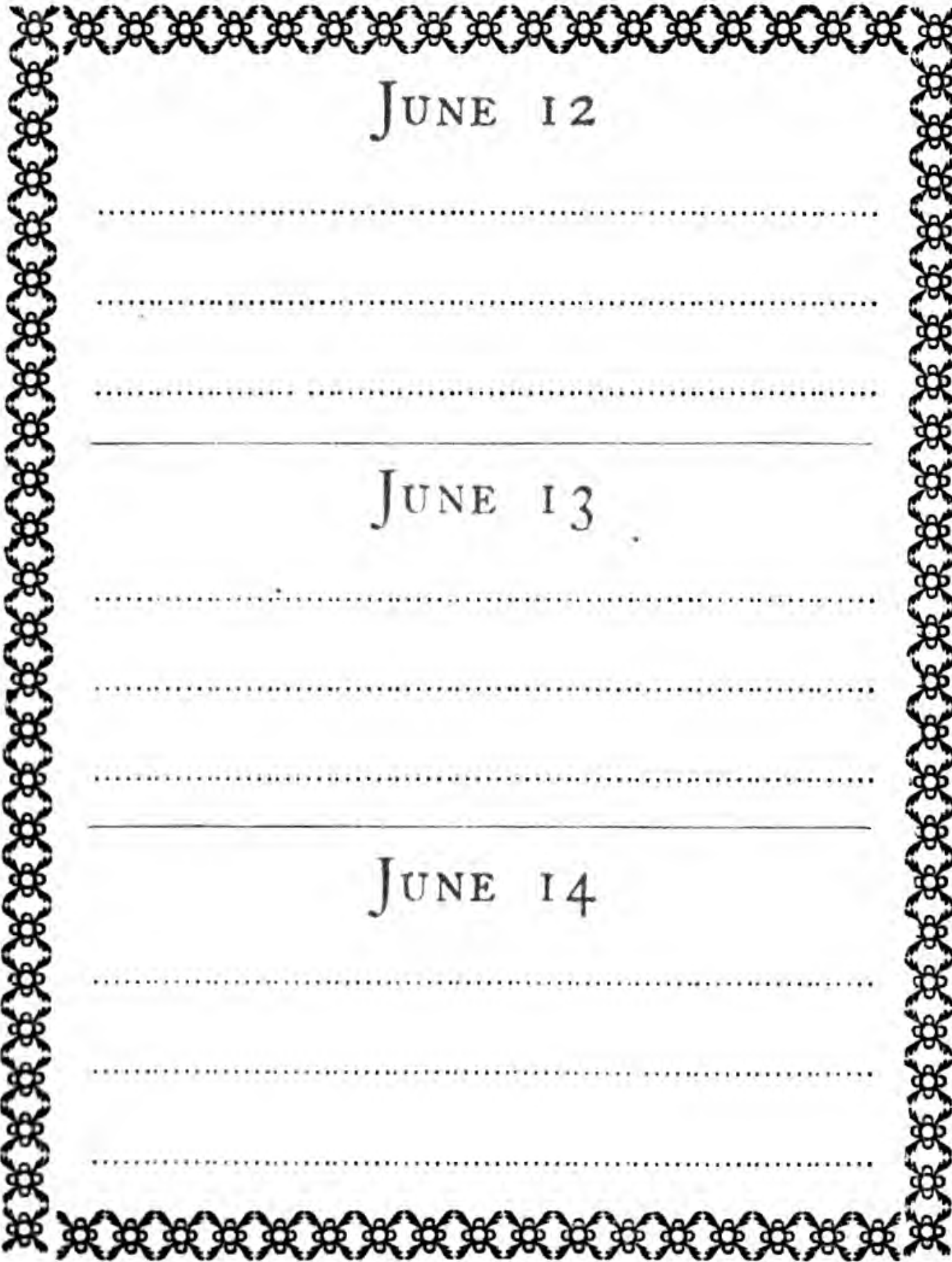
Travels with a Donkey.

JUNE 14

WE travel indeed to find them, they are the end and reward of life. They keep us worthy of ourselves, and when we are alone, we are only nearer to the absent.

Travels with a Donkey.





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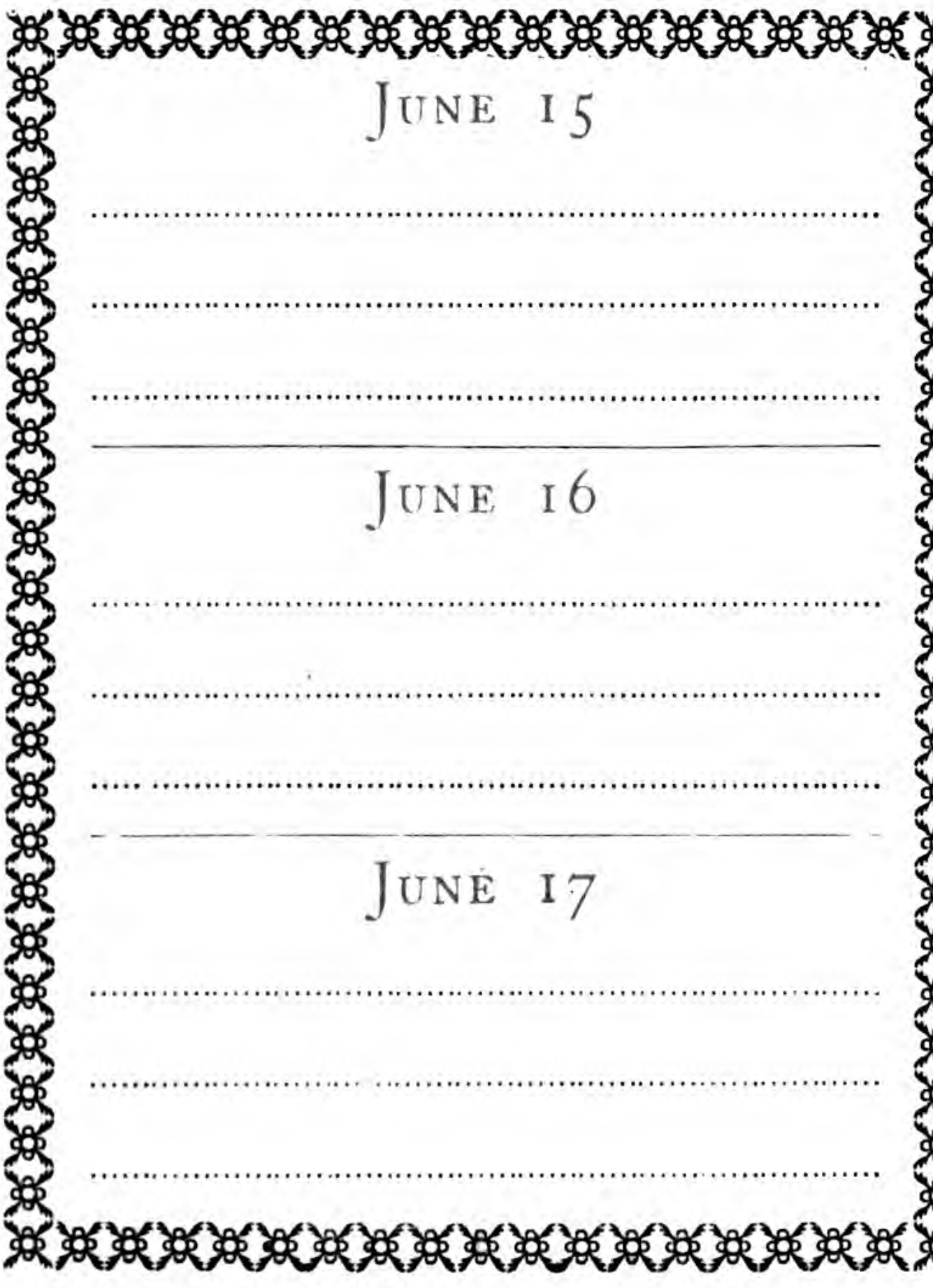
SO long as we love, we serve ; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say we are indispensable, and no man is useless while he has a friend. *Lay Morals.*

JUNE 16

A FRIEND is one who incessantly pays us the compliments of expecting all the virtues from us, and who can appreciate them in us. *H. D. Thoreau.*

JUNE 17

THE friend asks no return but that his friend will religiously accept and wear and not disgrace his apotheosis of him. *H. D. Thoreau.*



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OF what shall a man be proud if he is not proud of his friends?

Travels with a Donkey.

JUNE 19

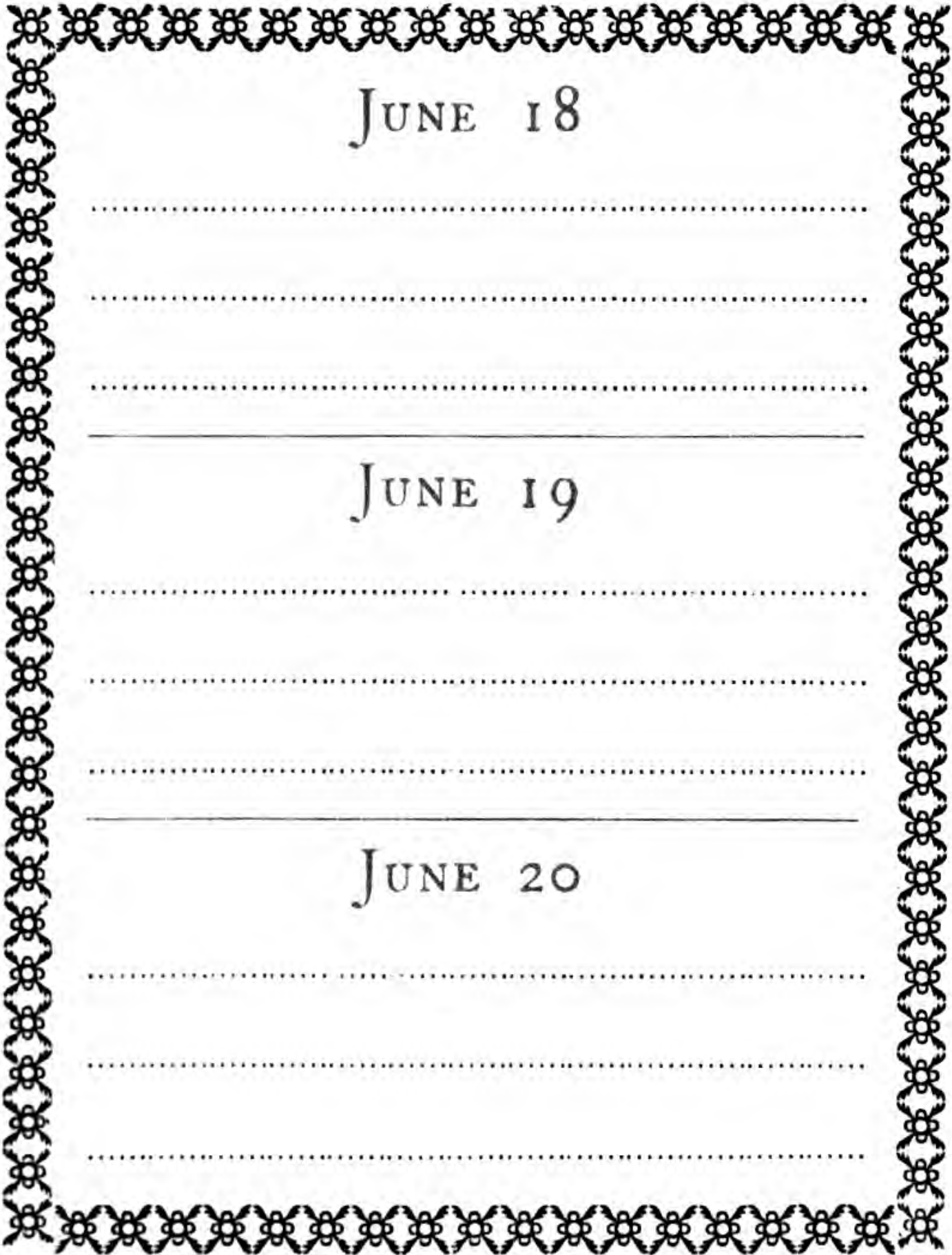
THOU, who hast made for us this place of ease and hope, accept and inflame our gratitude.

Prayers written at Vailima.

JUNE 20

IN every part and corner of our life, to lose oneself is to be gainer—to forget oneself is to be happy.

Old Mortality.



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JUNE 21

'TIS a strange world indeed ; but there is
a manifest God for those who care to
look for Him. *Letter to his Father.*

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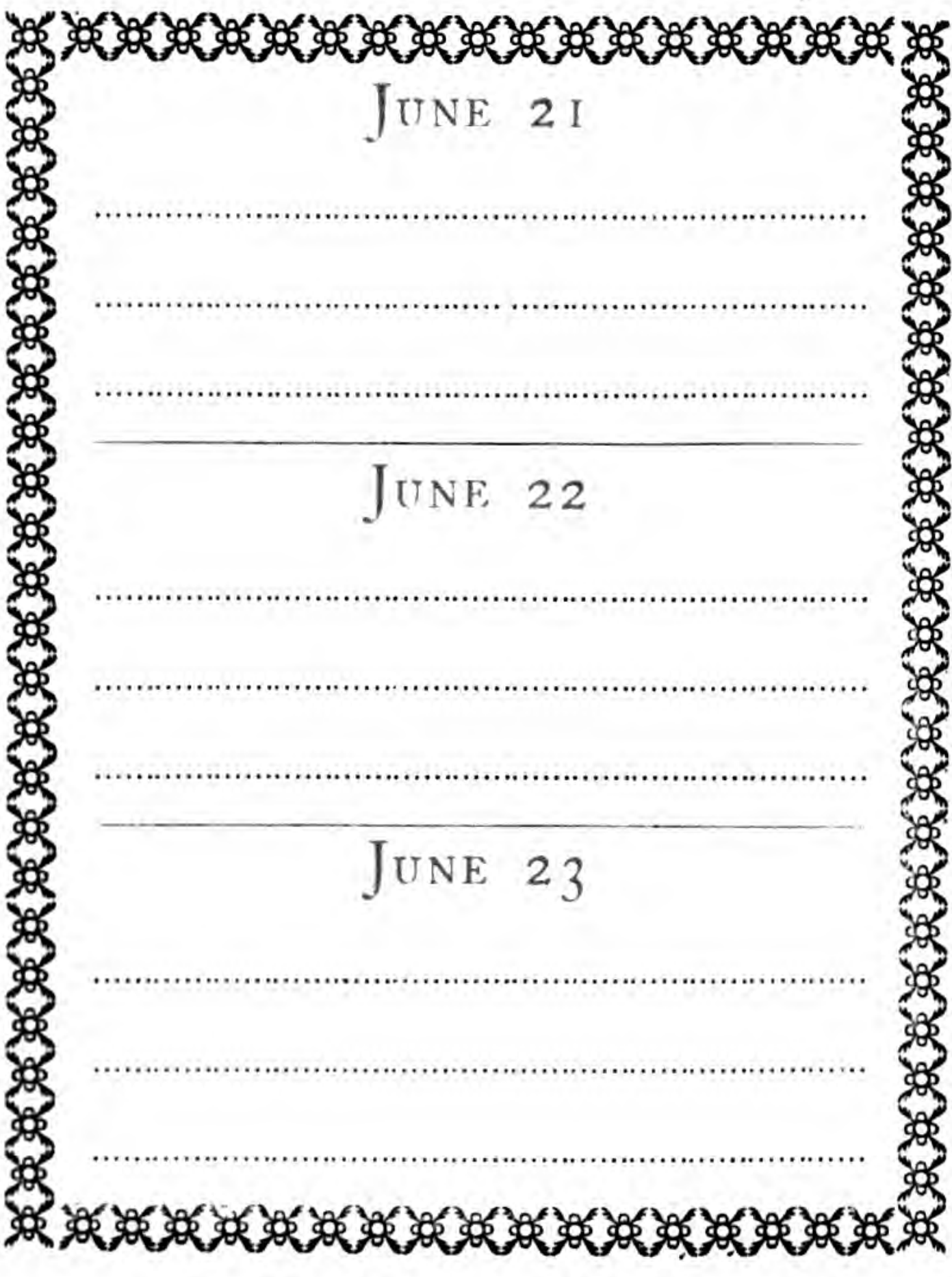
IT is by our evil that God leads us into
good ; we sin, I dare not say by His
temptation, but I must say with His consent
and to any but the brutish man, his sins are
the beginning of wisdom.

The Merry Men.

JUNE 23

IT is lawful to pray God that we be not
led into temptation, but not lawful to
skulk from those that come to us.

Virginibus Puerisque.



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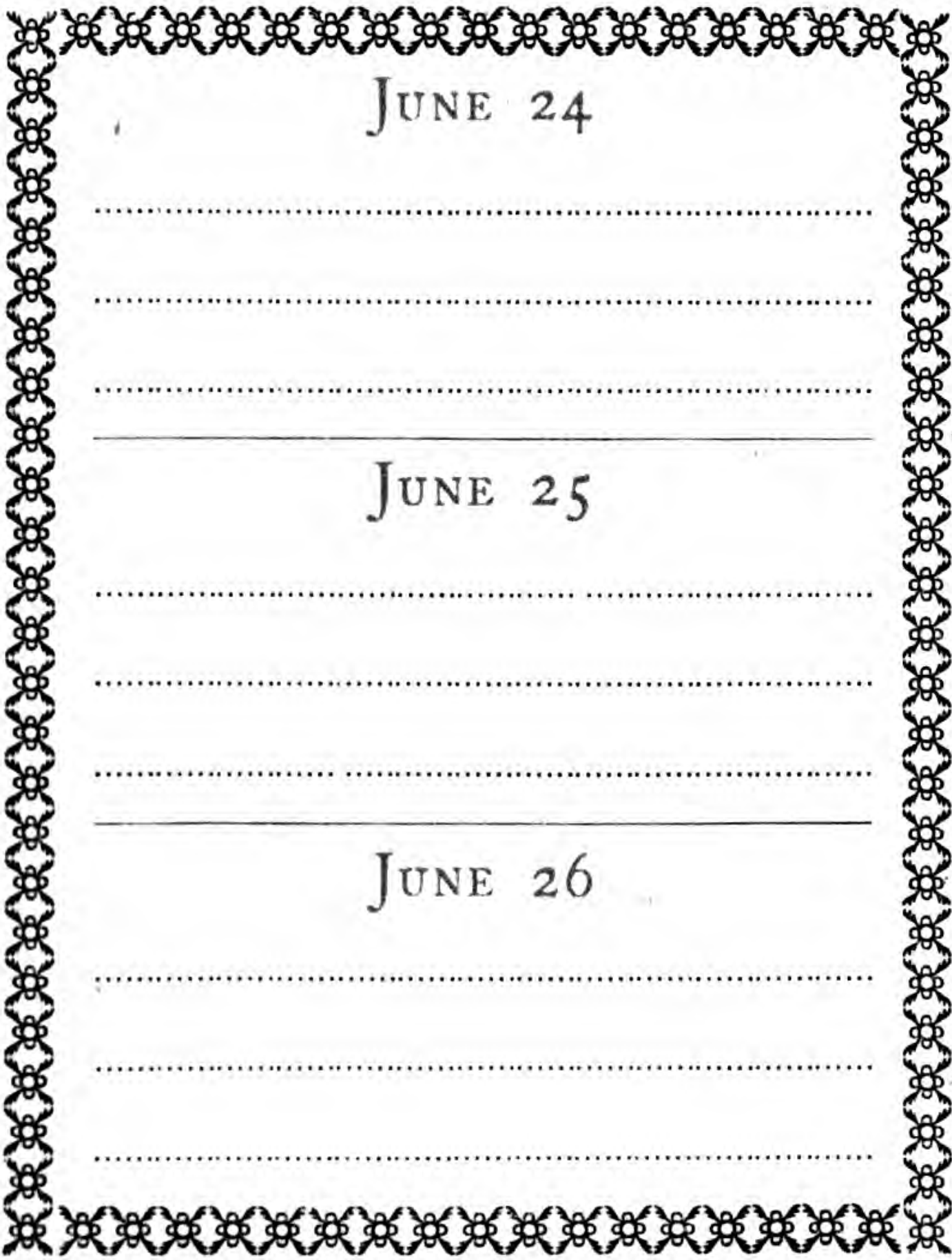
WHAT Christ taught was not a code of rules, but a ruling spirit ; not truths but a spirit of truth ; not views, but a view. What He showed us was an attitude of mind.
Lay Morals.

JUNE 25

CHRIST would never hear of negative morality ; *thou shalt* was ever His word, with which He superseded *thou shalt not*.
A Christmas Sermon.

JUNE 26

THE letter is not only dead, but killing the spirit, which underlies and cannot be uttered, alone is true and helpful.
Lay Morals.

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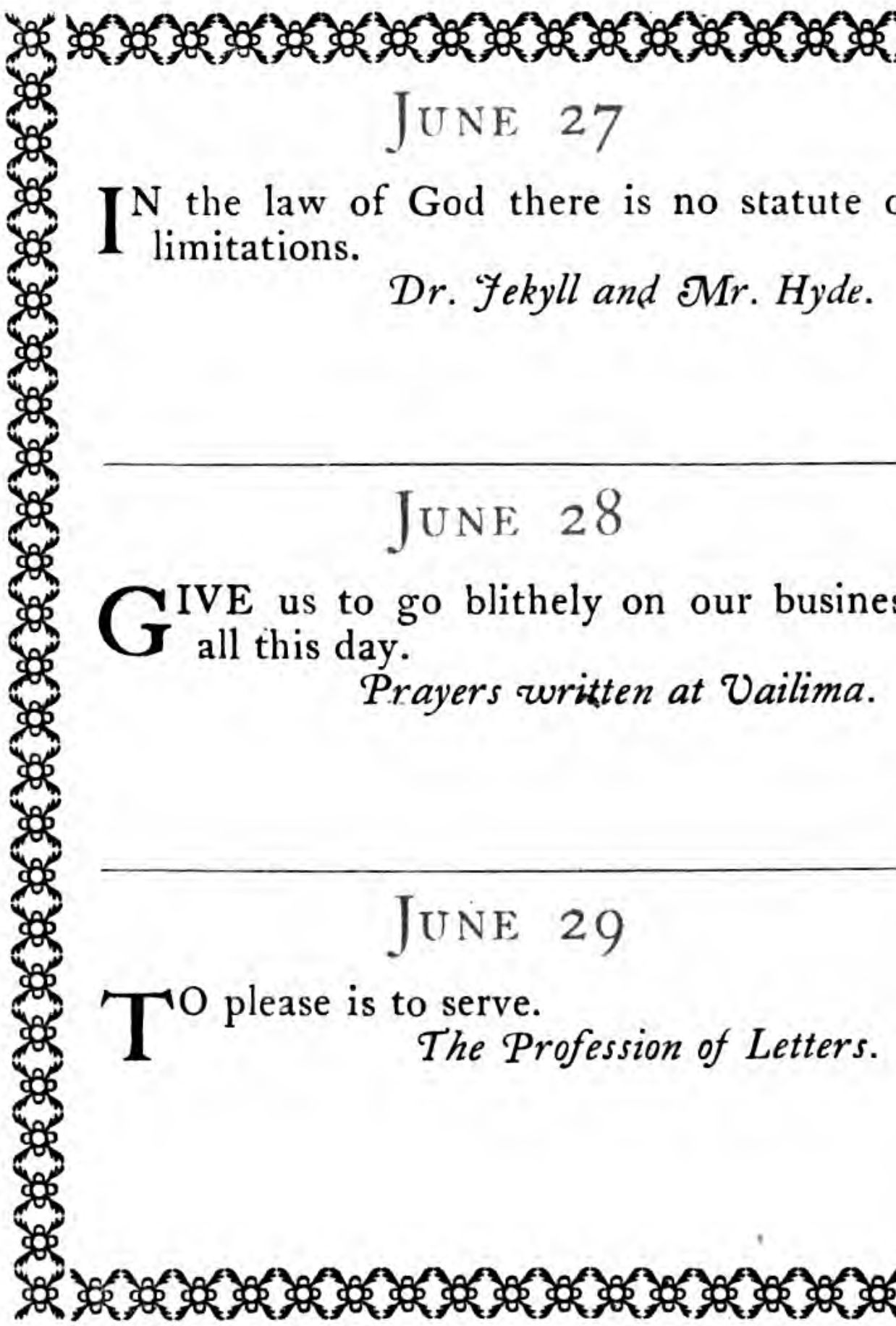
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JUNE 27

IN the law of God there is no statute of limitations.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

JUNE 28

GIVE us to go blithely on our business all this day.

Prayers written at Vailima.

JUNE 29

TO please is to serve.

The Profession of Letters.

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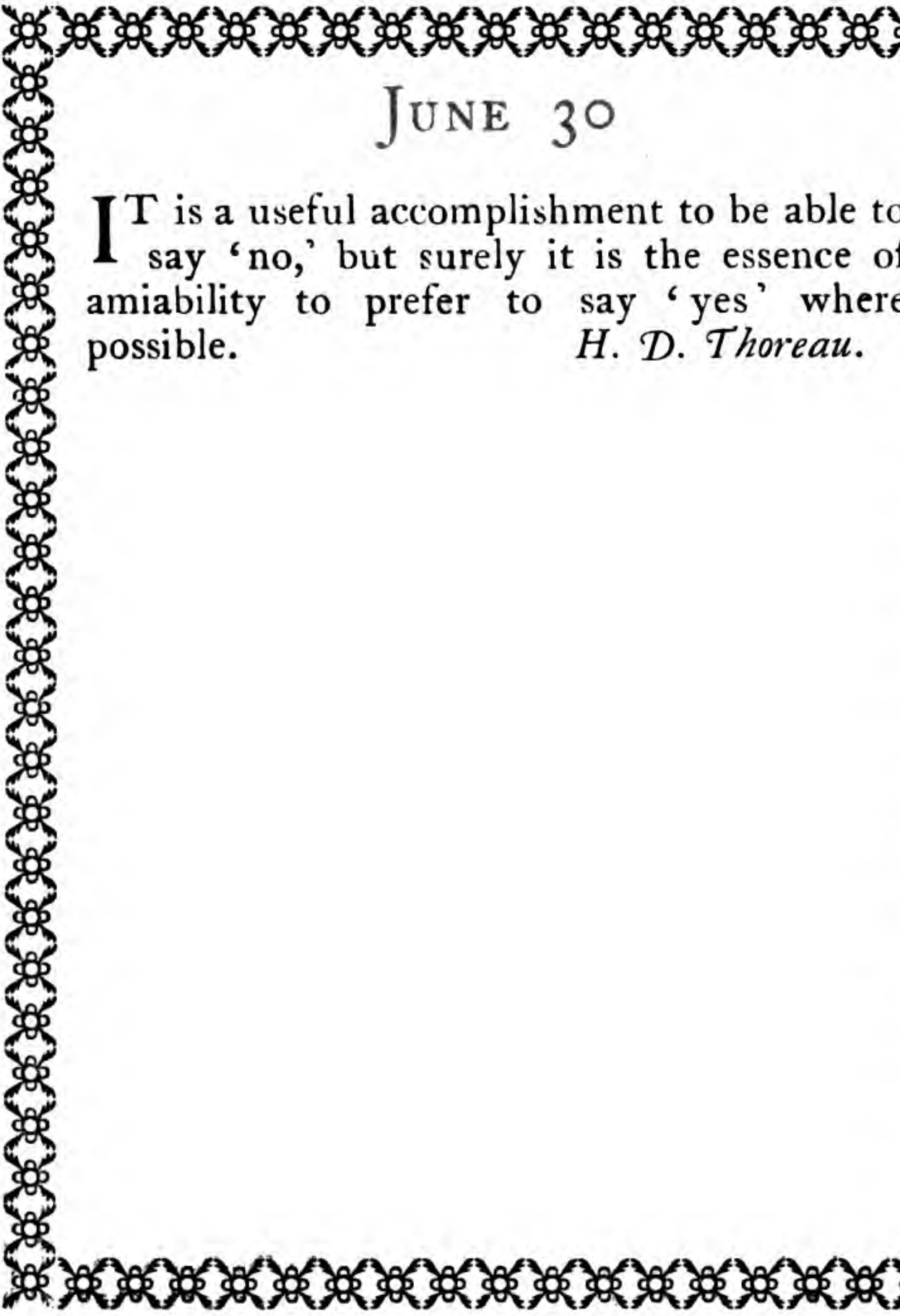
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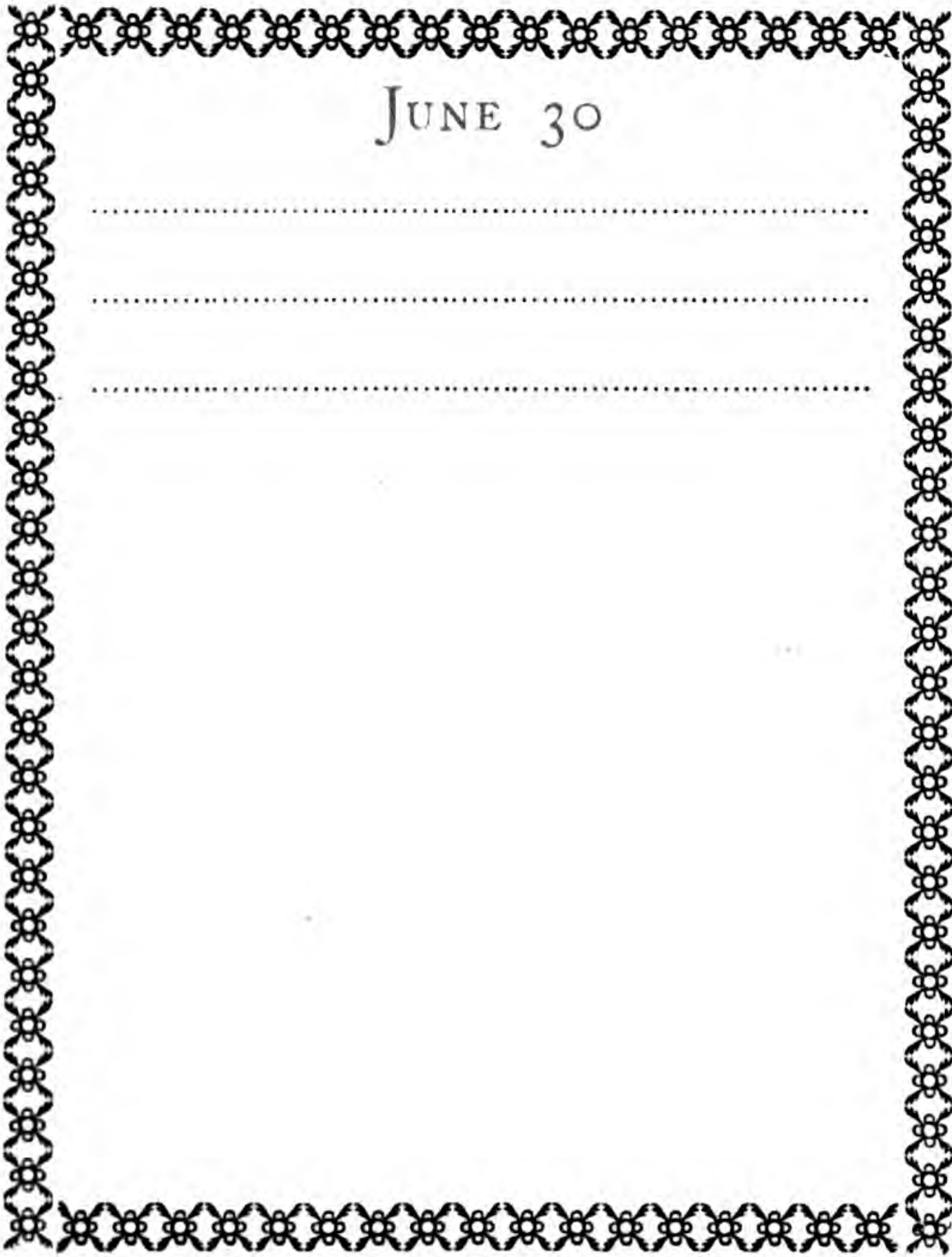
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JUNE 30

IT is a useful accomplishment to be able to say 'no,' but surely it is the essence of amiability to prefer to say 'yes' where possible.

H. D. Thoreau.

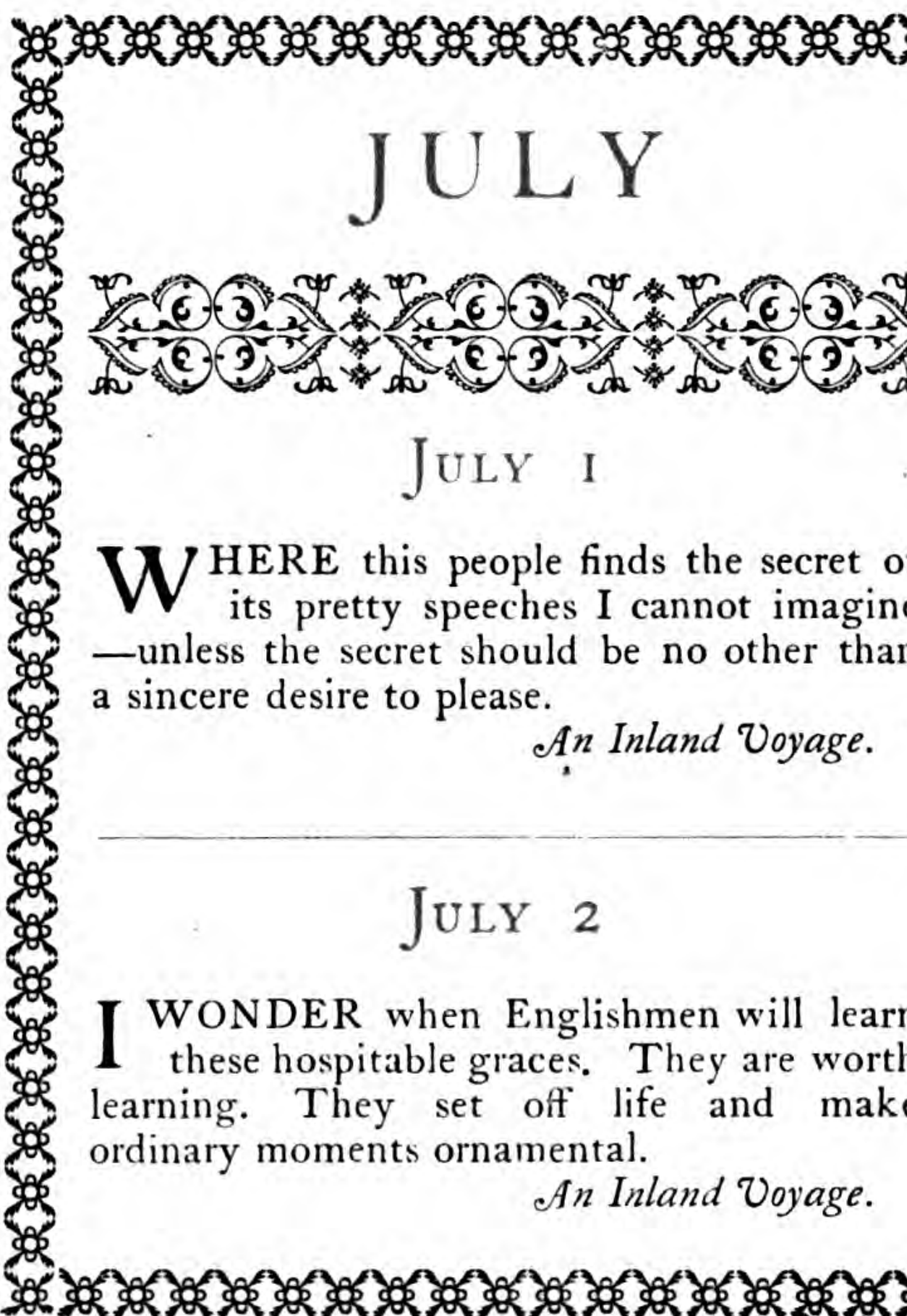


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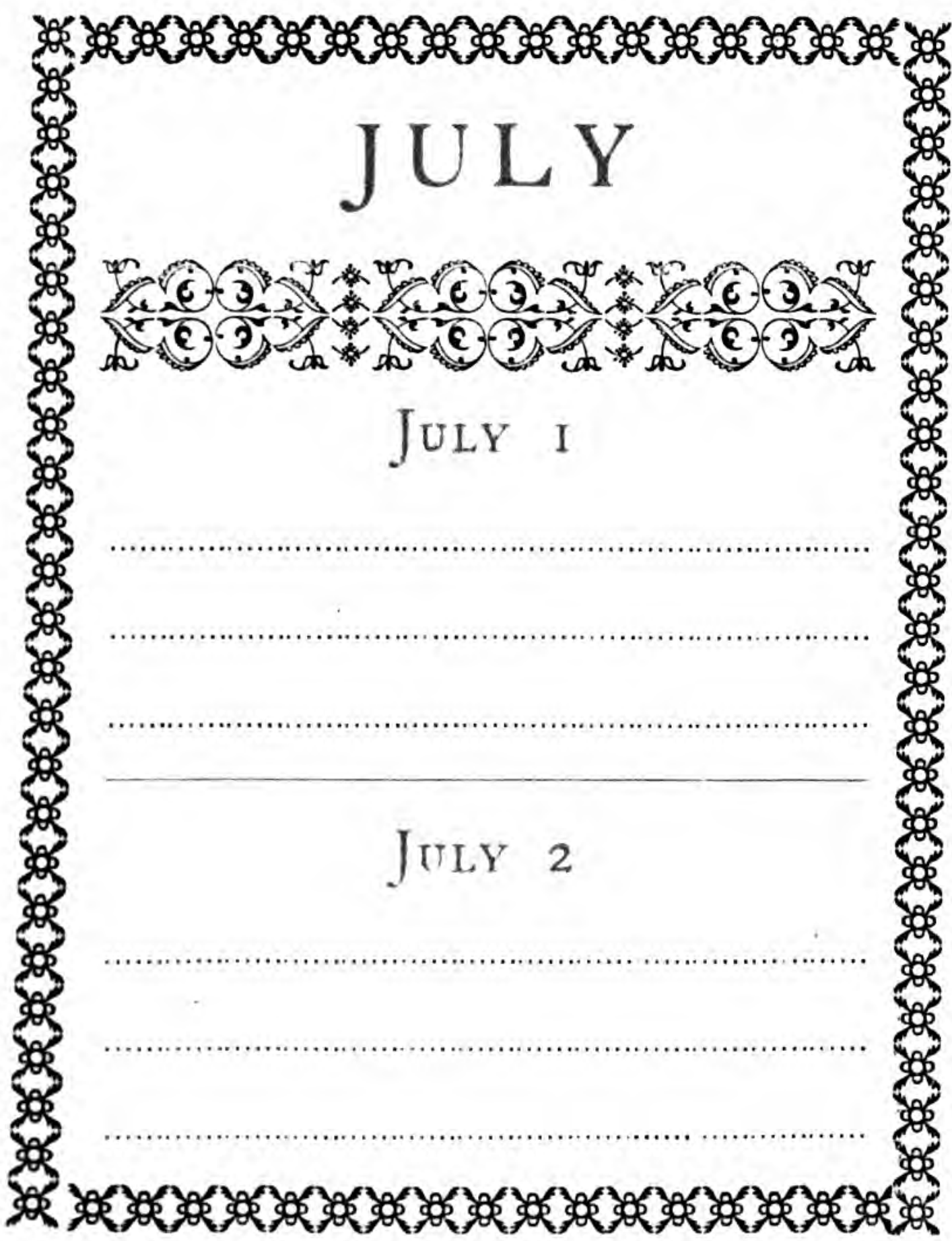
WHERE this people finds the secret of its pretty speeches I cannot imagine—unless the secret should be no other than a sincere desire to please.

An Inland Voyage.

JULY 2

I WONDER when Englishmen will learn these hospitable graces. They are worth learning. They set off life and make ordinary moments ornamental.

An Inland Voyage.



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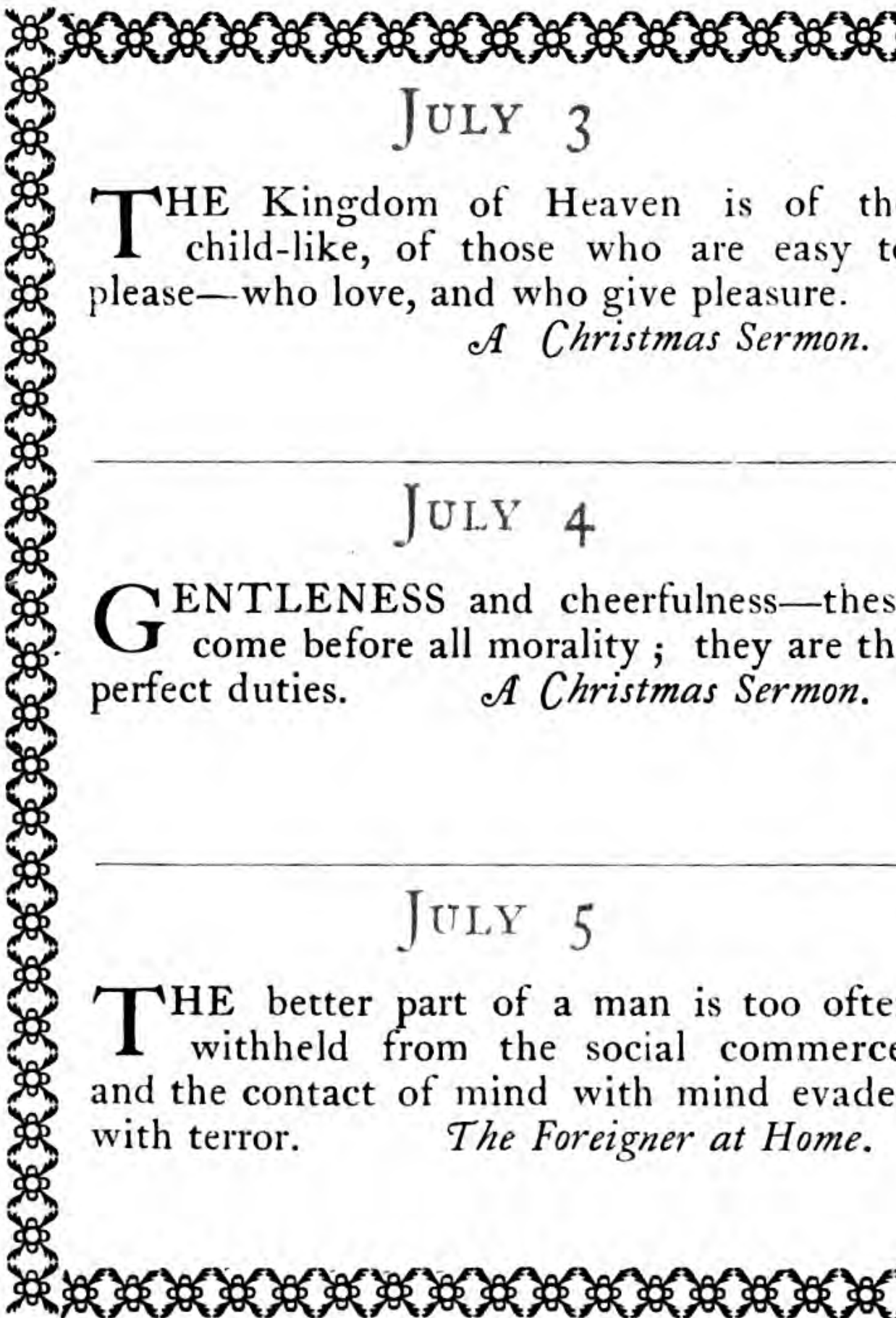
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JULY 3

THE Kingdom of Heaven is of the child-like, of those who are easy to please—who love, and who give pleasure.

A Christmas Sermon.

JULY 4

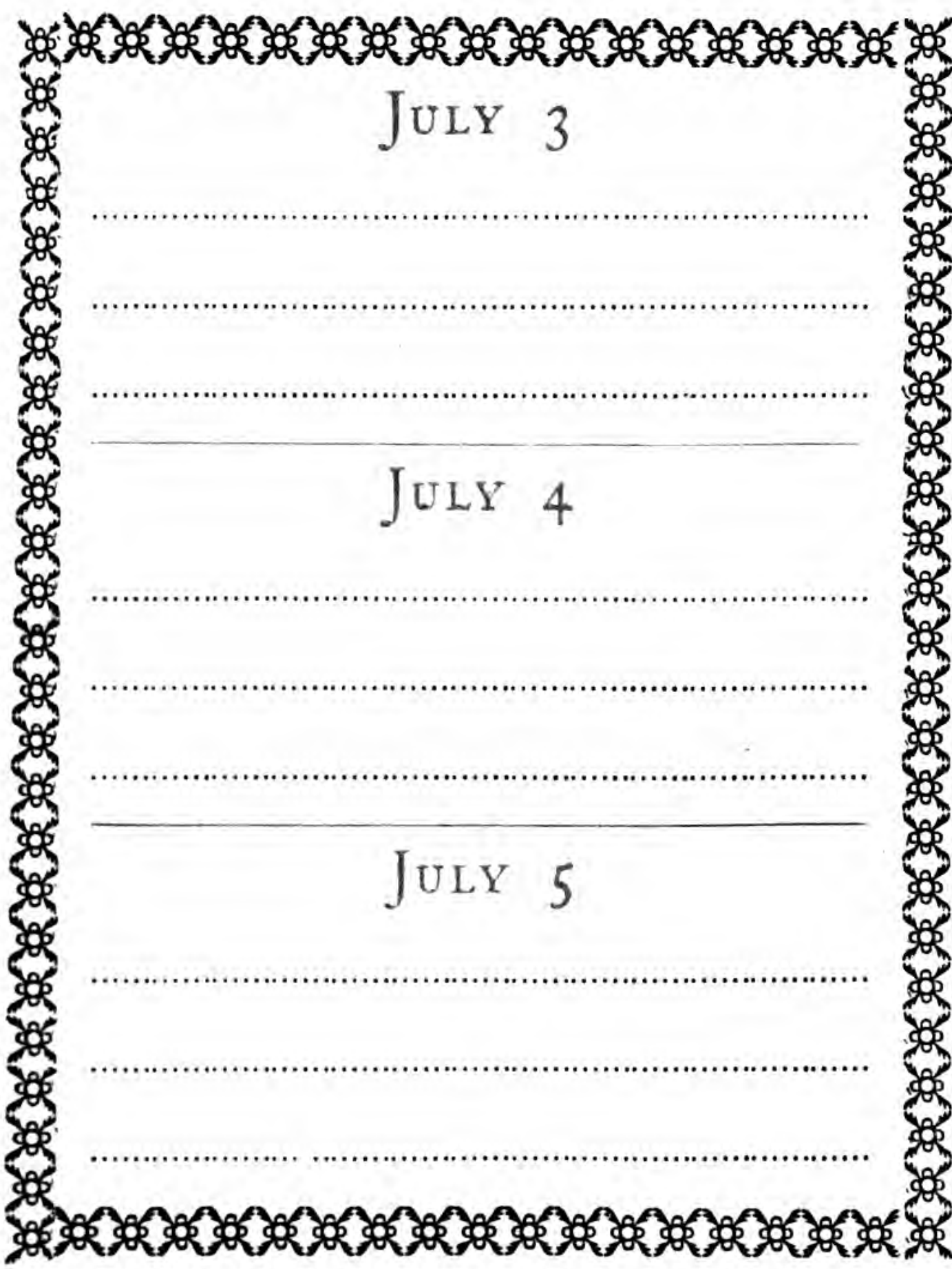
GENTLENESS and cheerfulness—these come before all morality ; they are the perfect duties.

A Christmas Sermon.

JULY 5

THE better part of a man is too often withheld from the social commerce and the contact of mind with mind evaded with terror.

The Foreigner at Home.



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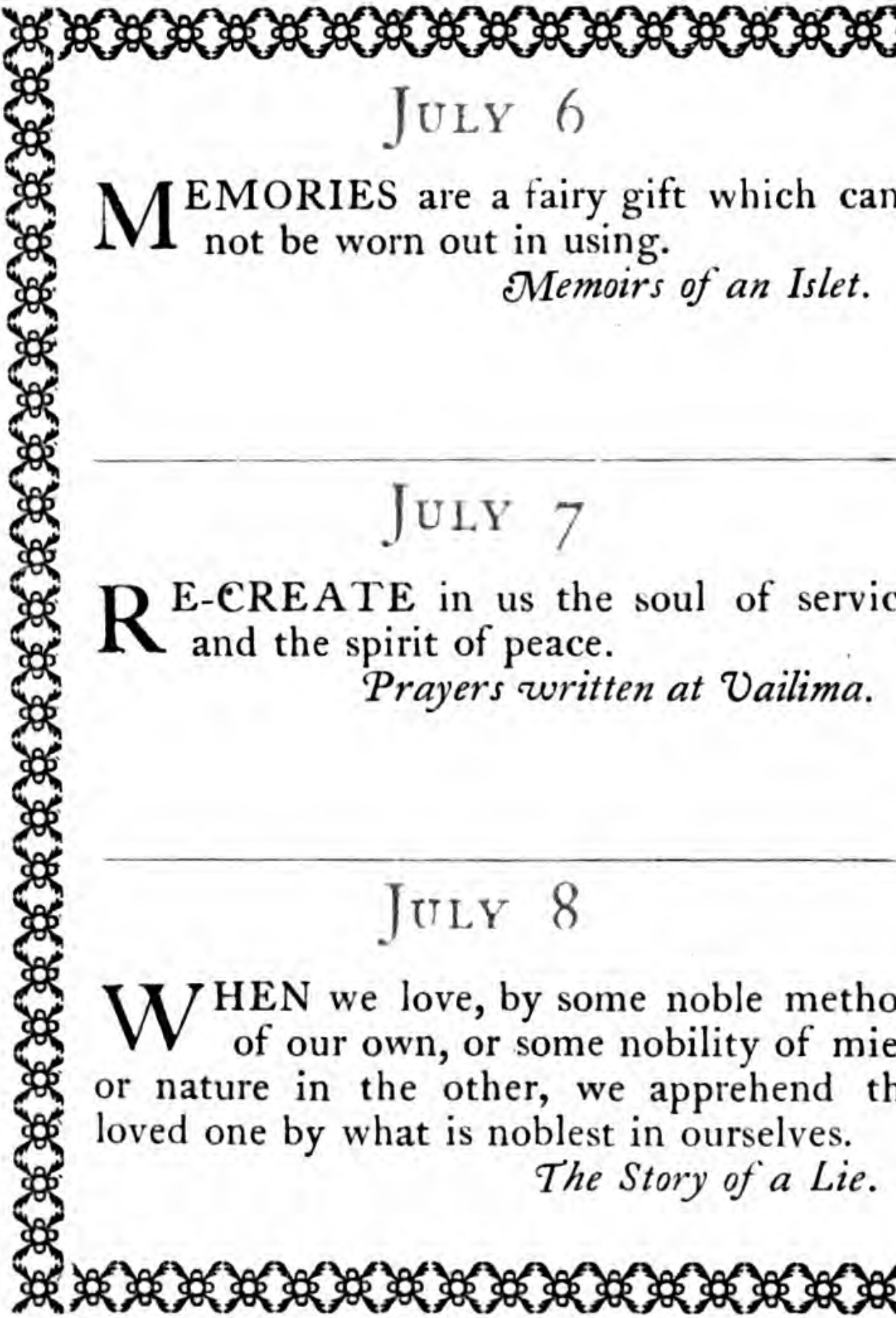
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MEMORIES are a fairy gift which cannot be worn out in using.

Memoirs of an Islet.

JULY 7

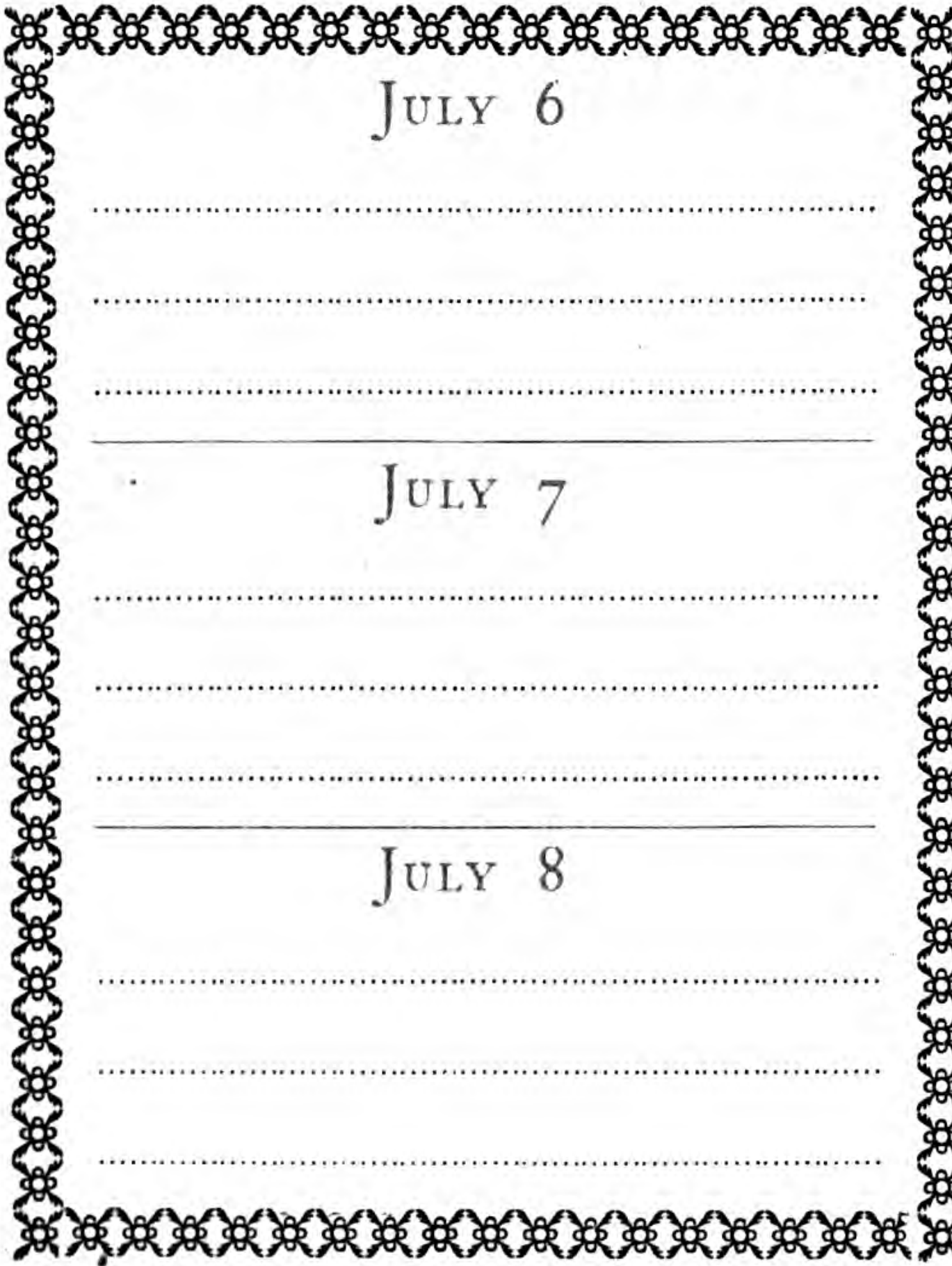
RE-CREATE in us the soul of service and the spirit of peace.

Prayers written at Vailima.

JULY 8

WHEN we love, by some noble method of our own, or some nobility of mind or nature in the other, we apprehend the loved one by what is noblest in ourselves.

The Story of a Lie.



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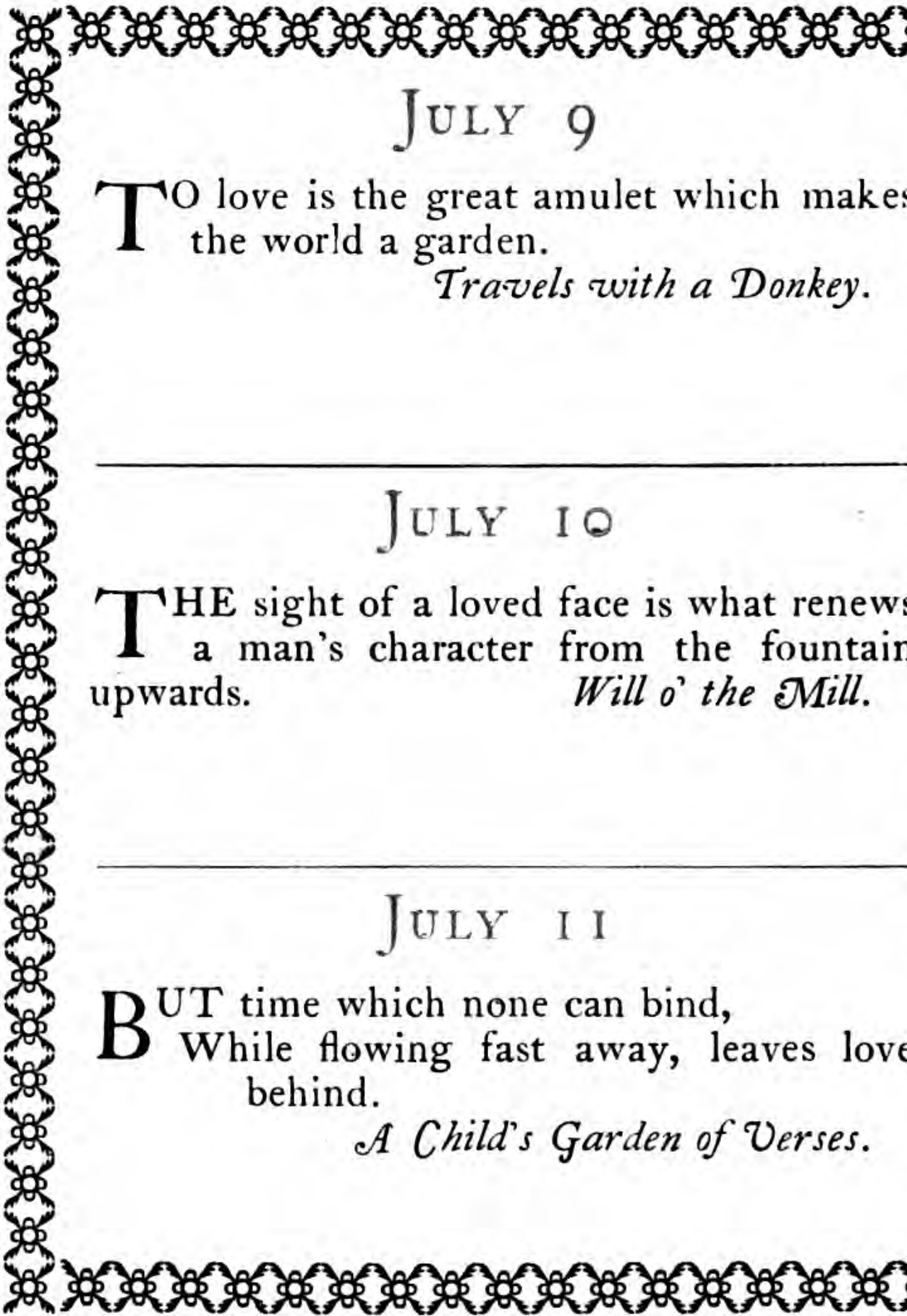
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JULY 9

TO love is the great amulet which makes
the world a garden.

Travels with a Donkey.

JULY 10

THE sight of a loved face is what renews
a man's character from the fountain
upwards.

Will o' the Mill.

JULY 11

BUT time which none can bind,
While flowing fast away, leaves love
behind.

A Child's Garden of Verses.



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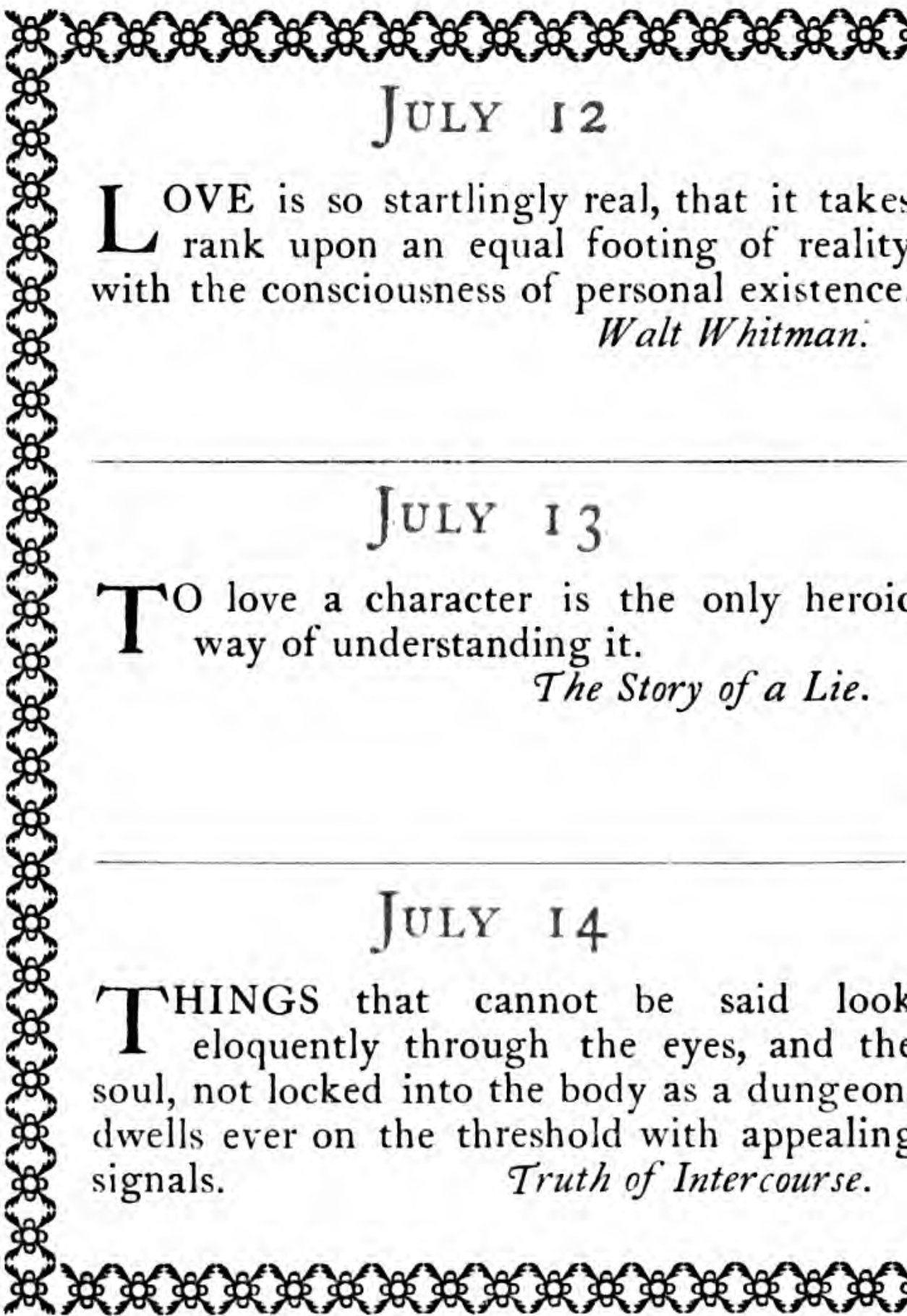
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LOVE is so startlingly real, that it takes rank upon an equal footing of reality with the consciousness of personal existence.

Walt Whitman.

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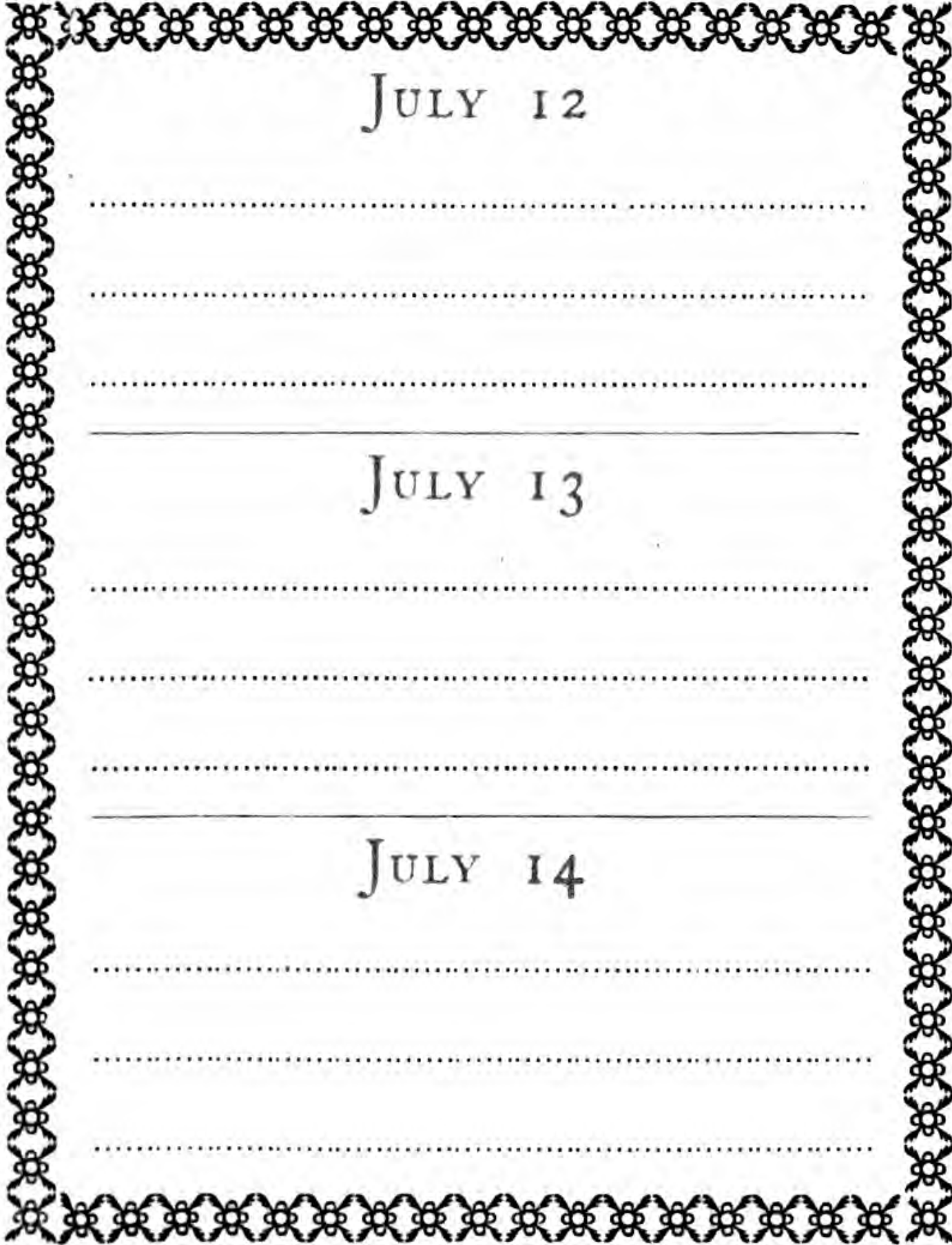
TO love a character is the only heroic way of understanding it.

The Story of a Lie.

JULY 14

THINGS that cannot be said look eloquently through the eyes, and the soul, not locked into the body as a dungeon dwells ever on the threshold with appealing signals.

Truth of Intercourse.



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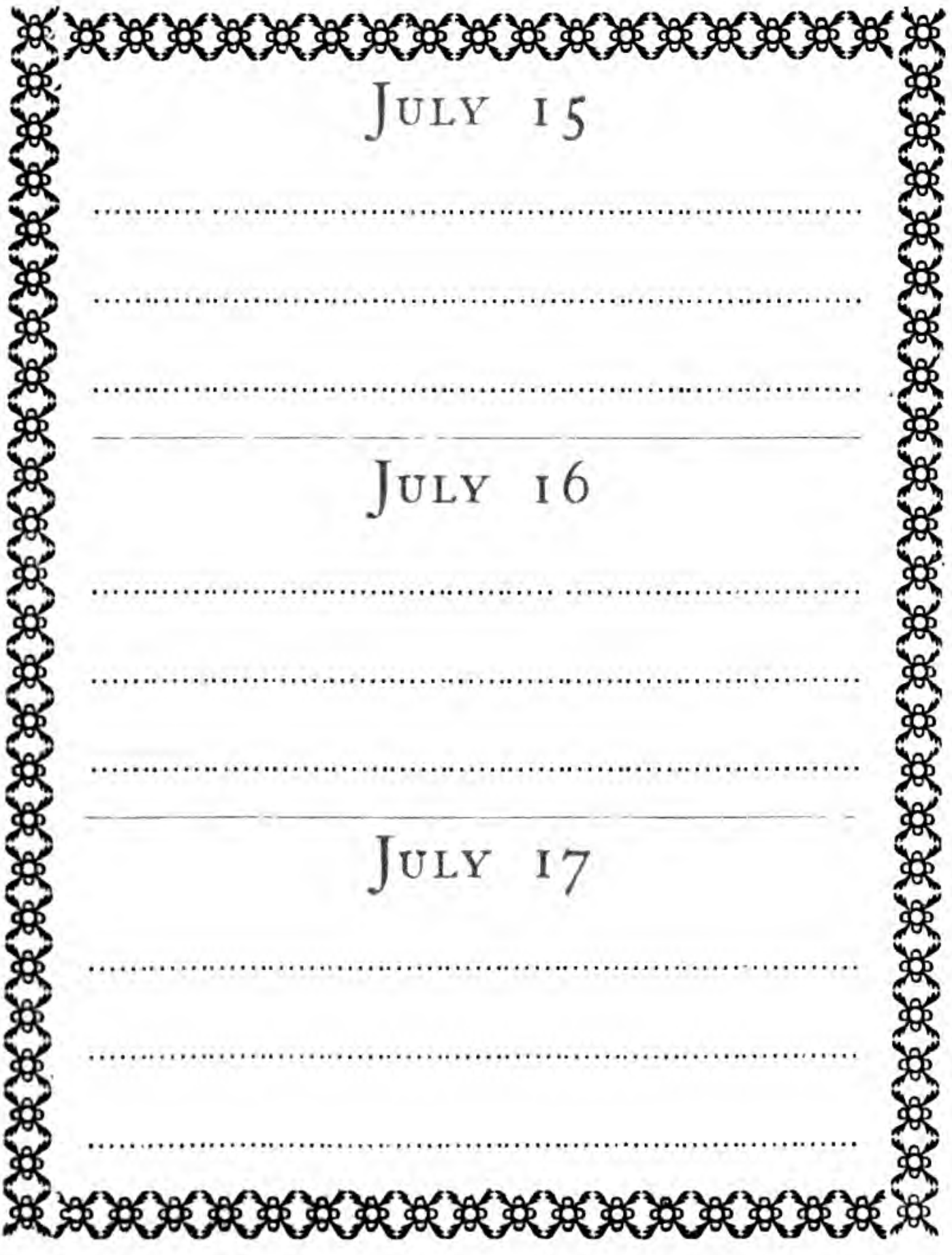
OUR affections and beliefs are wiser than
we. *Forest Notes.*

JULY 16

WE thank Thee, Lord, for the glory of
the late days and the excellent face of
Thy sun. *Prayers written at Vailima.*

JULY 17

IT is a golden maxim to cultivate the
garden for the nose, and the eyes will
take care of themselves. Nor must the ear
be forgotten—without birds a garden is a
prison yard. *The Ideal House.*

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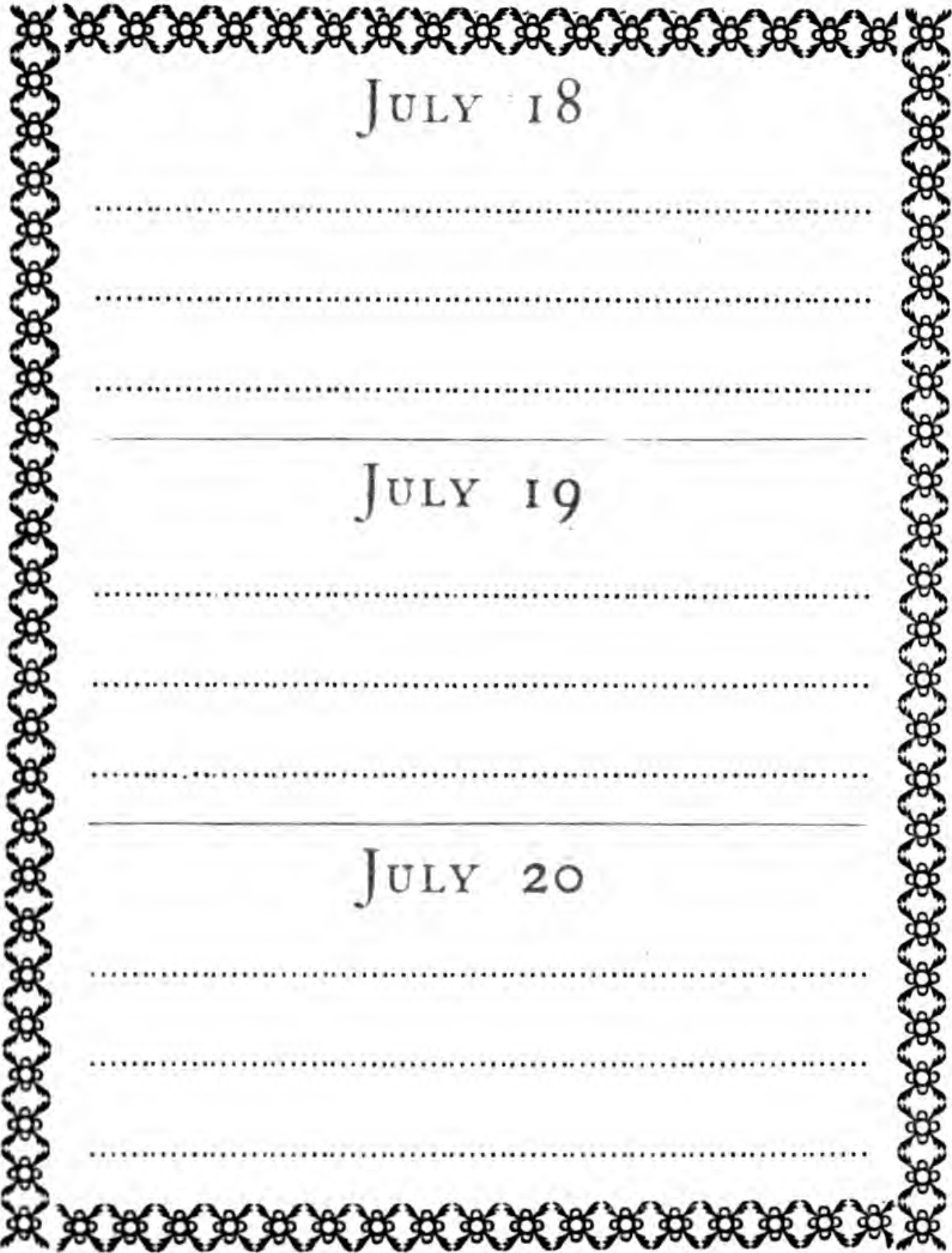
BLESSED Nature, healthy temperat
Nature, abhors and exterminates excess
The Treasure of Franchard.

JULY 19

AND methought that Beauty and Terror
are only one, not two,
And the world has room for love, and death
and thunder and dew. *Tropic Rain.*

JULY 20

NATURE is a good guide through life
and the love of simple pleasures next to
virtue. *The Amateur Emigrant.*



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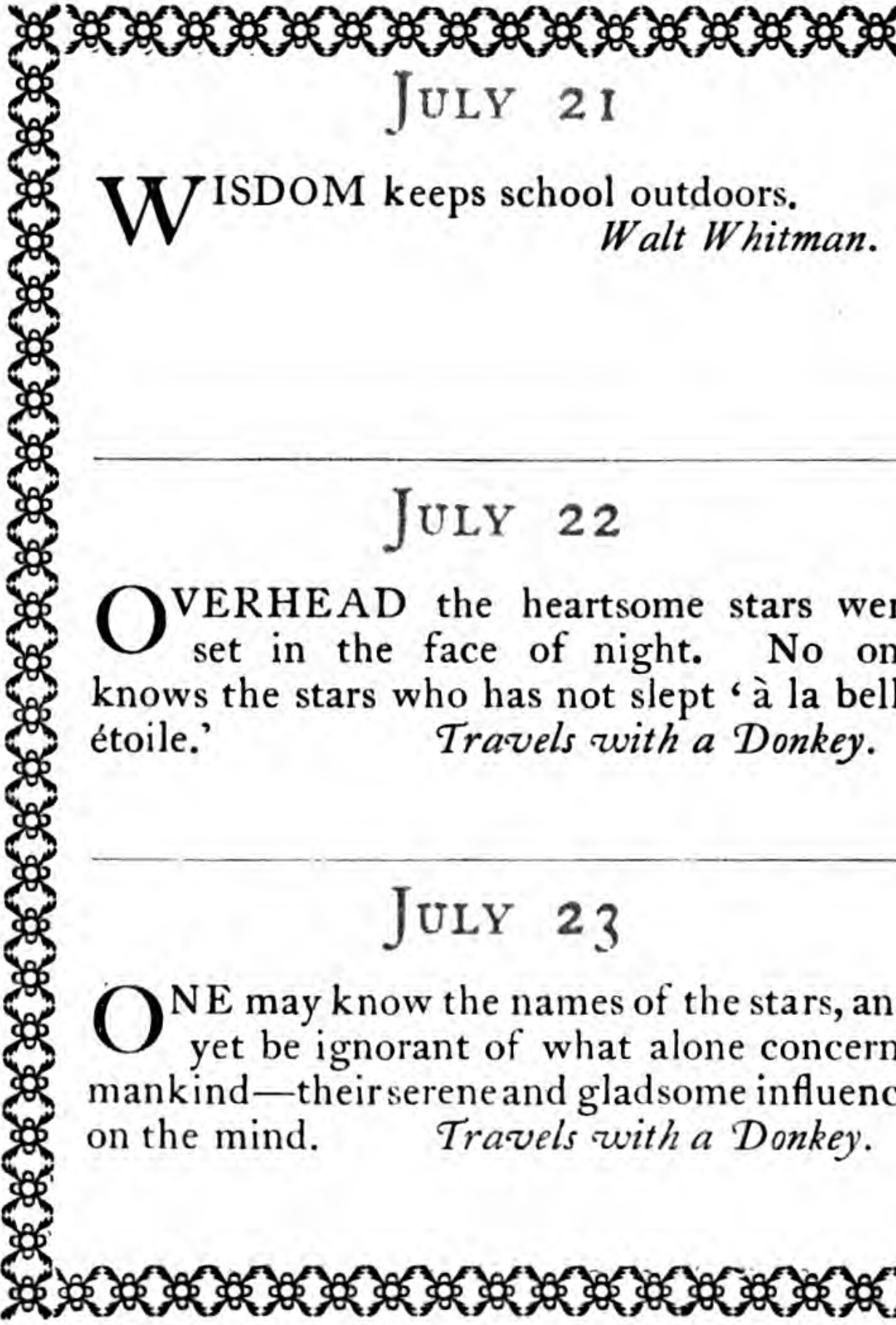
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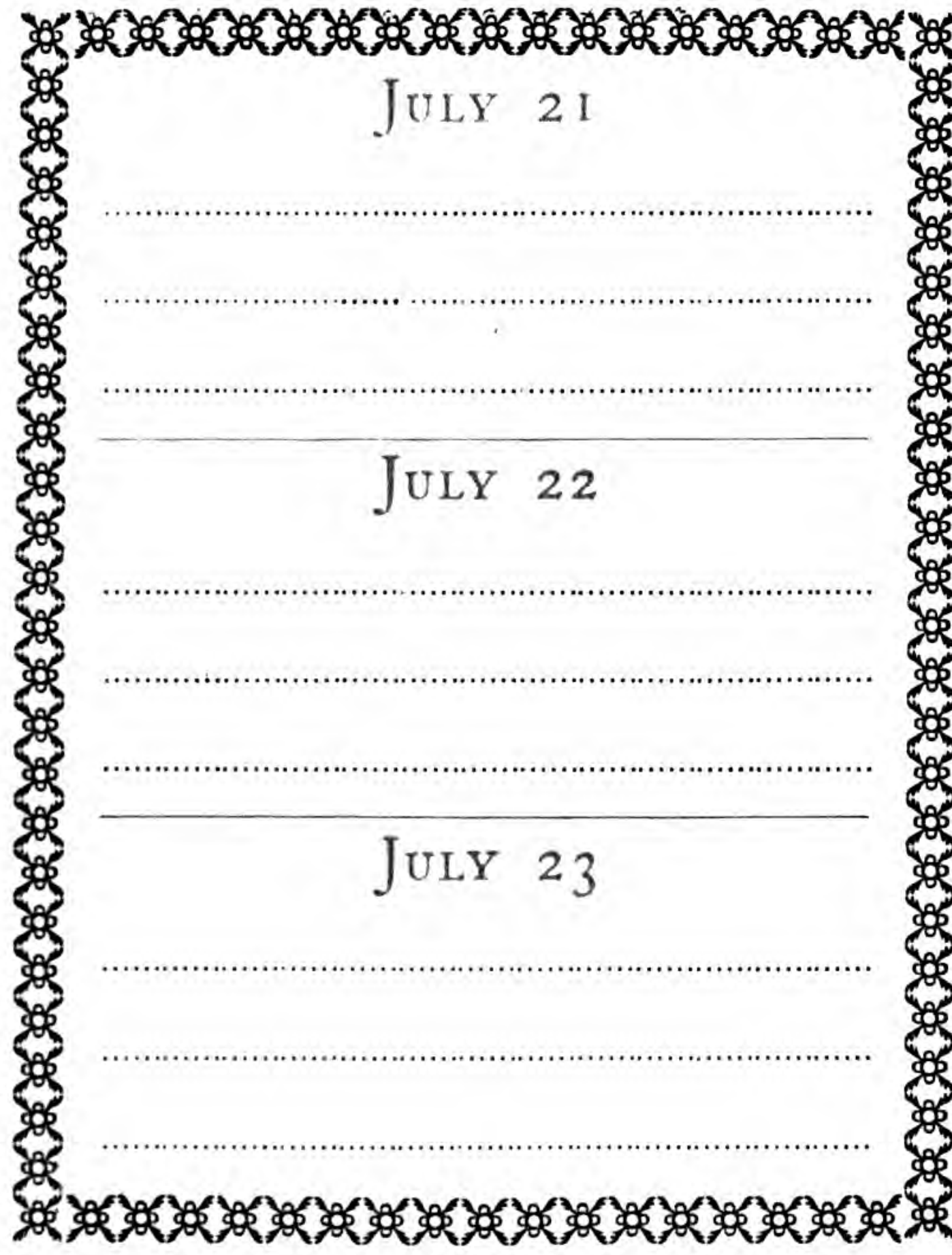
WISDOM keeps school outdoors.
Walt Whitman.

JULY 22

OVERHEAD the heartsome stars were
set in the face of night. No one
knows the stars who has not slept 'à la belle
étoile.'
Travels with a Donkey.

JULY 23

ONE may know the names of the stars, and
yet be ignorant of what alone concerns
mankind—their serene and gladsome influence
on the mind.
Travels with a Donkey.



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JULY 24

I FIND I never weary of great church
It is my favourite kind of mountain
scenery. Mankind was never so happily
inspired as when it made a Cathedral.

An Inland Voyage.

JULY 25

BRING us to our resting beds weary and
content and undishonoured—and grant
us in the end the gift of sleep.

Prayers written at Vailima.

JULY 26

HE who indulges habitually in the
intoxicating pleasures of imagination—
for the very reason that he reaps a greater
pleasure than others—must resign himself
to a keener pain.

A Retrospect.



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JULY 27

IT is quite possible—and even comparatively easy — so to enfold oneself in pleasant fancies, that the realities of life may seem but as the white snow shower in the street, that only gives relish to the swept hearth and lively fire within.

A Retrospect.

JULY 28

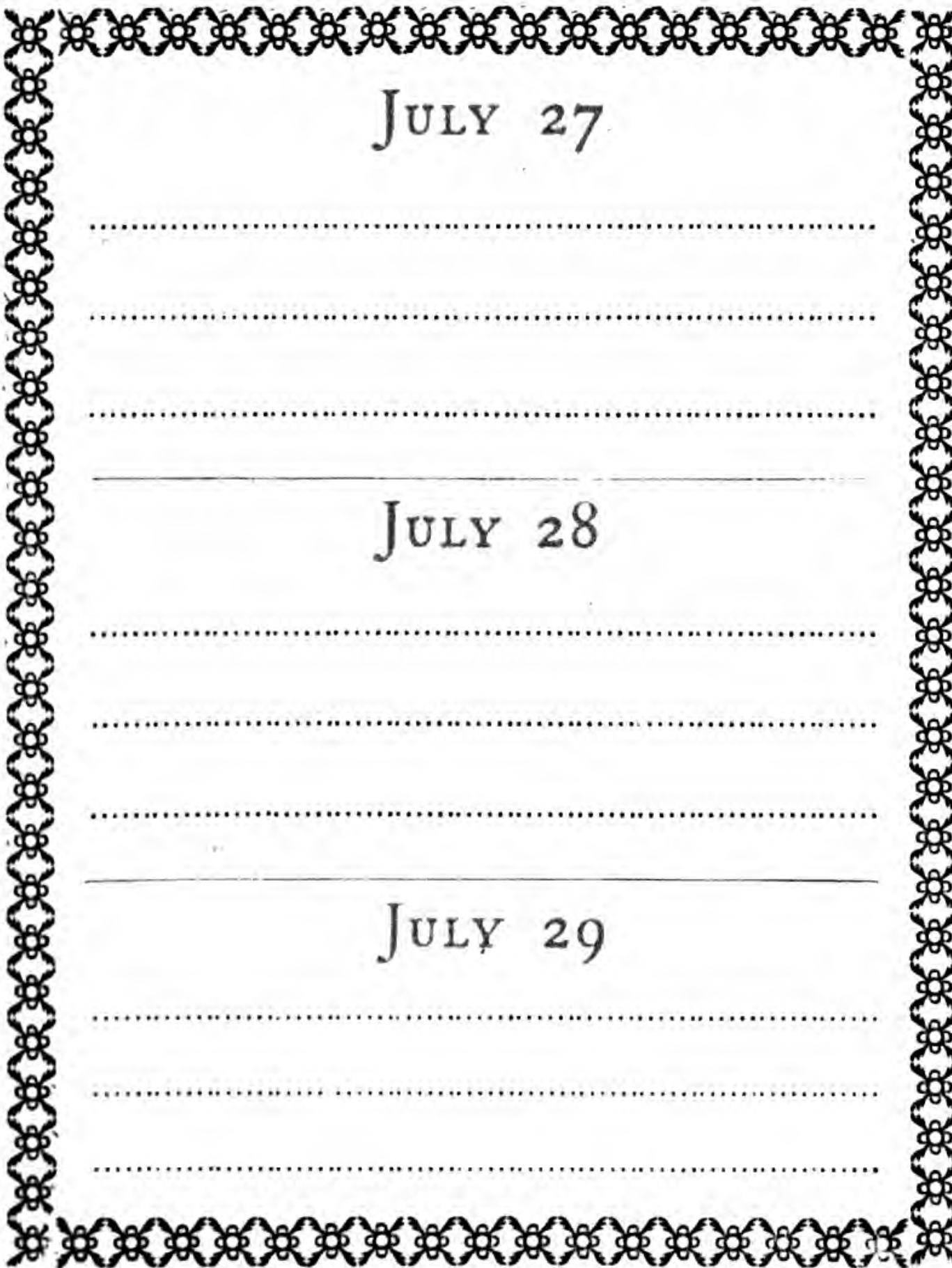
BY such means I have forgotten hunger. I have sometimes eased pain and have invariably changed into the most pleasant hours of the day those very vacant and idle seasons which would otherwise have hung most heavily upon my hands.

A Retrospect.

JULY 29

HERE are twenty-four hours of Sunday set apart for you to hold counsel with your soul and look around you on the possibilities of life.

Lay Morals.



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JULY 30

BURNS — numbering past pleasures — dwells upon the hours when he has been 'happy thinking.' We are all so busy that we can find no time for pleasure trips into the Land of Thought.

Walking Tours.

JULY 31

I ALLOW my memory to choose out what is truly memorable by a process of natural selection, and I piously believe that in this way I ensure the Survival of the Fittest.

Cockermouth and Keswick.

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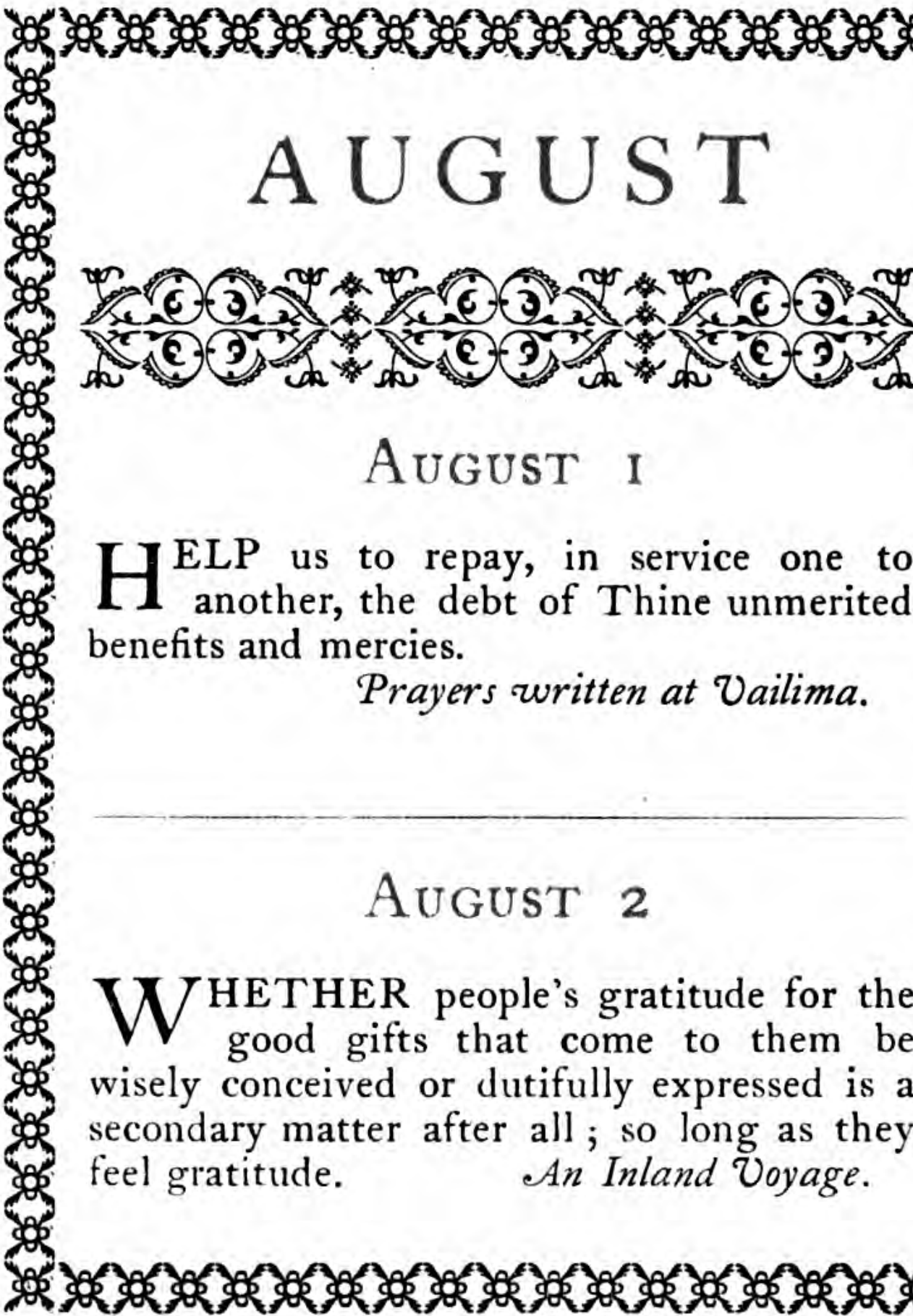
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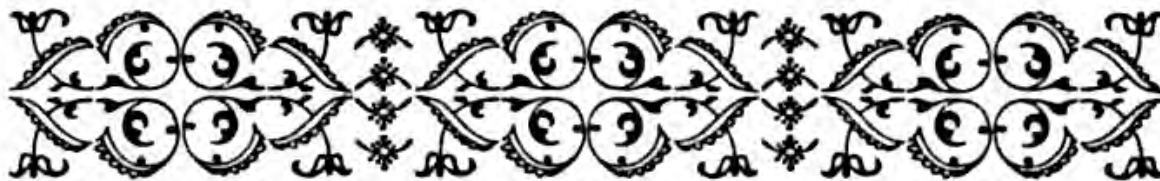
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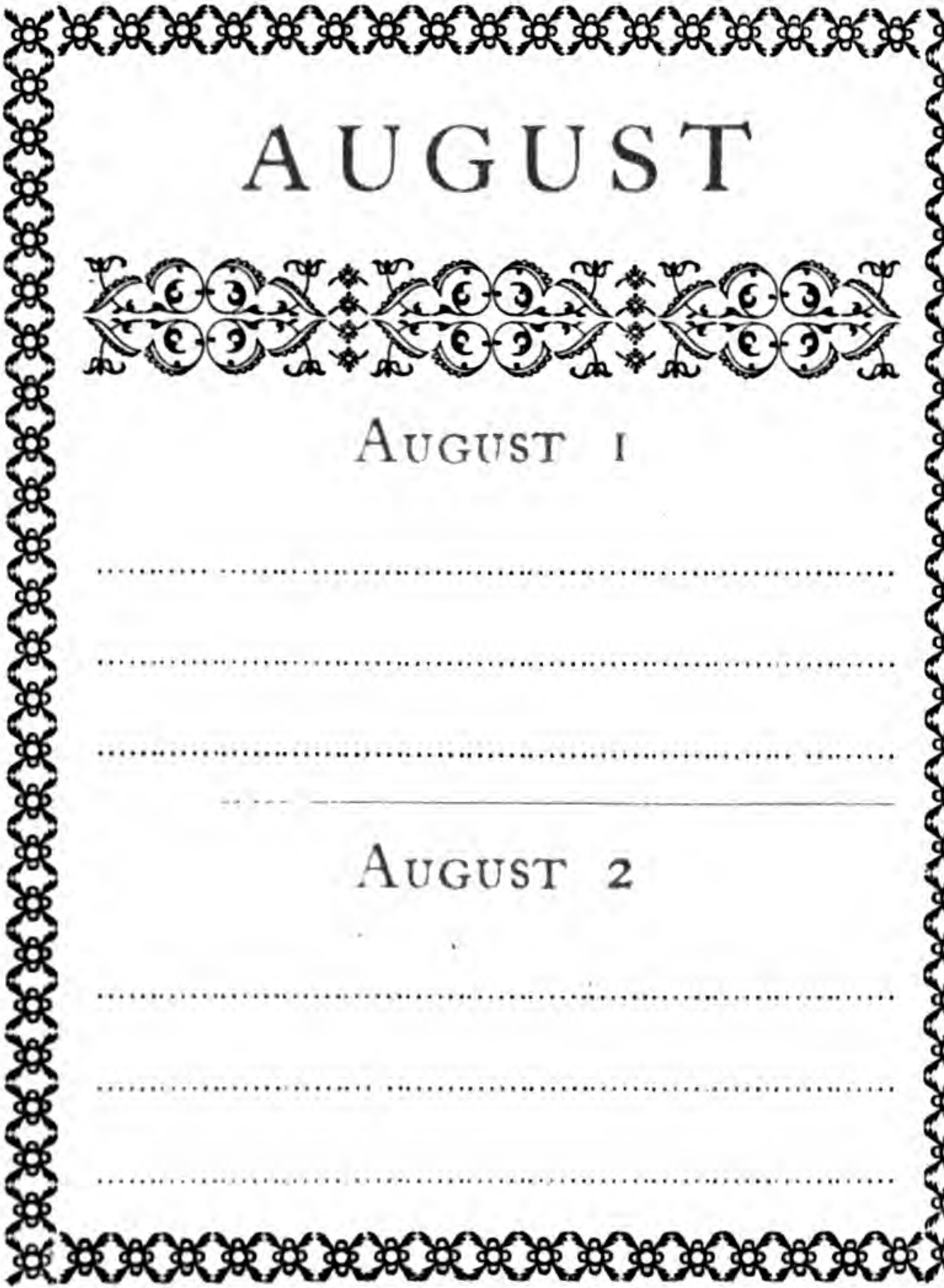
HELP us to repay, in service one to another, the debt of Thine unmerited benefits and mercies.

Prayers written at Vailima.

AUGUST 2

WHETHER people's gratitude for the good gifts that come to them be wisely conceived or dutifully expressed is a secondary matter after all ; so long as they feel gratitude.

An Inland Voyage.



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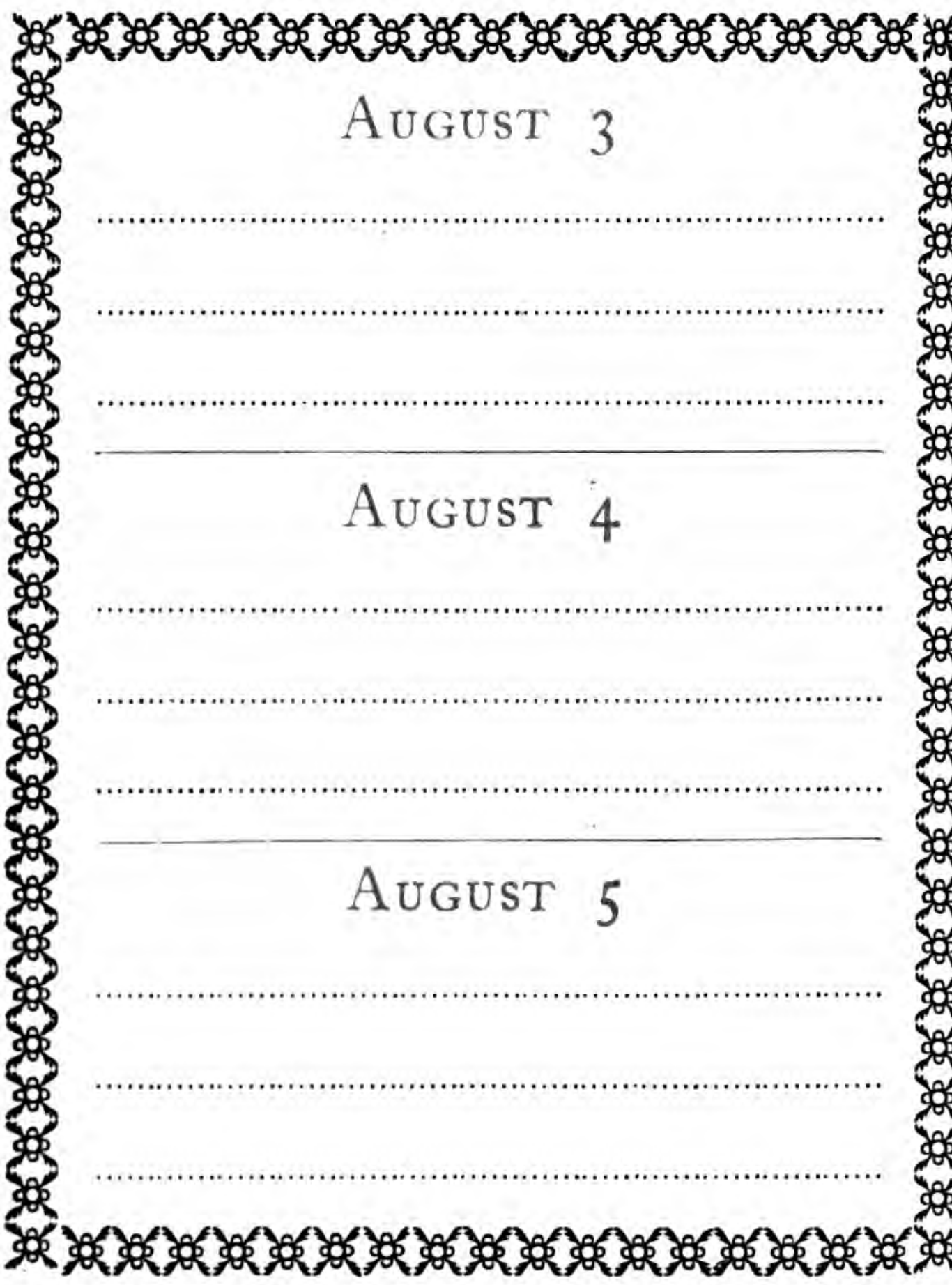
LOOK at the gratuitous remedies and pleasures that surround our path.
The Treasure of Franchard.

AUGUST 4

‘THE world is so full of a number of things,
I’m sure we should all be as happy as kings.’
A Child’s Garden of Verses.

AUGUST 5

THINK of how God tempers our afflictions to us, of how tenderly He mixes in bright joys with the grey web of trouble that we call our life.
Letter to Mrs. Sitwell.



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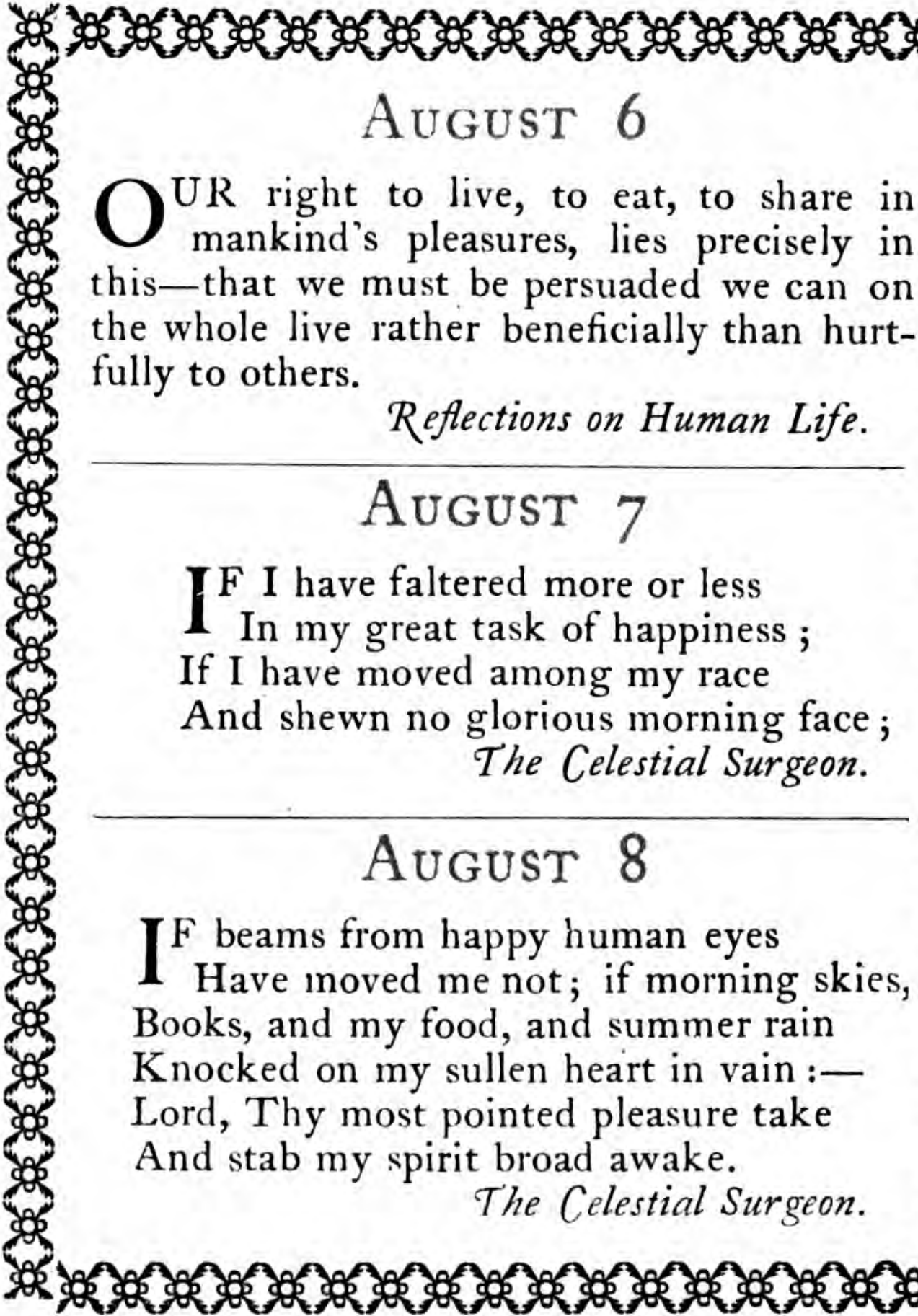
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OUR right to live, to eat, to share in mankind's pleasures, lies precisely in this—that we must be persuaded we can on the whole live rather beneficially than hurtfully to others.

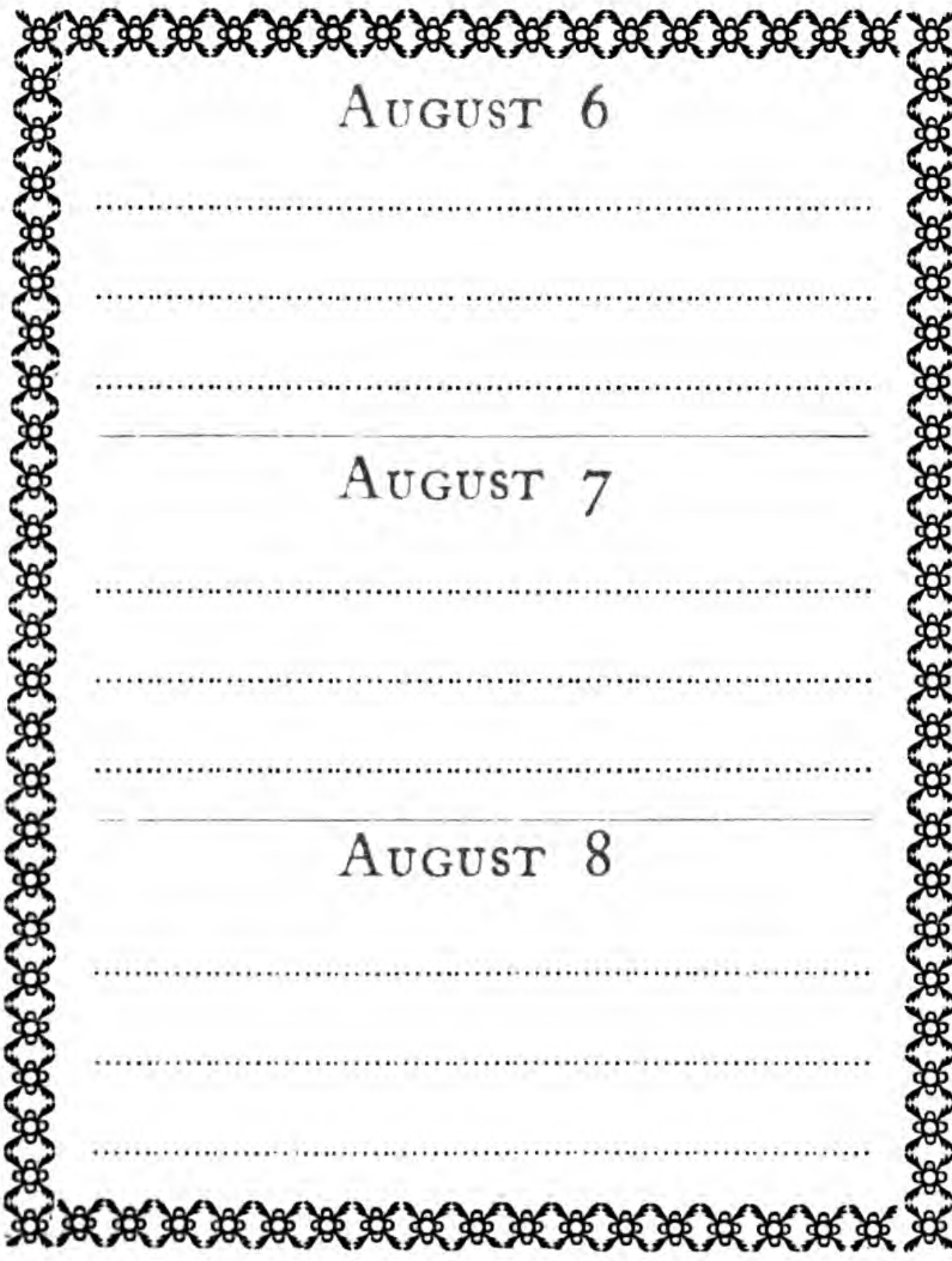
Reflections on Human Life.

AUGUST 7

IF I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness ;
If I have moved among my race
And shewn no glorious morning face ;
The Celestial Surgeon.

AUGUST 8

IF beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not ; if morning skies,
Books, and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain :—
Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake.
The Celestial Surgeon.



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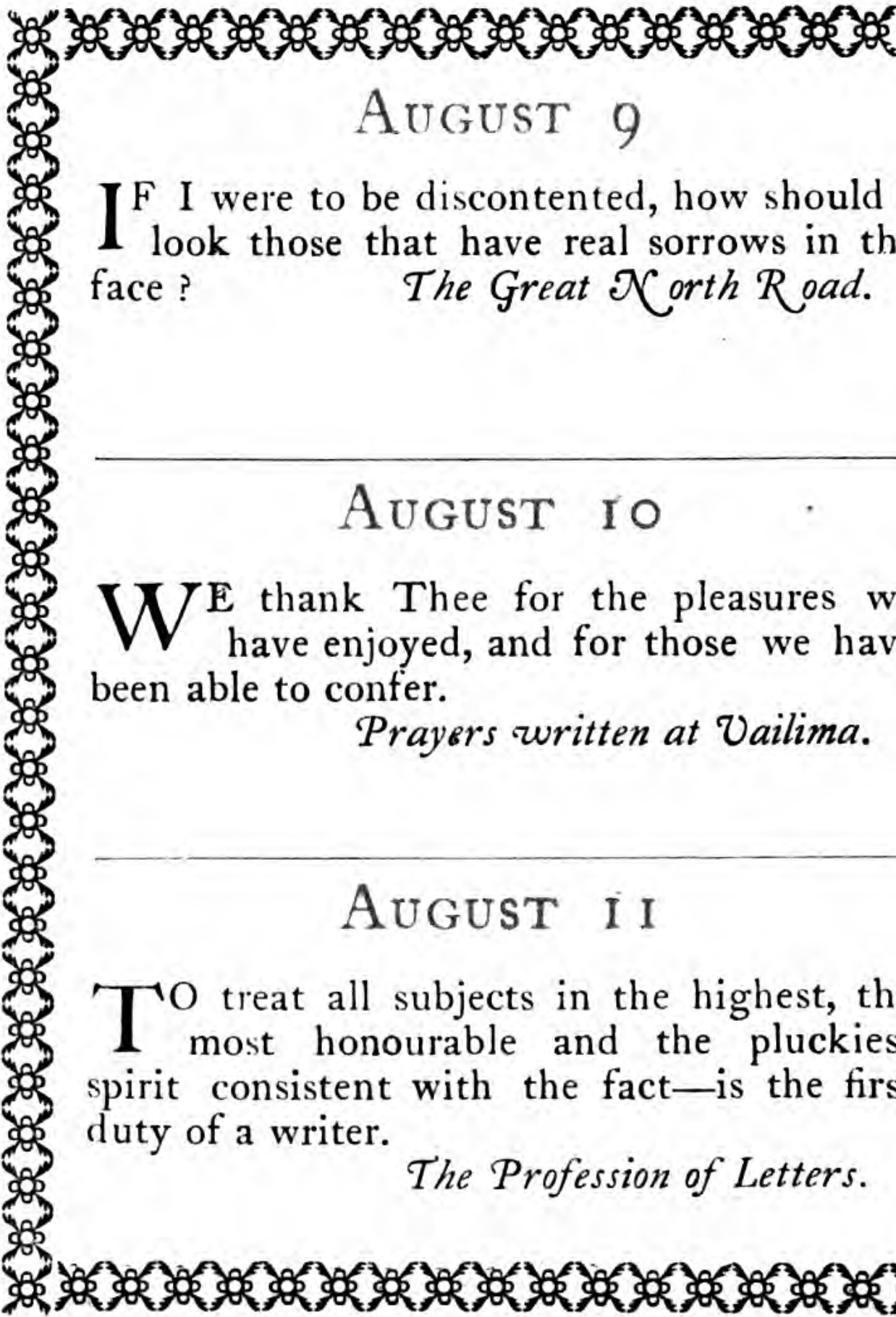
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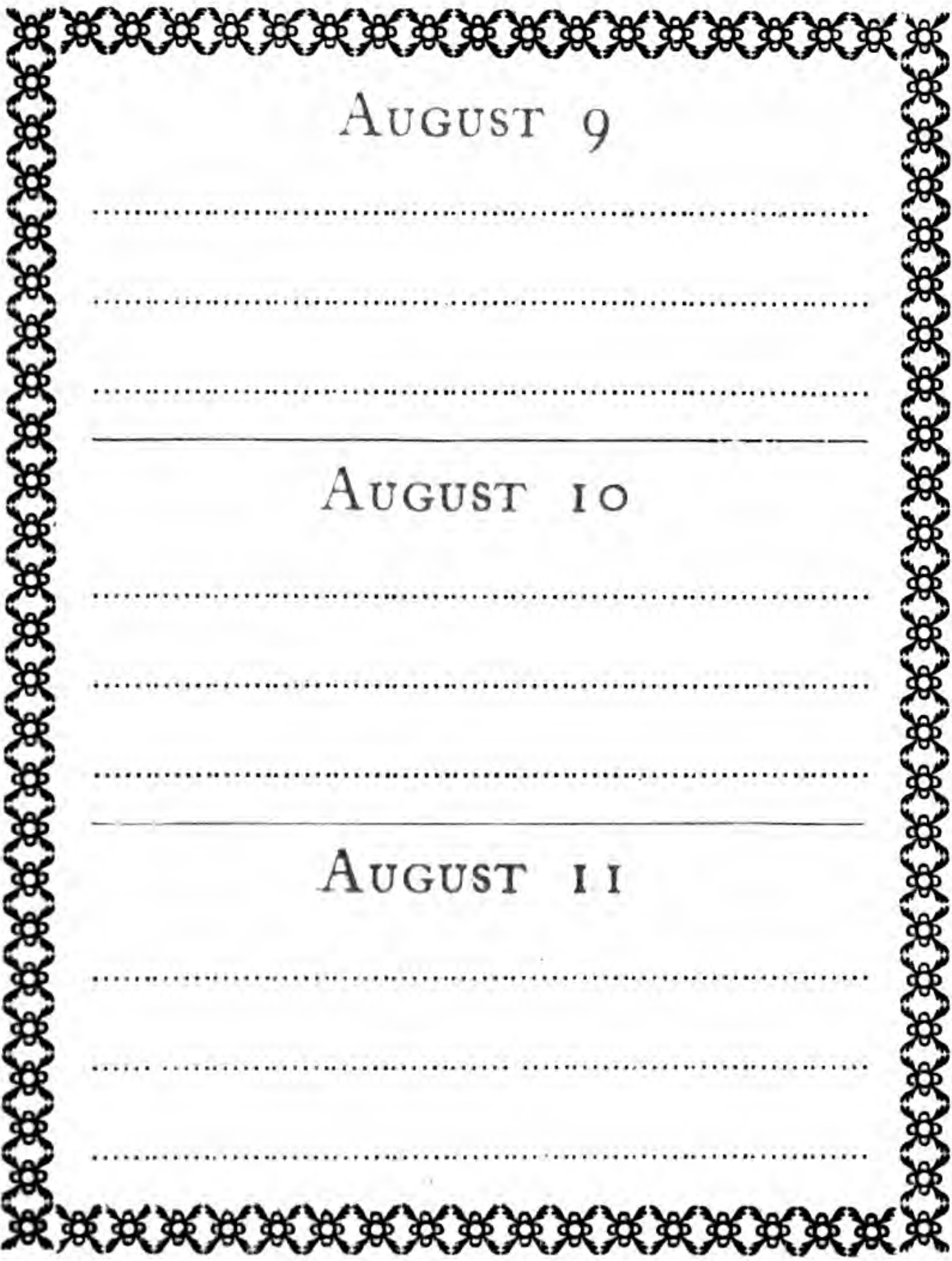
IF I were to be discontented, how should I look those that have real sorrows in the face ?
The Great North Road.

AUGUST 10

WE thank Thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed, and for those we have been able to confer.
Prayers written at Vailima.

AUGUST 11

TO treat all subjects in the highest, the most honourable and the pluckiest spirit consistent with the fact—is the first duty of a writer.
The Profession of Letters.



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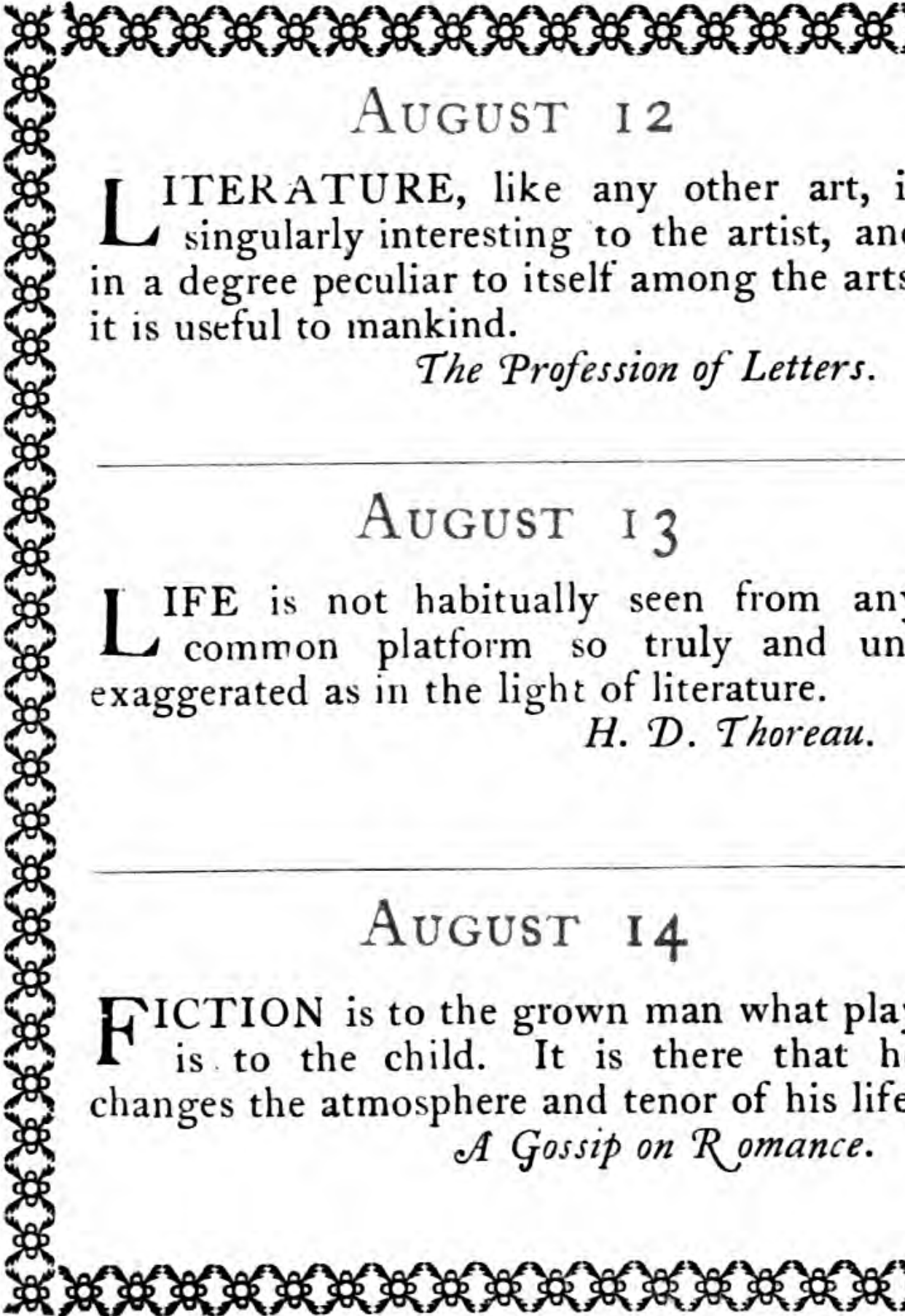
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AUGUST 12

LITERATURE, like any other art, is singularly interesting to the artist, and in a degree peculiar to itself among the arts it is useful to mankind.

The Profession of Letters.

AUGUST 13

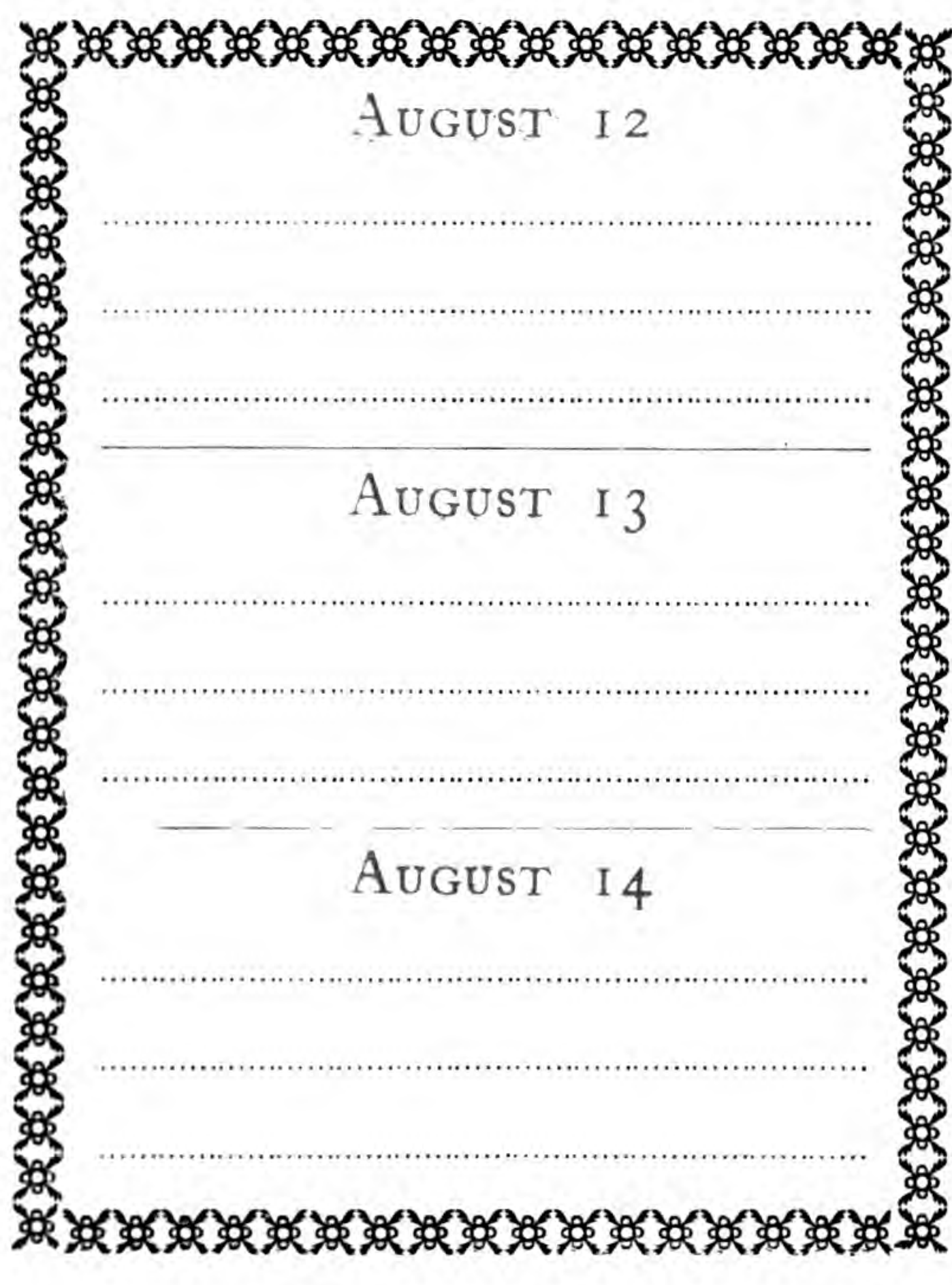
LIFE is not habitually seen from any common platform so truly and unexaggerated as in the light of literature.

H. D. Thoreau.

AUGUST 14

FICTION is to the grown man what play is to the child. It is there that he changes the atmosphere and tenor of his life.

A Gossip on Romance.



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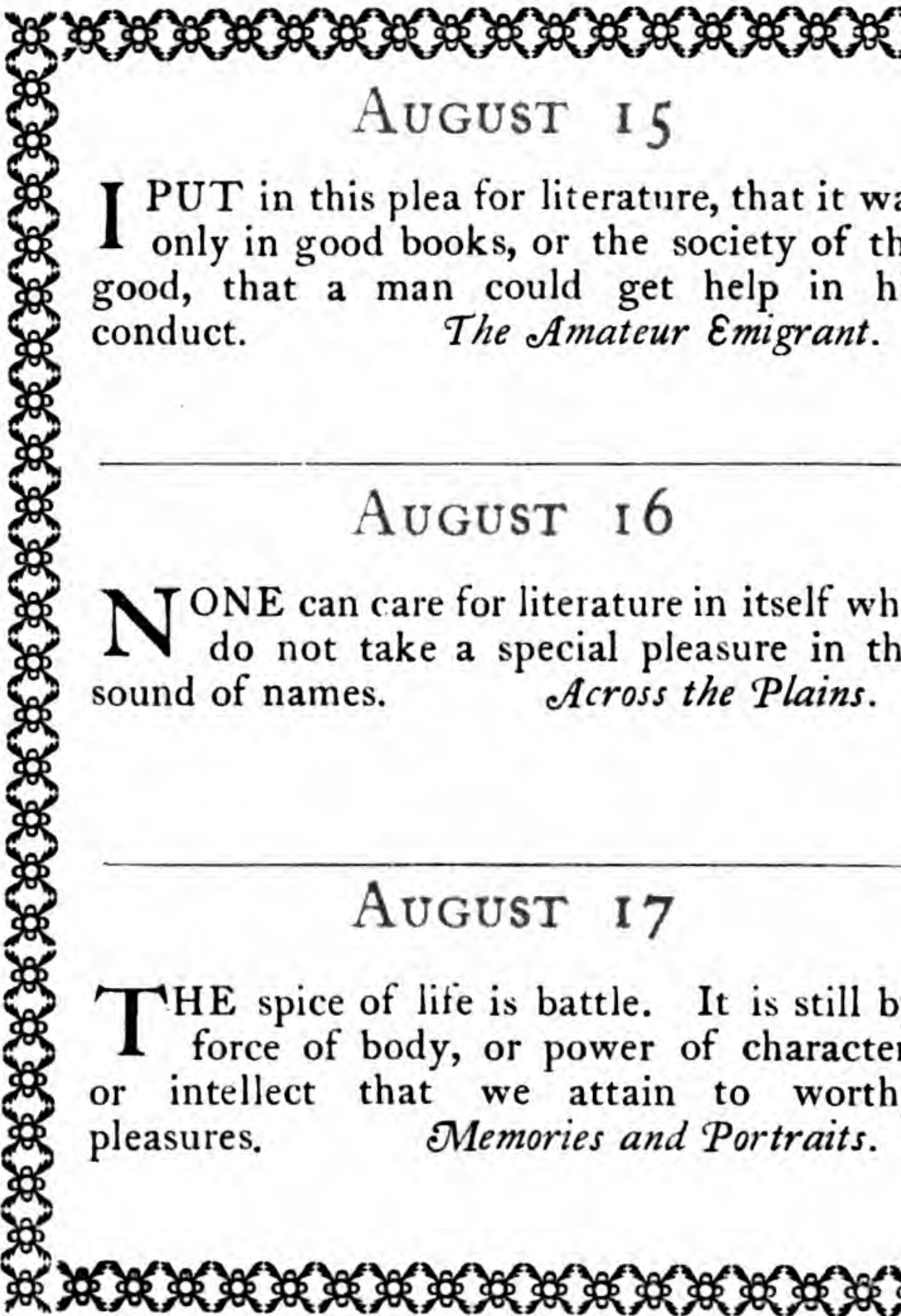
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AUGUST 15

I PUT in this plea for literature, that it was only in good books, or the society of the good, that a man could get help in his conduct.

The Amateur Emigrant.

AUGUST 16

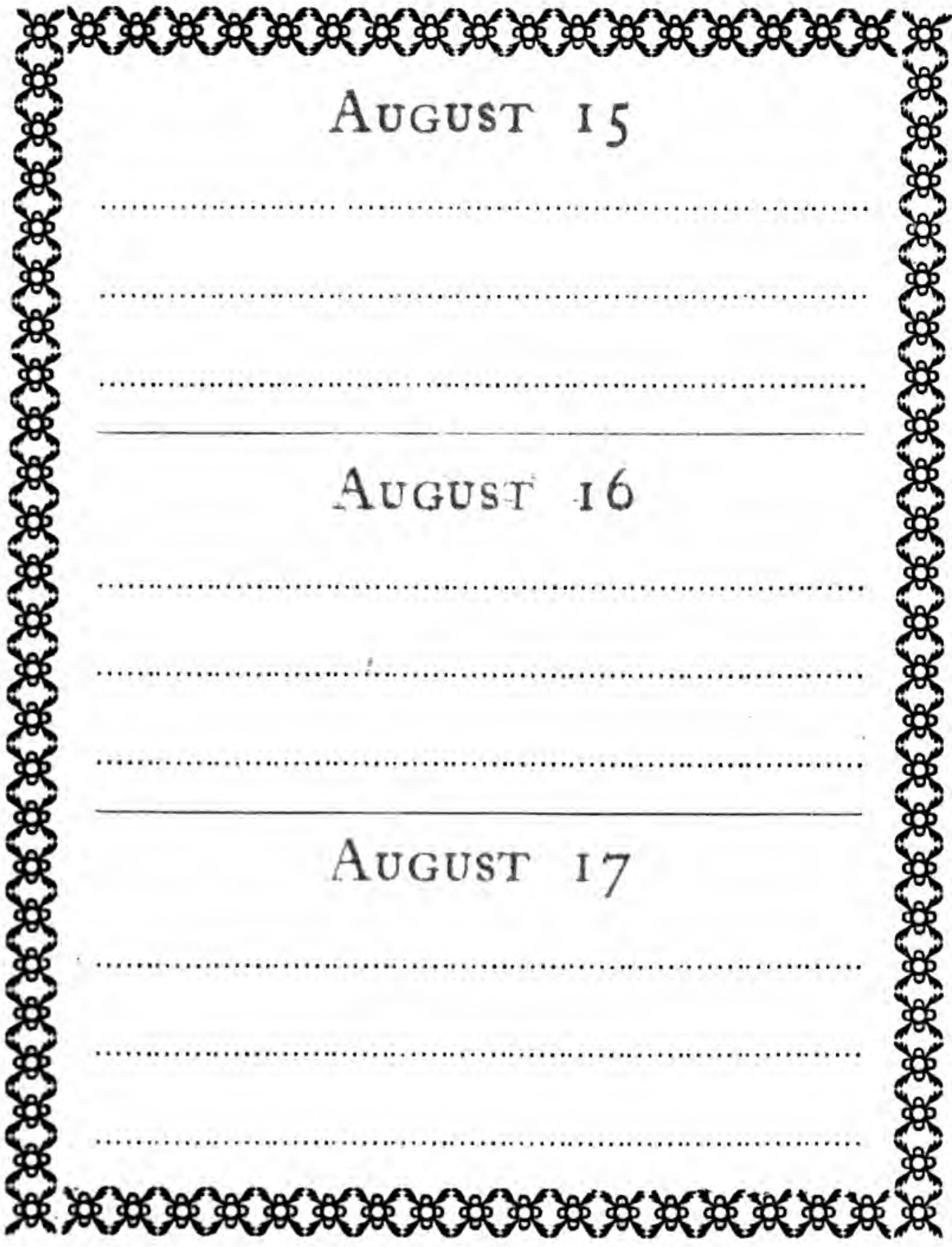
NONE can care for literature in itself who do not take a special pleasure in the sound of names.

Across the Plains.

AUGUST 17

THE spice of life is battle. It is still by the force of body, or power of character or intellect that we attain to worth and pleasures.

Memories and Portraits.



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AUGUST 18

CULTURE is not measured by the greatness of the field which is covered by our knowledge, but by the nicety with which we can perceive relations in that field whether great or small. *The Amateur Emigrant.*

AUGUST 19

LOOK down upon ourselves and our
absent dear ones. Help us and them
Prayers written at Vailima.

AUGUST 20

BY managing its own work and following its own happy inspiration youth is doing the best it can to endow the leisure of age.

Crabbed Age and Youth.



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AUGUST 21

TO lead an adventurous and honourable youth, and to settle when the time arrives into a green and smiling age, is to be a good artist in life and to deserve well of yourself and your neighbours.

Crabbed Age and Youth.

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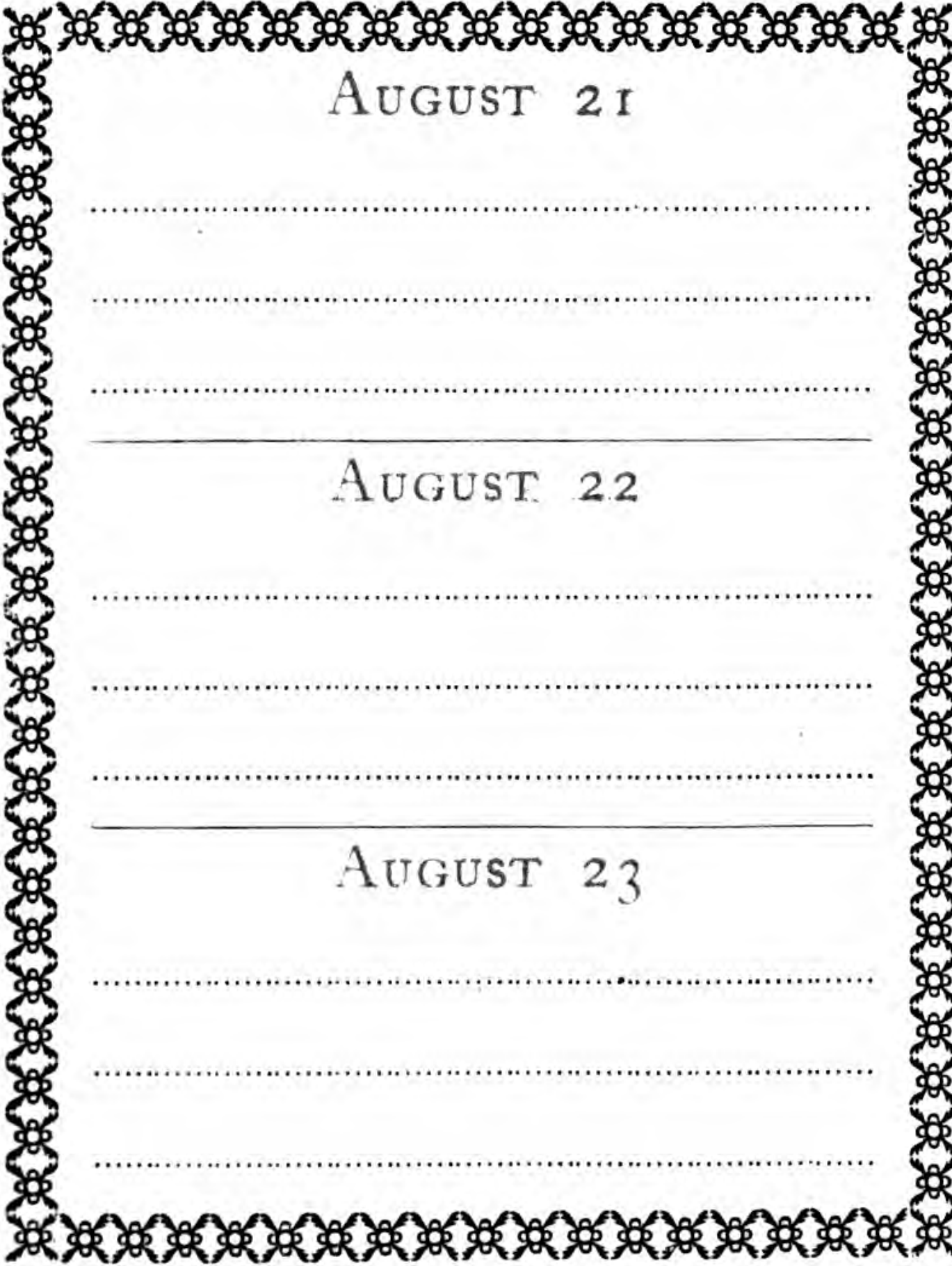
WHERE youth agrees with age, not where they differ, wisdom lies.

Talk and Talkers.

AUGUST 23

HIS was the nature that looks forward and goes on from one year to another and through all the extremities of fortune undismayed.

An Amateur Emigrant.



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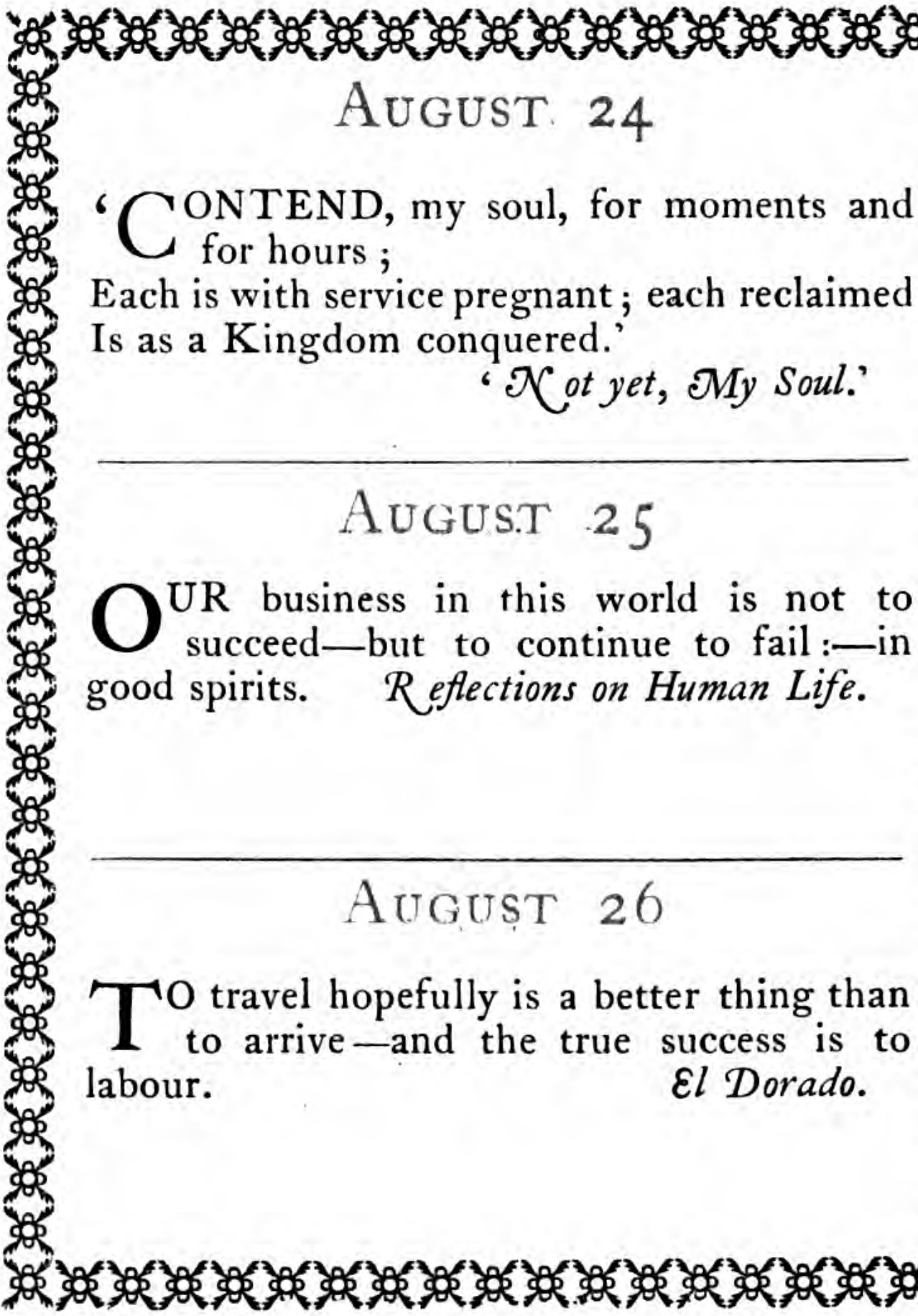
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AUGUST 24

‘CONTEND, my soul, for moments and
for hours ;
Each is with service pregnant ; each reclaimed
Is as a Kingdom conquered.’

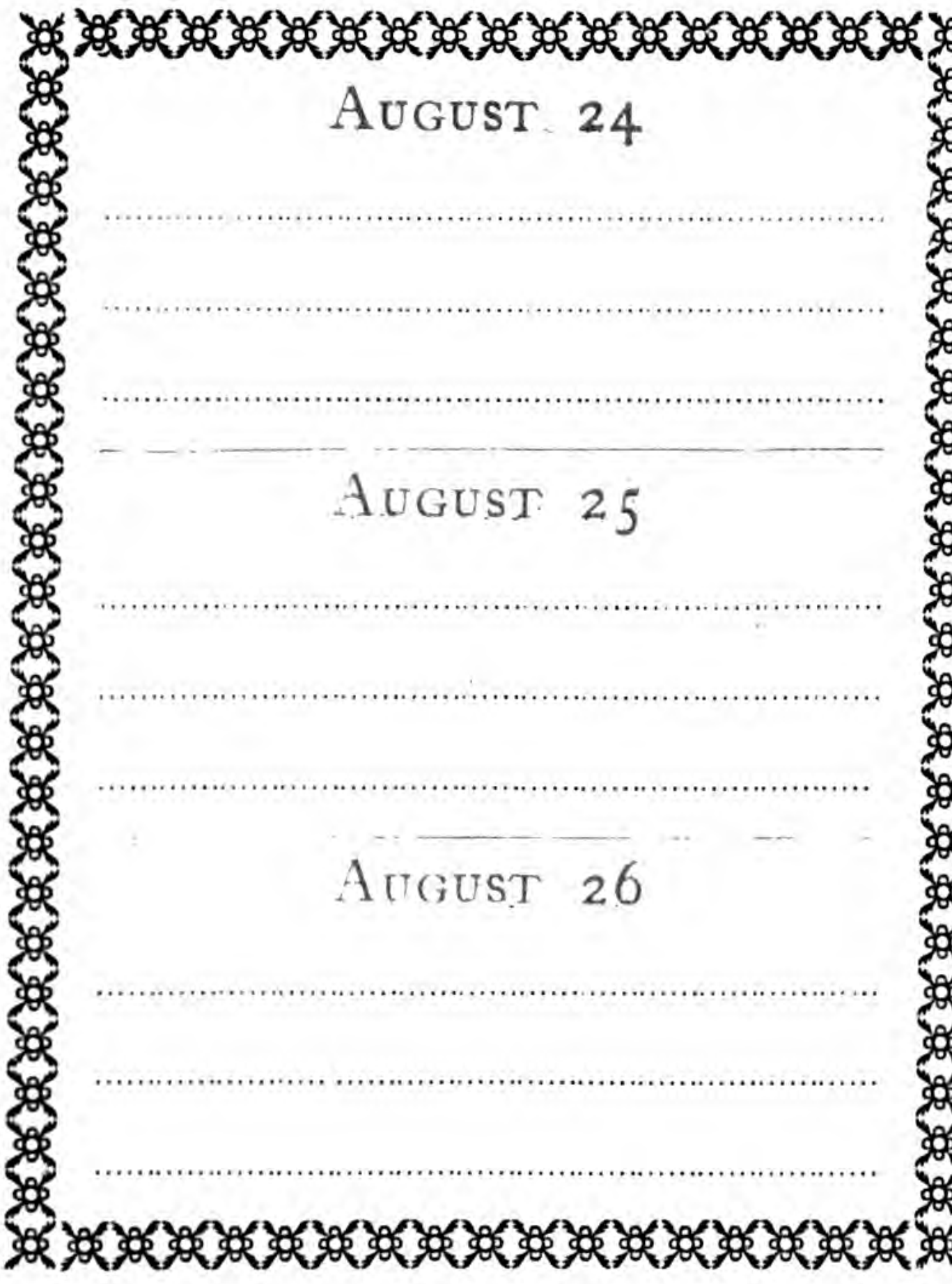
‘*Not yet, My Soul.*’

AUGUST 25

OUR business in this world is not to
succeed—but to continue to fail:—in
good spirits. *Reflections on Human Life.*

AUGUST 26

TO travel hopefully is a better thing than
to arrive—and the true success is to
labour. *El Dorado.*



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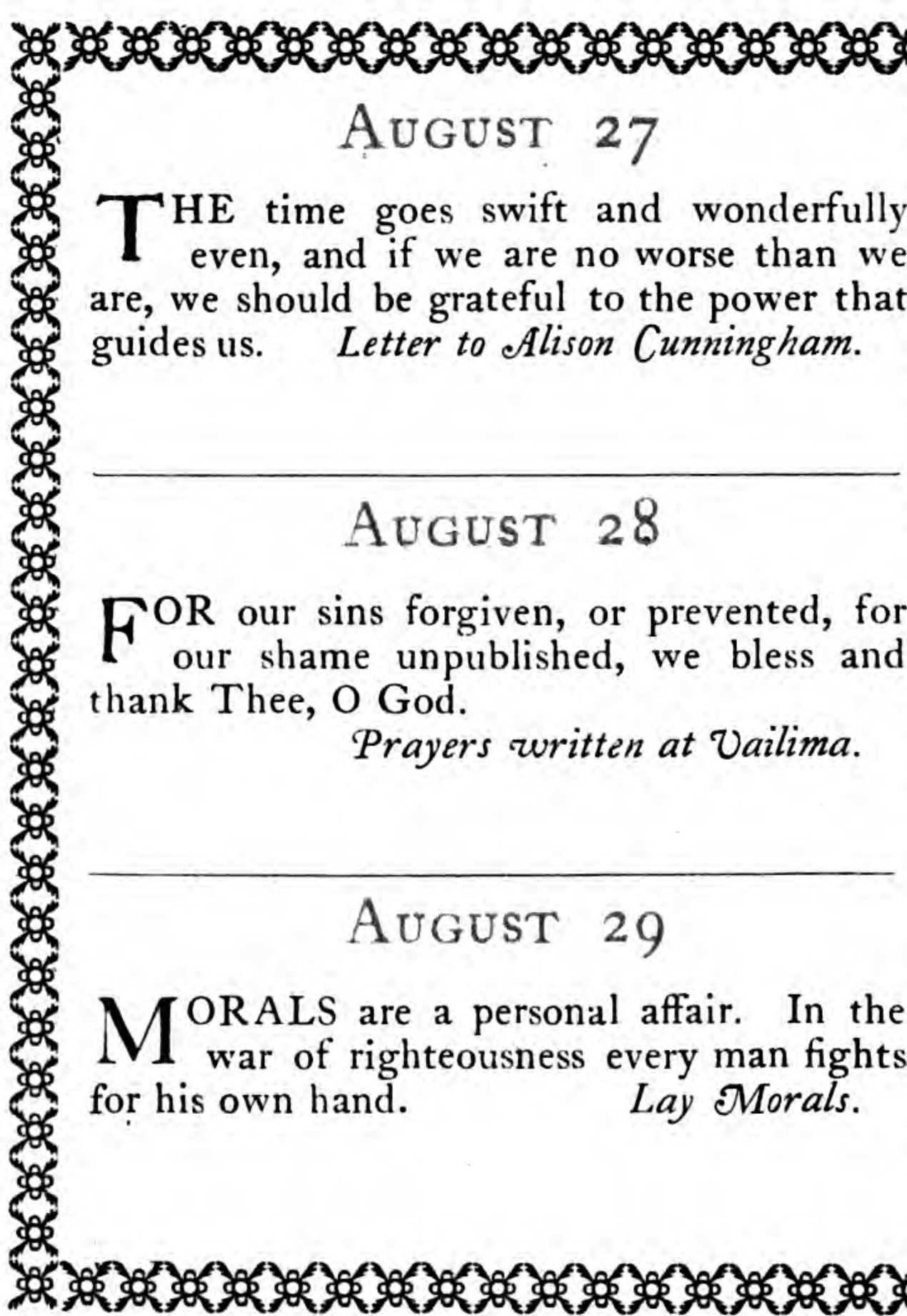
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AUGUST 27

THE time goes swift and wonderfully even, and if we are no worse than we are, we should be grateful to the power that guides us. *Letter to Alison Cunningham.*

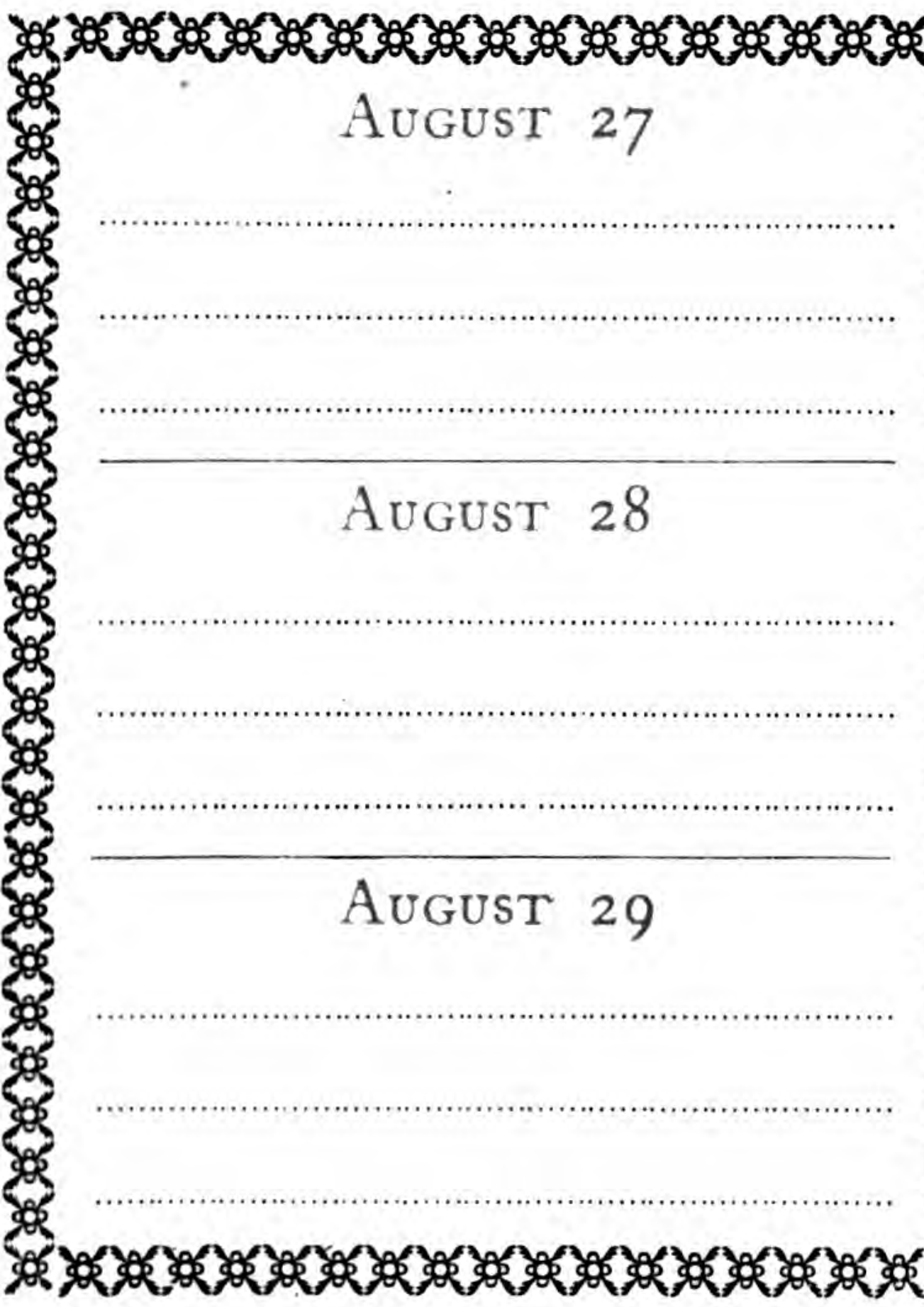
AUGUST 28

FOR our sins forgiven, or prevented, for our shame unpublished, we bless and thank Thee, O God.

Prayers written at Vailima.

AUGUST 29

MORALS are a personal affair. In the war of righteousness every man fights for his own hand. *Lay Morals.*

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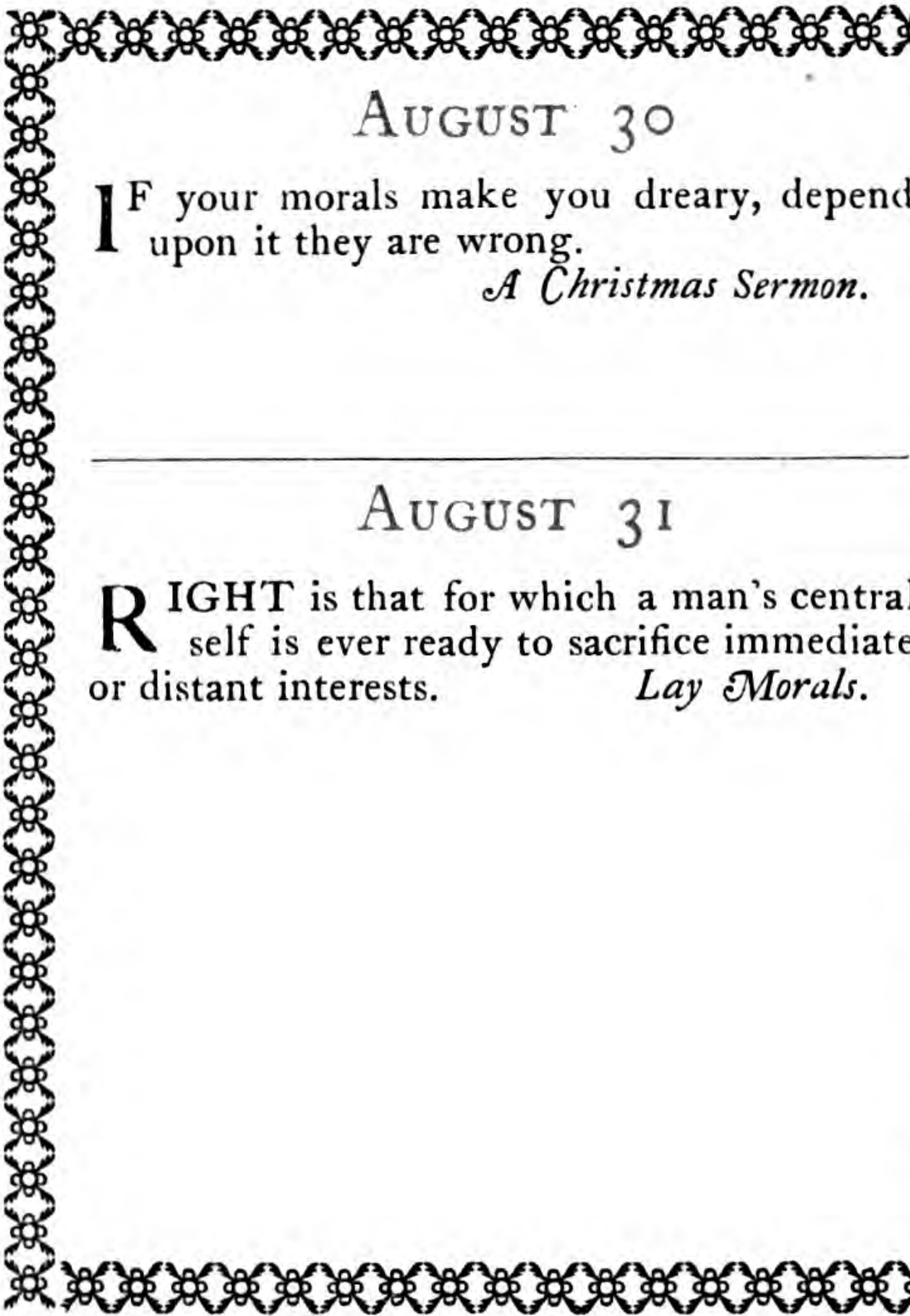
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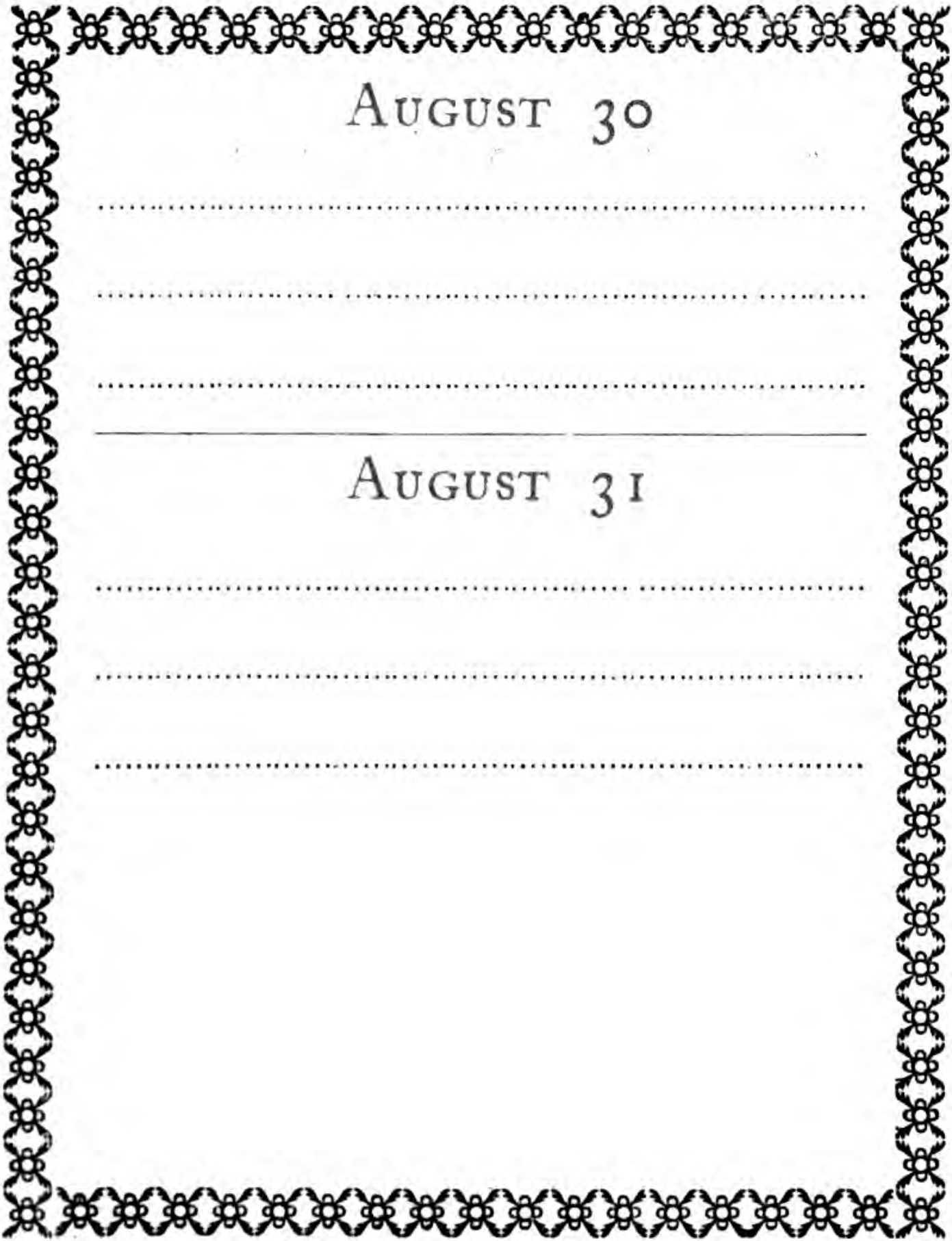
IF your morals make you dreary, depend
upon it they are wrong.

A Christmas Sermon.

AUGUST 31

RIGHT is that for which a man's central
self is ever ready to sacrifice immediate
or distant interests.

Lay Morals.



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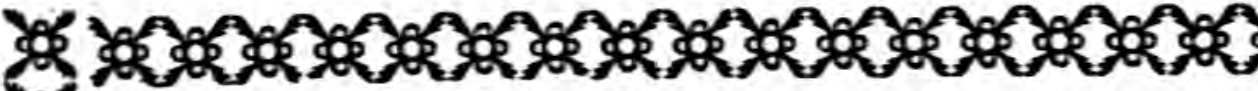
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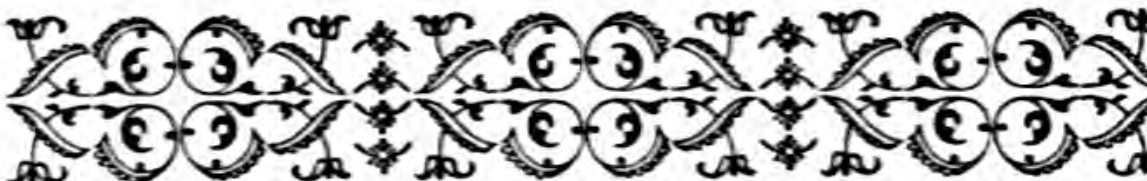
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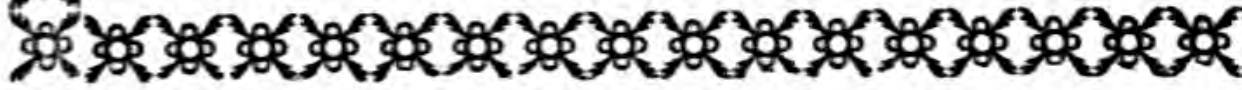
THAT which is right is intimately dictated to each man by himself, but can never be rigorously set forth in language and never—above all—imposed upon another.

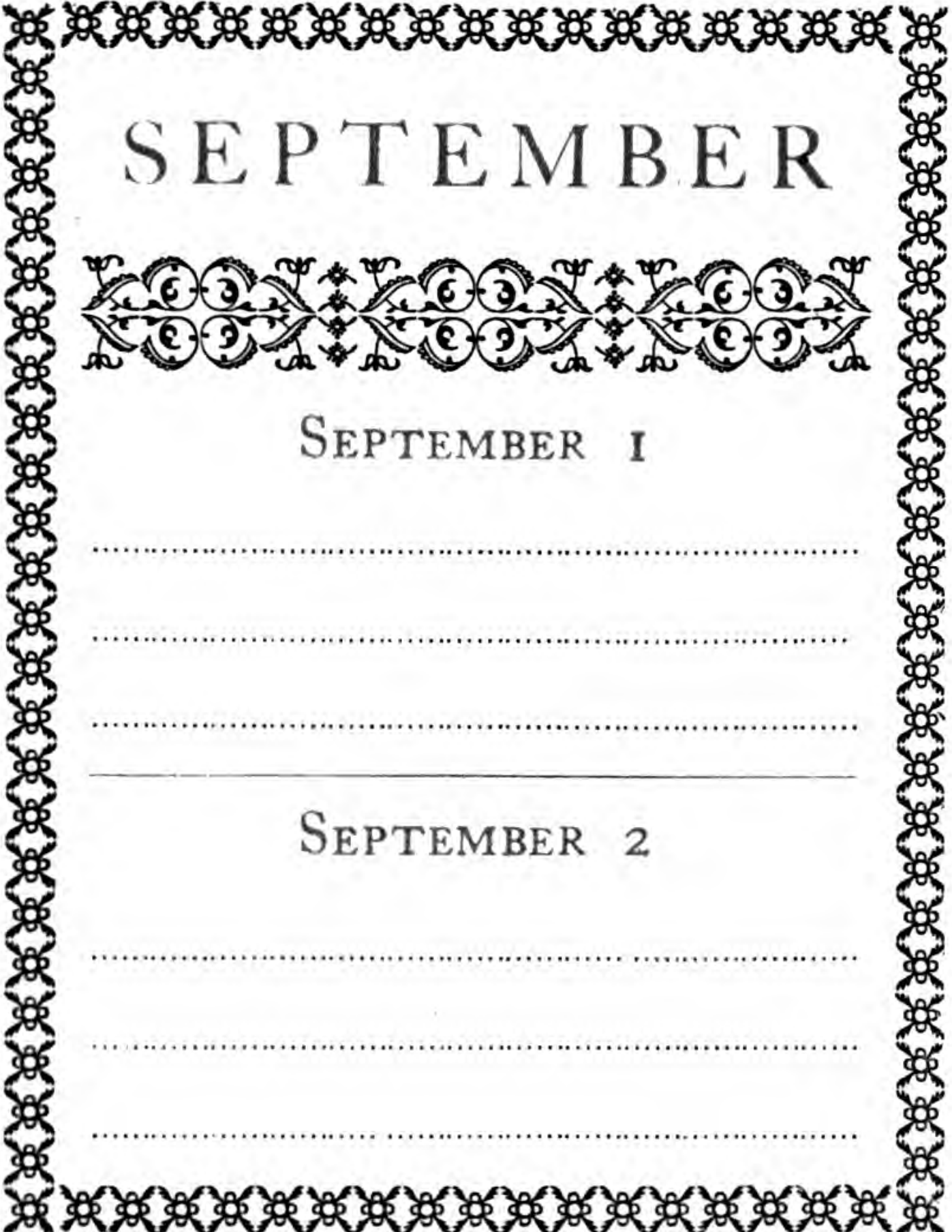
Lay Morals.

SEPTEMBER 2

ONE person I have to make good—myself. But my duty to my neighbour is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may.

A Christmas Sermon.





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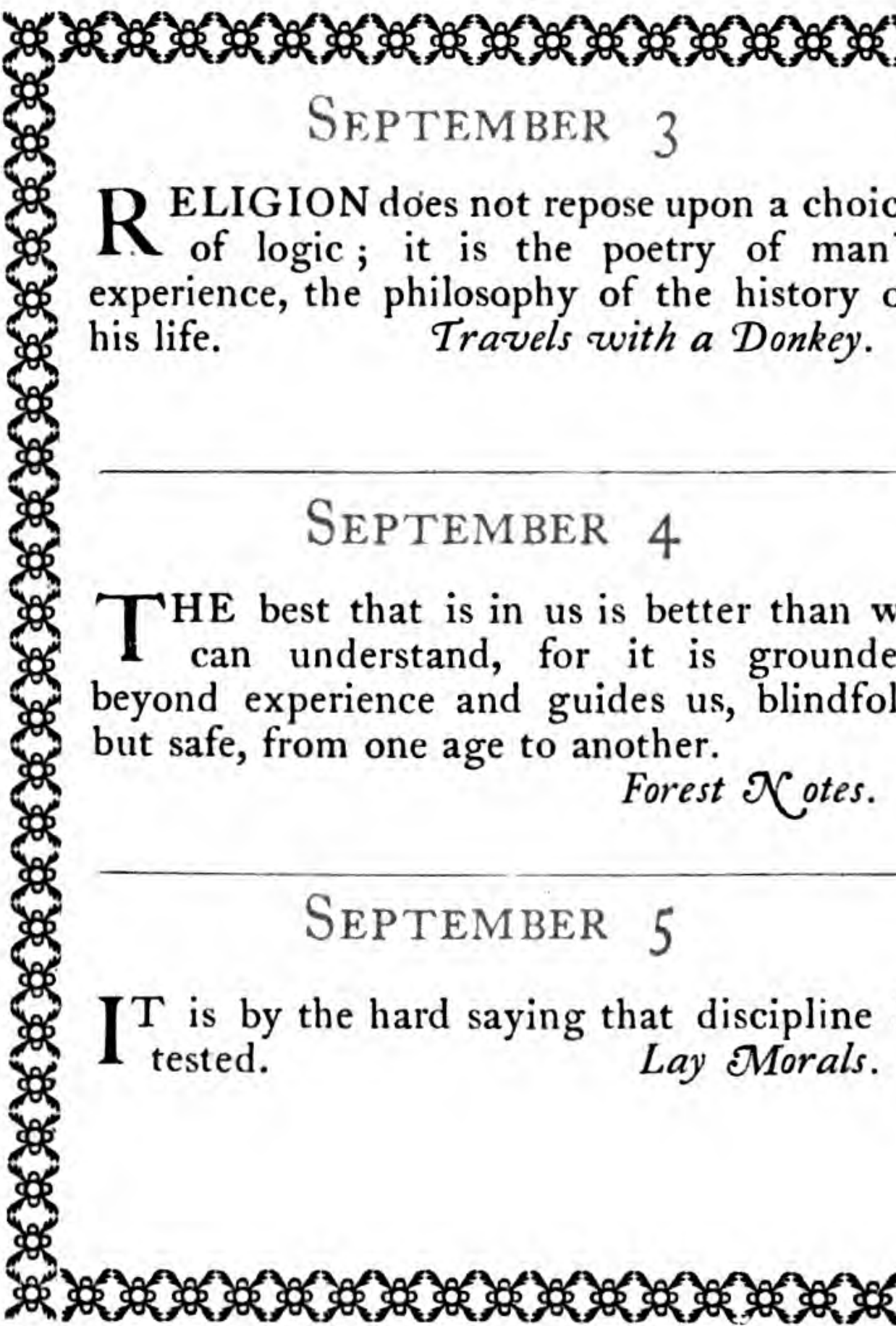
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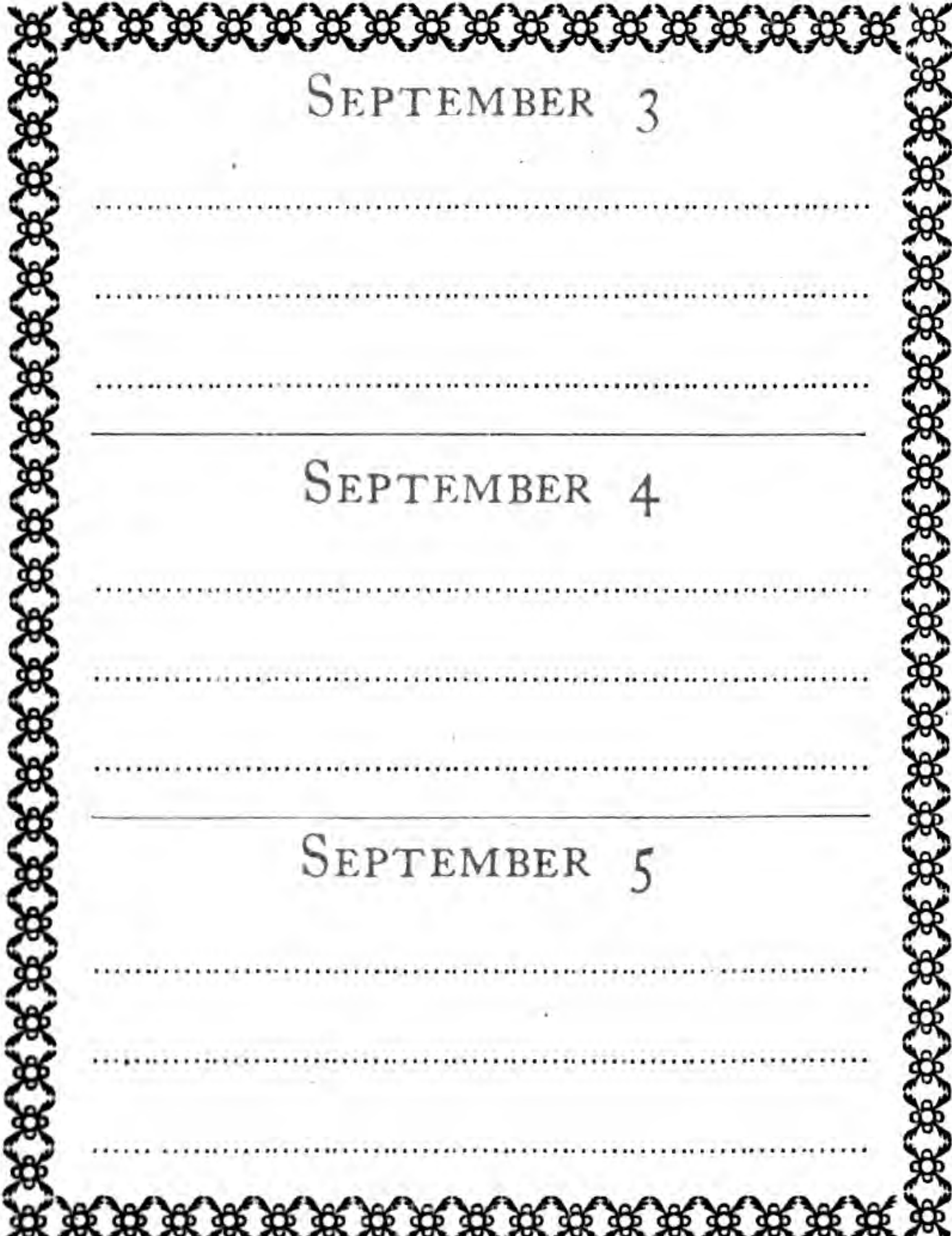
RELIGION does not repose upon a choice of logic ; it is the poetry of man's experience, the philosophy of the history of his life. *Travels with a Donkey.*

SEPTEMBER 4

THE best that is in us is better than we can understand, for it is grounded beyond experience and guides us, blindfold but safe, from one age to another. *Forest Notes.*

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IT is by the hard saying that discipline is tested. *Lay Morals.*



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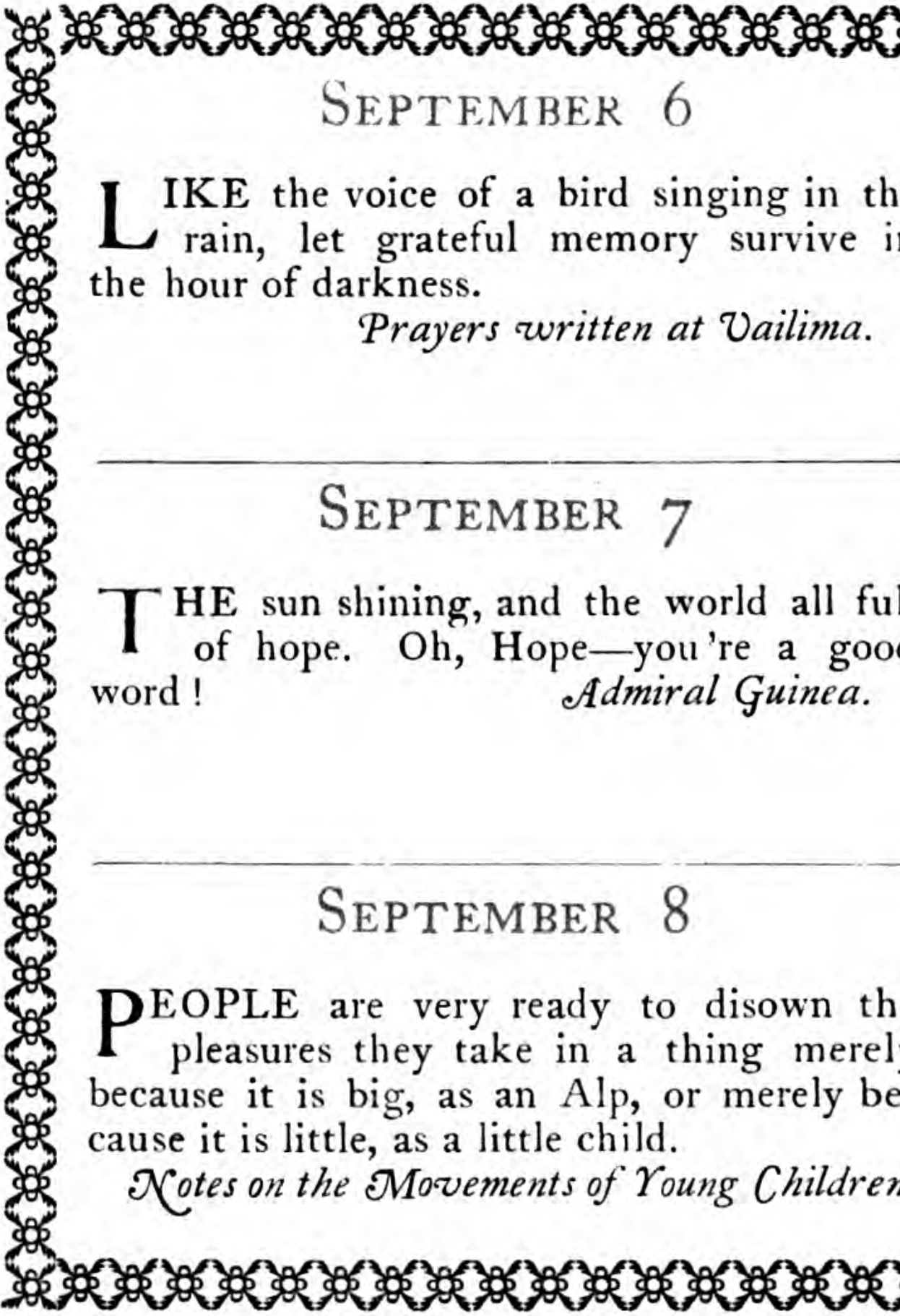
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SEPTEMBER 6

LIKE the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness.

Prayers written at Vailima.

SEPTEMBER 7

THE sun shining, and the world all full of hope. Oh, Hope—you're a good word!

Admiral Guinea.

SEPTEMBER 8

PEOPLE are very ready to disown the pleasures they take in a thing merely because it is big, as an Alp, or merely because it is little, as a little child.

Notes on the Movements of Young Children



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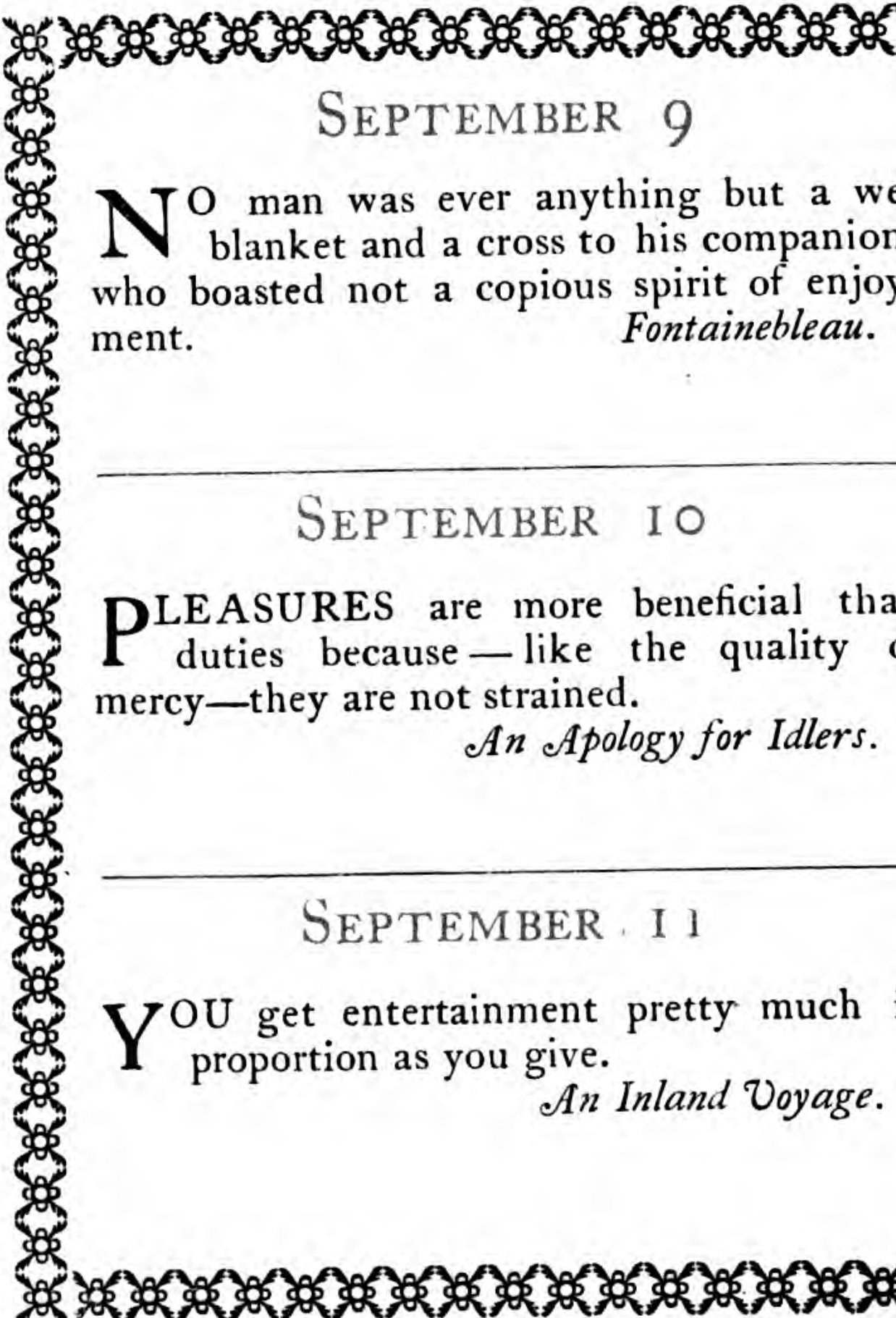
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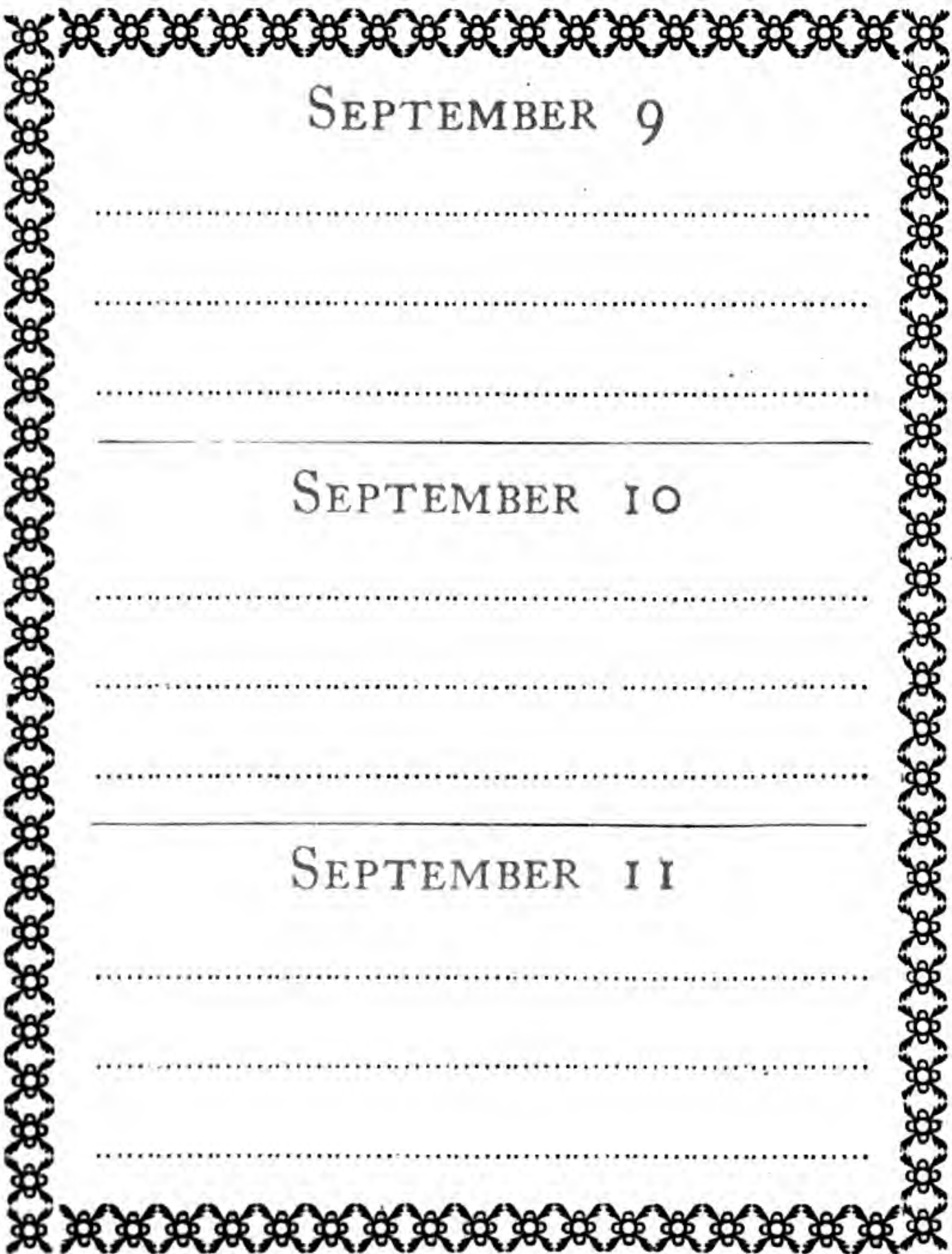
NO man was ever anything but a weak blanket and a cross to his companion who boasted not a copious spirit of enjoyment.
Fontainebleau.

SEPTEMBER 10

PLEASURES are more beneficial than duties because—like the quality of mercy—they are not strained.
An Apology for Idlers.

SEPTEMBER 11

YOU get entertainment pretty much in proportion as you give.
An Inland Voyage.



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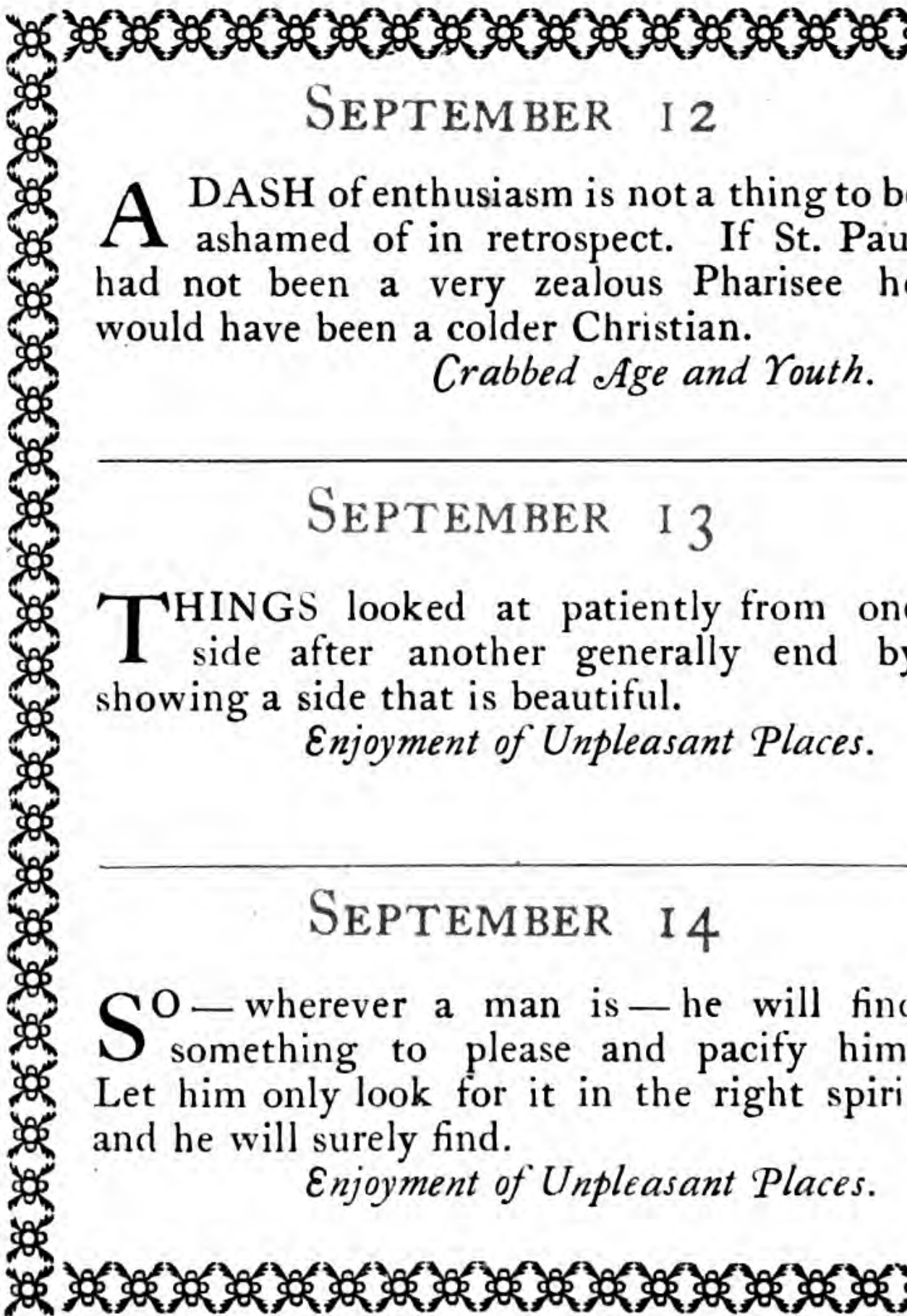
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SEPTEMBER 12

A DASH of enthusiasm is not a thing to be ashamed of in retrospect. If St. Paul had not been a very zealous Pharisee he would have been a colder Christian.

Crabbed Age and Youth.

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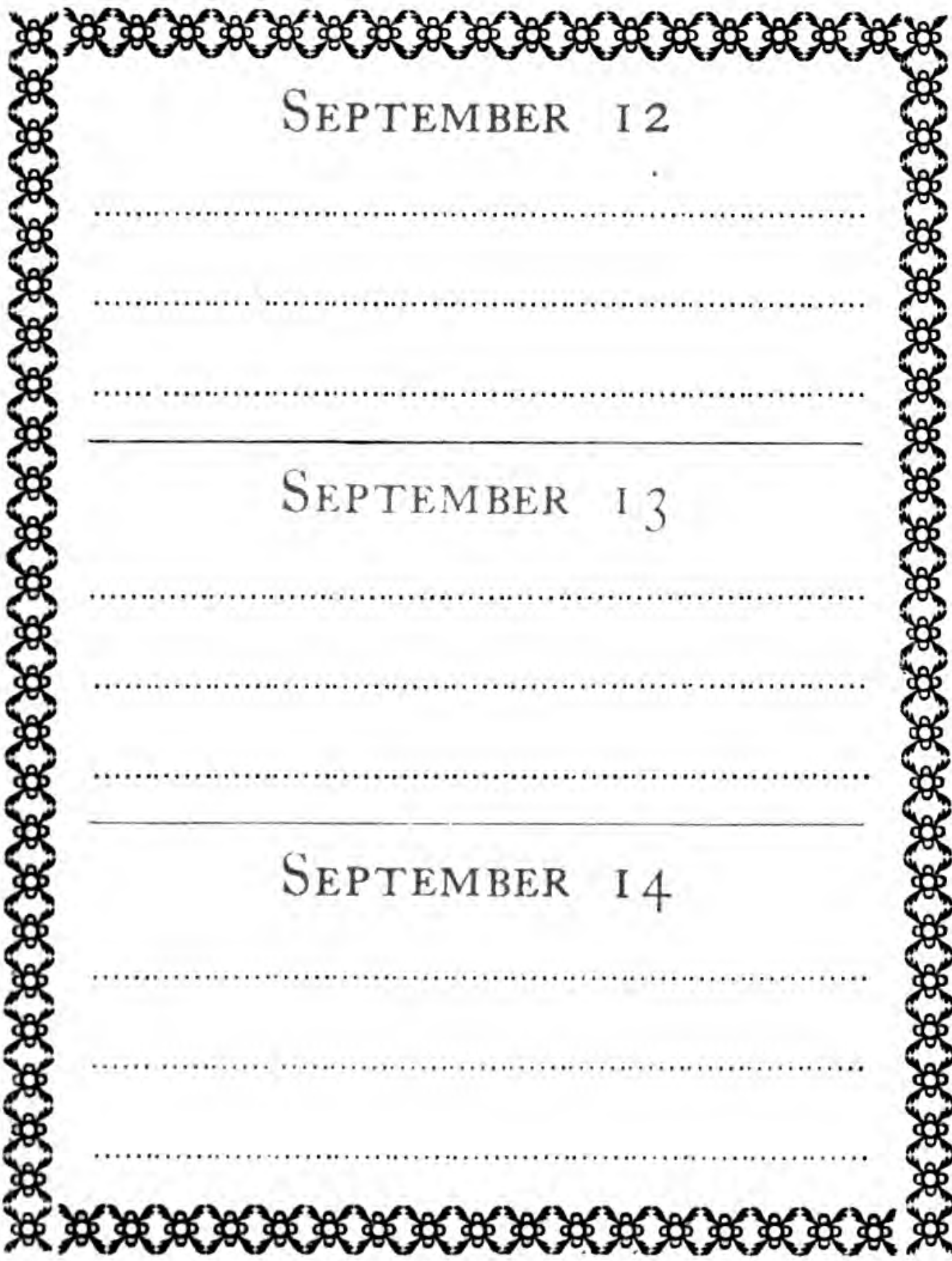
THINGS looked at patiently from one side after another generally end by showing a side that is beautiful.

Enjoyment of Unpleasant Places.

SEPTEMBER 14

SO — wherever a man is — he will find something to please and pacify him. Let him only look for it in the right spirit and he will surely find.

Enjoyment of Unpleasant Places.



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SEPTEMBER 15

LORD, we thank Thee for the peace
accorded us this day, and for the hope
with which we expect the morrow.

Prayers written at Uailima.

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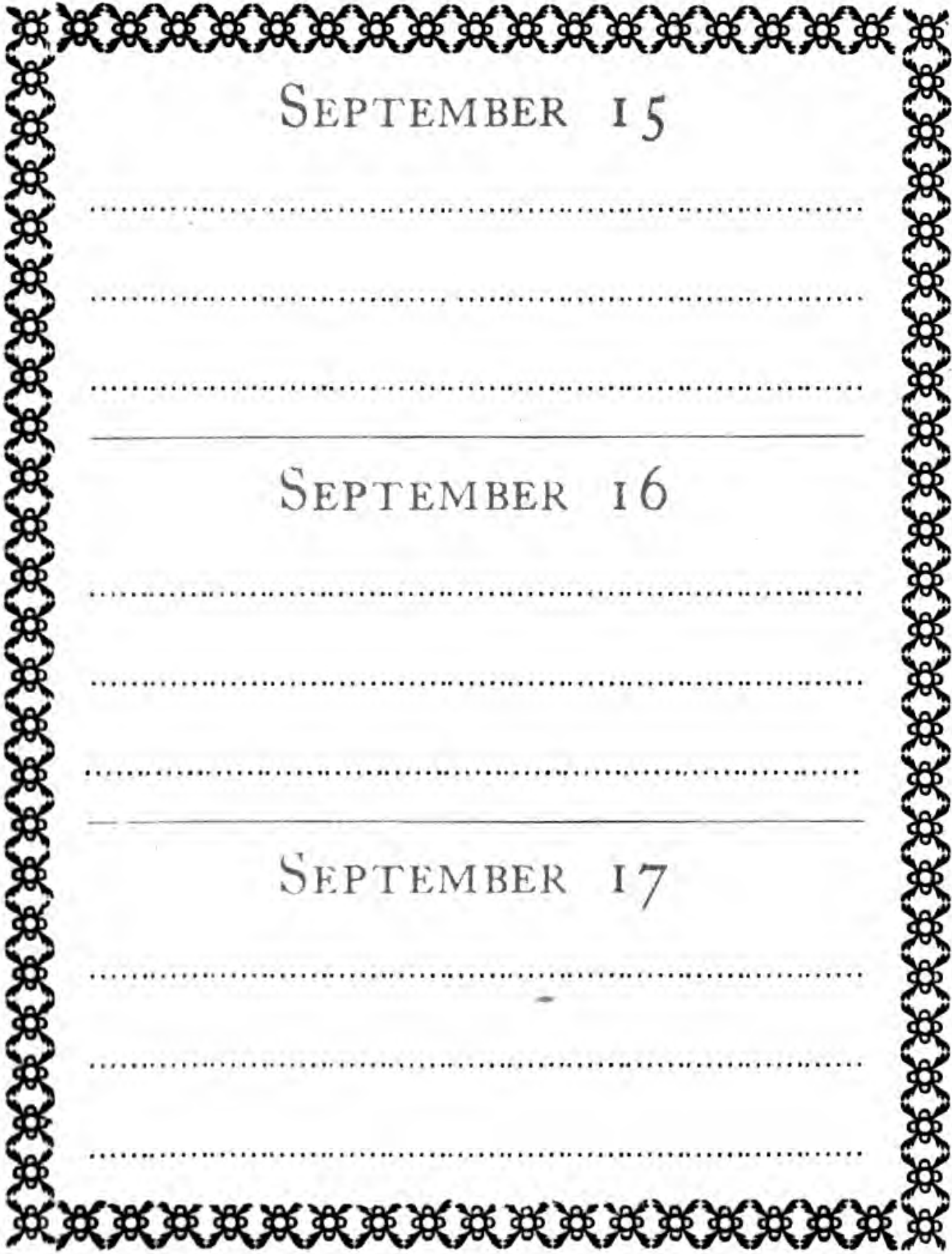
NEITHER time, nor space, nor enmity
can conquer old affections.

Essays of Travel.

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THAT happy mutual dependence which
is the very gist of friendship.

John Knox.



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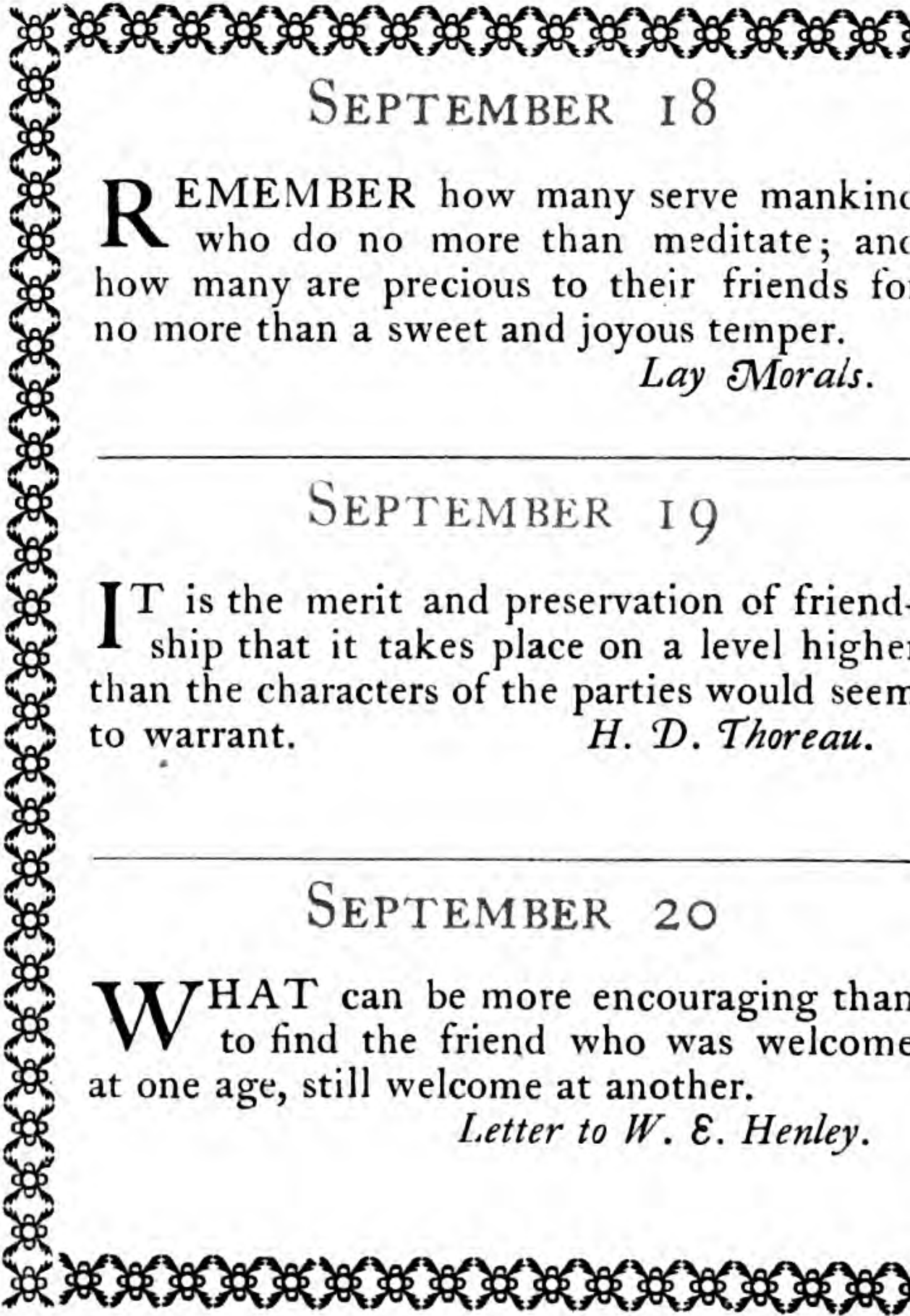
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REMEMBER how many serve mankind who do no more than meditate; and how many are precious to their friends for no more than a sweet and joyous temper.

Lay Morals.

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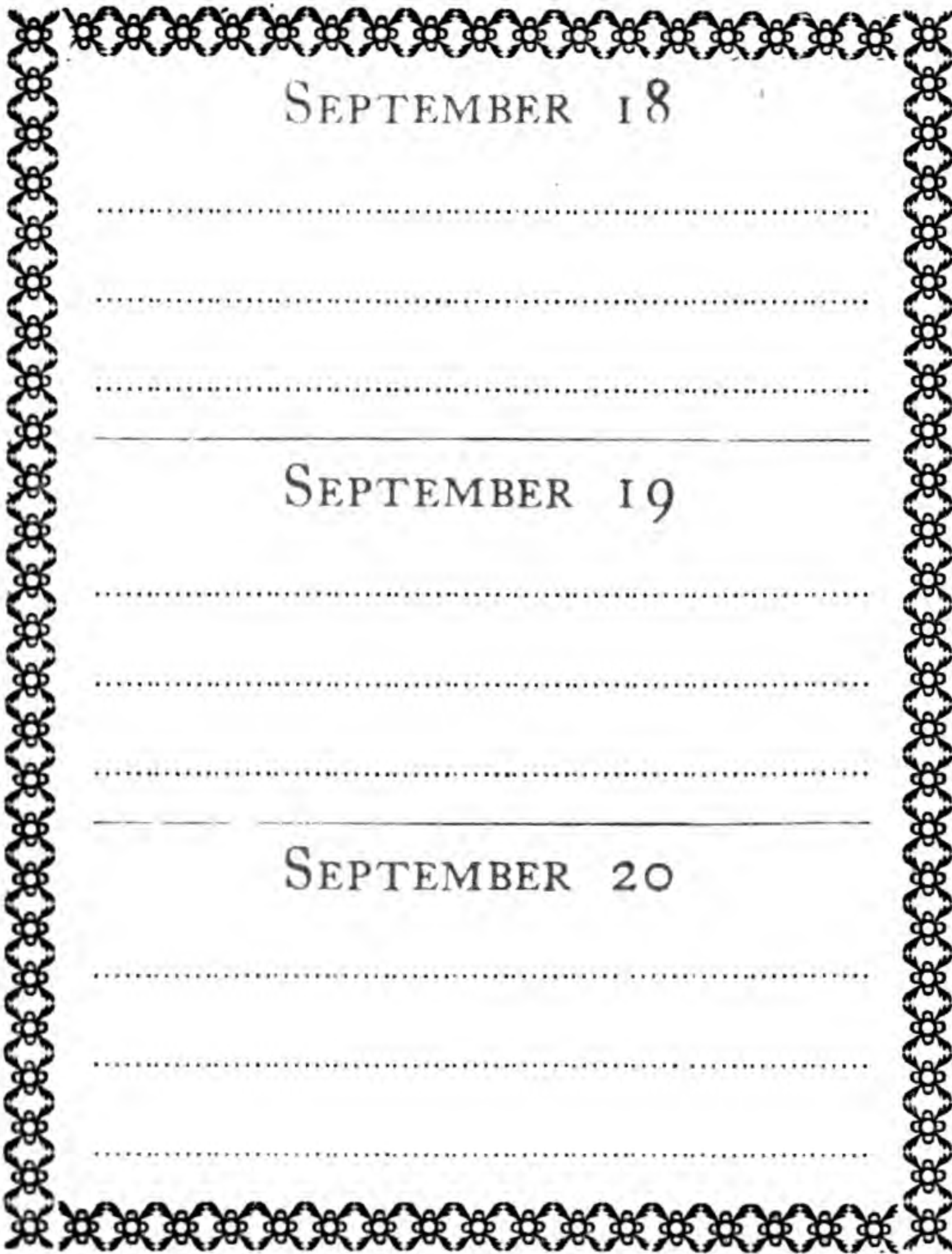
IT is the merit and preservation of friendship that it takes place on a level higher than the characters of the parties would seem to warrant.

H. D. Thoreau.

SEPTEMBER 20

WHAT can be more encouraging than to find the friend who was welcome at one age, still welcome at another.

Letter to W. E. Henley.



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SEPTEMBER 21

IN this world of imperfection we gladly welcome even partial intimacies.

Travels with a Donkey.

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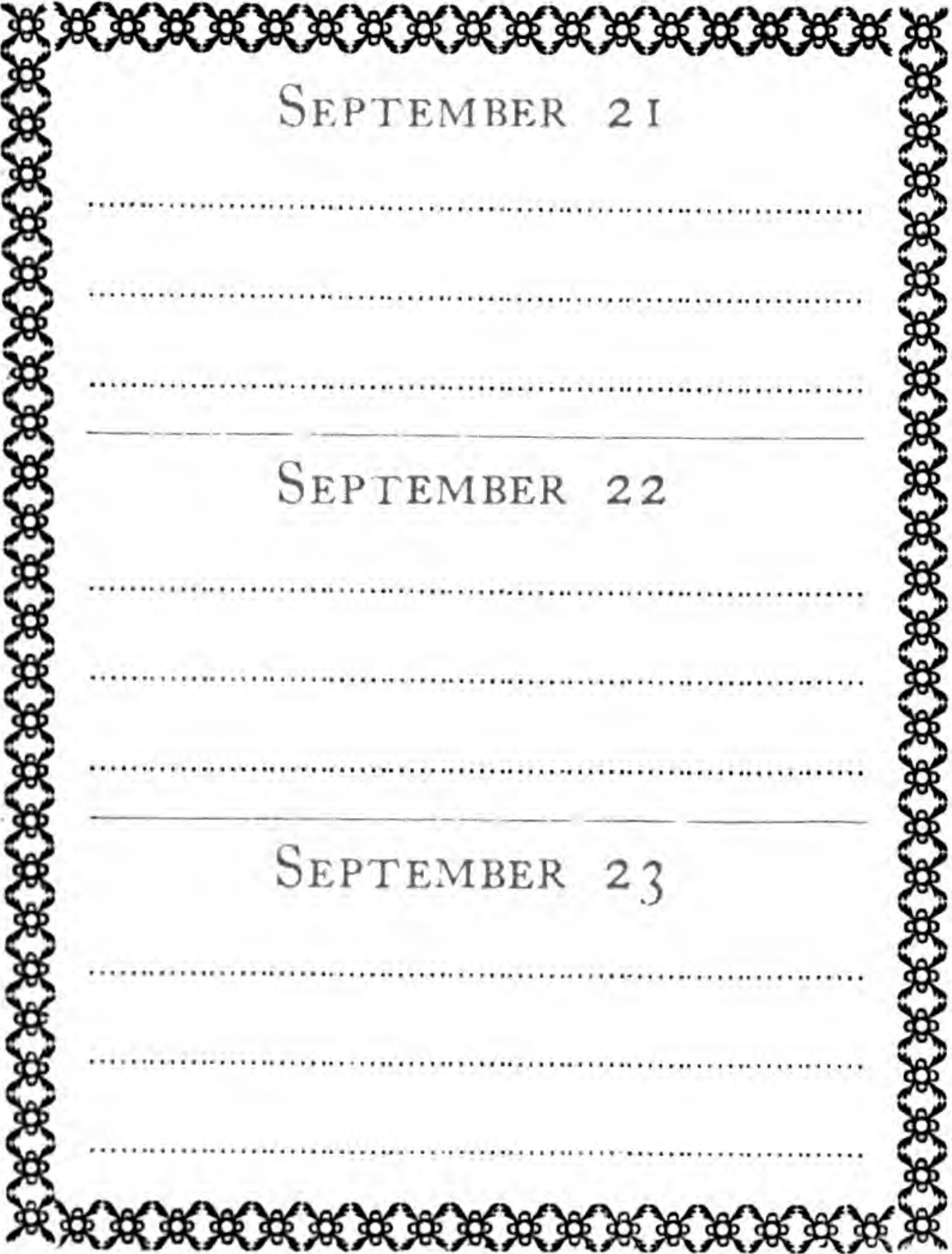
I WOULD not willingly have to do with even a police constable in any other spirit than that of kindness.

The Day after To-morrow.

SEPTEMBER 23

IT is in talk alone that friends can measure strength, and enjoy that amicable counter-assertion of personality which is the gauge of relations and the sport of life.

Talk and Talkers.



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SEPTEMBER 24

GO with each of us to rest ; if any awake
temper to them the dark hours of
watching. *Prayers written at Uailima.*

SEPTEMBER 25

WE are all so busy and have so many
far off projects to realize, we are in
such haste to be doing, to be writing, to be
gathering gear, that we forget that on
thing of which these are but the parts—
namely, to live. *An Apology for Idlers.*

SEPTEMBER 26

TO sit still and contemplate, to be in
everything and everywhere in sympathy
and yet content to remain where and what
you are—is not this to know both wisdom
and virtue and to dwell with happiness?
An Apology for Idlers.

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SEPTEMBER 27

EXTREME 'busyness' is a symptom of deficient vitality; and a faculty of idleness implies a catholic appetite and a strong sense of personal identity.

An Apology for Idlers.

SEPTEMBER 28

THE task before us—which is to endure with our existence—is one of microscopic fineness, and the heroism required is that of patience.

A Christmas Sermon.

SEPTEMBER 29

THE tenacity of many ordinary people in their ordinary pursuits is a sort of standing challenge to everybody else.

Walt Whitman



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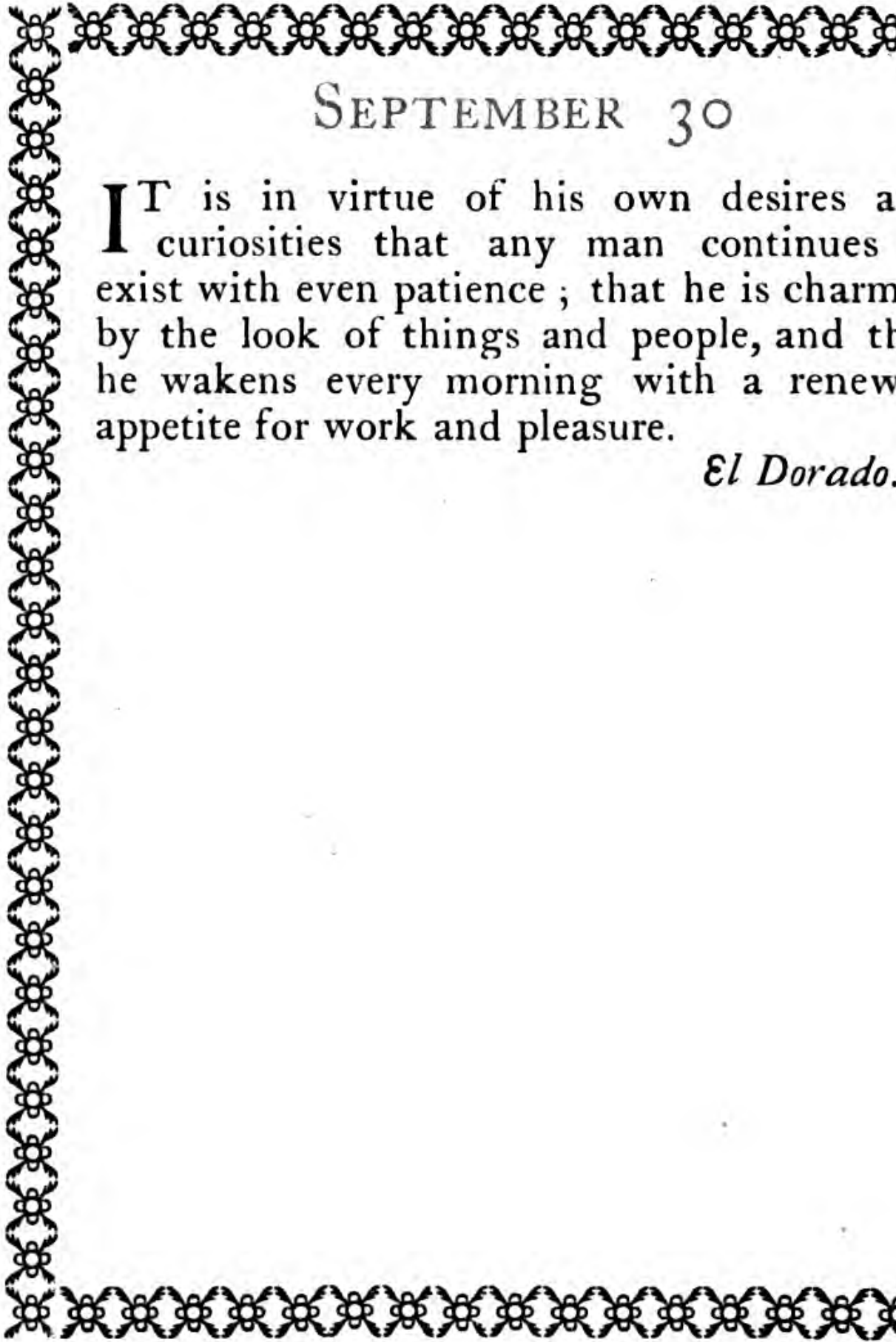
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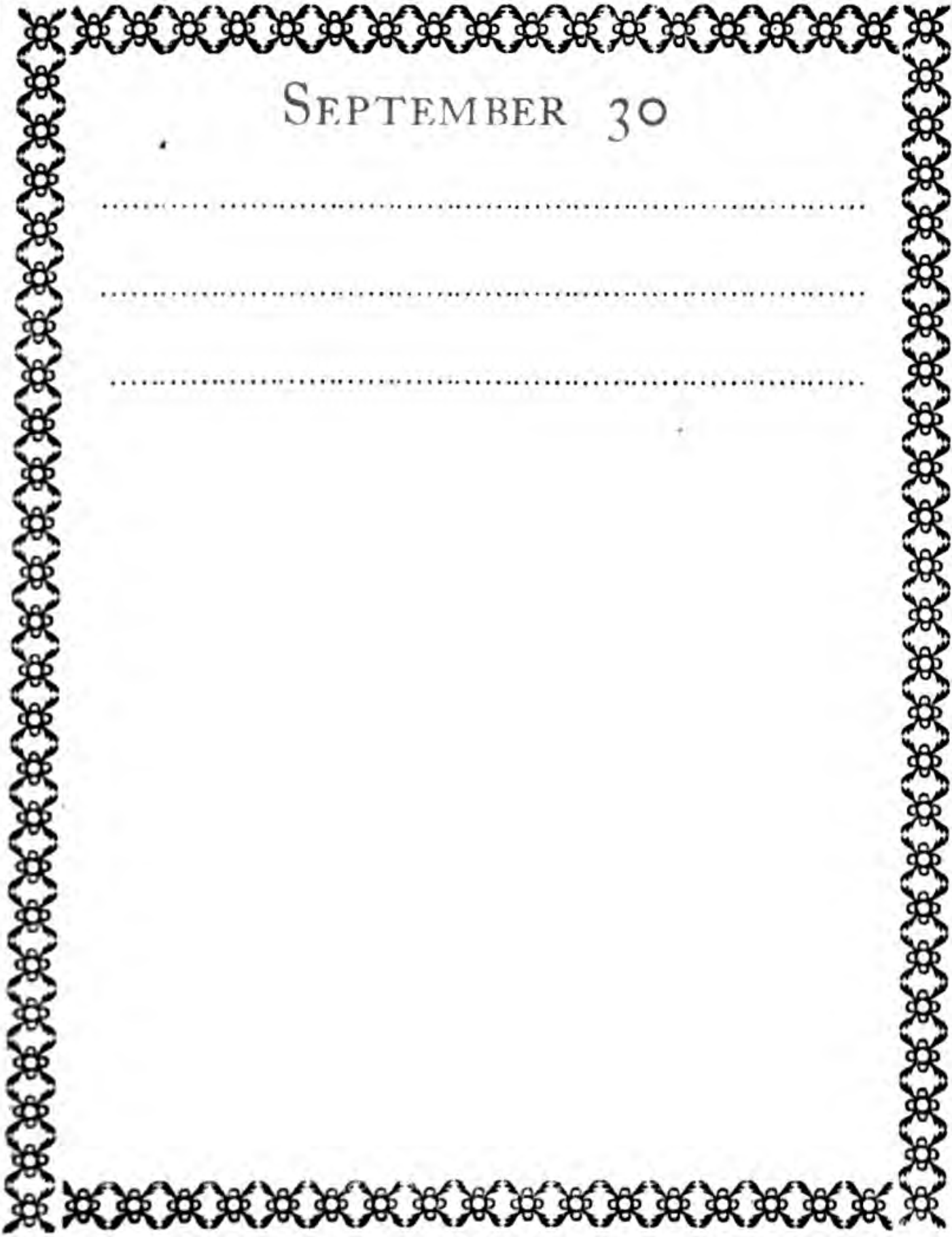
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IT is in virtue of his own desires and curiosities that any man continues to exist with even patience ; that he is charmed by the look of things and people, and that he wakens every morning with a renewed appetite for work and pleasure.

El Dorado.

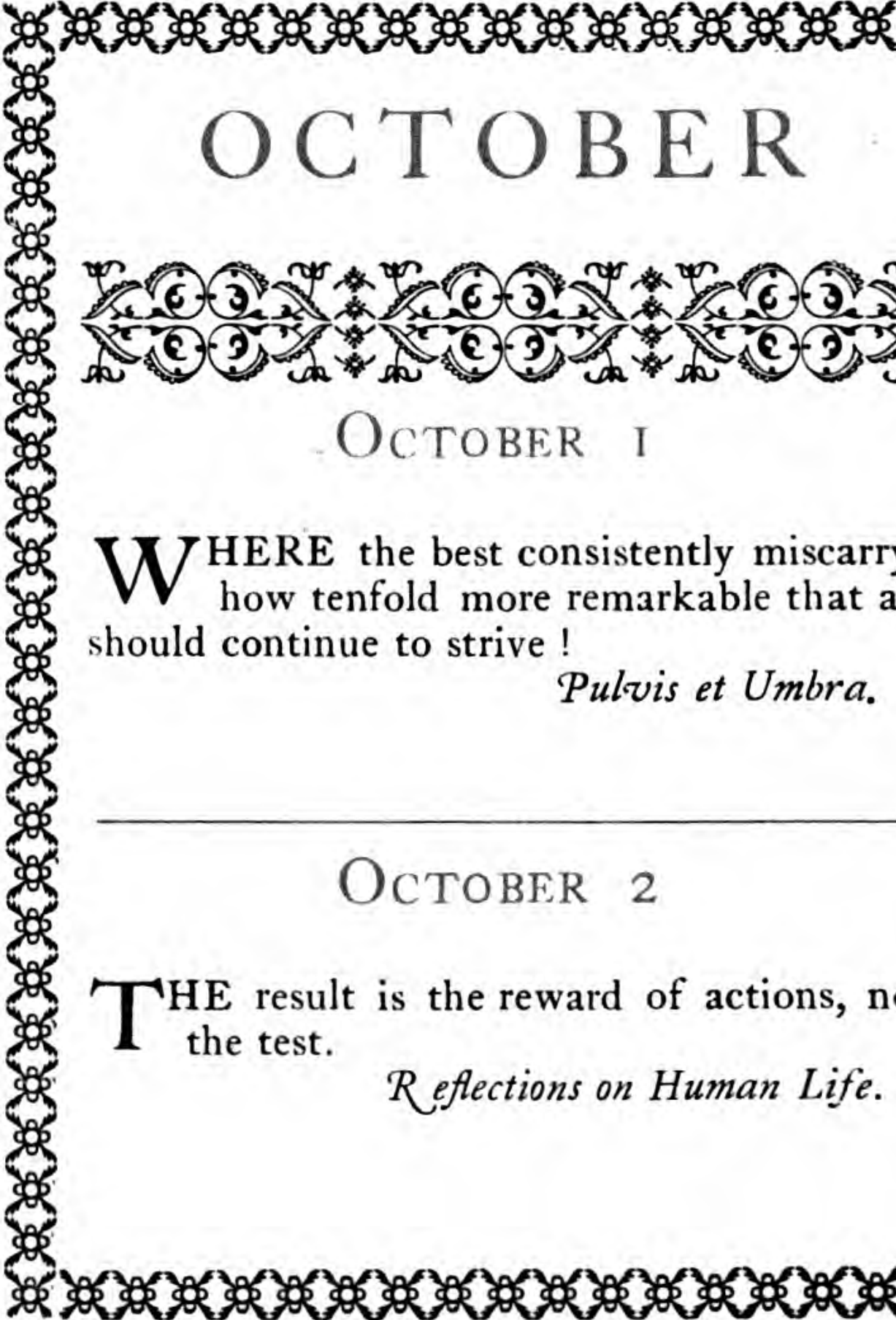


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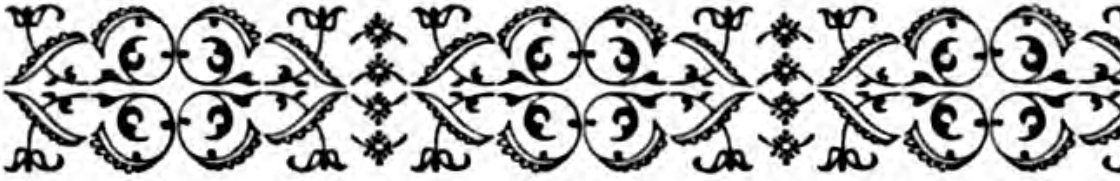
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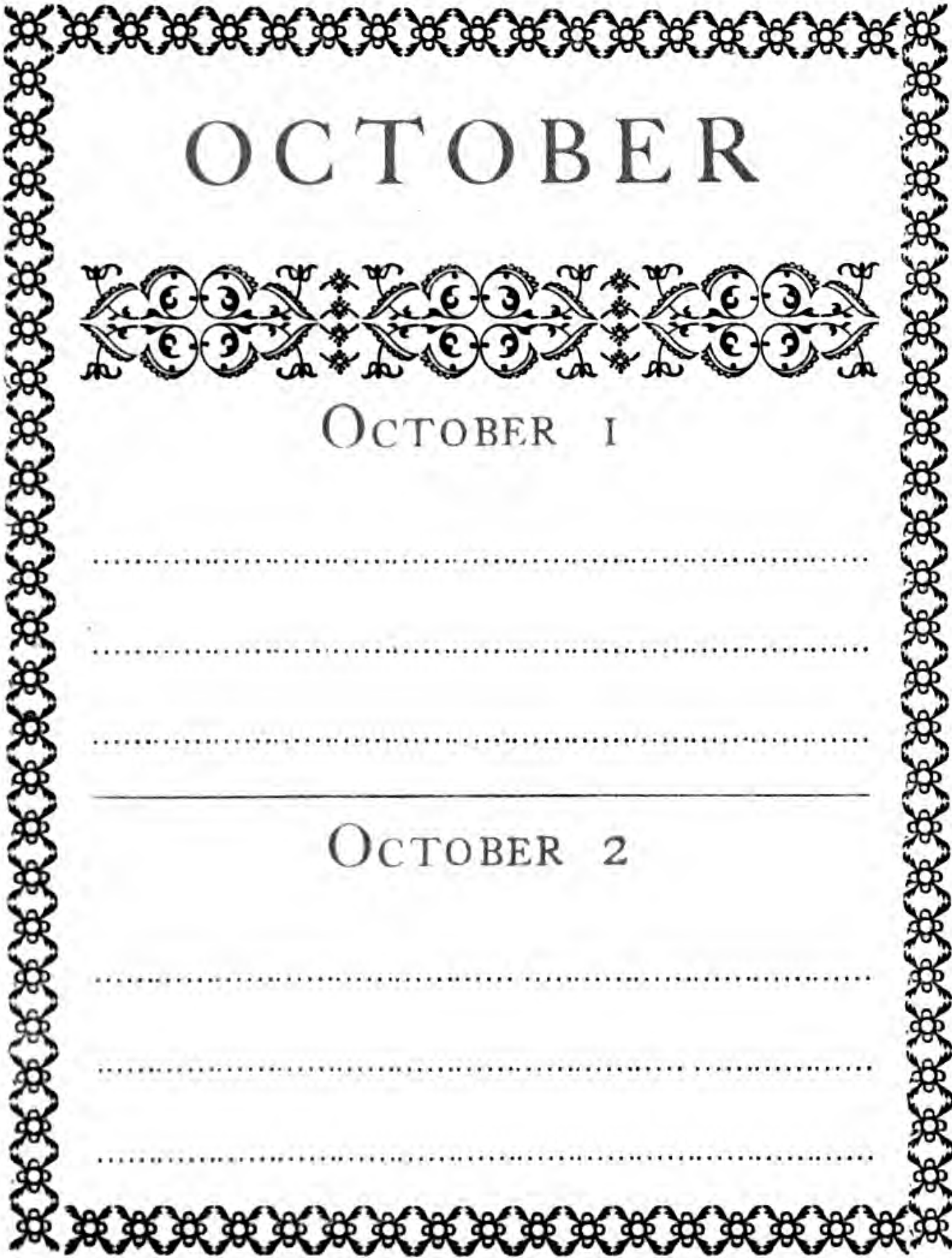
WHERE the best consistently miscarry
how tenfold more remarkable that a
should continue to strive !

Pulvis et Umbra.

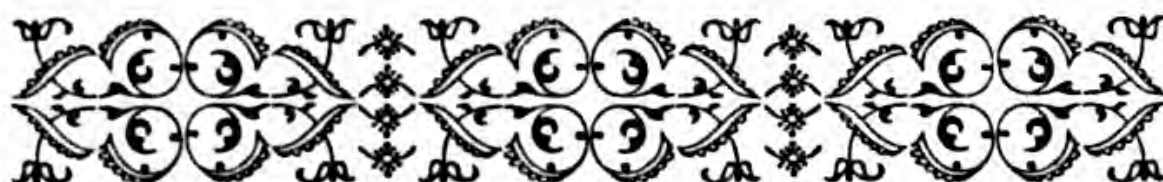
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THE result is the reward of actions, not
the test.

Reflections on Human Life.



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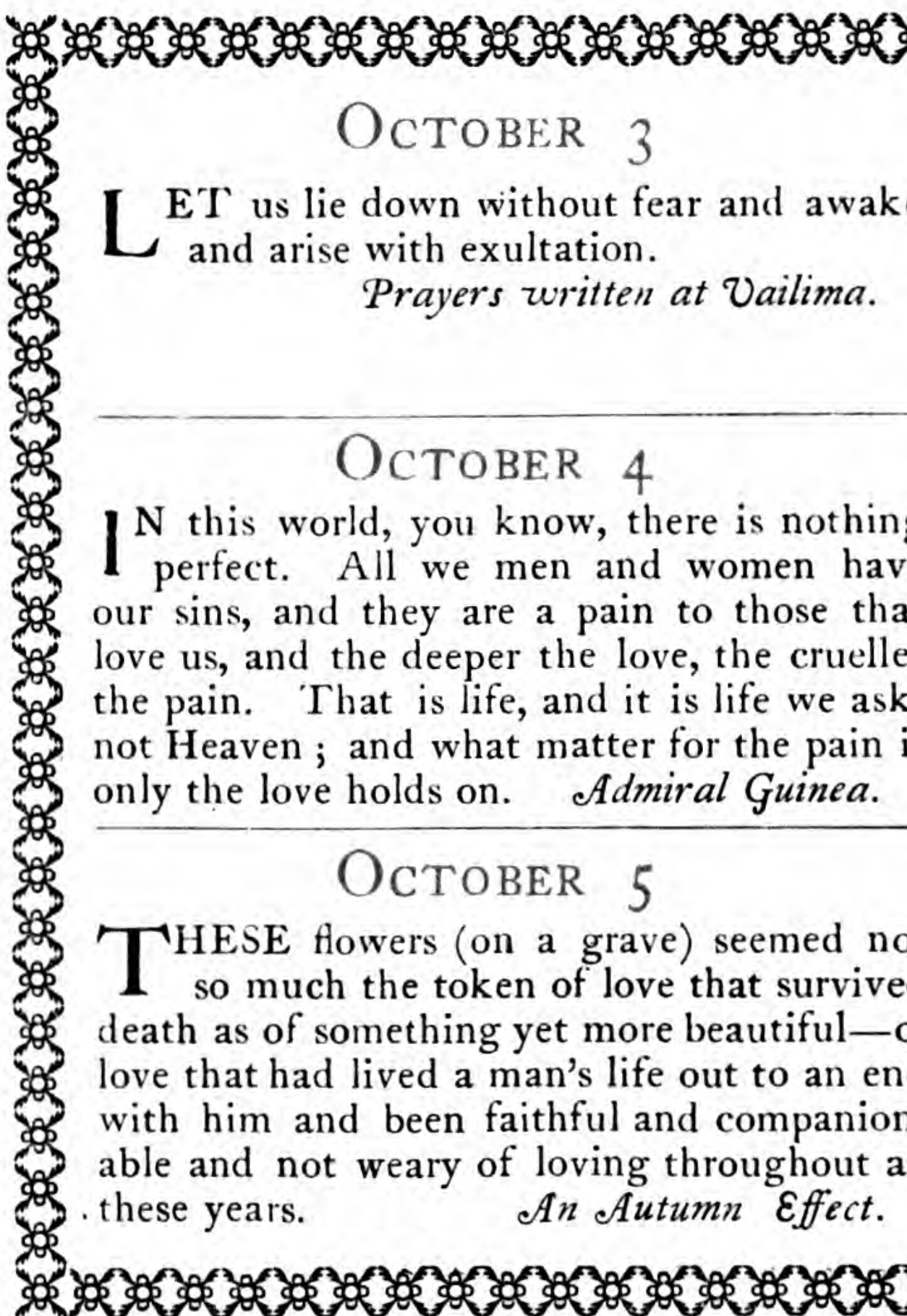
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LET us lie down without fear and awake
and arise with exultation.

Prayers written at Uailima.

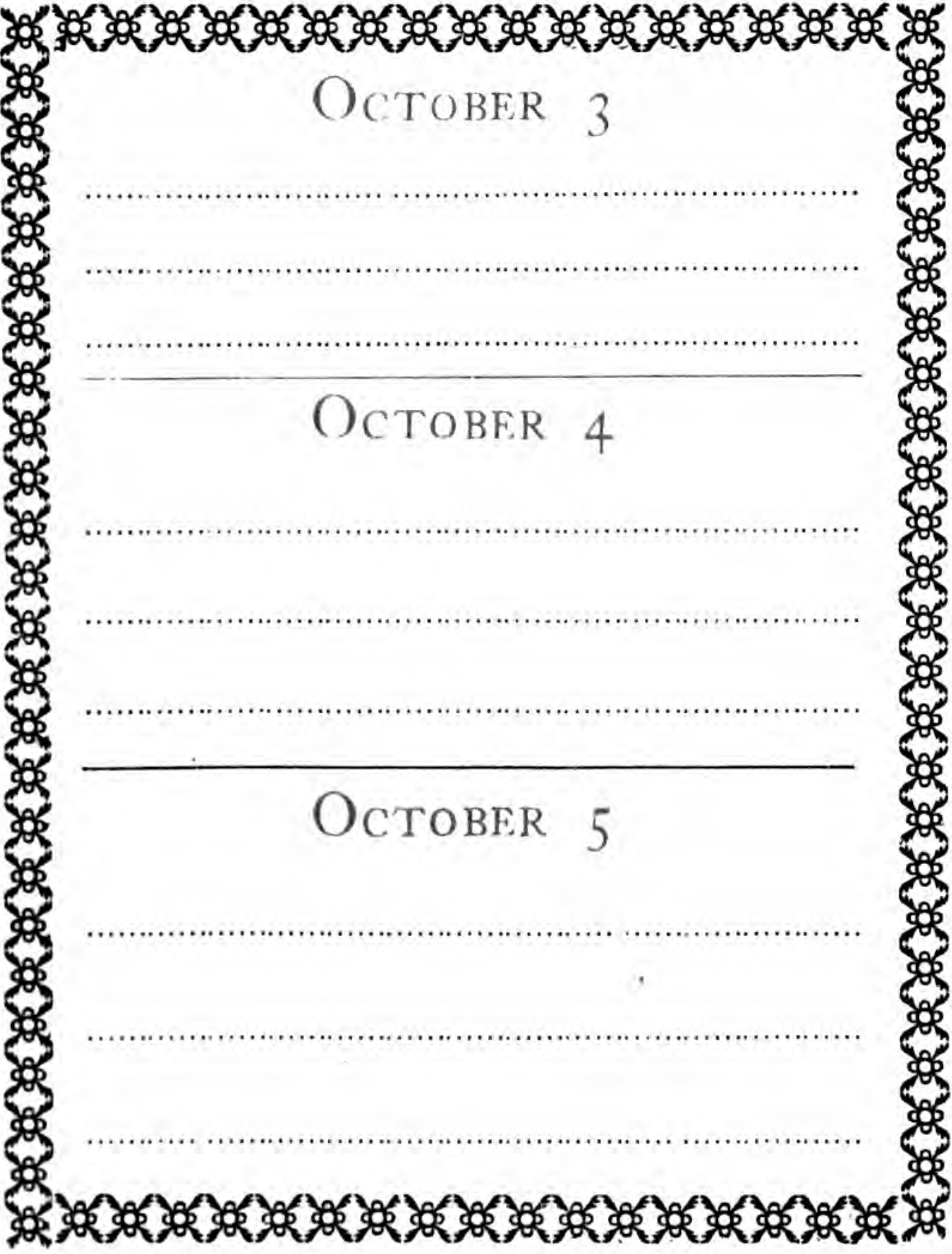
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IN this world, you know, there is nothing
perfect. All we men and women have
our sins, and they are a pain to those that
love us, and the deeper the love, the crueler
the pain. That is life, and it is life we ask
not Heaven ; and what matter for the pain if
only the love holds on. *Admiral Guinea.*

OCTOBER 5

THESE flowers (on a grave) seemed not
so much the token of love that survives
death as of something yet more beautiful—of
love that had lived a man's life out to an end
with him and been faithful and companion-
able and not weary of loving throughout all
these years.

An Autumn Effect.



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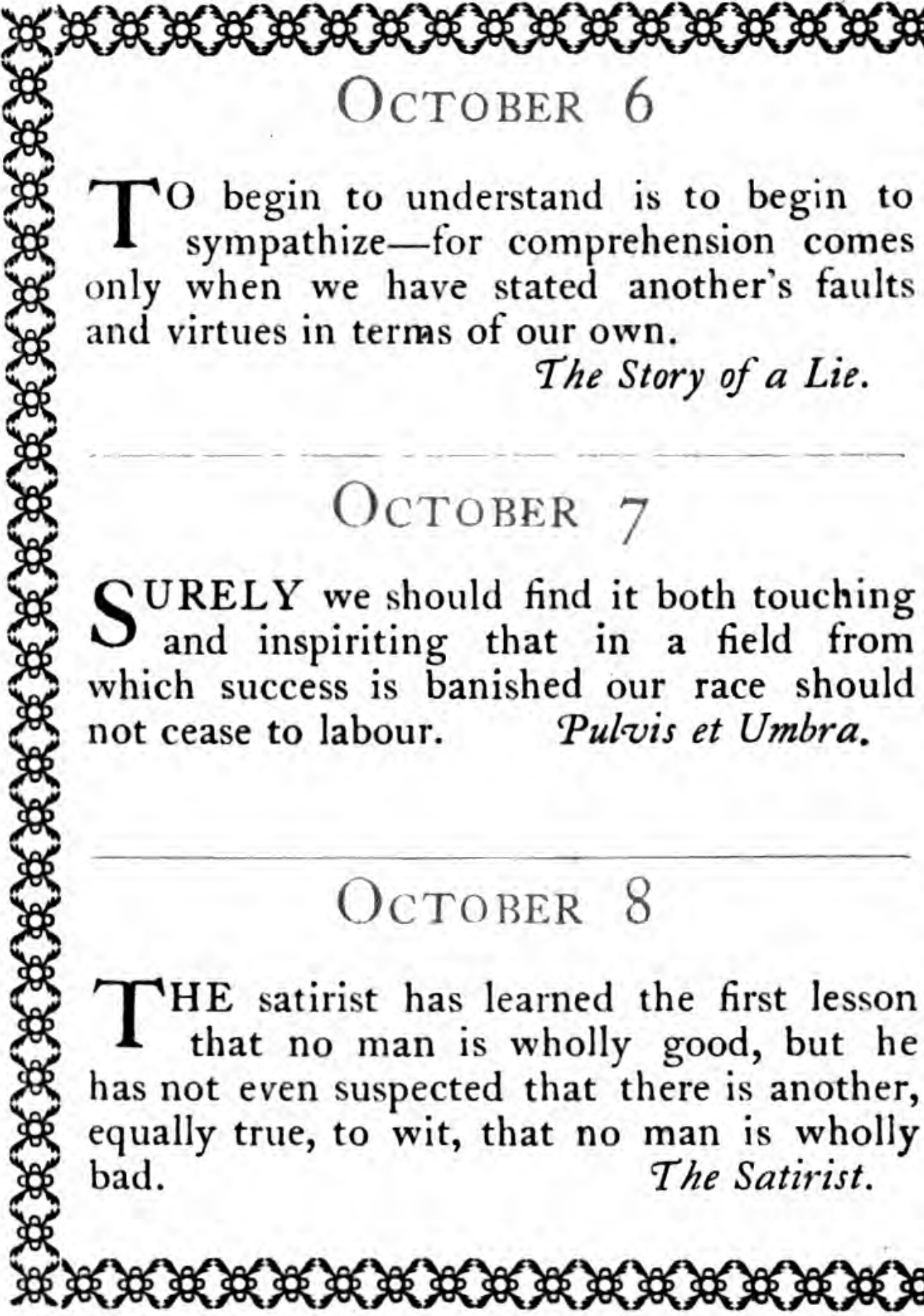
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TO begin to understand is to begin to sympathize—for comprehension comes only when we have stated another's faults and virtues in terms of our own.

The Story of a Lie.

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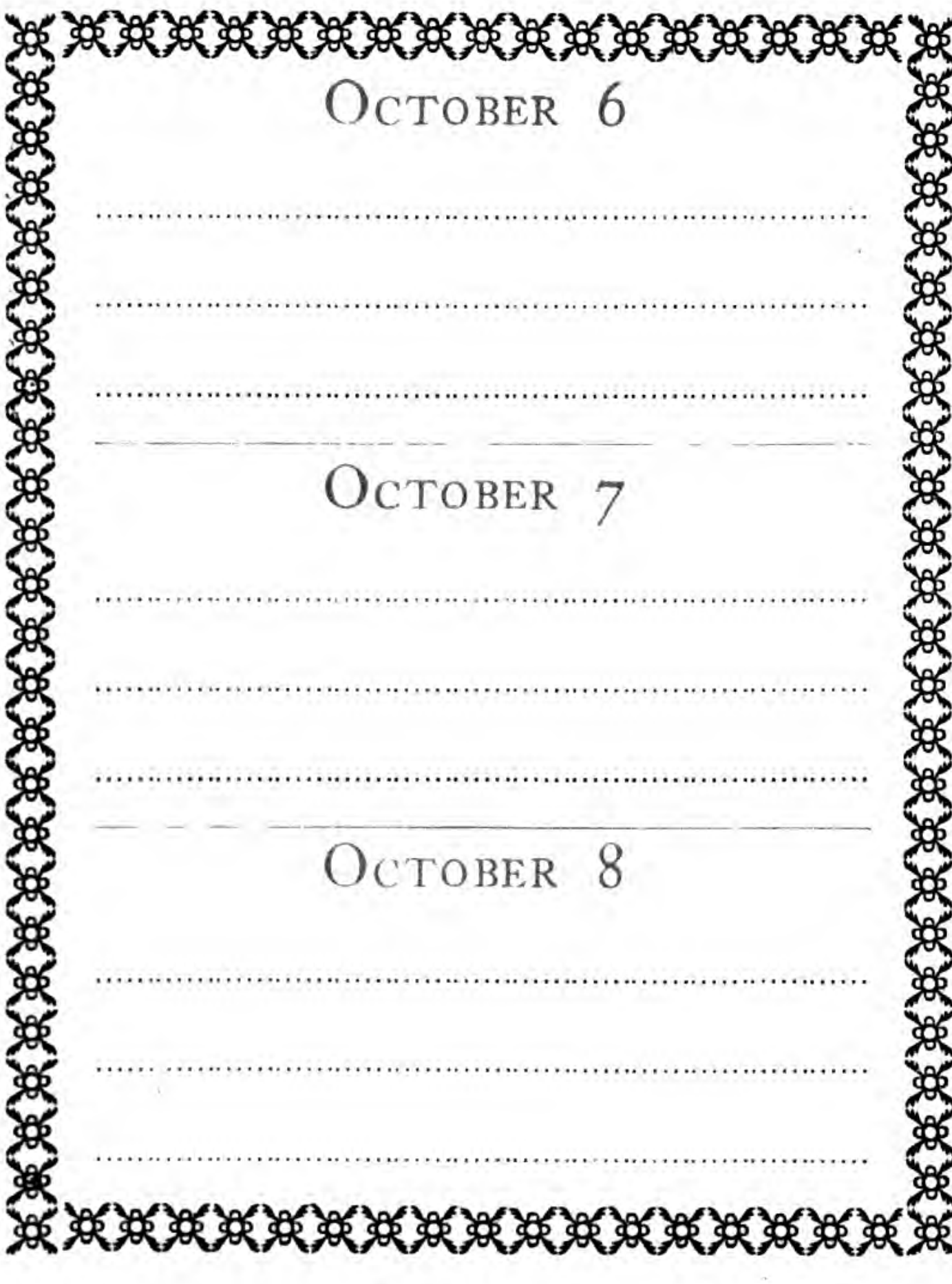
SURELY we should find it both touching and inspiring that in a field from which success is banished our race should not cease to labour.

Pulvis et Umbra.

OCTOBER 8

THE satirist has learned the first lesson that no man is wholly good, but he has not even suspected that there is another, equally true, to wit, that no man is wholly bad.

The Satirist.



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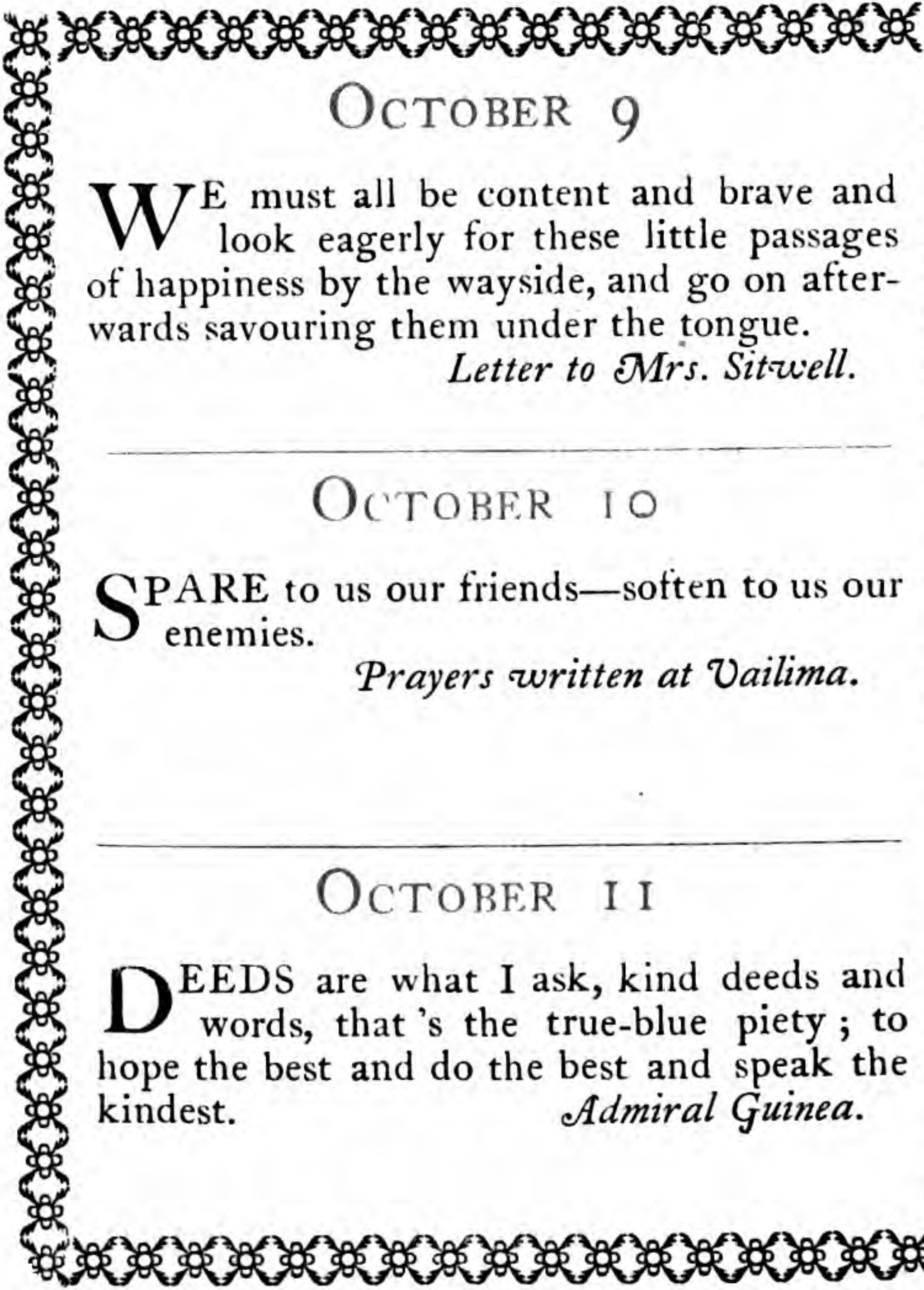
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WE must all be content and brave and look eagerly for these little passages of happiness by the wayside, and go on afterwards savouring them under the tongue.

Letter to Mrs. Sitwell.

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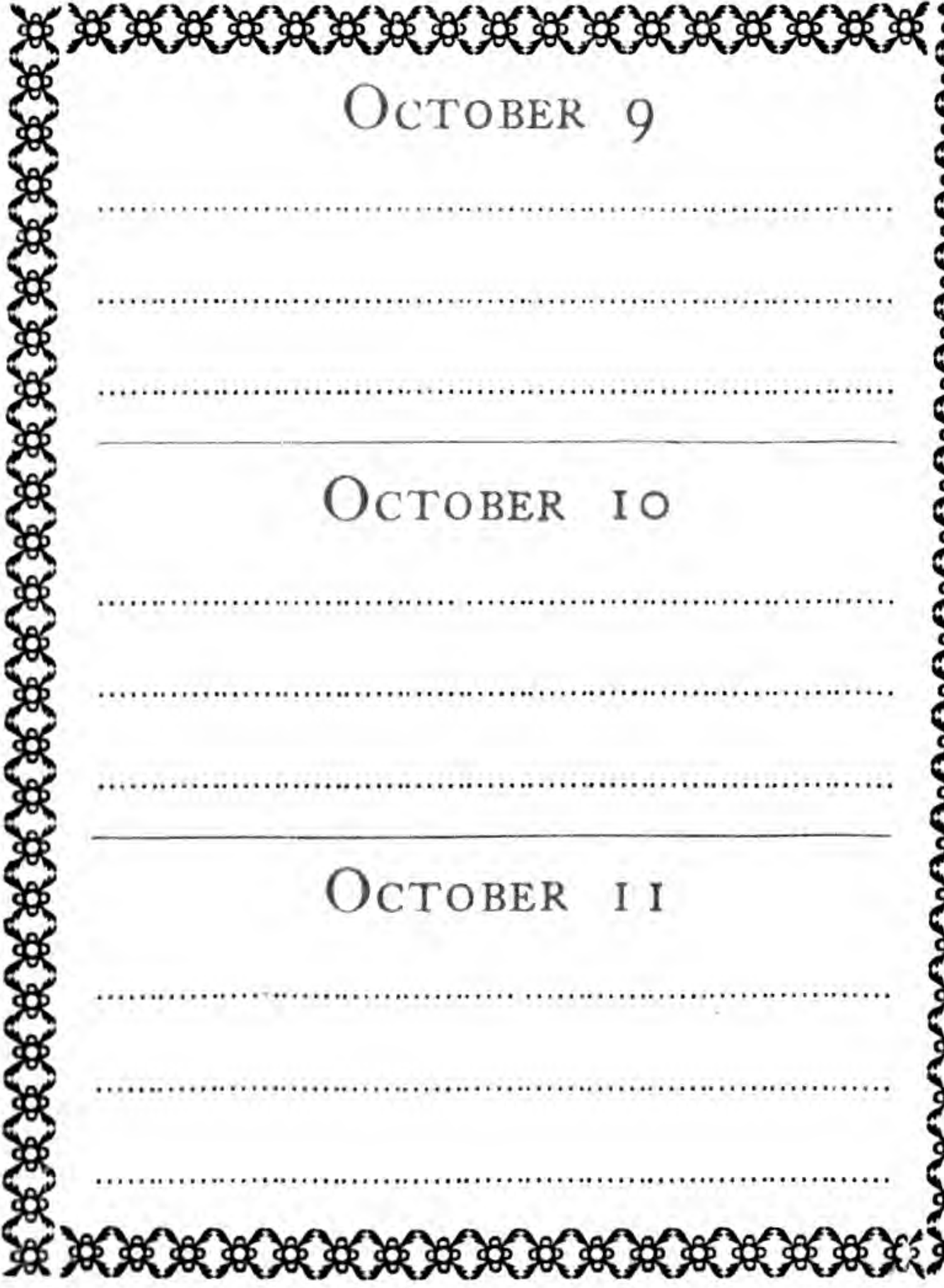
SPARE to us our friends—soften to us our enemies.

Prayers written at Vailima.

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DEEDS are what I ask, kind deeds and words, that's the true-blue piety; to hope the best and do the best and speak the kindest.

Admiral Guinea.



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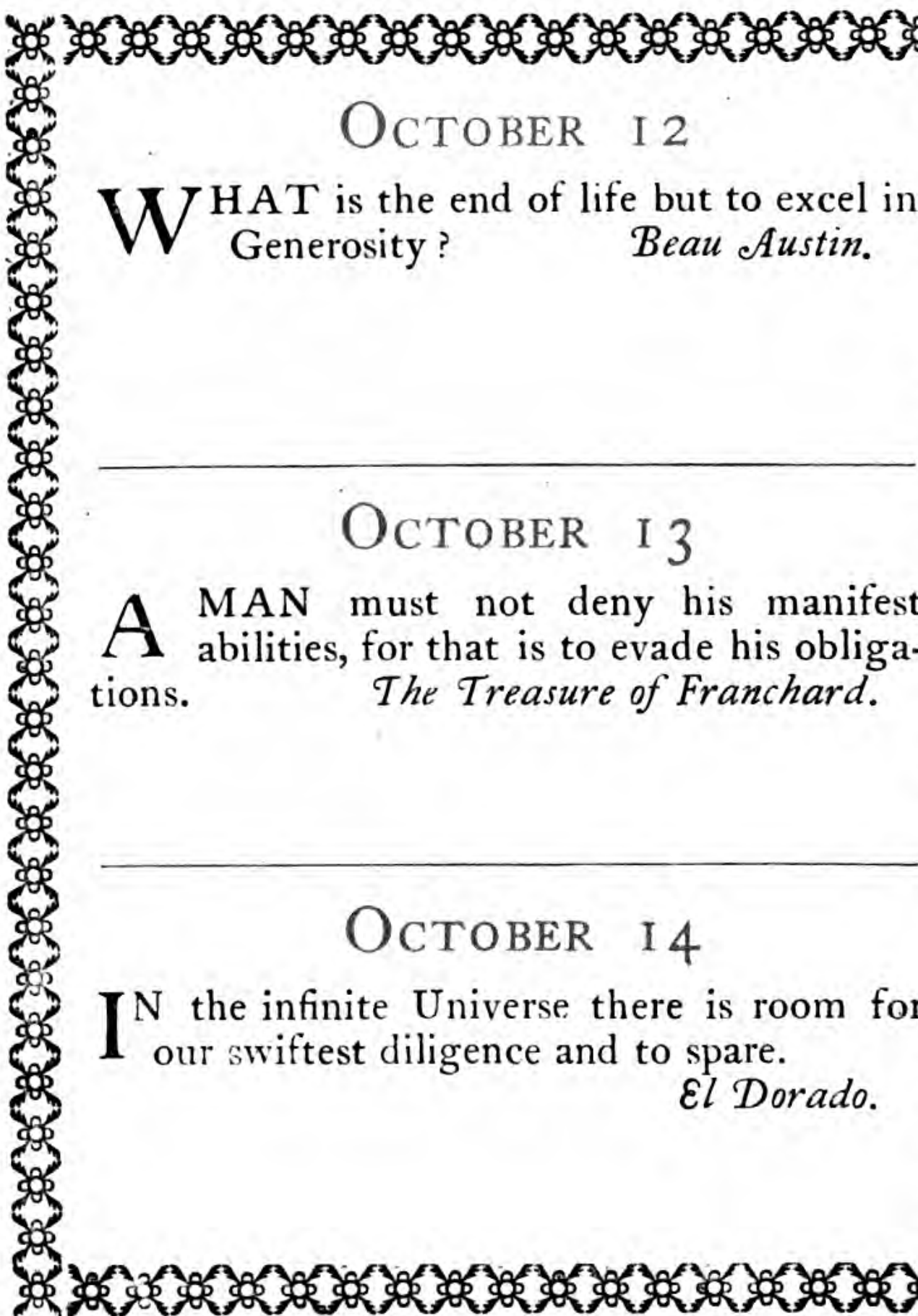
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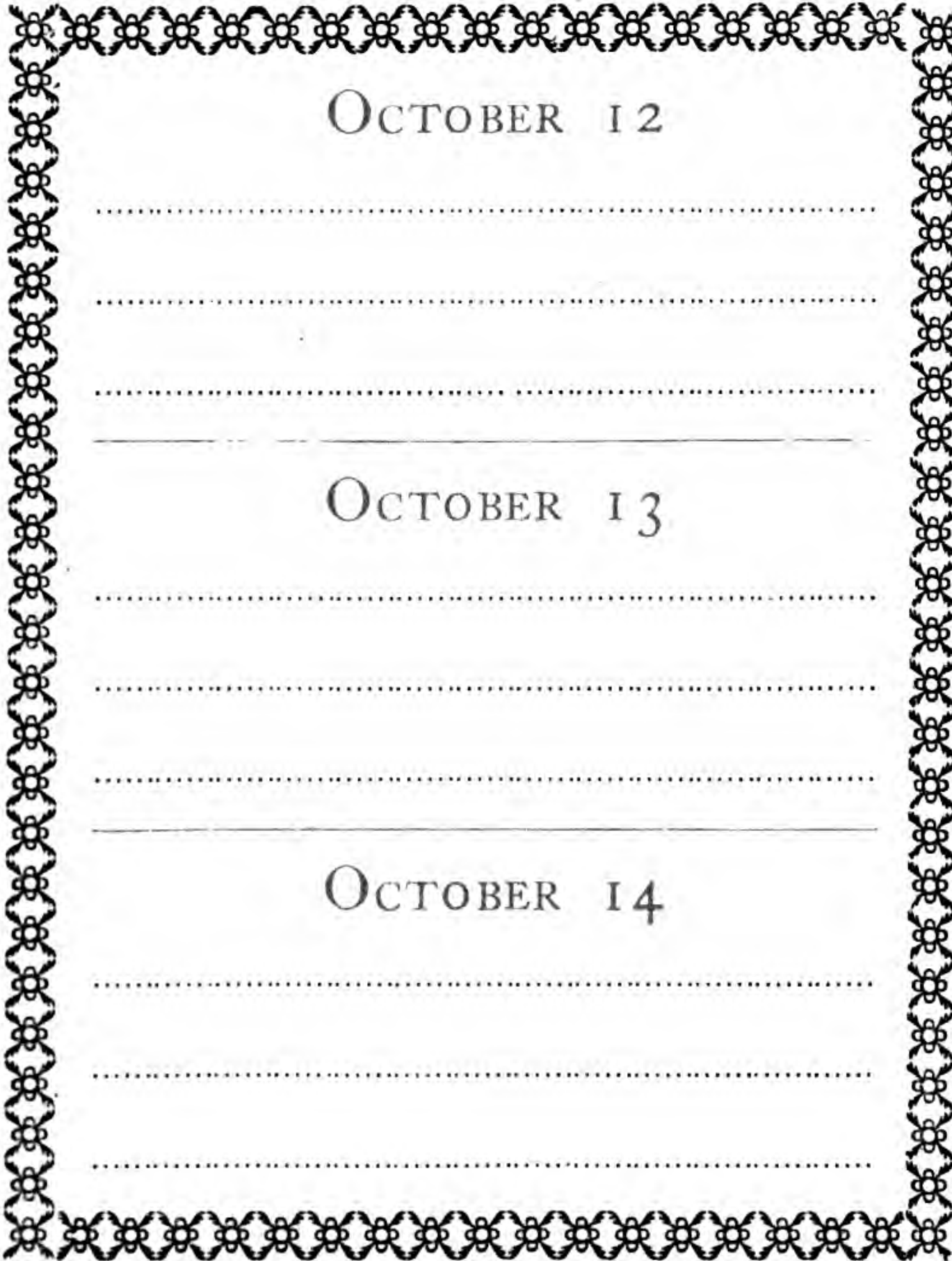
WHAT is the end of life but to excel in
Generosity? *Beau Austin.*

OCTOBER 13

A MAN must not deny his manifest
abilities, for that is to evade his obligations.
The Treasure of Franchard.

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IN the infinite Universe there is room for
our swiftest diligence and to spare.
El Dorado.



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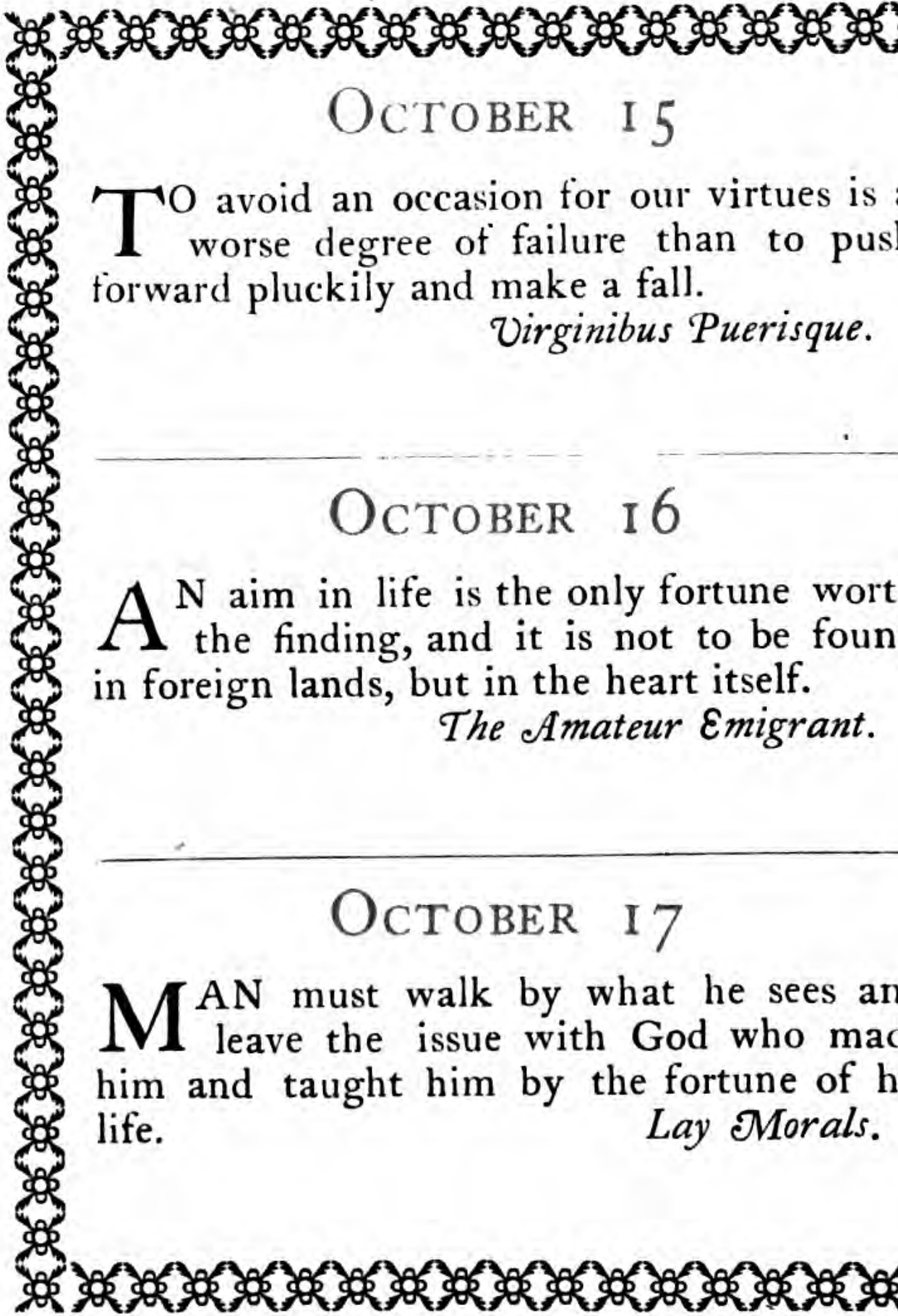
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TO avoid an occasion for our virtues is a worse degree of failure than to push forward pluckily and make a fall.

Virginibus Puerisque.

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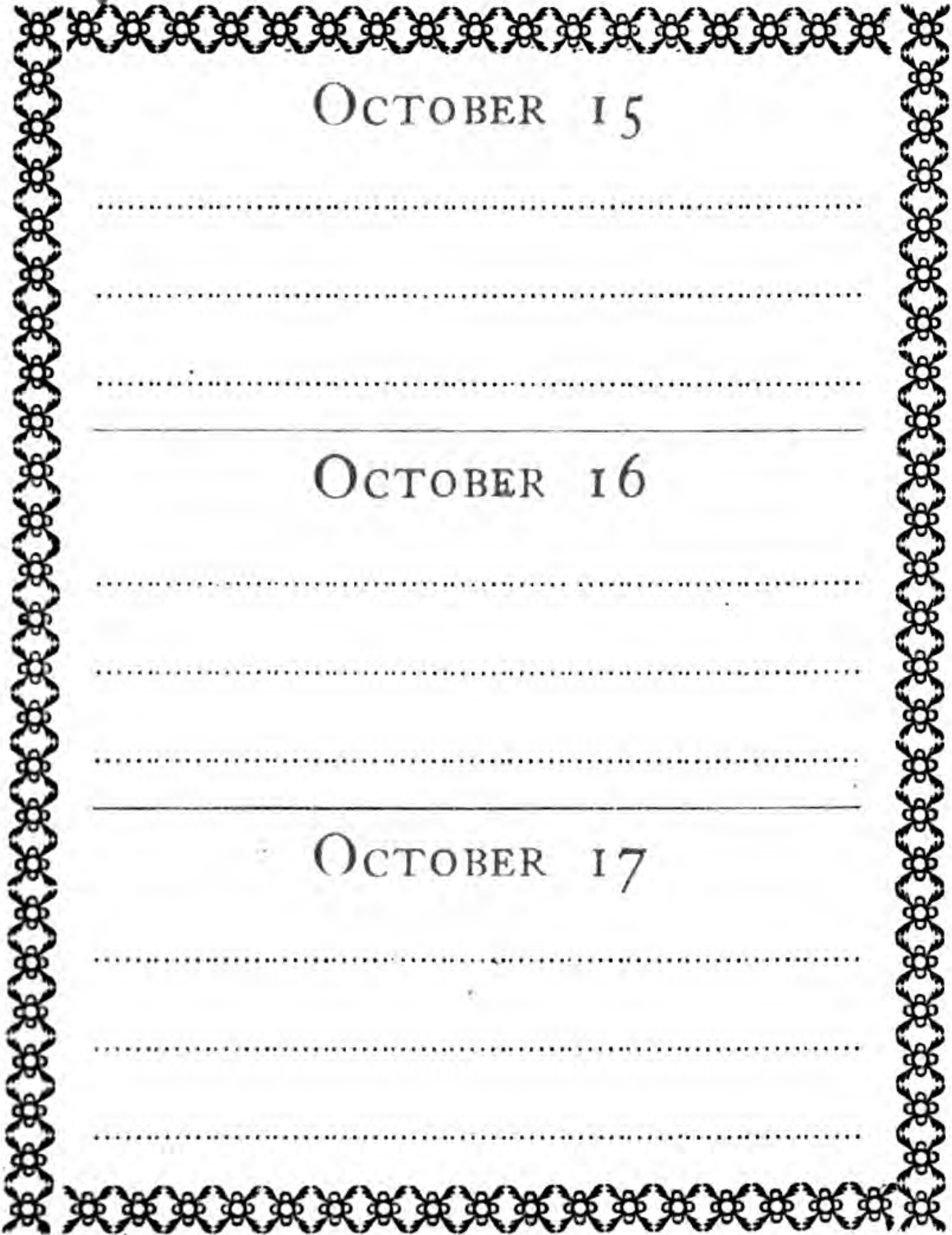
AN aim in life is the only fortune worth the finding, and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself.

The Amateur Emigrant.

OCTOBER 17

MAN must walk by what he sees and leave the issue with God who made him and taught him by the fortune of his life.

Lay Morals.



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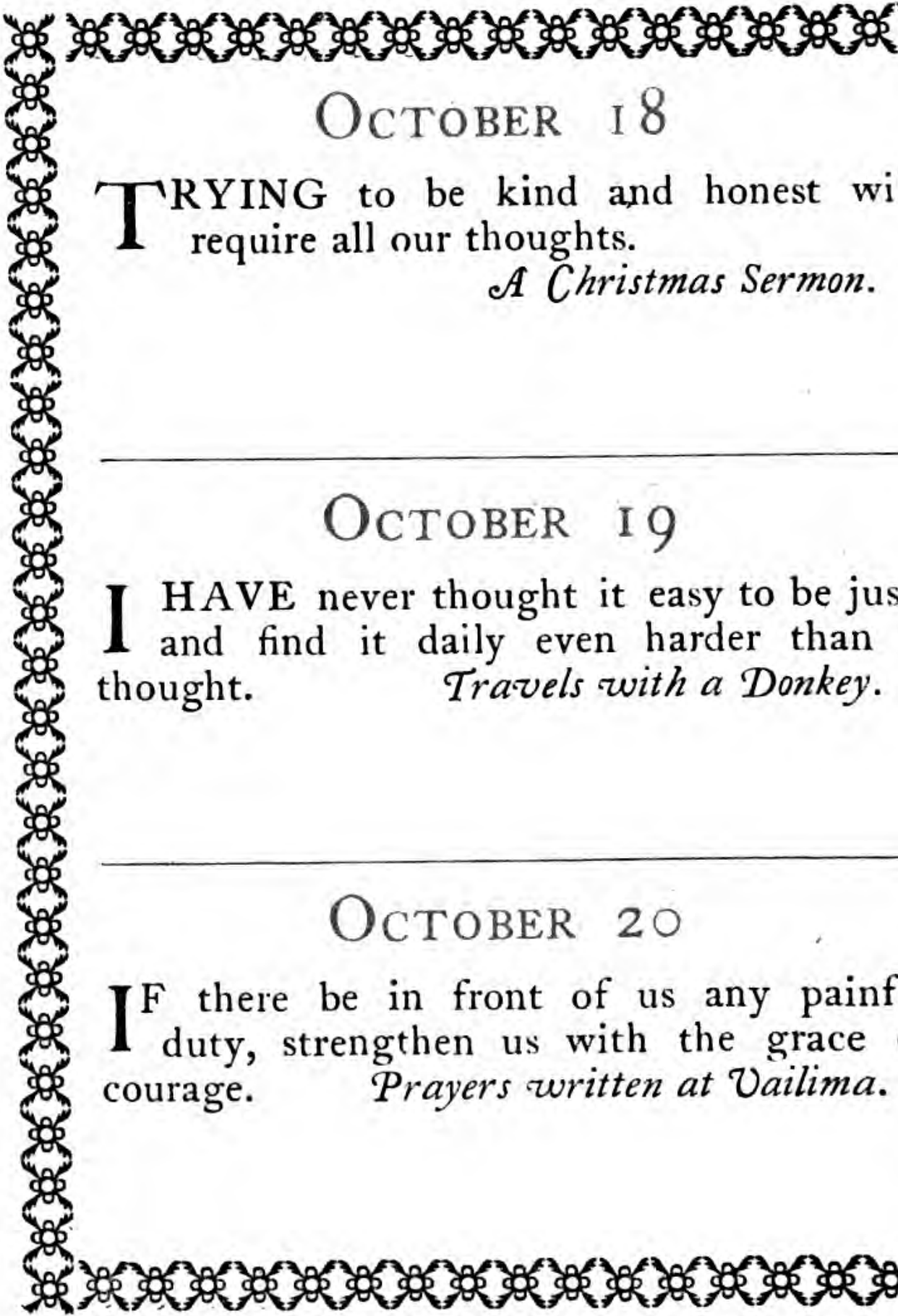
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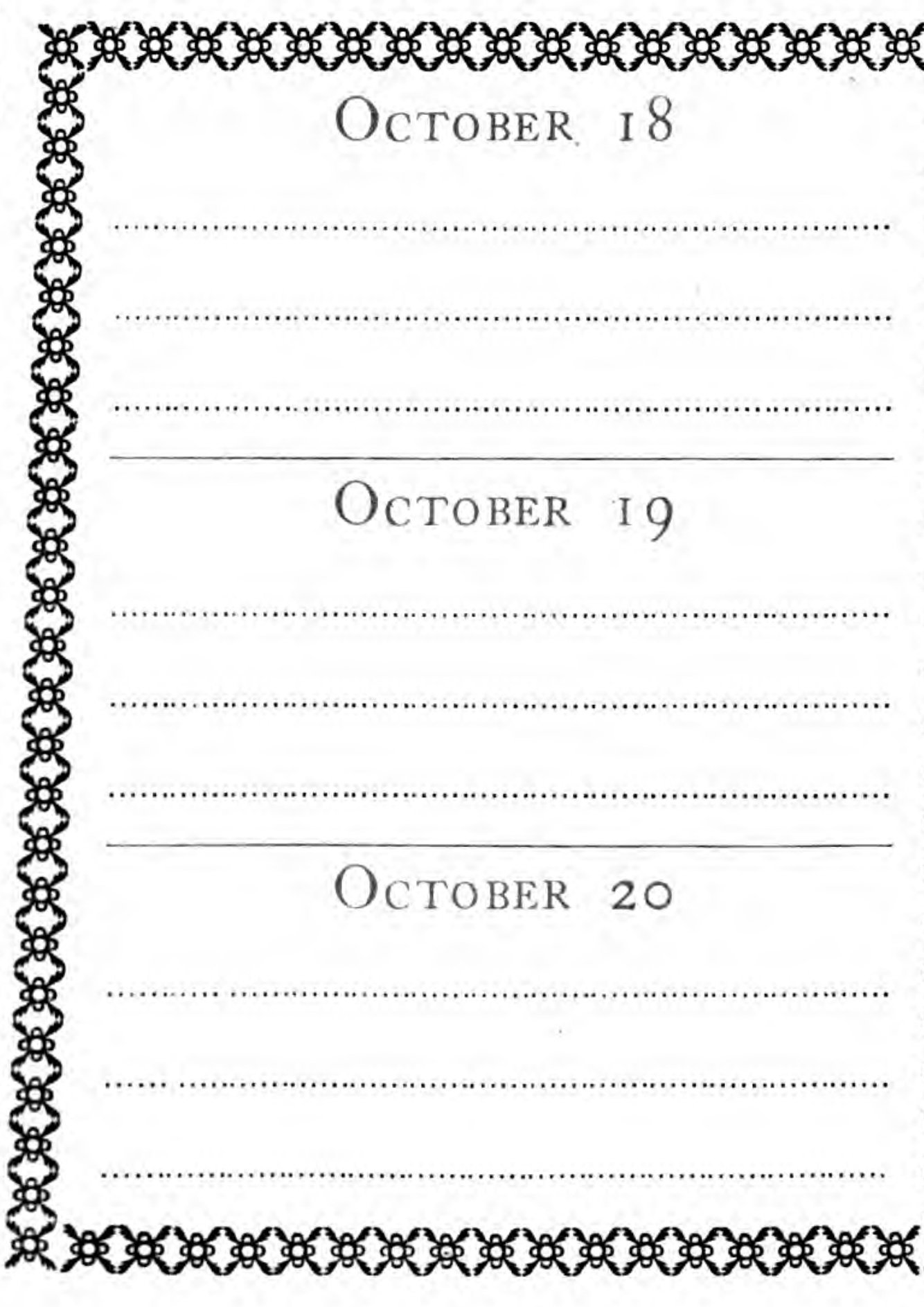
TRYING to be kind and honest will
require all our thoughts.
A Christmas Sermon.

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I HAVE never thought it easy to be just
and find it daily even harder than
thought. *Travels with a Donkey.*

OCTOBER 20

IF there be in front of us any painful
duty, strengthen us with the grace
and courage. *Prayers written at Uailima.*

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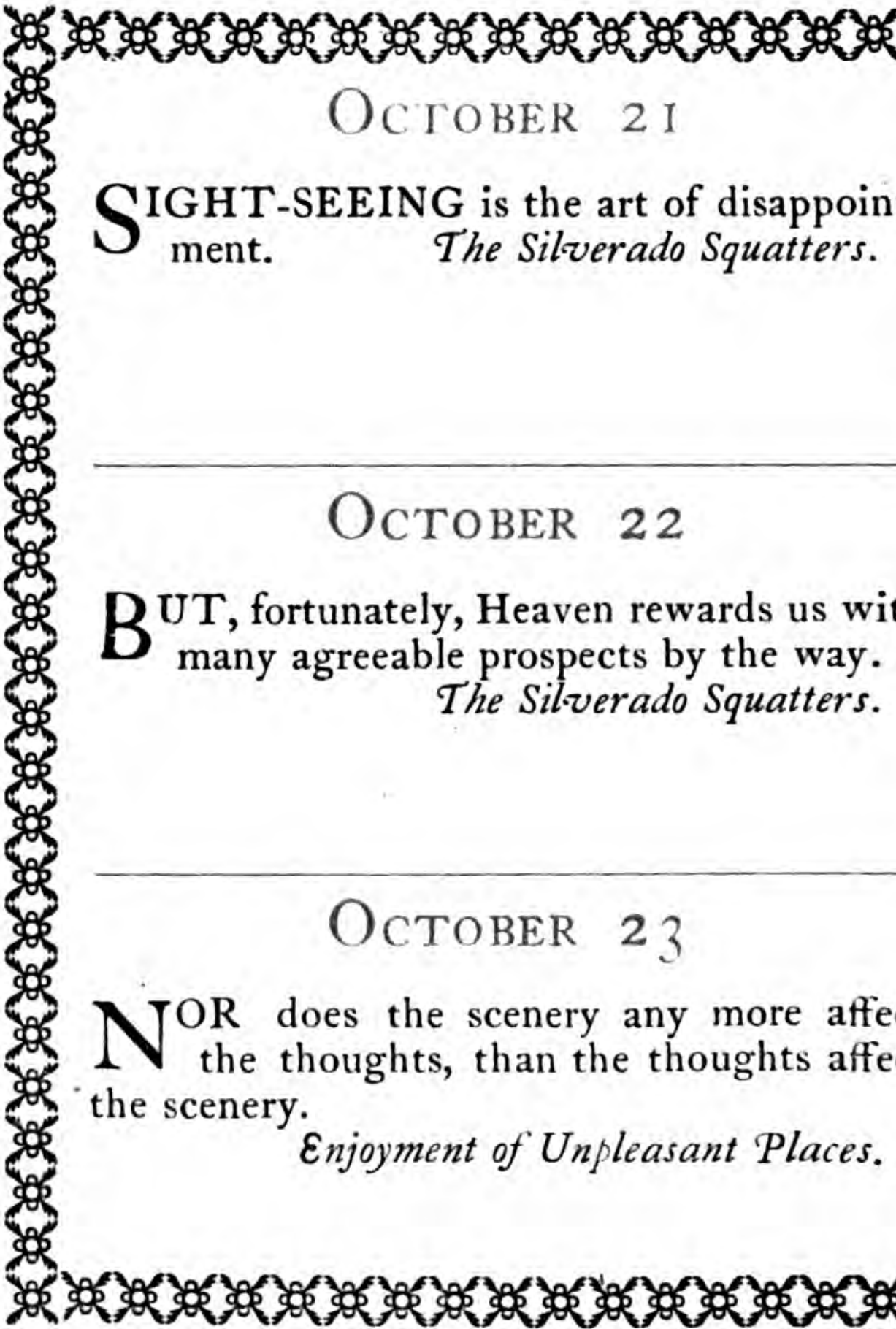
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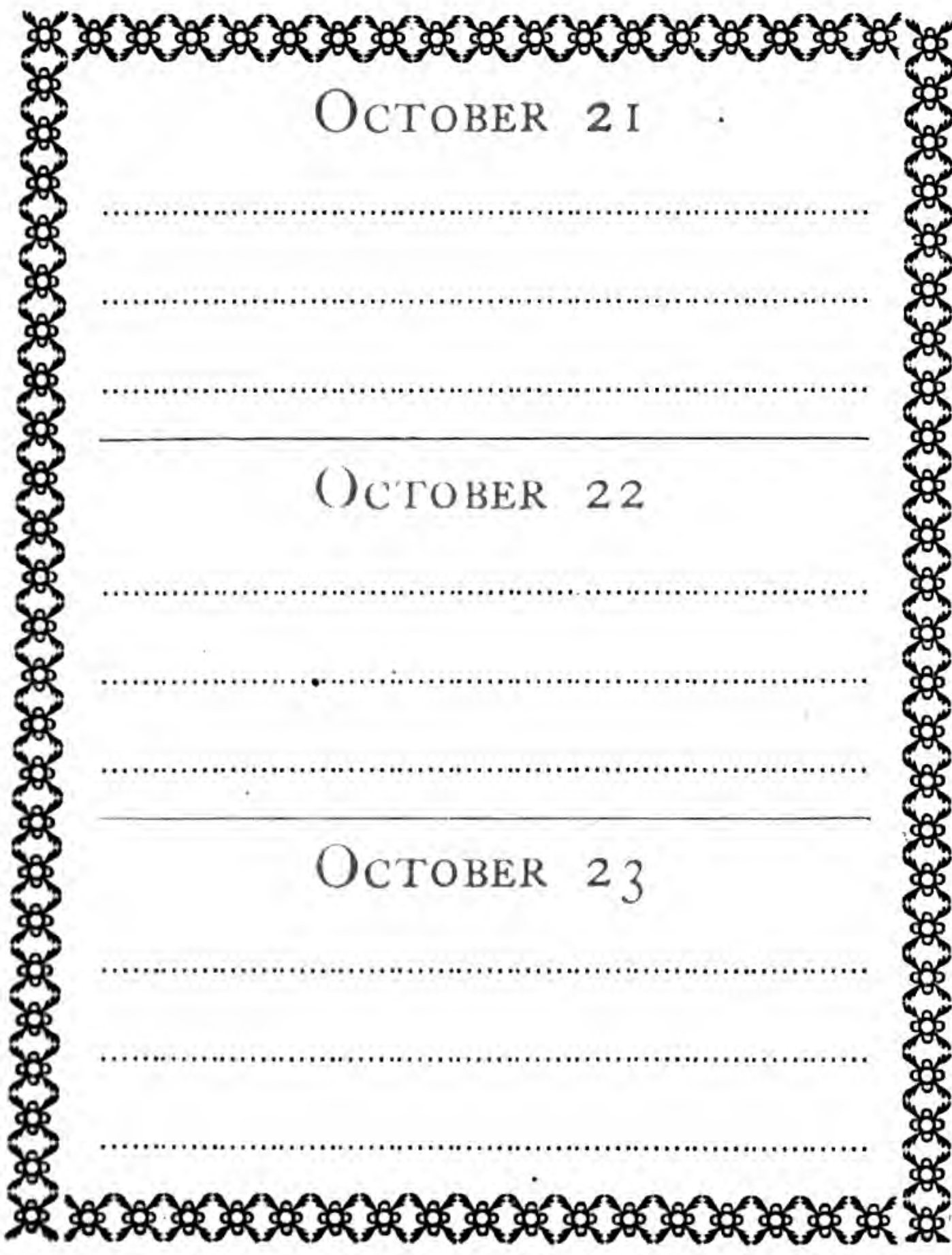
SIGHT-SEEING is the art of disappointment.
The Silverado Squatters.

OCTOBER 22

BUT, fortunately, Heaven rewards us with many agreeable prospects by the way.
The Silverado Squatters.

OCTOBER 23

NOR does the scenery any more affect the thoughts, than the thoughts affect the scenery.
Enjoyment of Unpleasant Places.



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THE most beautiful adventures are not those we go to seek.

An Inland Voyage.

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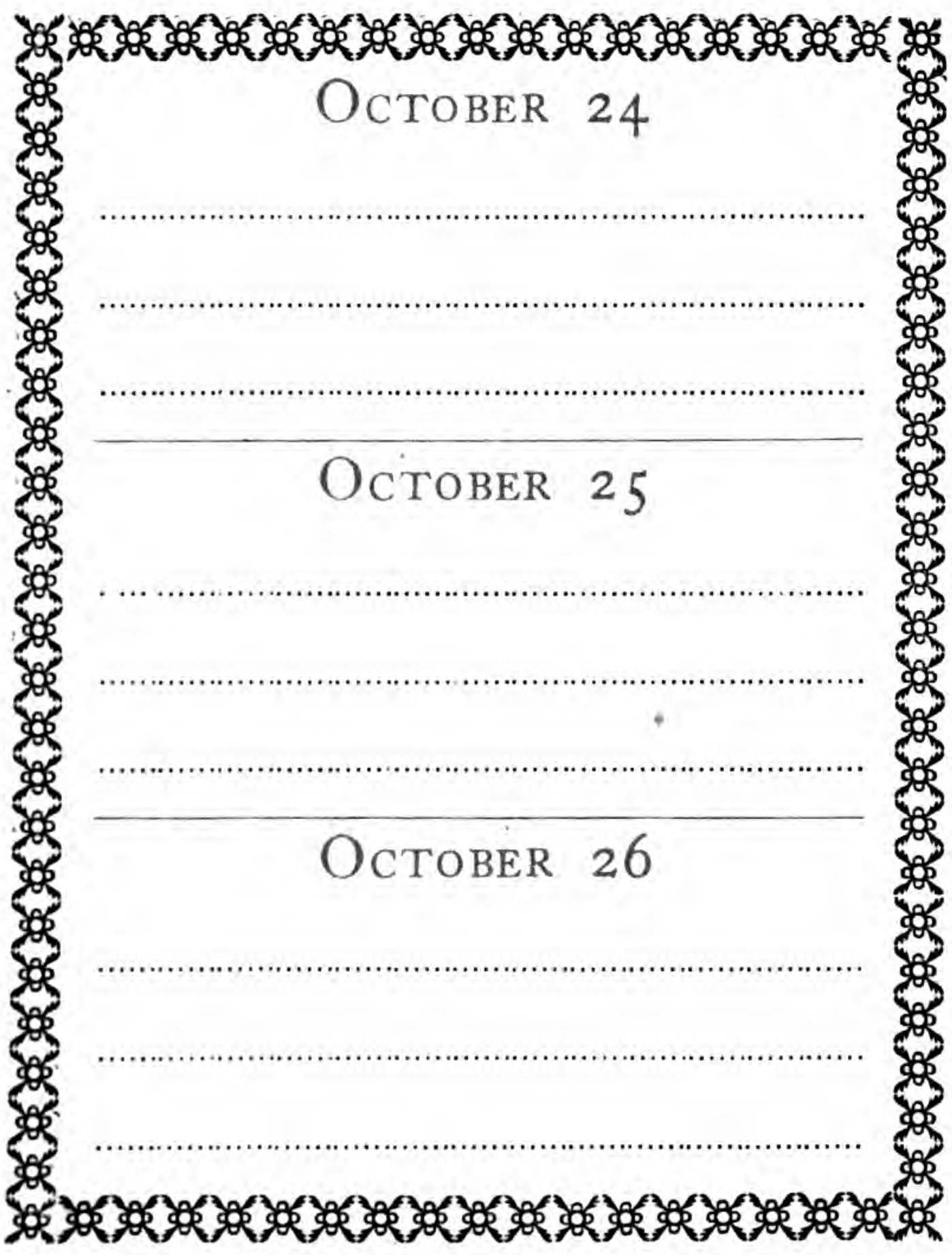
THAT fine intoxication that comes of much motion in the open air; that begins in a sort of dazzle and sluggishness of the brain, and ends in a peace that passes comprehension.

Walking Tours.

OCTOBER 26

IT seems as if a hot walk purged you more than anything else, of all narrowness and pride, and left curiosity to play its part freely as in a child or a man of science.

Walking Tours.



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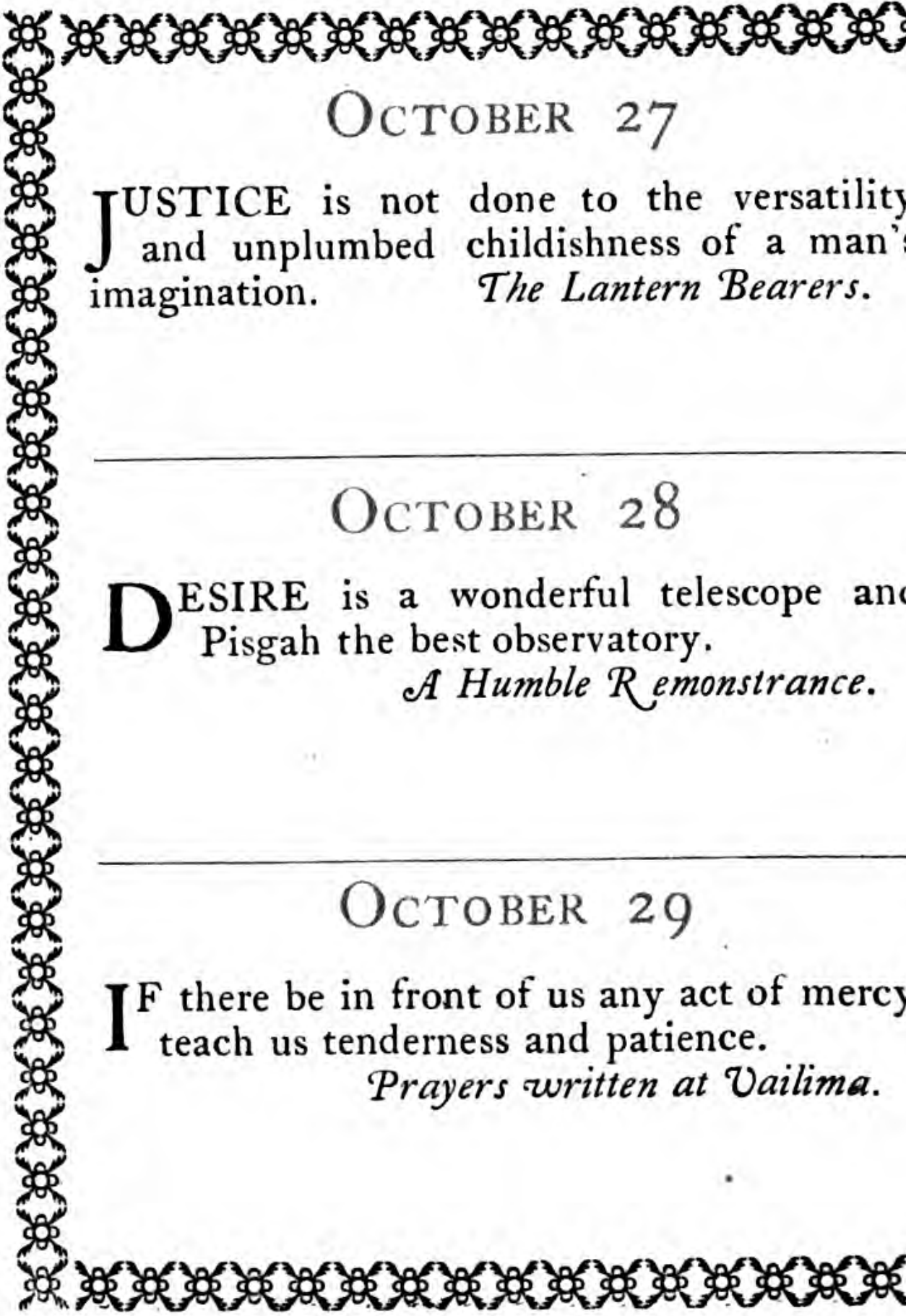
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OCTOBER 27

JUSTICE is not done to the versatility
and unplumbed childishness of a man's
imagination. *The Lantern Bearers.*

OCTOBER 28

DESIRE is a wonderful telescope and
Pisgah the best observatory.
A Humble Remonstrance.

OCTOBER 29

IF there be in front of us any act of mercy
teach us tenderness and patience.
Prayers written at Vailima.



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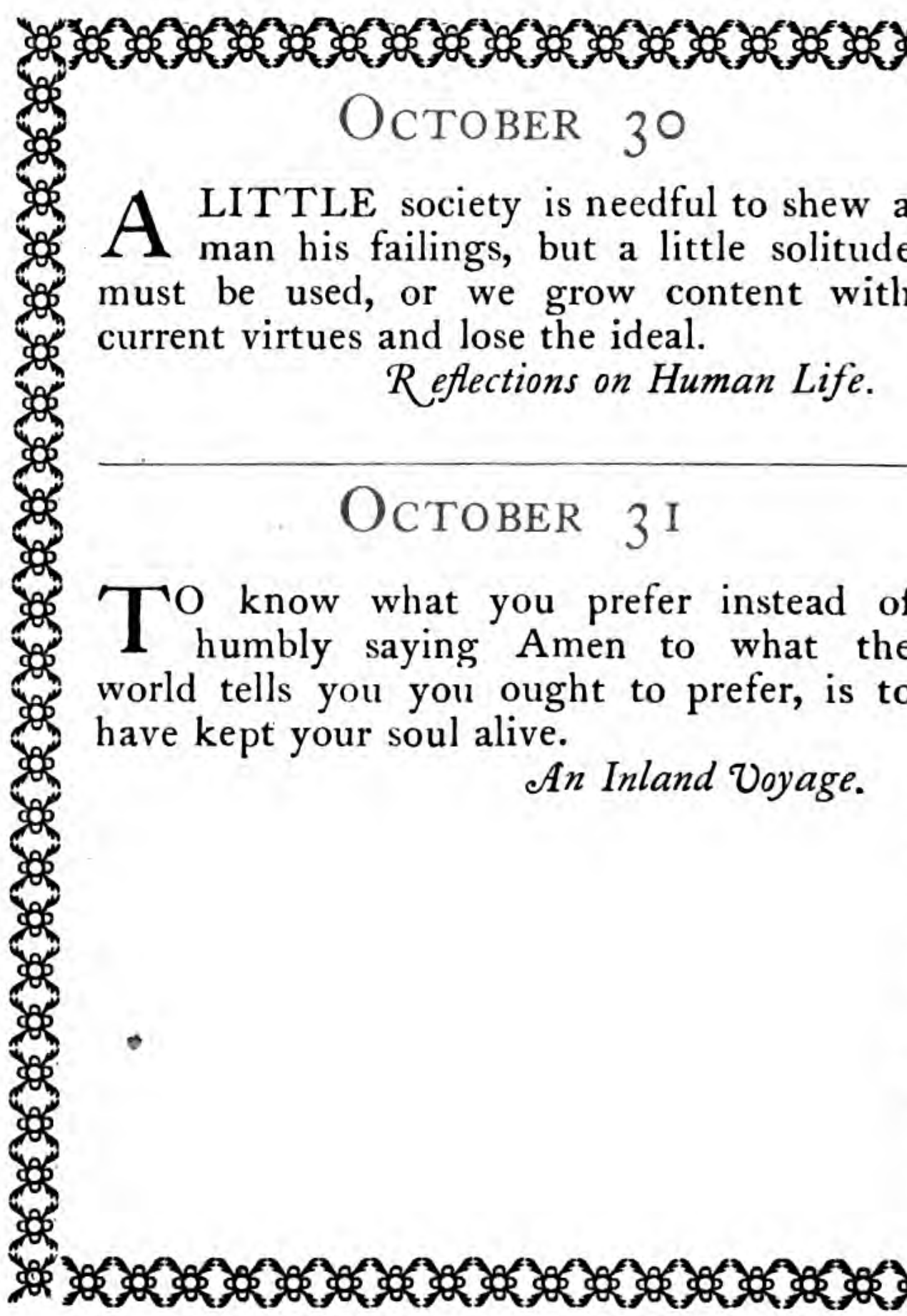
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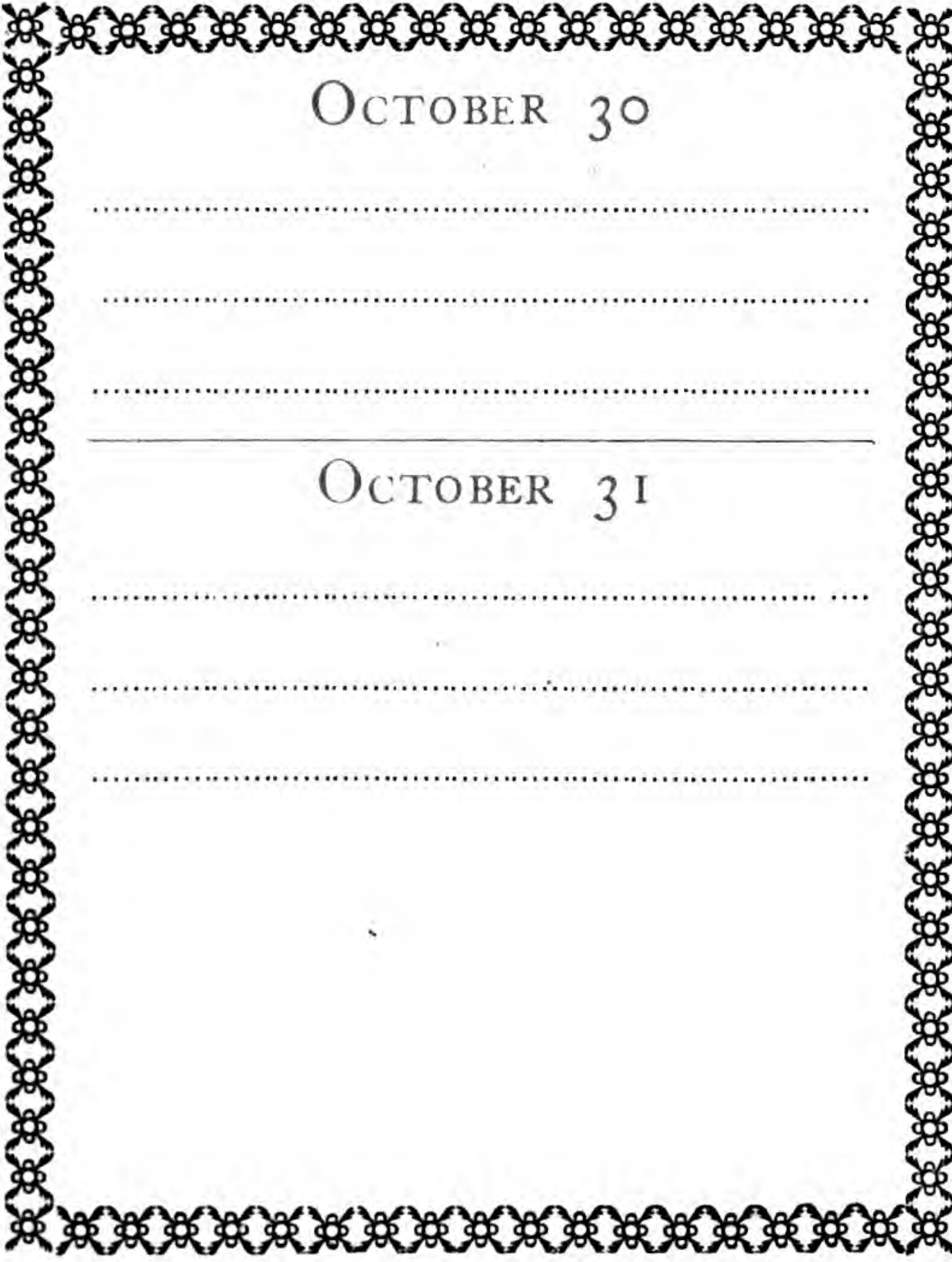
A LITTLE society is needful to shew a man his failings, but a little solitude must be used, or we grow content with current virtues and lose the ideal.

Reflections on Human Life.

OCTOBER 31

TO know what you prefer instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive.

An Inland Voyage.



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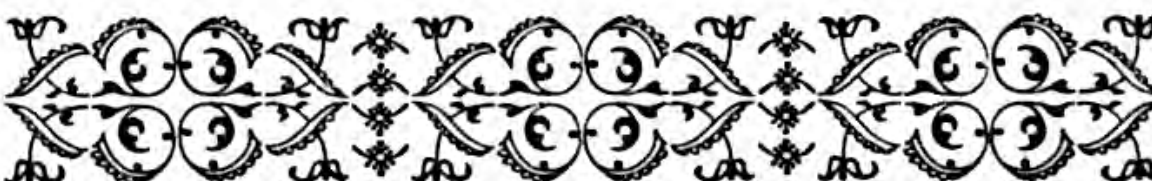
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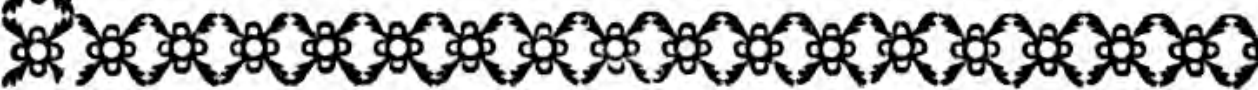


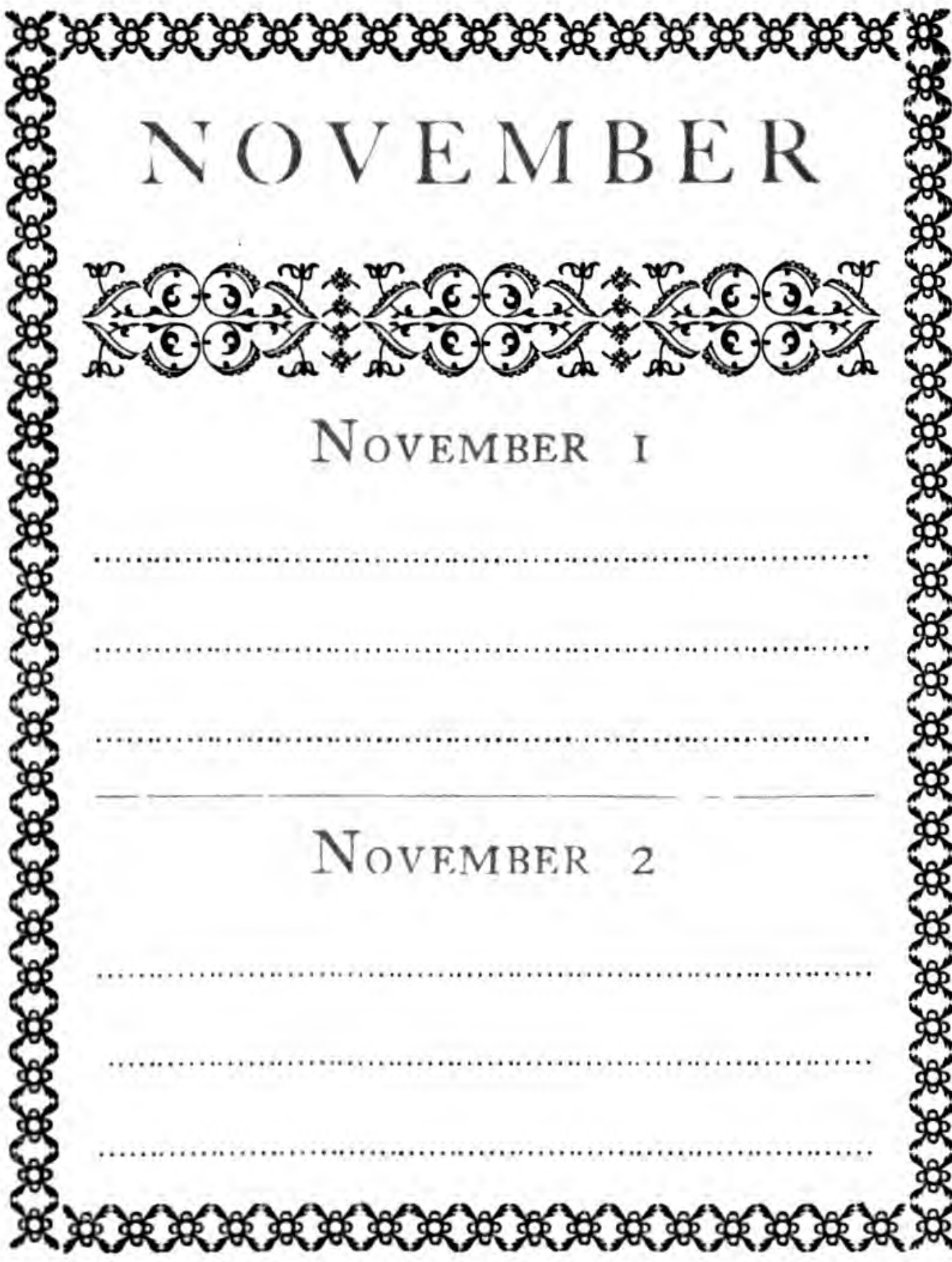
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TO do anything because others do it, and not because the thing is good, or kind, or honest in its own right, is to resign all moral control and captaincy upon yourself and to go post haste to the devil with the greater number. *Samuel Pepys.*

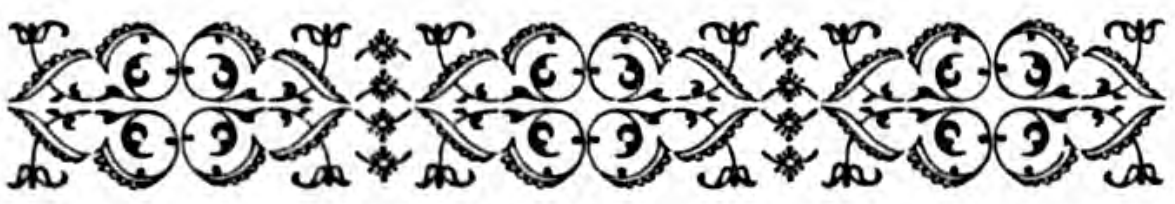
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IF you teach a man to keep his eyes upon what others think of him, you must discredit in his eyes the one authoritative voice of his own soul. *Lay Morals.*





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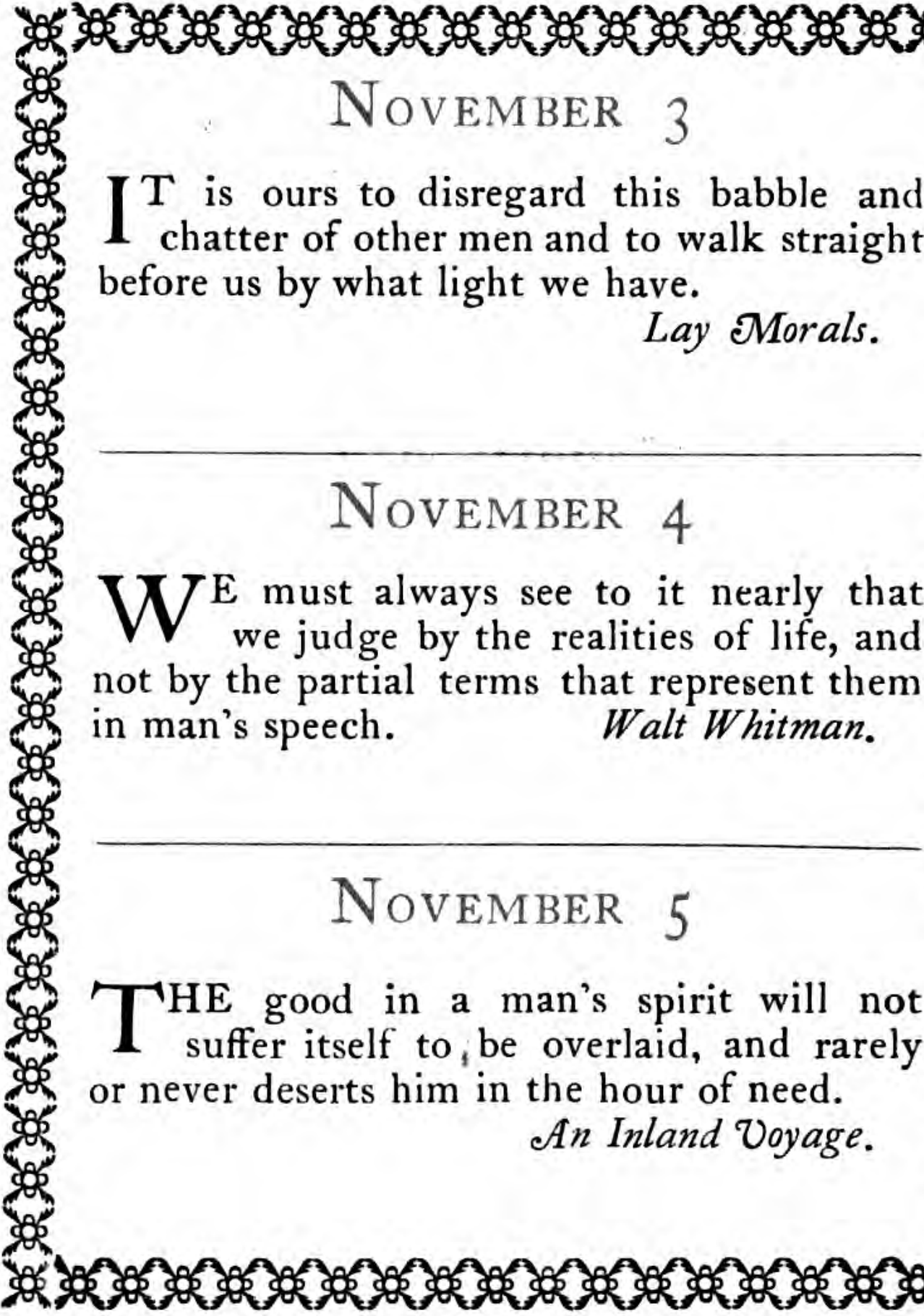
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IT is ours to disregard this babble and chatter of other men and to walk straight before us by what light we have.

Lay Morals.

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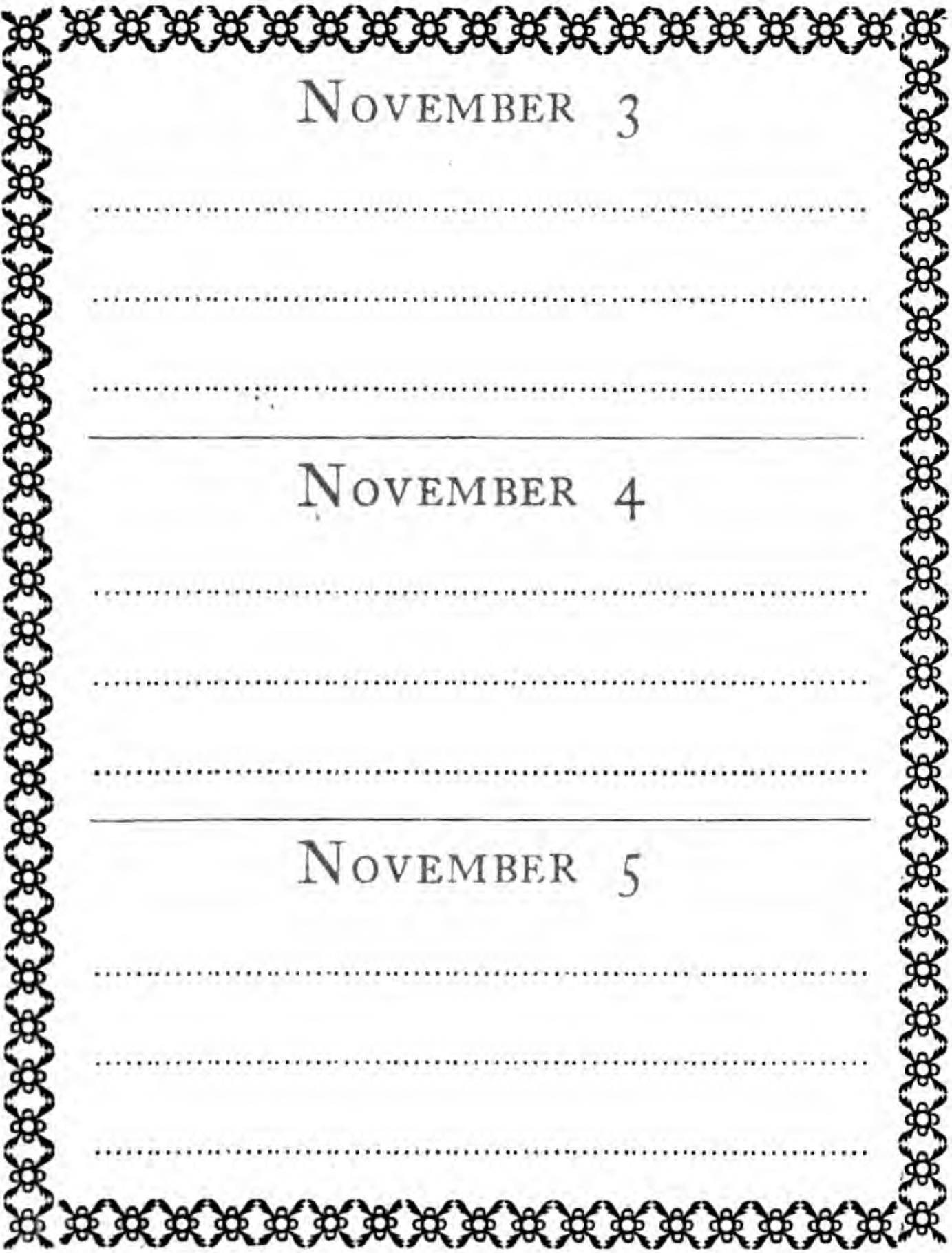
WE must always see to it nearly that we judge by the realities of life, and not by the partial terms that represent them in man's speech.

Walt Whitman.

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THE good in a man's spirit will not suffer itself to be overlaid, and rarely or never deserts him in the hour of need.

An Inland Voyage.



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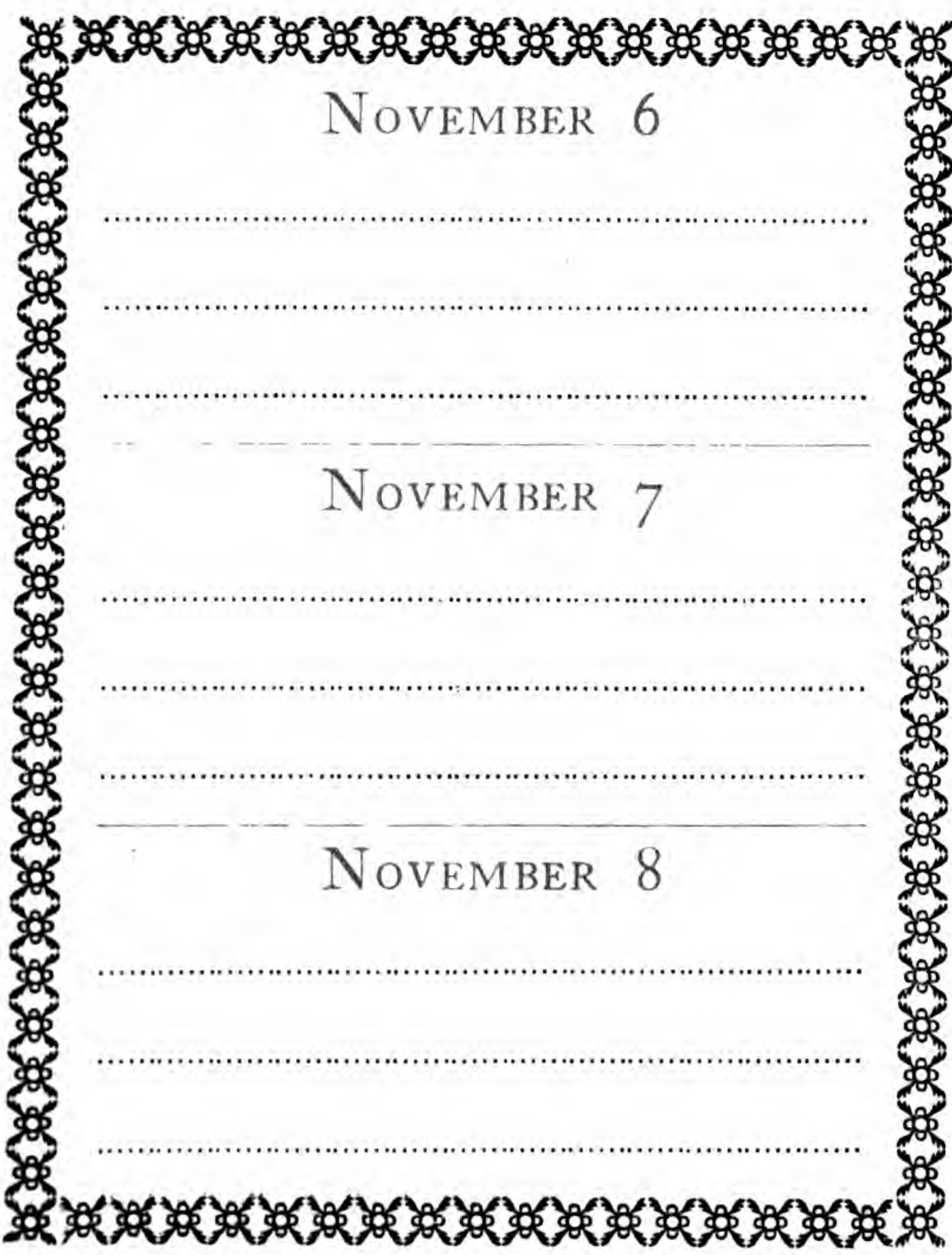
TEN thousand bad traits cannot make
single good one any the less good.
An Inland Voyage.

NOVEMBER 7

WE beseech Thee, Lord, to behold us
with favour, weak men and women
subsisting under the covert of Thy patience
Prayers written at Uailima.

NOVEMBER 8

FREEDOM, to be desirable, involve
kindness, wisdom, and all the virtues
of the free.
The Day after To-morrow.



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THE natural tendency of civilization is to obliterate those distinctions which are the best salt of life.

The Modern Student.

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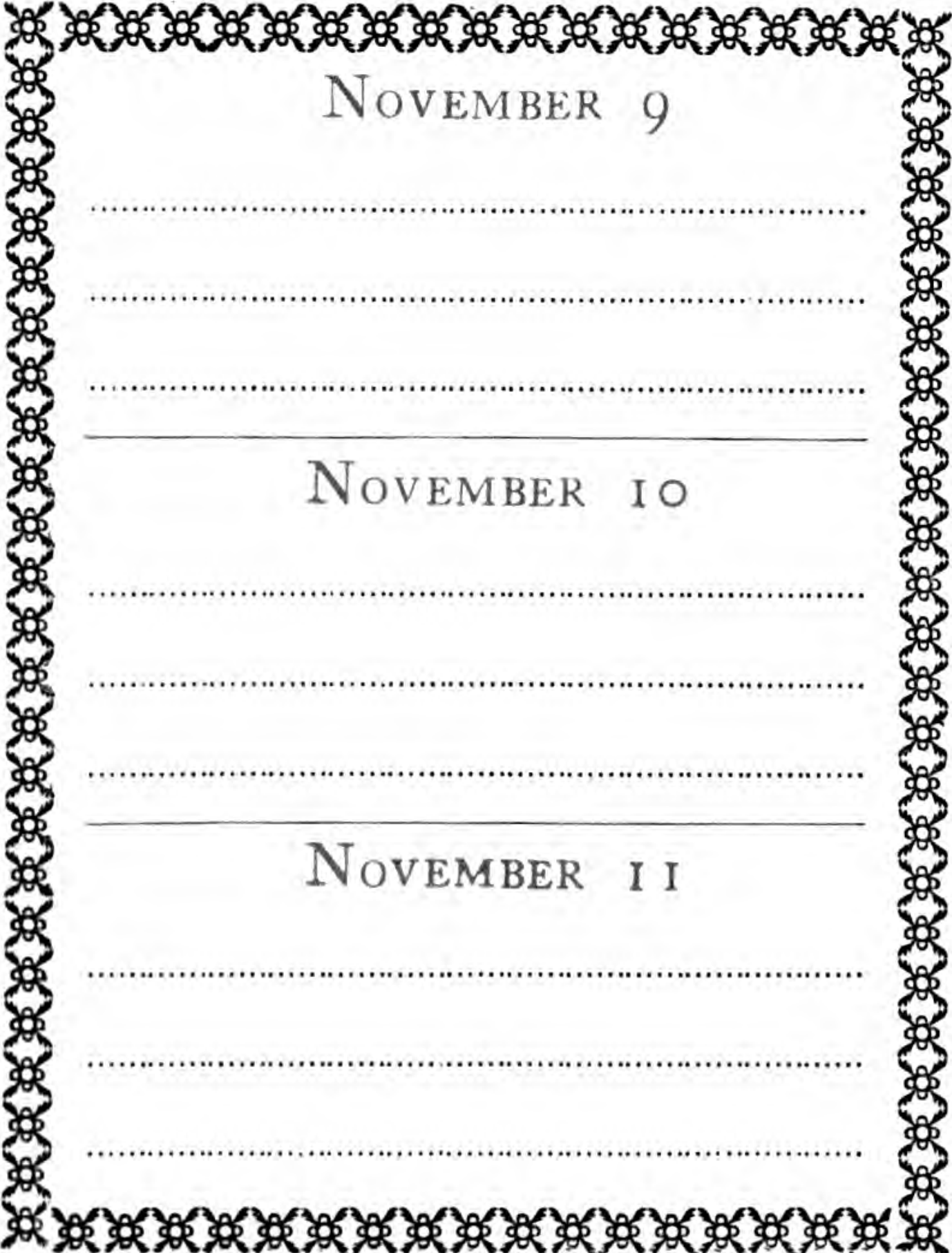
THE state of Parliament is not only diagnostic of the present, but also fatefully prophetic of the future.

The Day after To-morrow.

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IF any ideal is possible it must be already in the thoughts of the people.

Walt Whitman.



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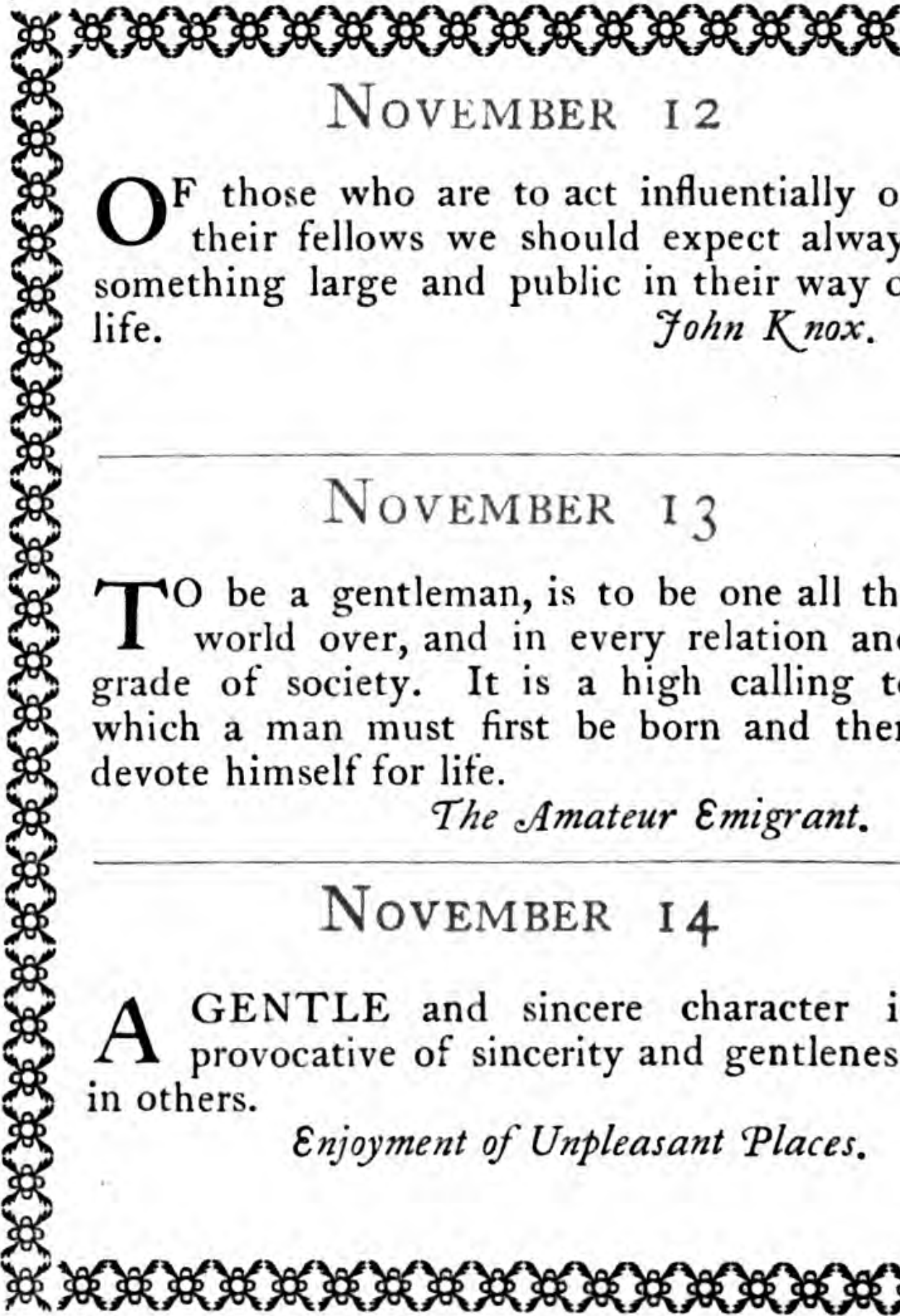
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OF those who are to act influentially on their fellows we should expect always something large and public in their way of life.

John Knox.

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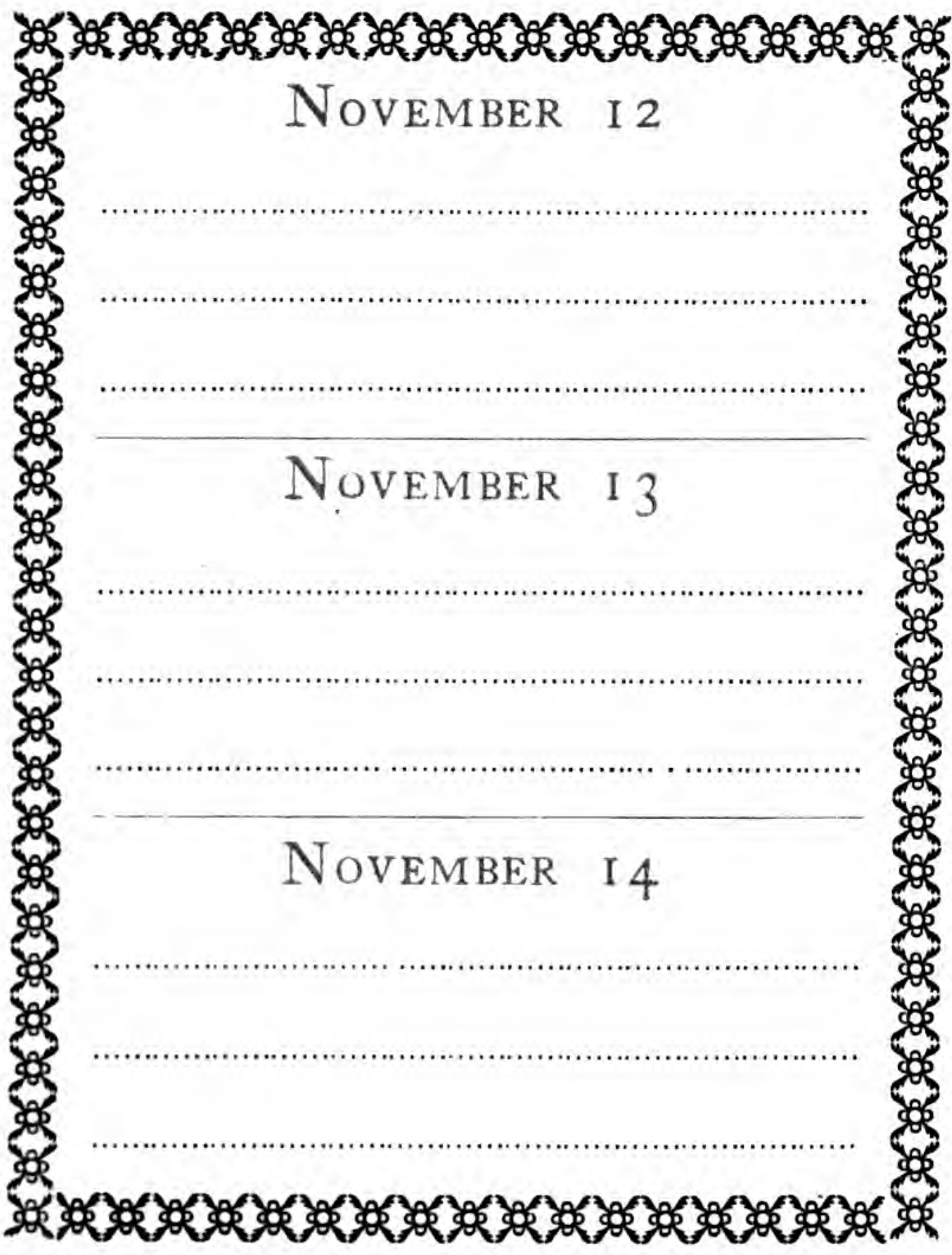
TO be a gentleman, is to be one all the world over, and in every relation and grade of society. It is a high calling to which a man must first be born and then devote himself for life.

The Amateur Emigrant.

NOVEMBER 14

A GENTLE and sincere character is provocative of sincerity and gentleness in others.

Enjoyment of Unpleasant Places.



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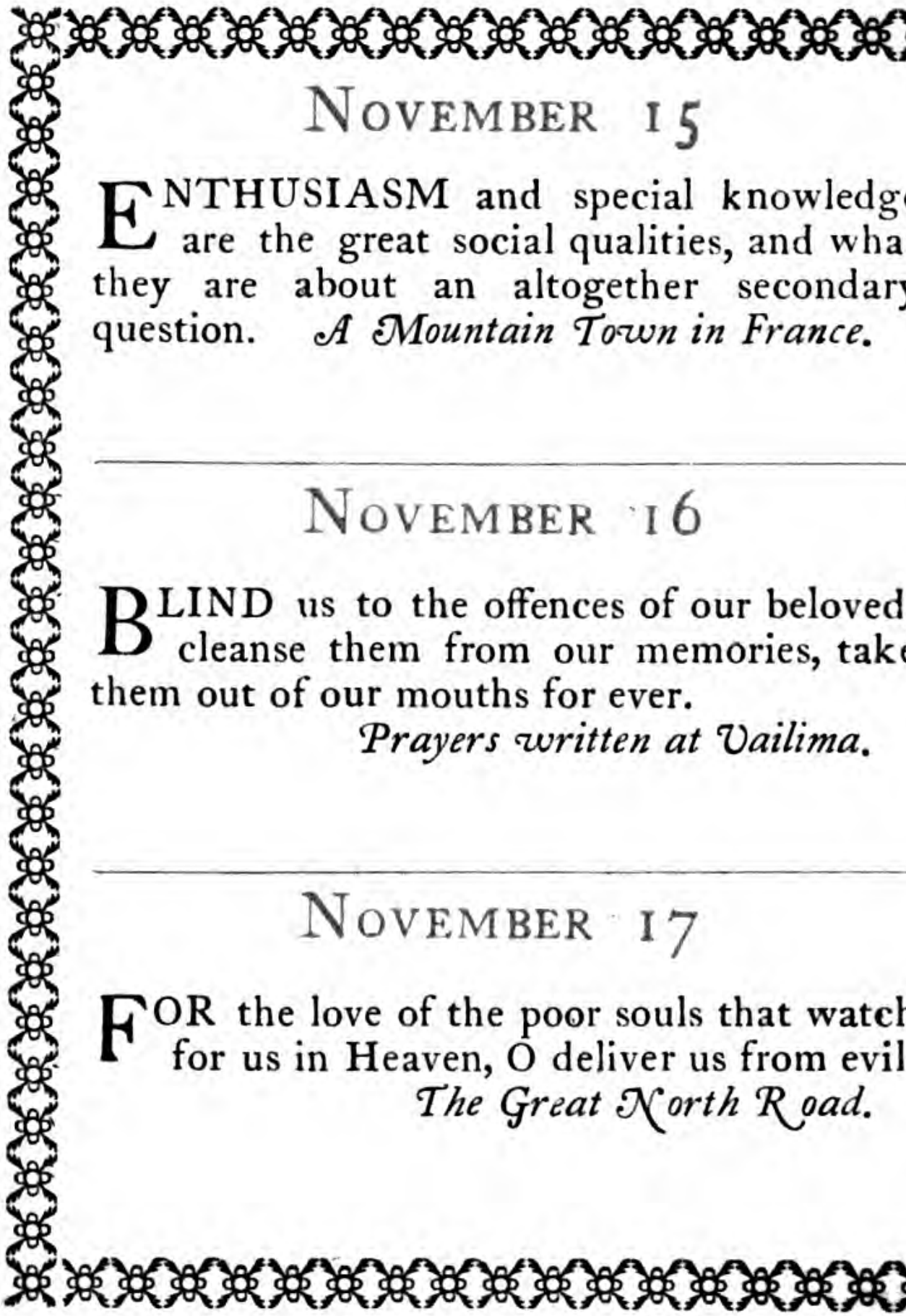
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ENTHUSIASM and special knowledge are the great social qualities, and what they are about an altogether secondary question. *A Mountain Town in France.*

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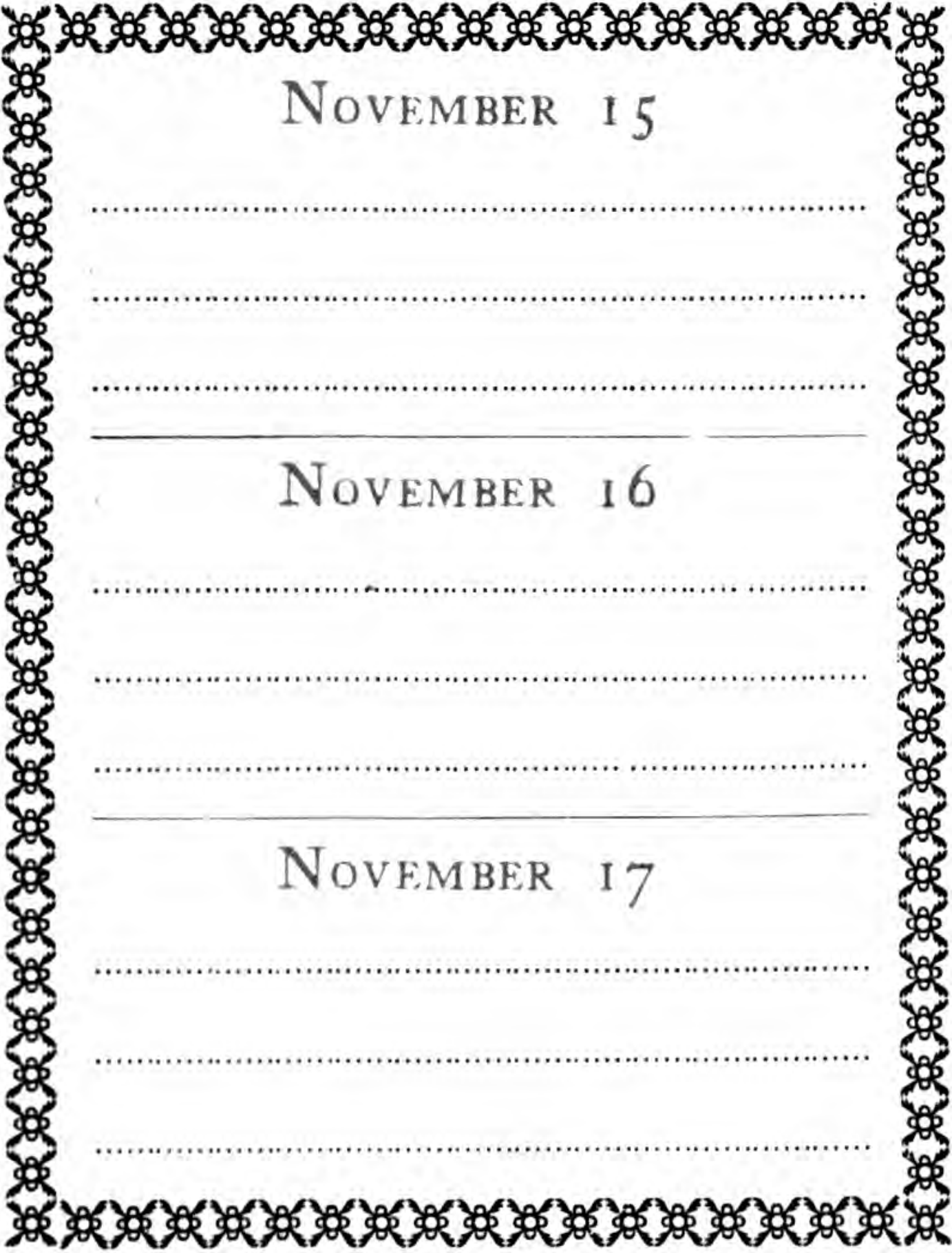
BLIND us to the offences of our beloved, cleanse them from our memories, take them out of our mouths for ever.

Prayers written at Vailima.

NOVEMBER 17

FOR the love of the poor souls that watch for us in Heaven, O deliver us from evil

The Great North Road.



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NOVEMBER 18

A GENEROUS prayer is never presented in vain: the petition may be refused but the petitioner is always—I believe—rewarded by some gracious visitation.

The Merry Men.

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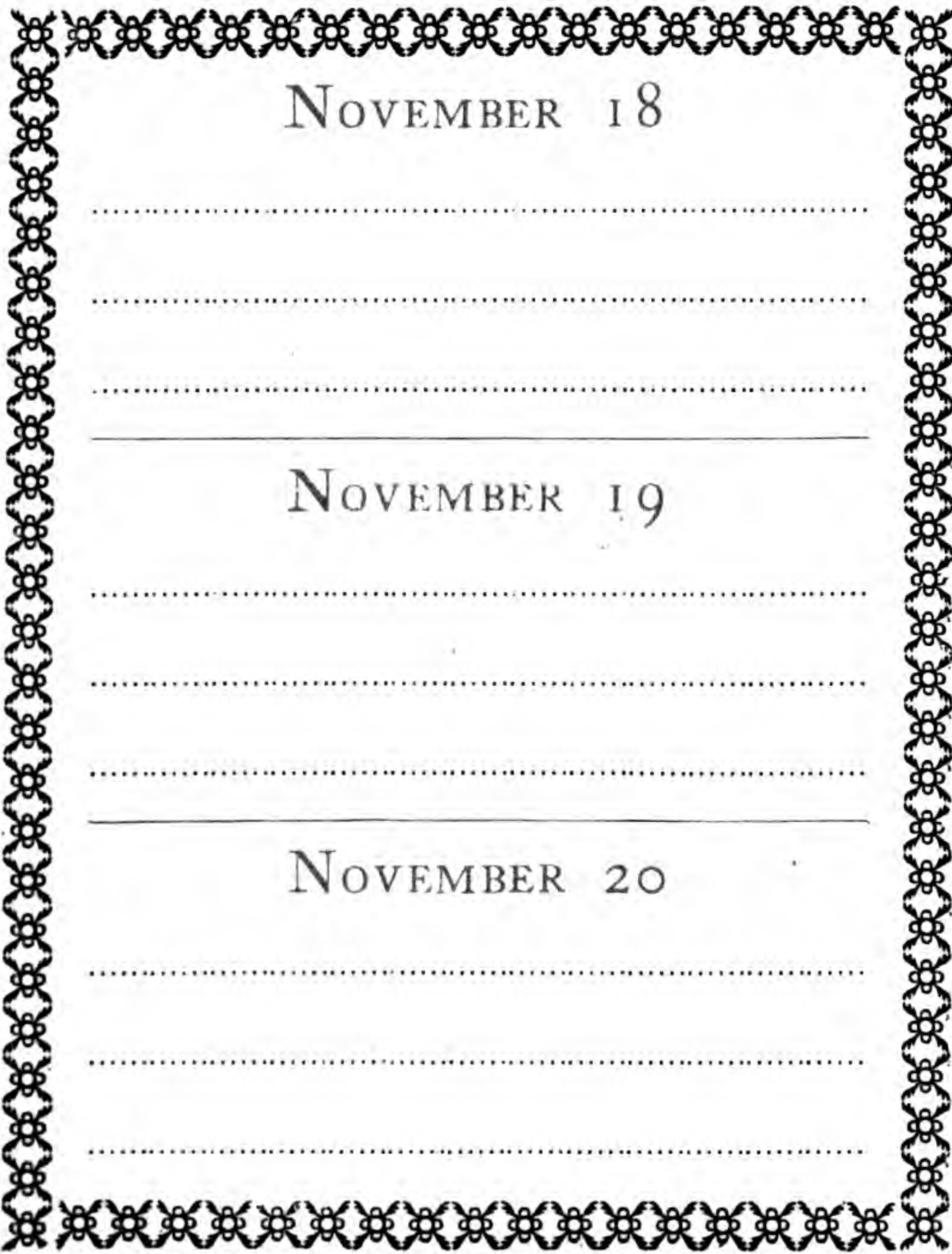
BENEFICENT streams of tears flow at the finger of pain ;
And out of the cloud that smites, beneficent
rivers of rain.

Tropic Rain.

NOVEMBER 20

OUR faith is not the highest truth that we perceive, but the highest that we have been able to assimilate into the very texture and method of our thinking.

Walt Whitman.



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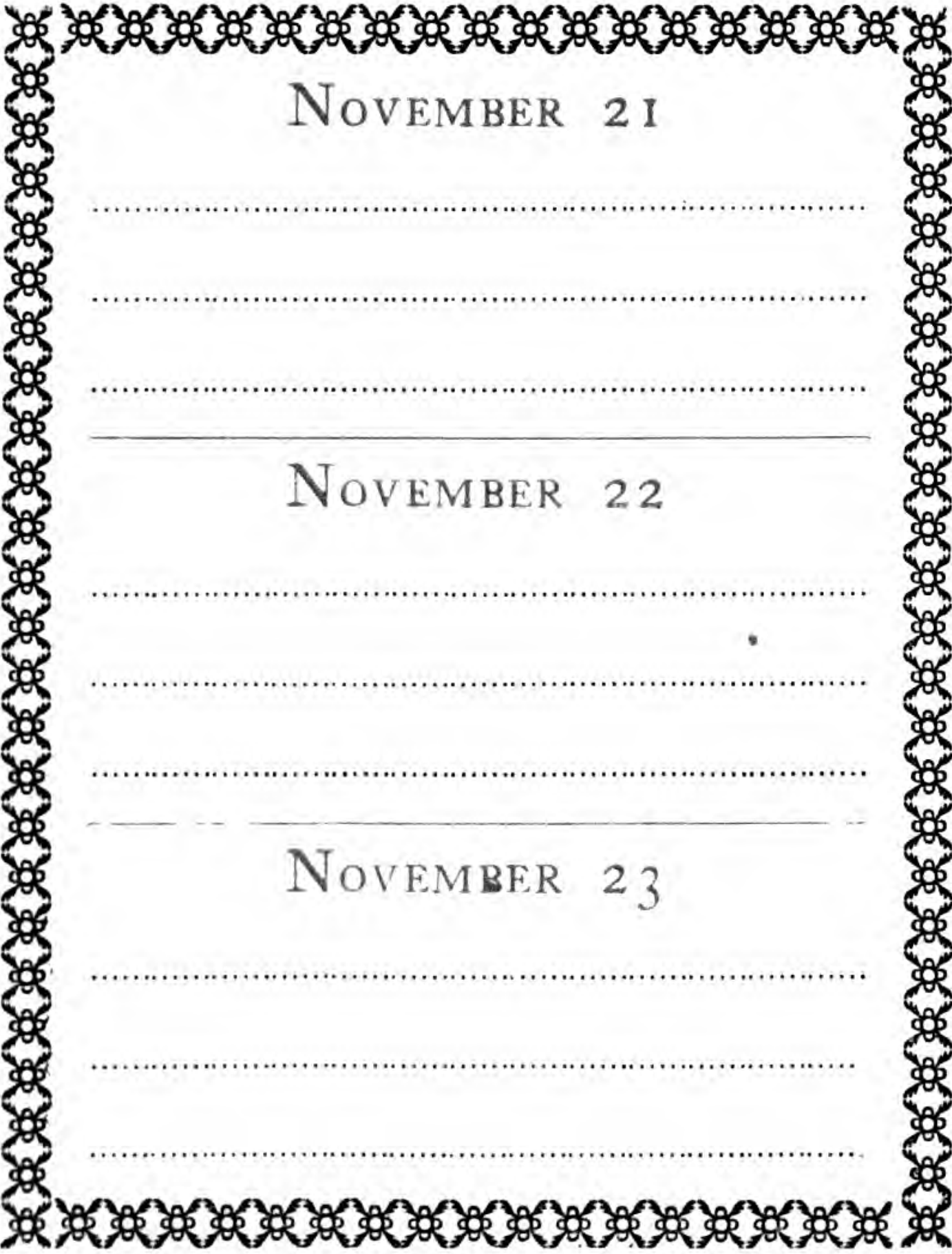
EVERYTHING is good or bad, helpful or deadly, not in itself but by its circumstances.
Pan's Pipes.

NOVEMBER 22

FAITH is a more supporting quality than imagination.
A Mountain Town in France.

NOVEMBER 23

ABOUT the far larger part of life both the dog and his master must conduct their steps by deduction and observation.
The Character of Dogs.



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HOW will you know? By means of a magical talisman God gave me when I was born, and the name they call it by is—
Common Sense. *Catriona.*

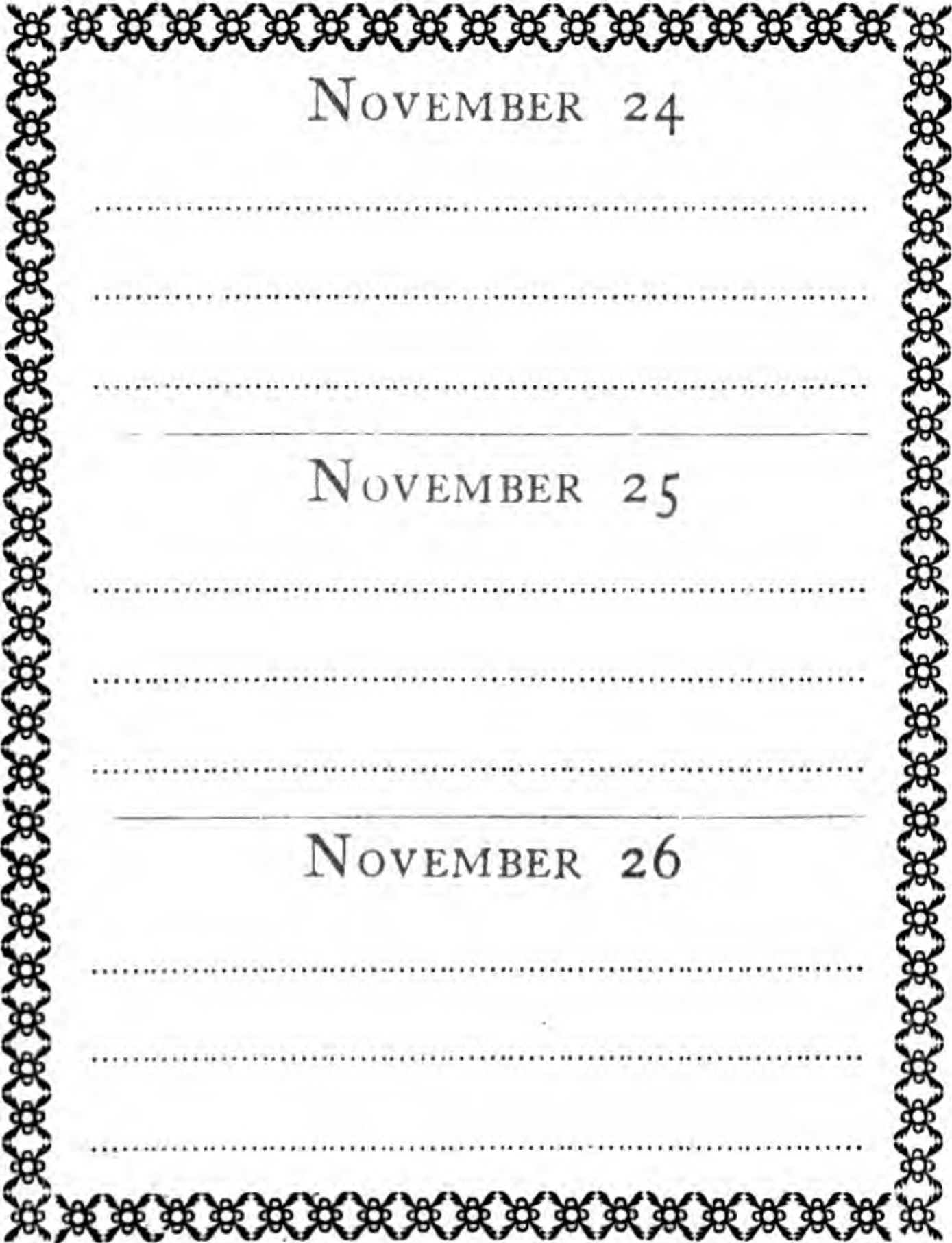
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TOUCH us with fire from the altar, that we may be up and doing to rebuild our city. *Prayers written at Uailima.*

NOVEMBER 26

ART is a virtue, and if I were the man I should be, my art would rise in the proportion of my life.

' Letter to W. H. Low.



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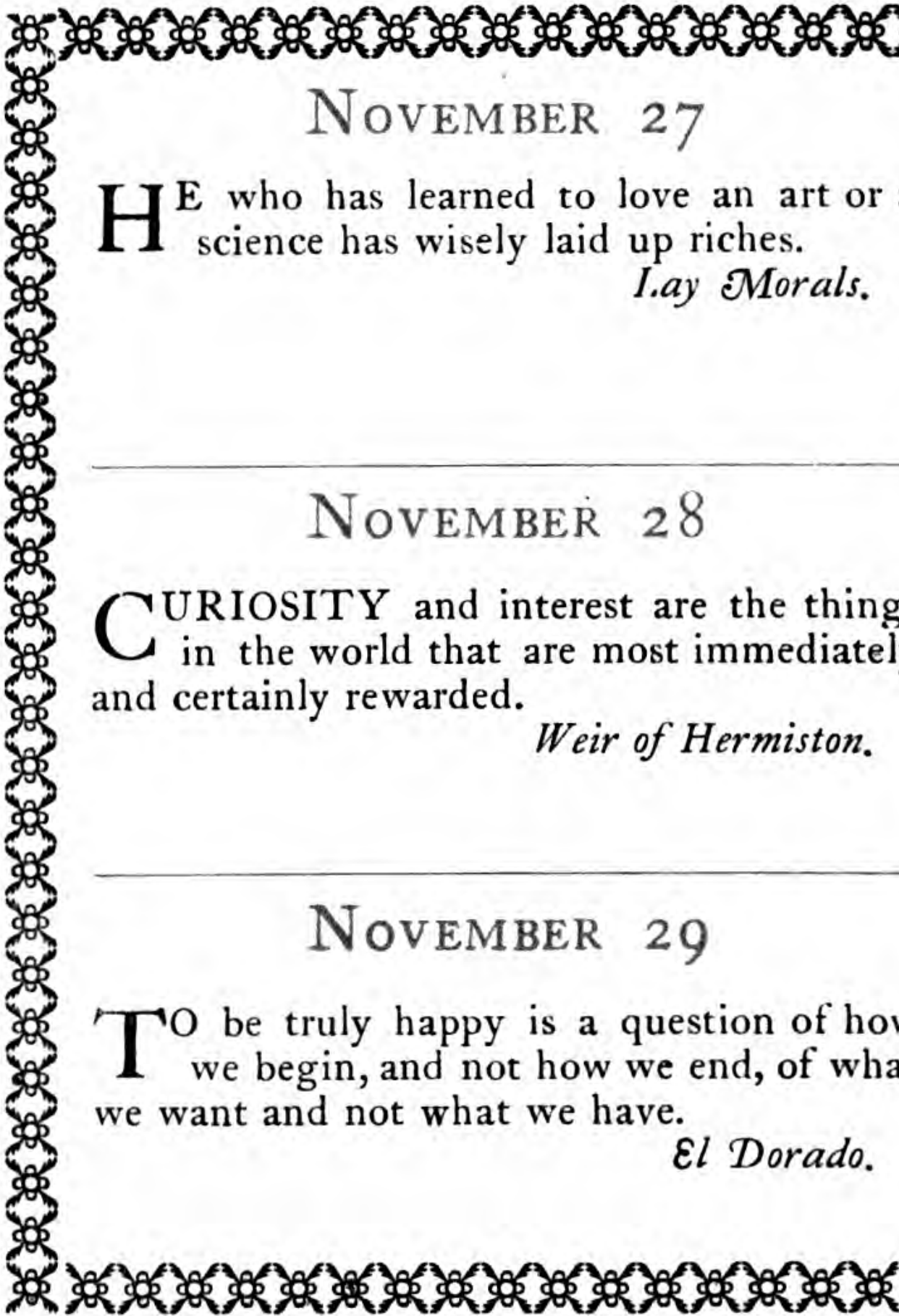
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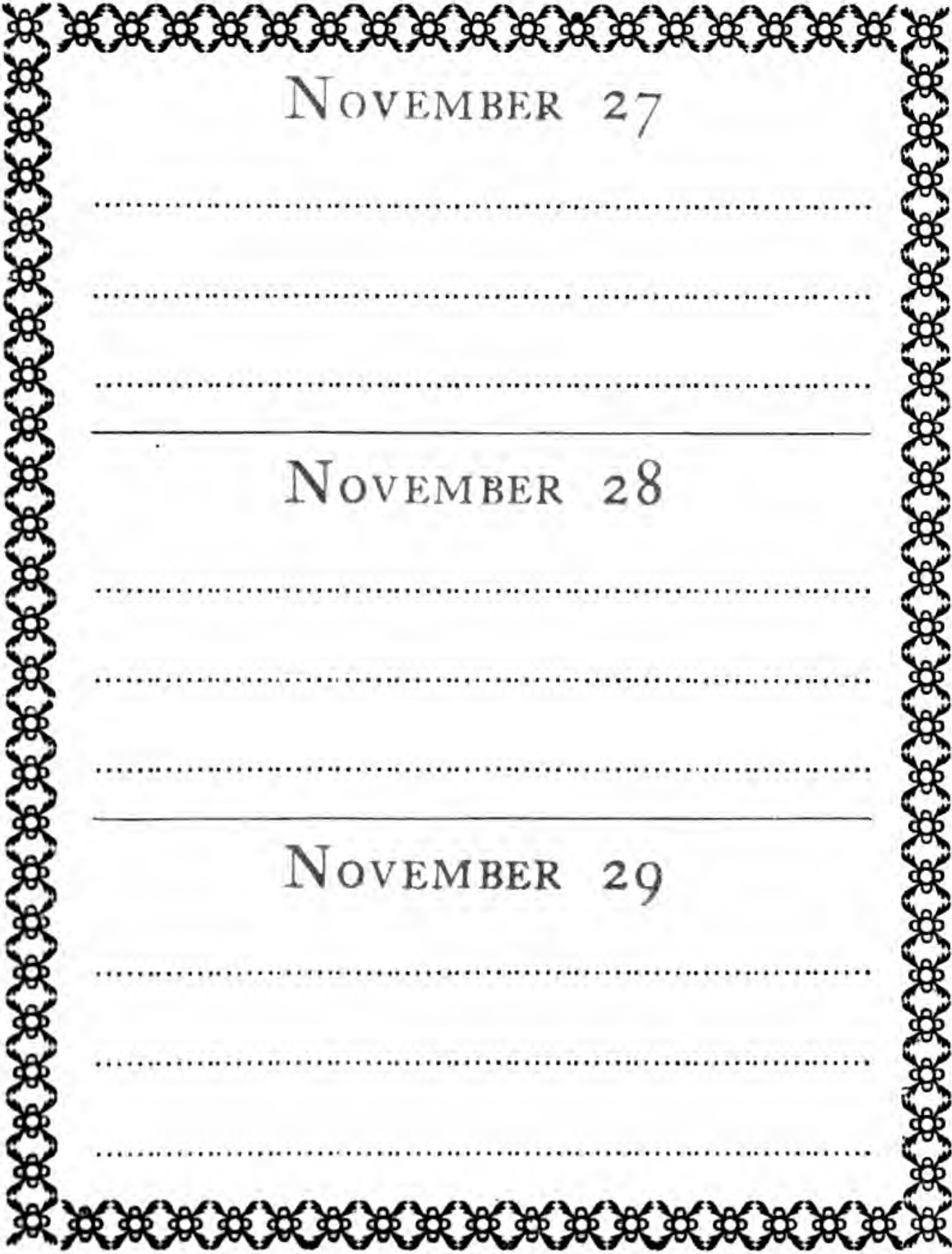
HE who has learned to love an art or science has wisely laid up riches.
I.ay Morals.

NOVEMBER 28

CURIOSITY and interest are the things in the world that are most immediately and certainly rewarded.
Weir of Hermiston.

NOVEMBER 29

TO be truly happy is a question of how we begin, and not how we end, of what we want and not what we have.
El Dorado.



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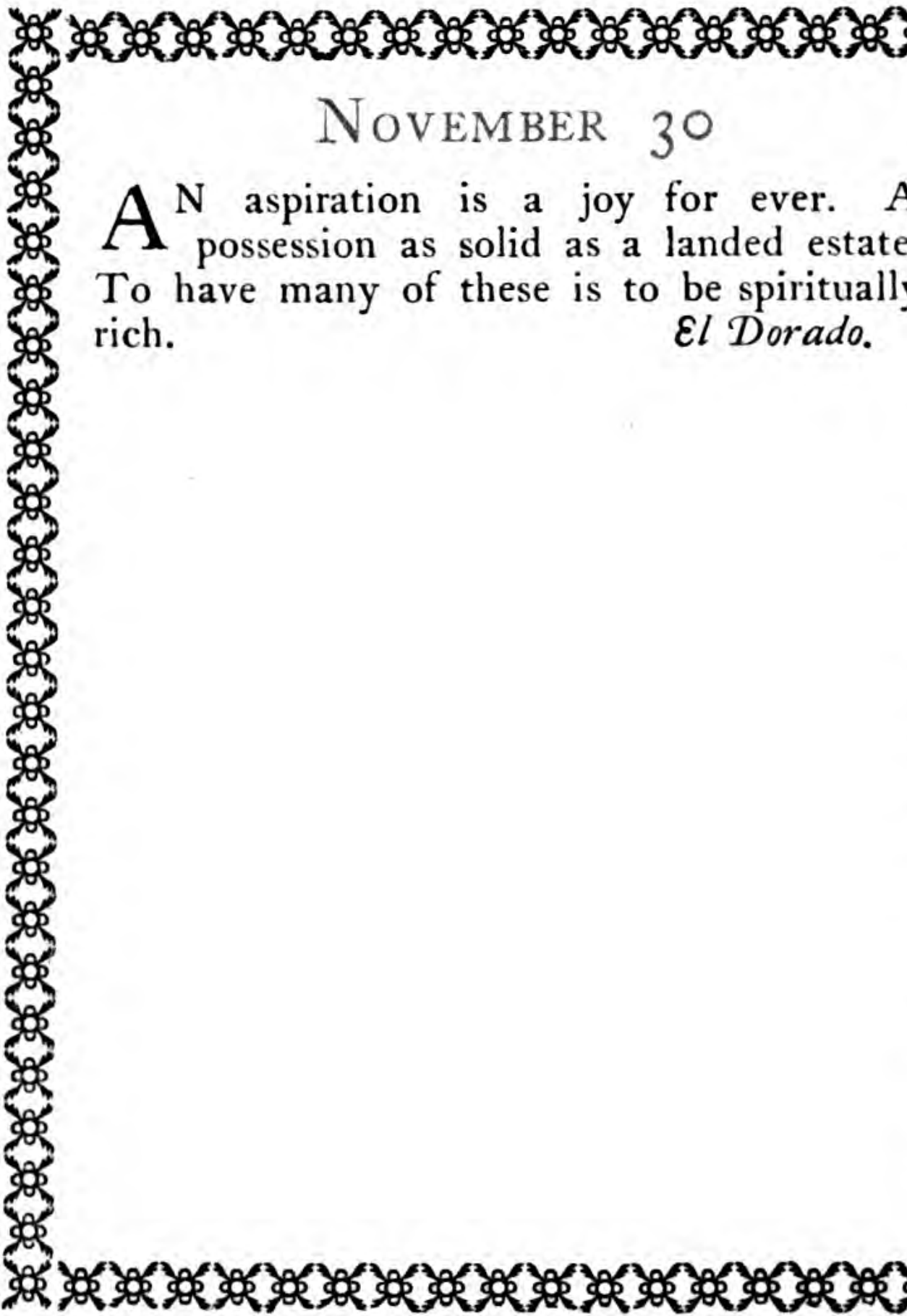
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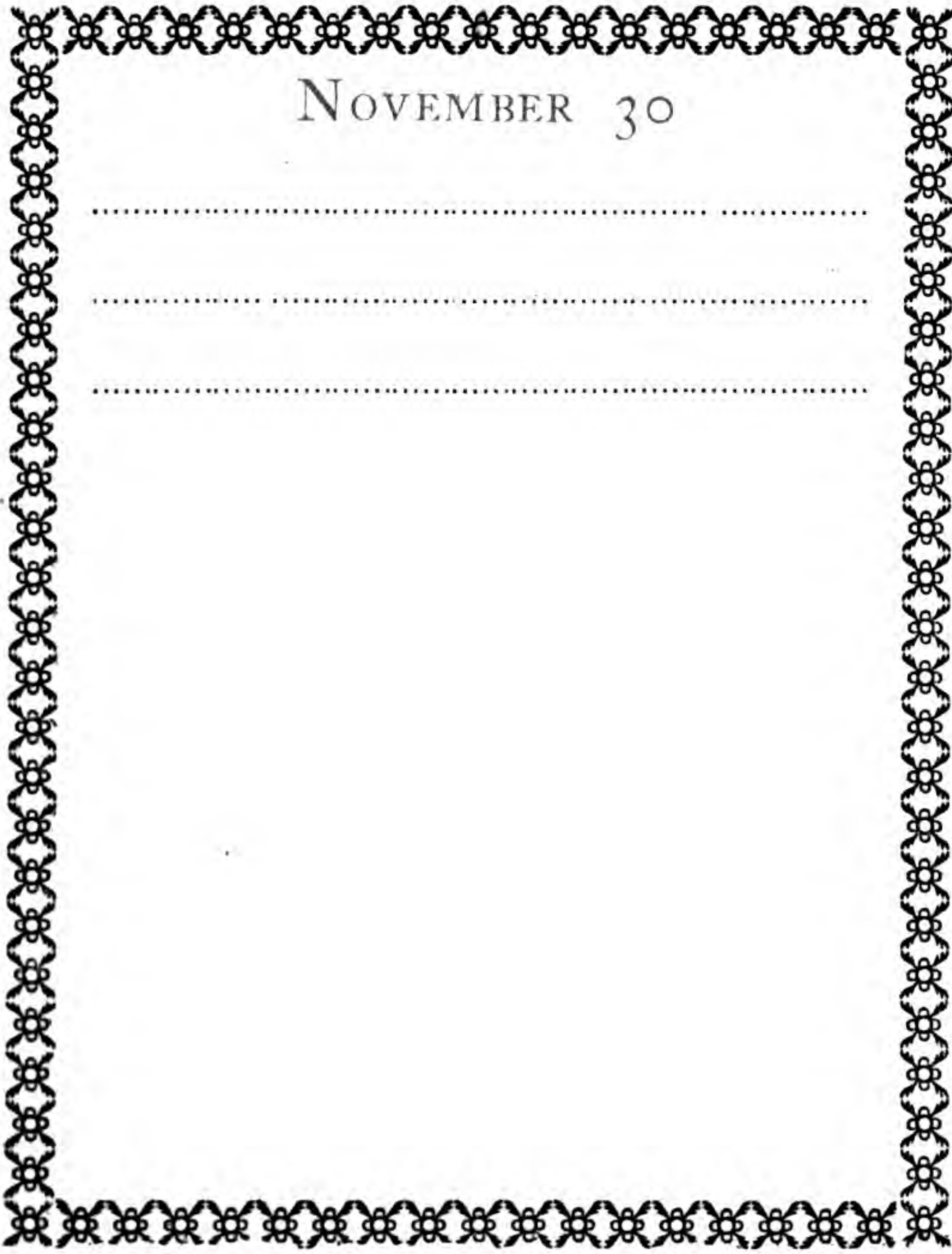
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AN aspiration is a joy for ever. A possession as solid as a landed estate. To have many of these is to be spiritually rich.
El Dorado.

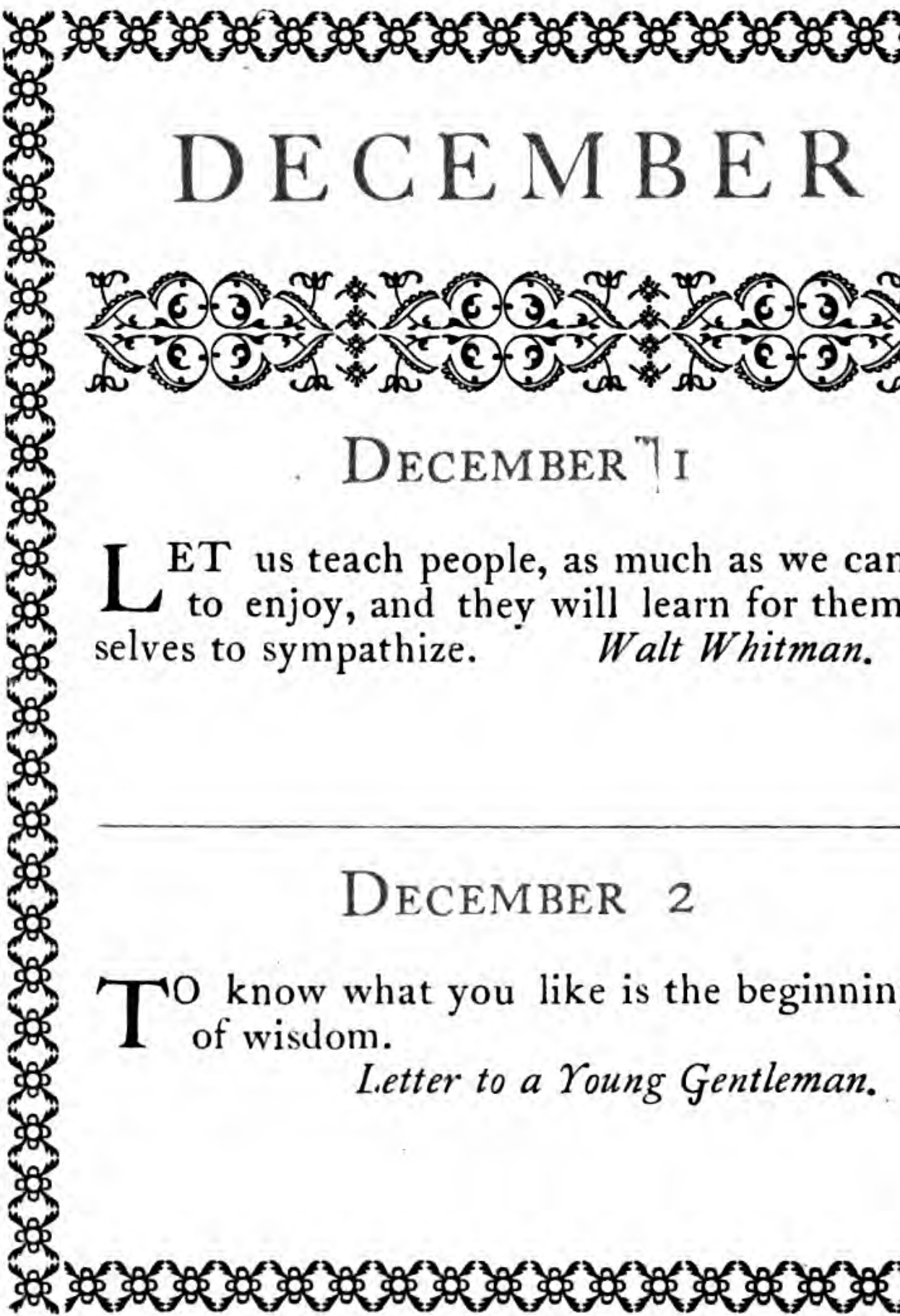


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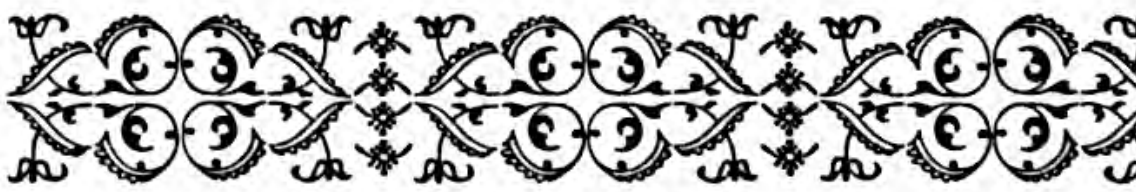
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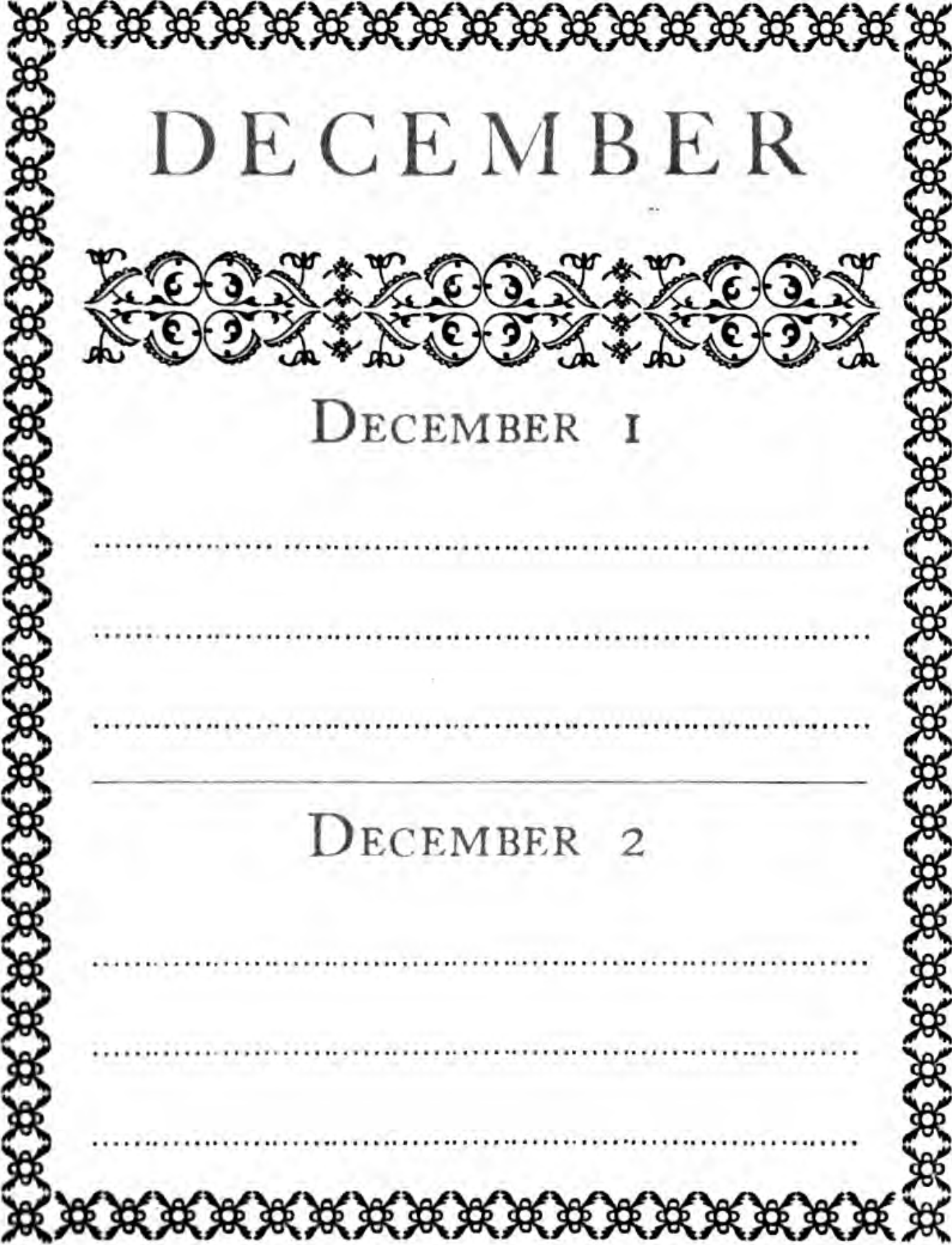


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LET us teach people, as much as we can
to enjoy, and they will learn for them-
selves to sympathize. *Walt Whitman.*

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TO know what you like is the beginning
of wisdom.
Letter to a Young Gentleman.



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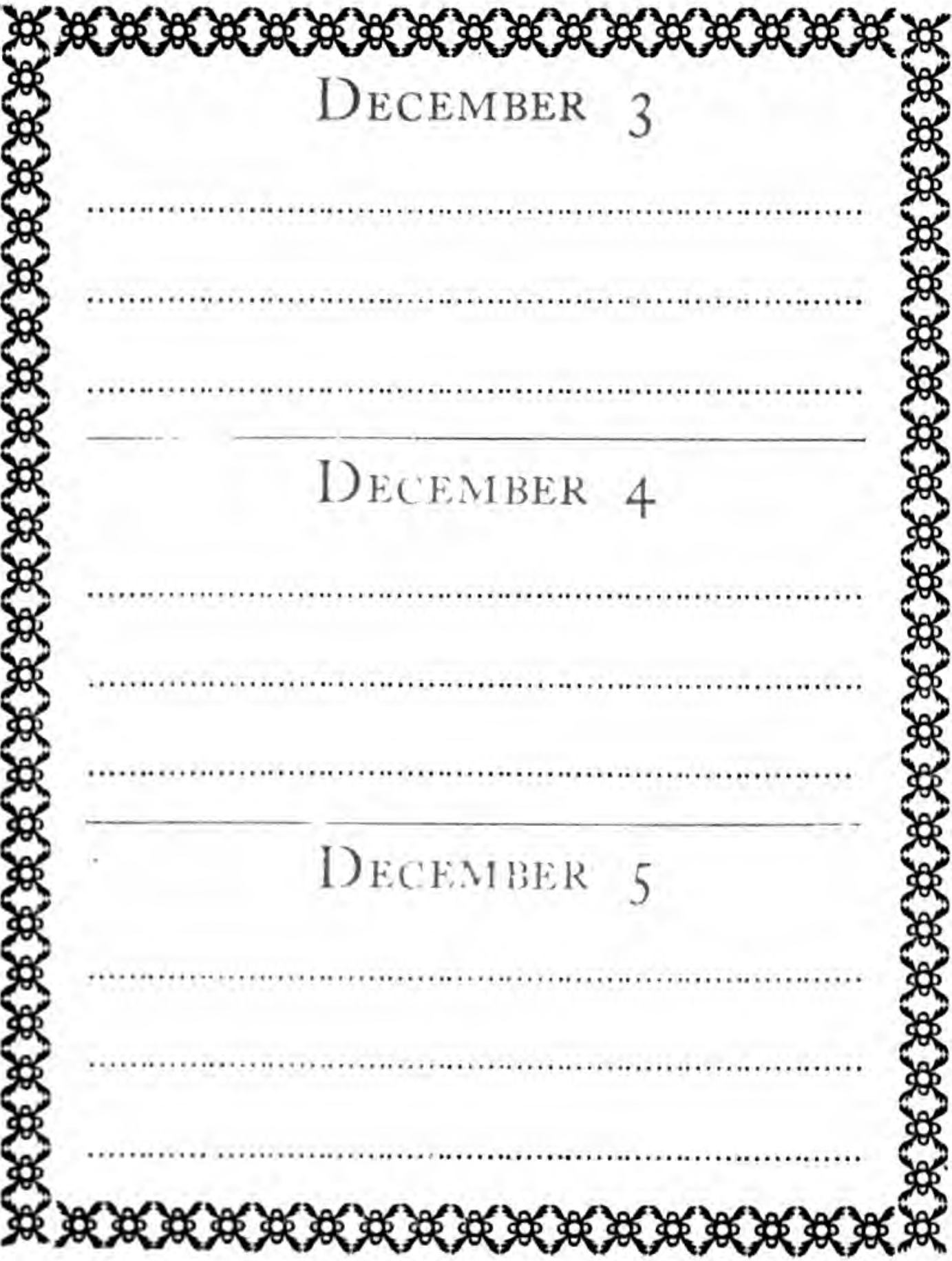
WHAT a young man truly wants, that
will he get, or he will be changed in
trying. *Aphorisms.*

DECEMBER 4

LOOK down upon Thy servants with a
patient eye—even as Thou sendest sun
and rain. *Prayers written at Uailima.*

DECEMBER 5

IT is certain we all think too much of sin—
We are not damned for doing wrong—
but for not doing right.
A Christmas Sermon.



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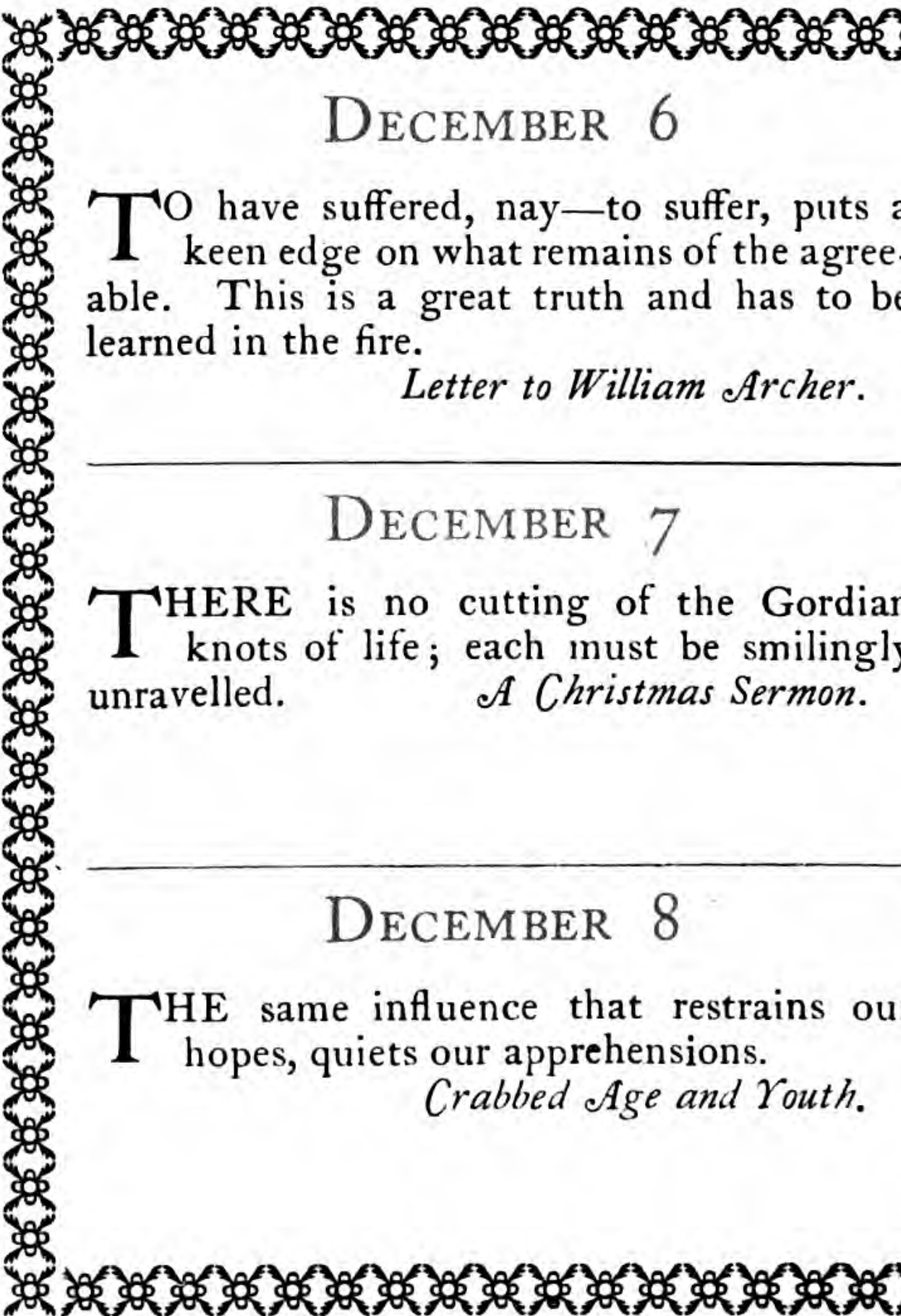
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TO have suffered, nay—to suffer, puts a keen edge on what remains of the agreeable. This is a great truth and has to be learned in the fire.

Letter to William Archer.

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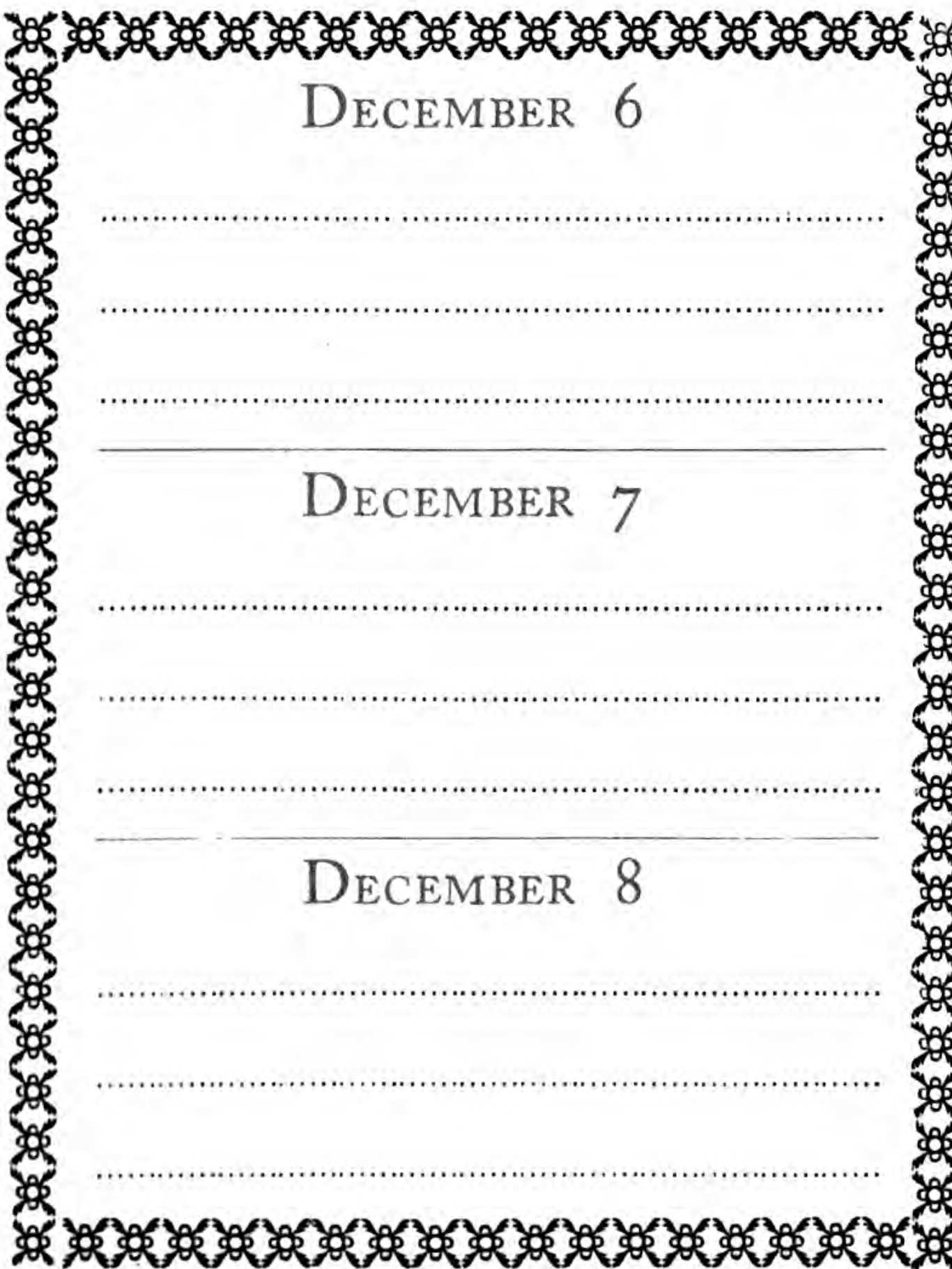
THERE is no cutting of the Gordian knots of life; each must be smilingly unravelled.

A Christmas Sermon.

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THE same influence that restrains our hopes, quiets our apprehensions.

Crabbed Age and Youth.



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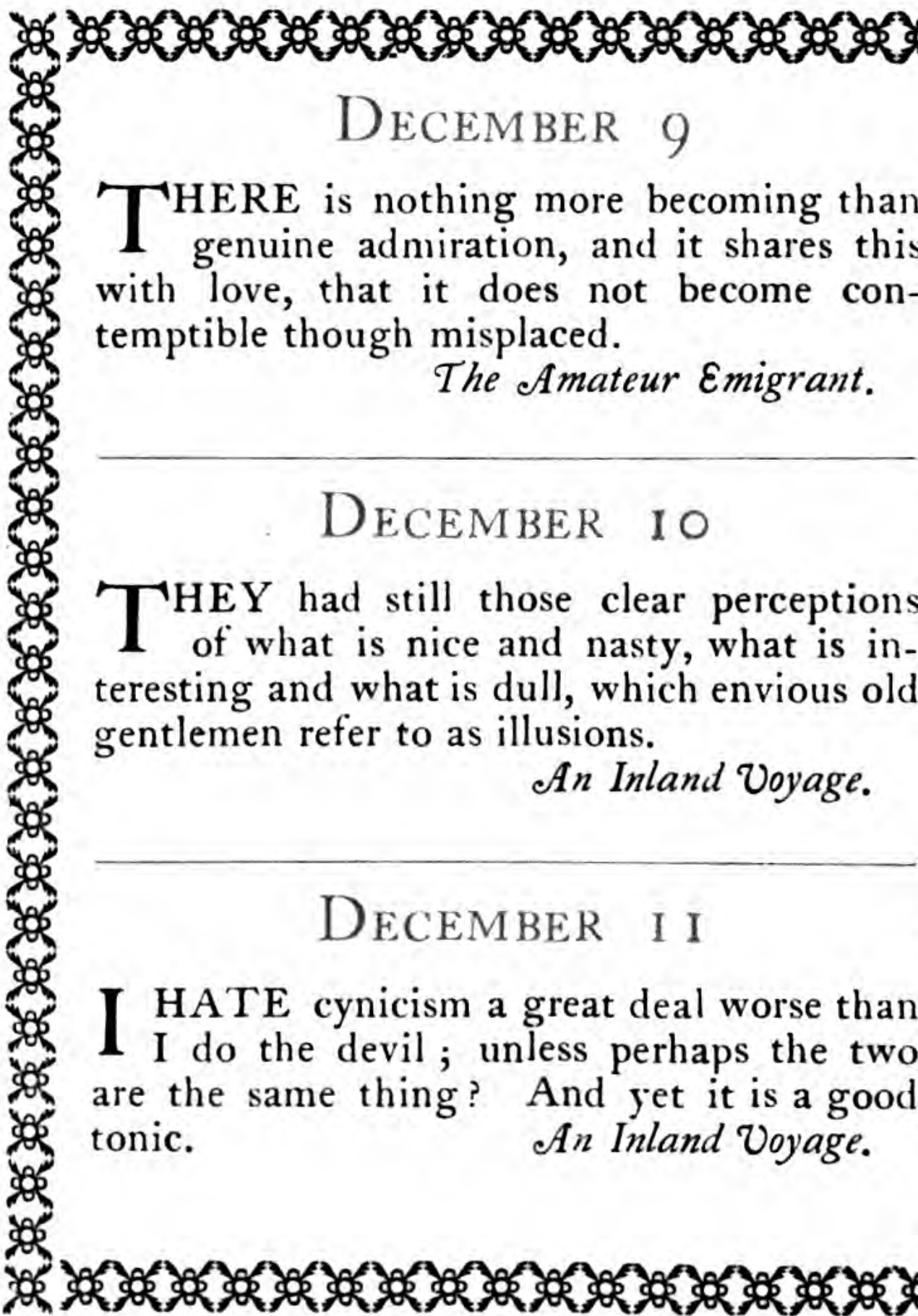
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THERE is nothing more becoming than genuine admiration, and it shares this with love, that it does not become contemptible though misplaced.

The Amateur Emigrant.

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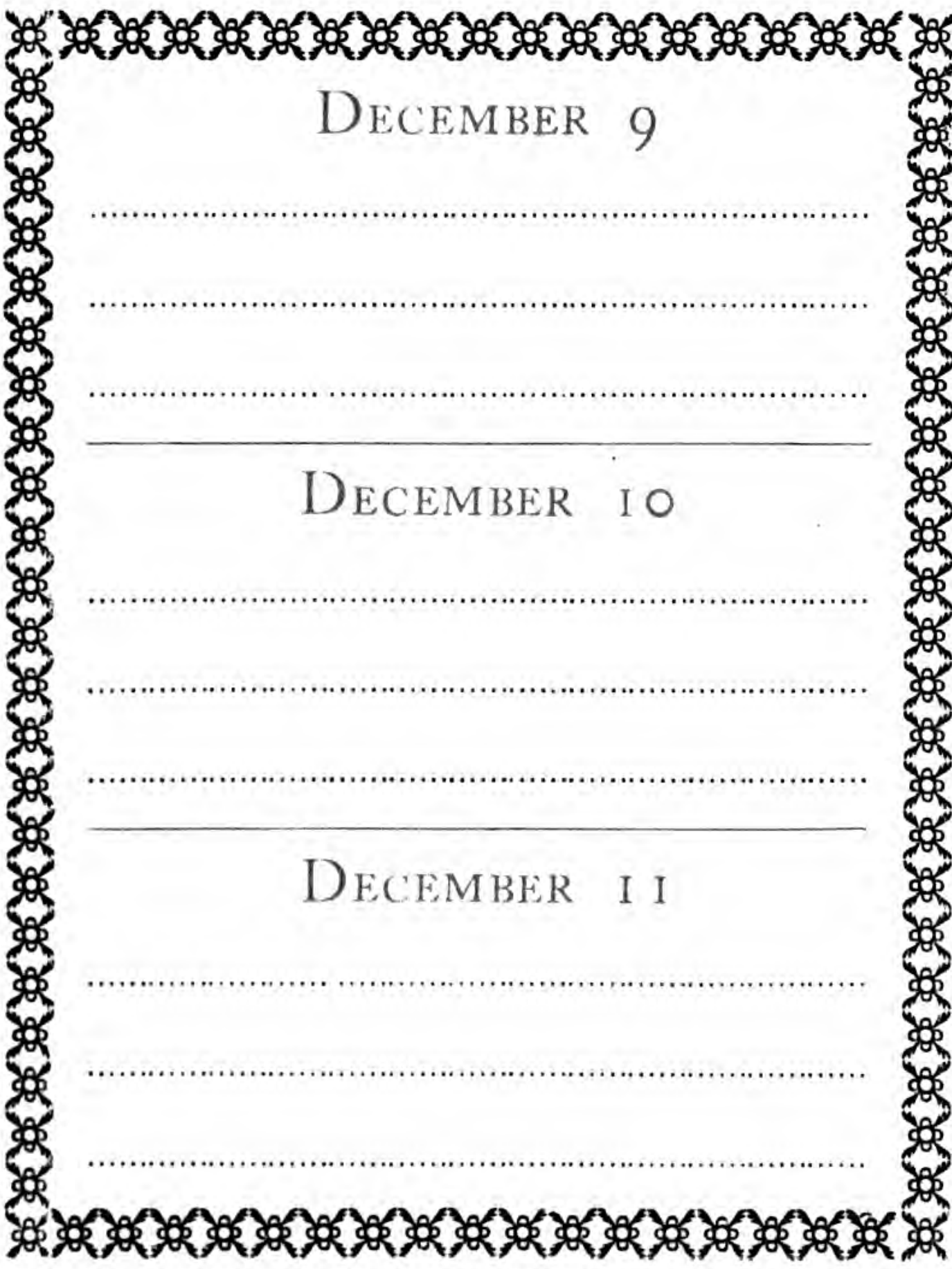
THEY had still those clear perceptions of what is nice and nasty, what is interesting and what is dull, which envious old gentlemen refer to as illusions.

An Inland Voyage.

DECEMBER 11

I HATE cynicism a great deal worse than I do the devil ; unless perhaps the two are the same thing? And yet it is a good tonic.

An Inland Voyage.



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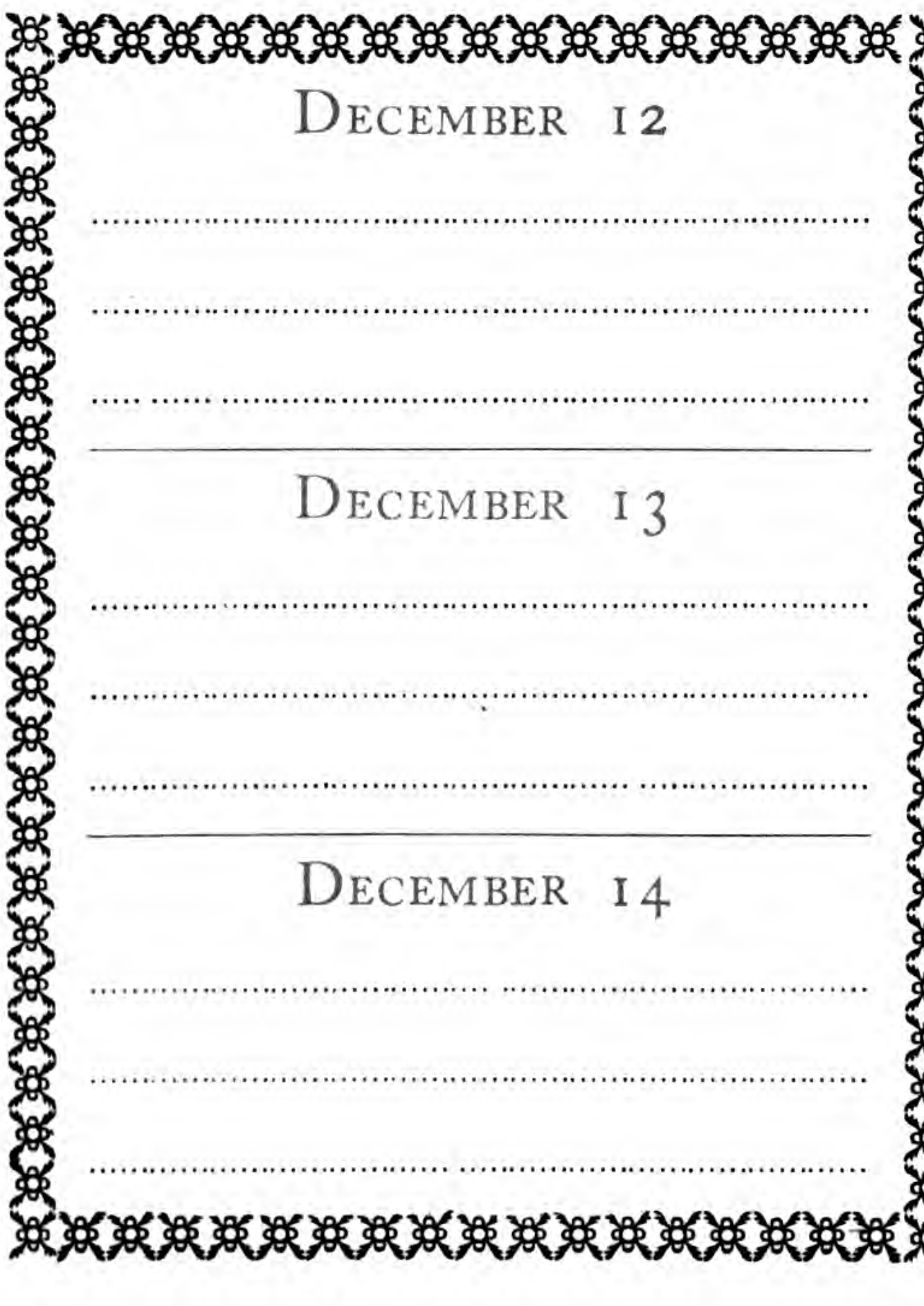
THERE never was an ill thing made
better by meddling, that I could hear of
The Merry Men.

DECEMBER 13

ACCEPT us, correct us, guide us. Dry
our vain tears, wipe out our vain
resentments, help our yet vainer efforts.
Prayers written at Vailima.

DECEMBER 14

BOOKS are good enough in their own
way, but they are a mighty bloodless
substitute for life.
An Apology for Idlers.



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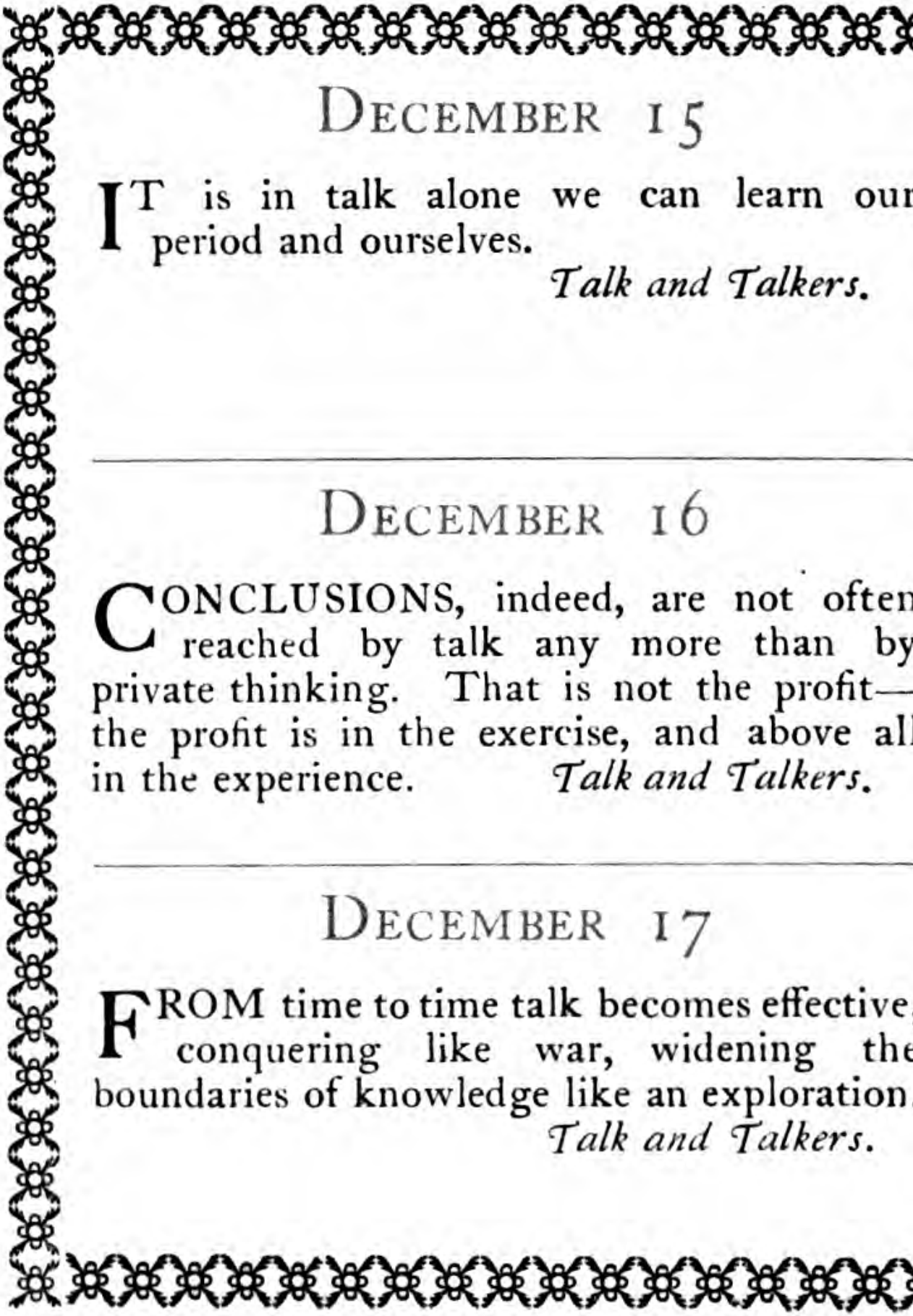
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IT is in talk alone we can learn our period and ourselves.

Talk and Talkers.

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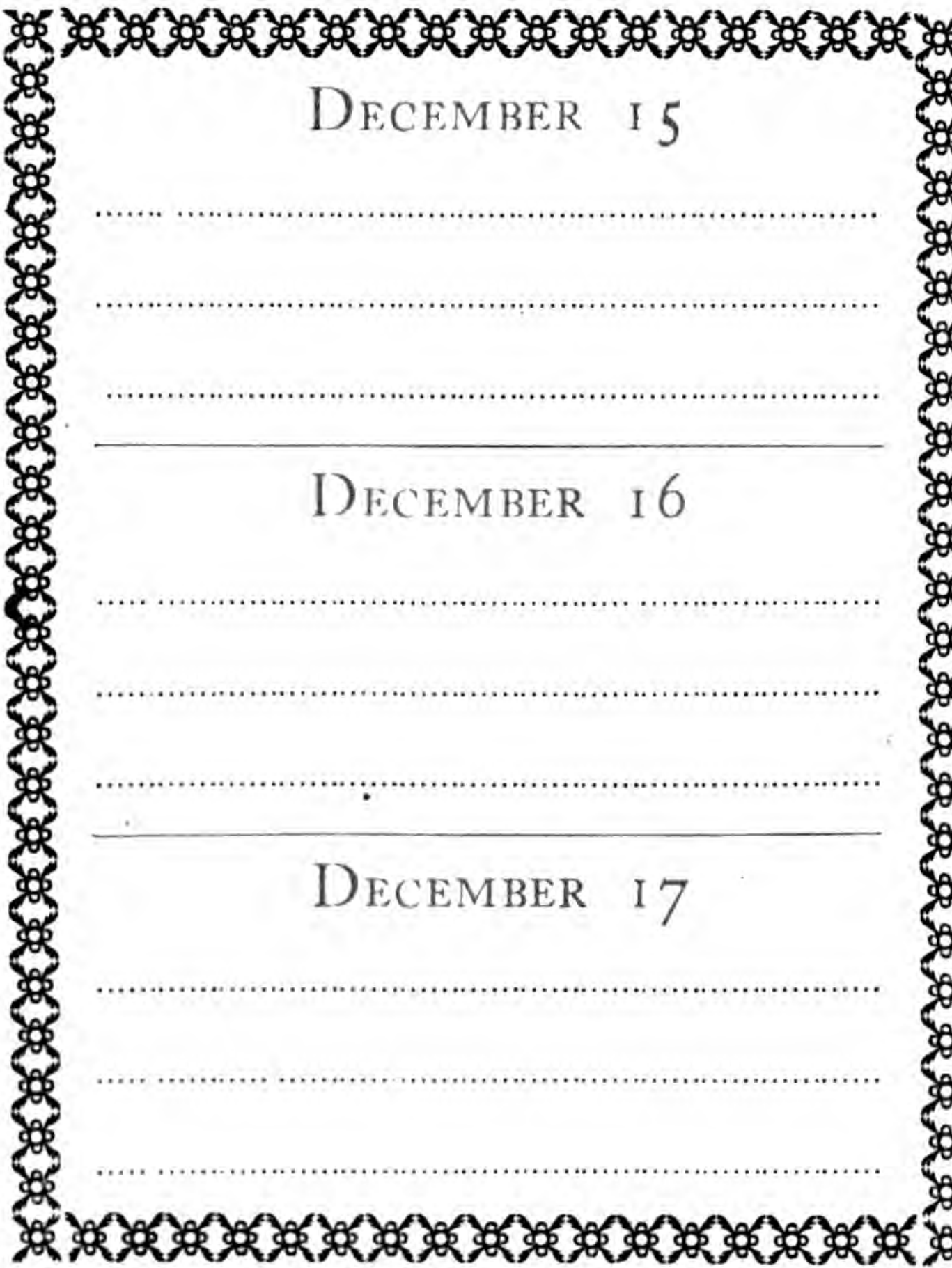
CONCLUSIONS, indeed, are not often reached by talk any more than by private thinking. That is not the profit—the profit is in the exercise, and above all in the experience.

Talk and Talkers.

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FROM time to time talk becomes effective, conquering like war, widening the boundaries of knowledge like an exploration.

Talk and Talkers.



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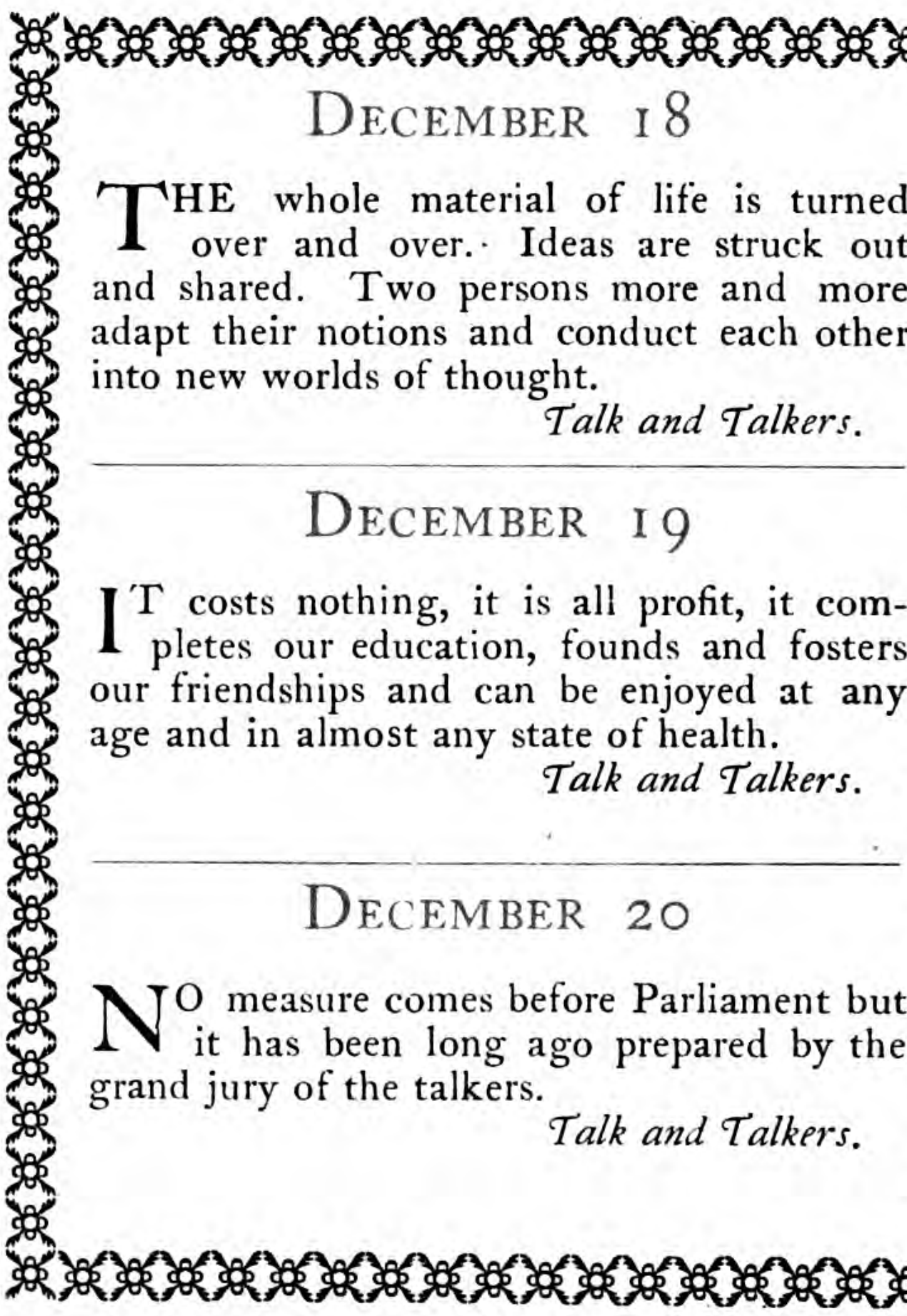
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THE whole material of life is turned over and over. Ideas are struck out and shared. Two persons more and more adapt their notions and conduct each other into new worlds of thought.

Talk and Talkers.

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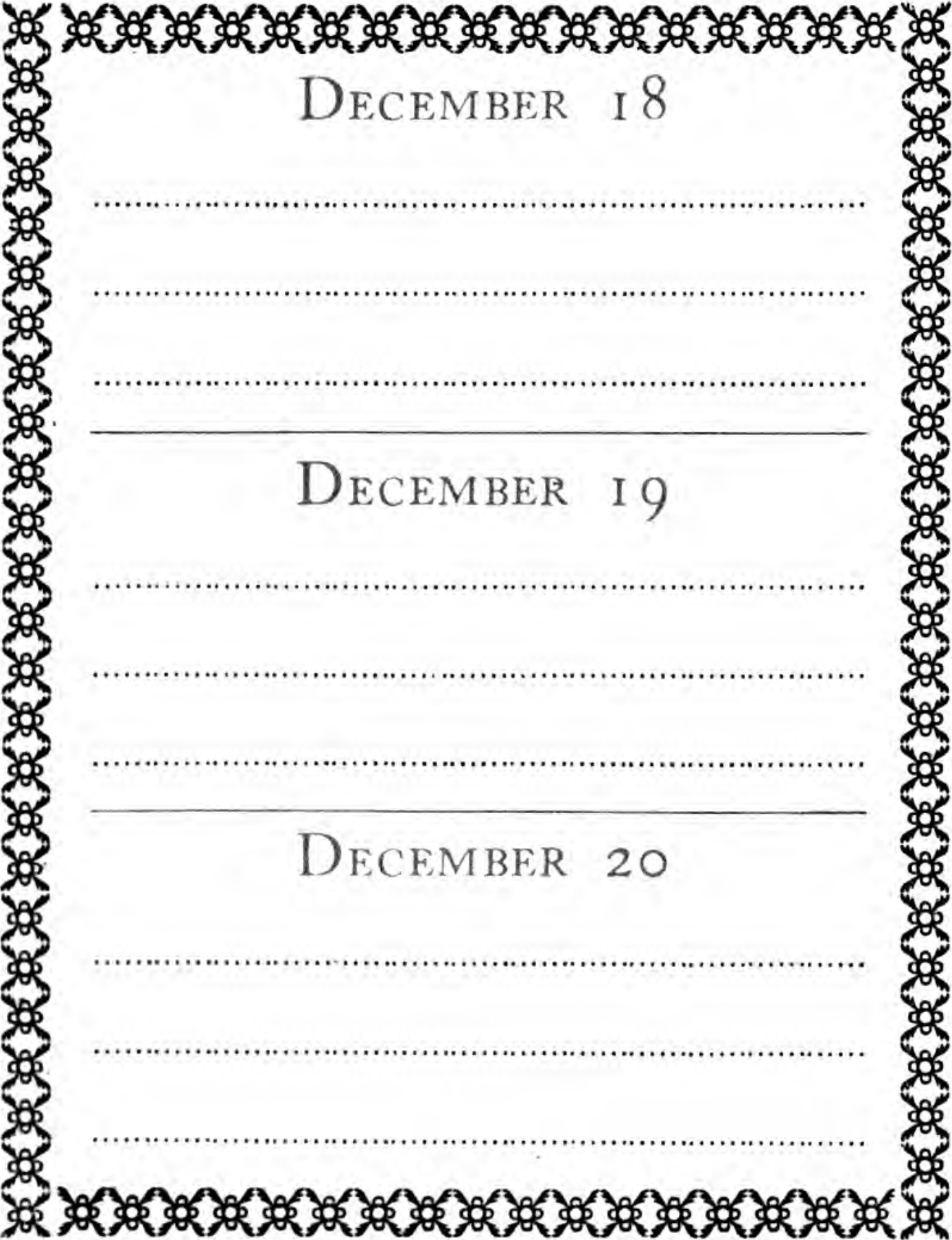
IT costs nothing, it is all profit, it completes our education, founds and fosters our friendships and can be enjoyed at any age and in almost any state of health.

Talk and Talkers.

DECEMBER 20

NO measure comes before Parliament but it has been long ago prepared by the grand jury of the talkers.

Talk and Talkers.



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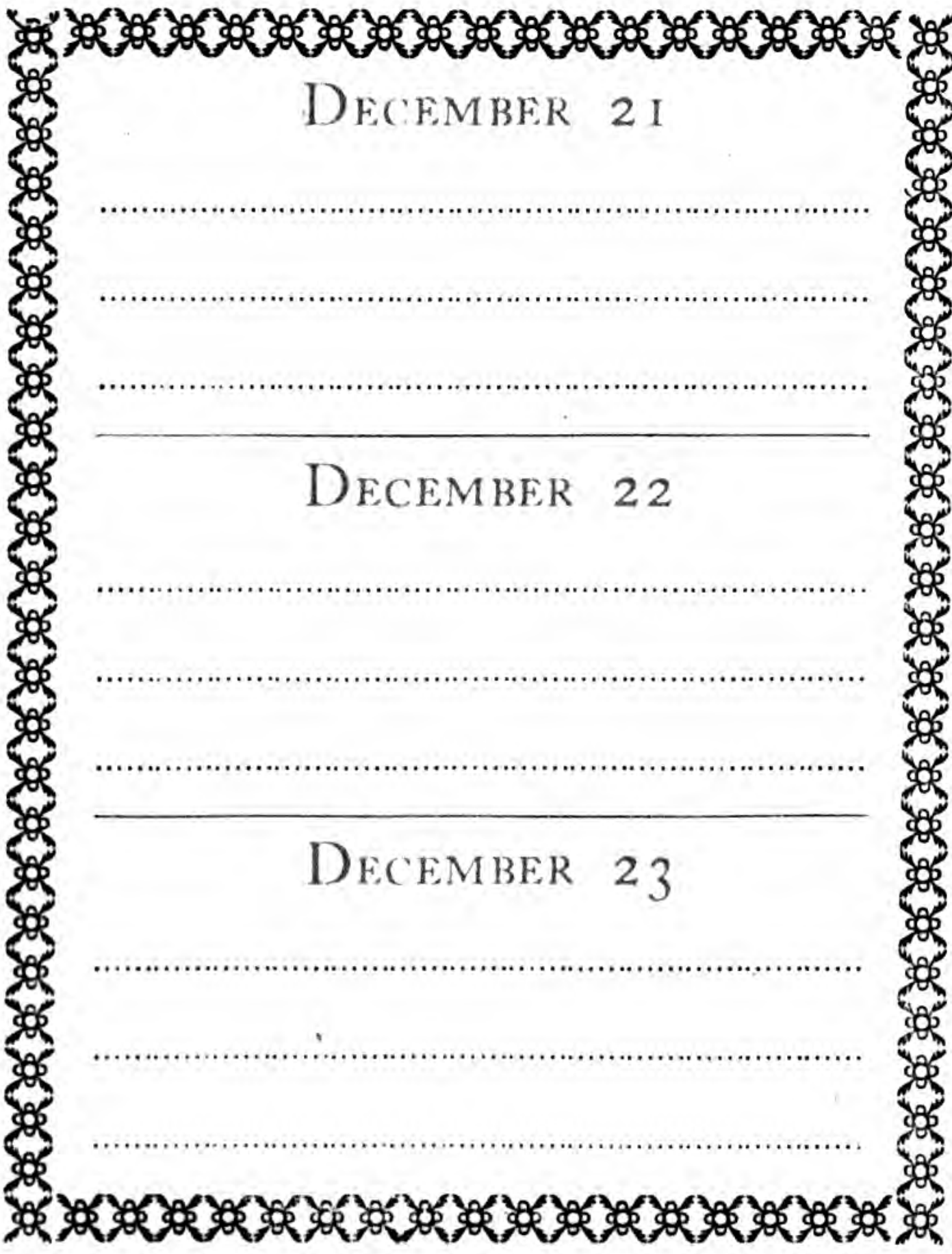
RENEW in us the sense of joy.
Prayers written at Vailima.

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‘BE soople, Davie, in things immaterial.’
Kidnapped.

DECEMBER 23

KIND words and caresses, high and wise thoughts, humane designs, tender behaviours to the weak and suffering and all the charities of man’s existence are neither bought nor sold.
Lay Morals.



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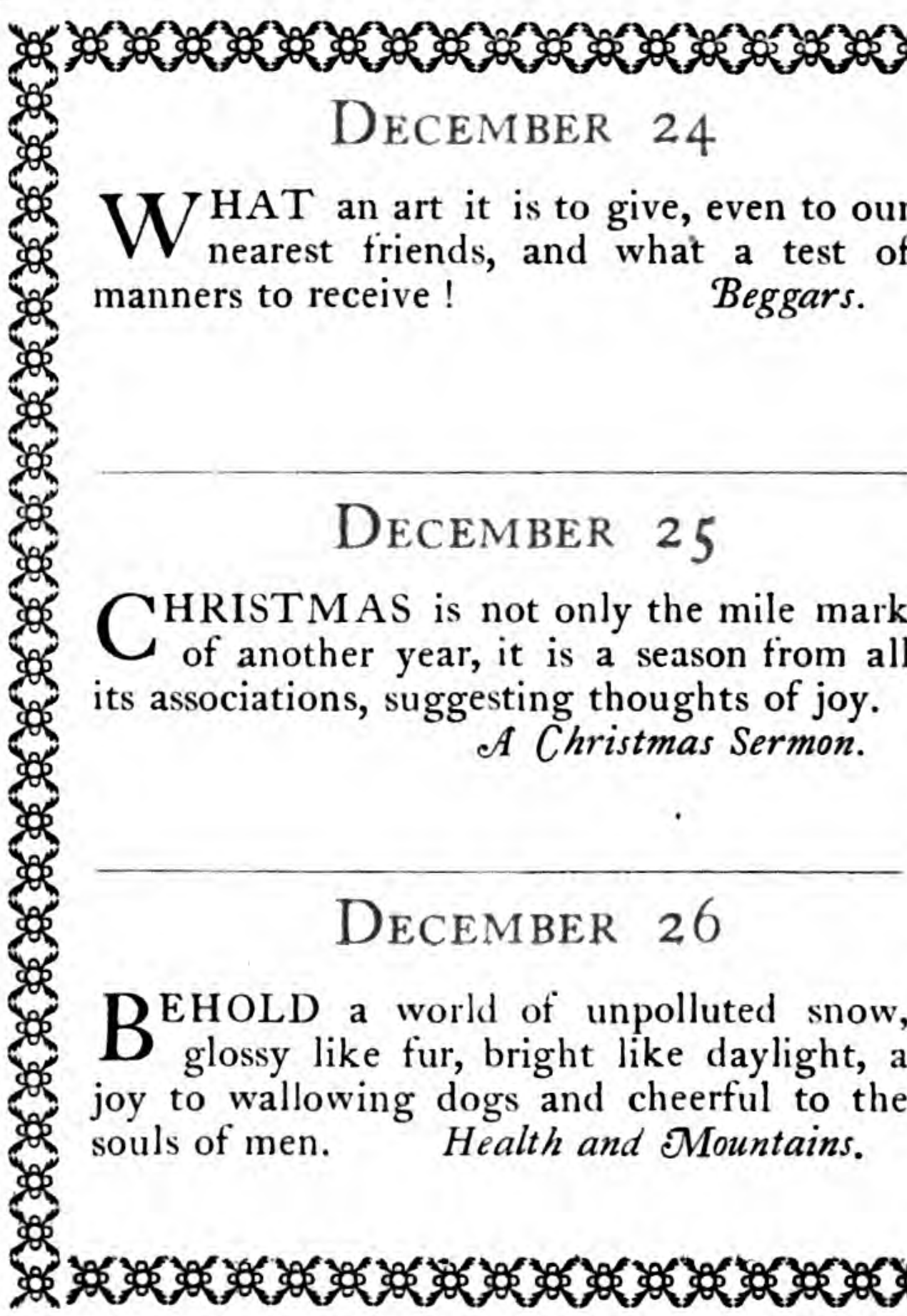
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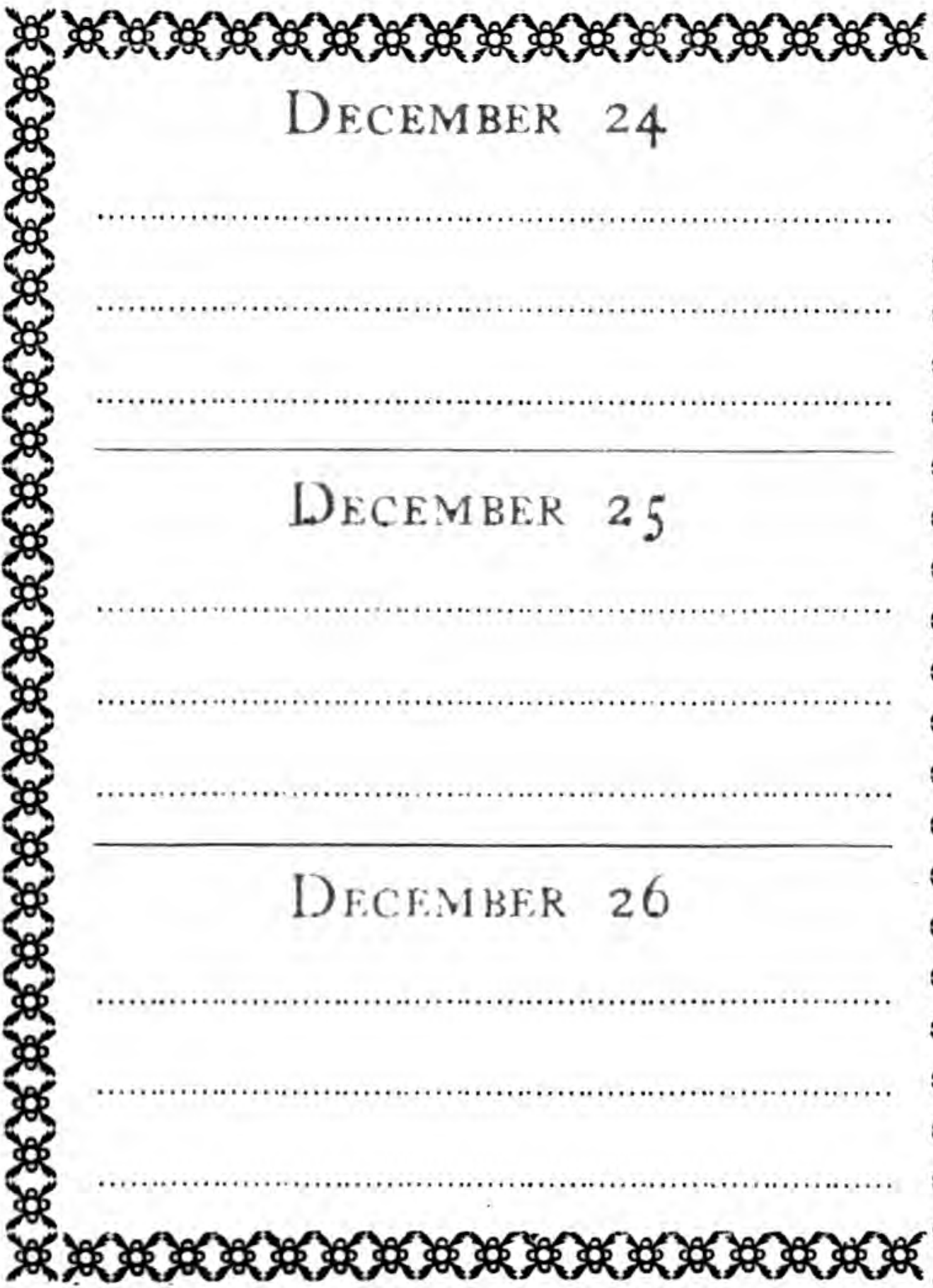
WHAT an art it is to give, even to our nearest friends, and what a test of manners to receive ! *Beggars.*

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS is not only the mile mark of another year, it is a season from all its associations, suggesting thoughts of joy. *A Christmas Sermon.*

DECEMBER 26

BEHOLD a world of unpolluted snow, glossy like fur, bright like daylight, a joy to wallowing dogs and cheerful to the souls of men. *Health and Mountains.*



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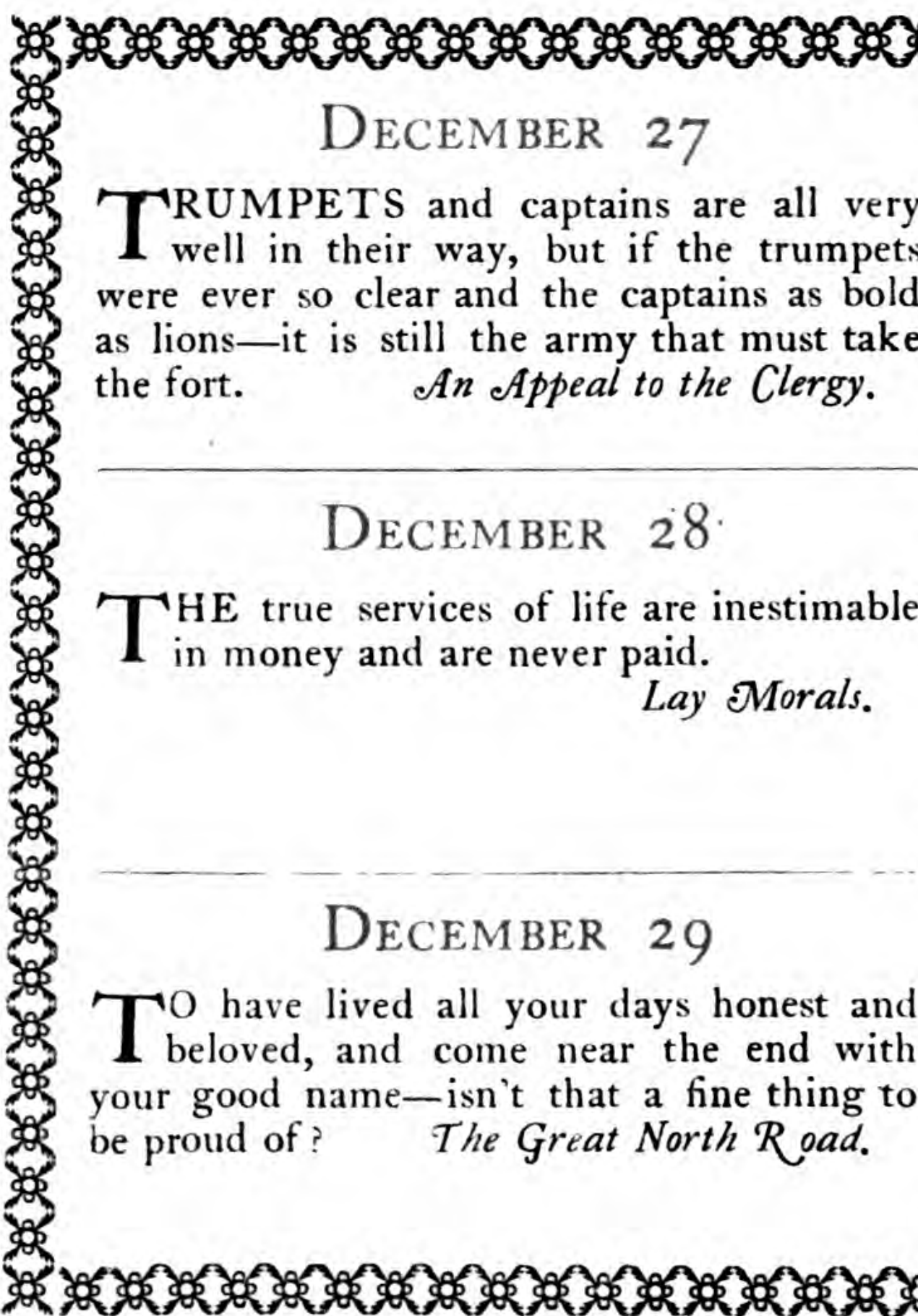
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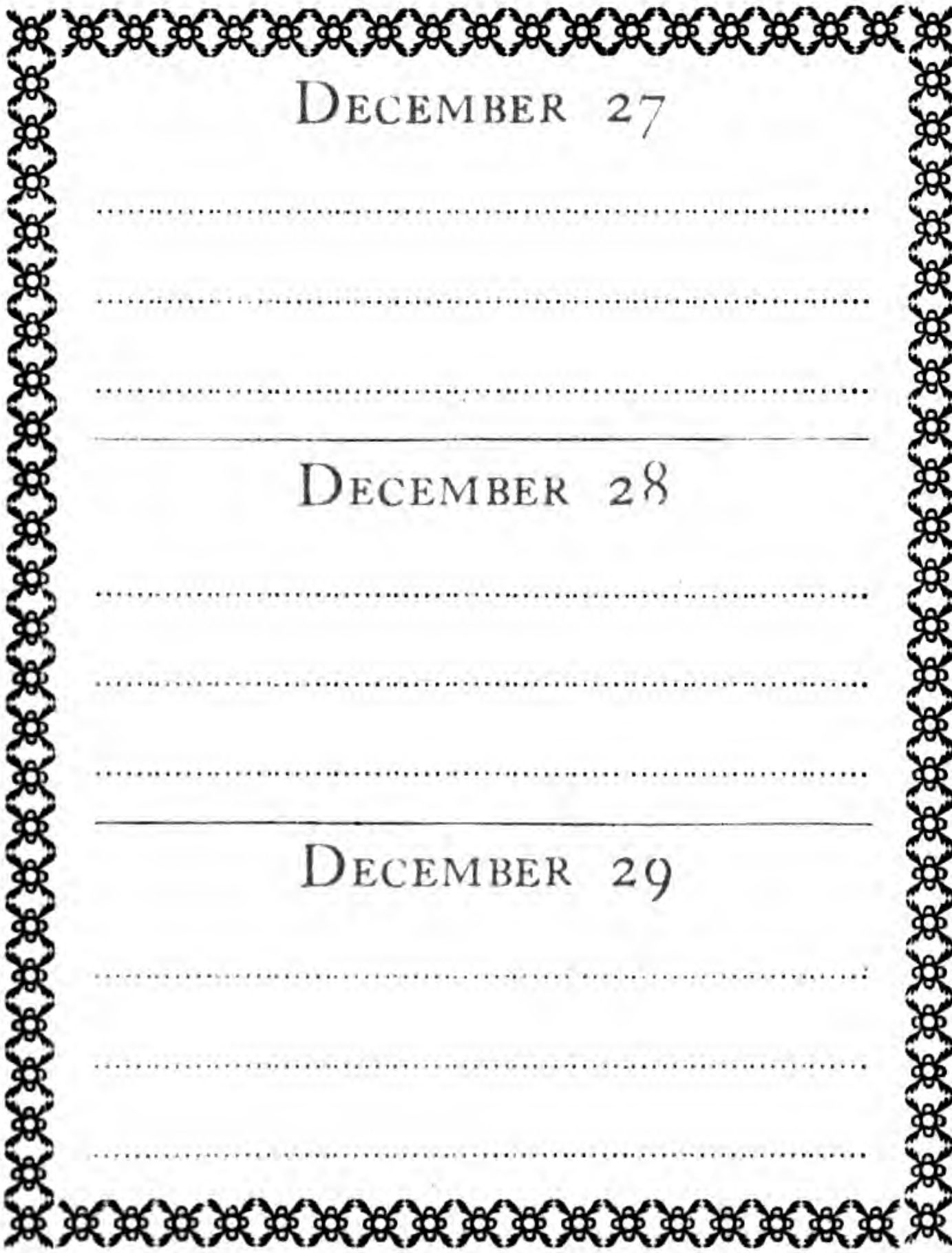
TRUMPETS and captains are all very well in their way, but if the trumpets were ever so clear and the captains as bold as lions—it is still the army that must take the fort. *An Appeal to the Clergy.*

DECEMBER 28

THE true services of life are inestimable in money and are never paid. *Lay Morals.*

DECEMBER 29

TO have lived all your days honest and beloved, and come near the end with your good name—isn't that a fine thing to be proud of? *The Great North Road.*



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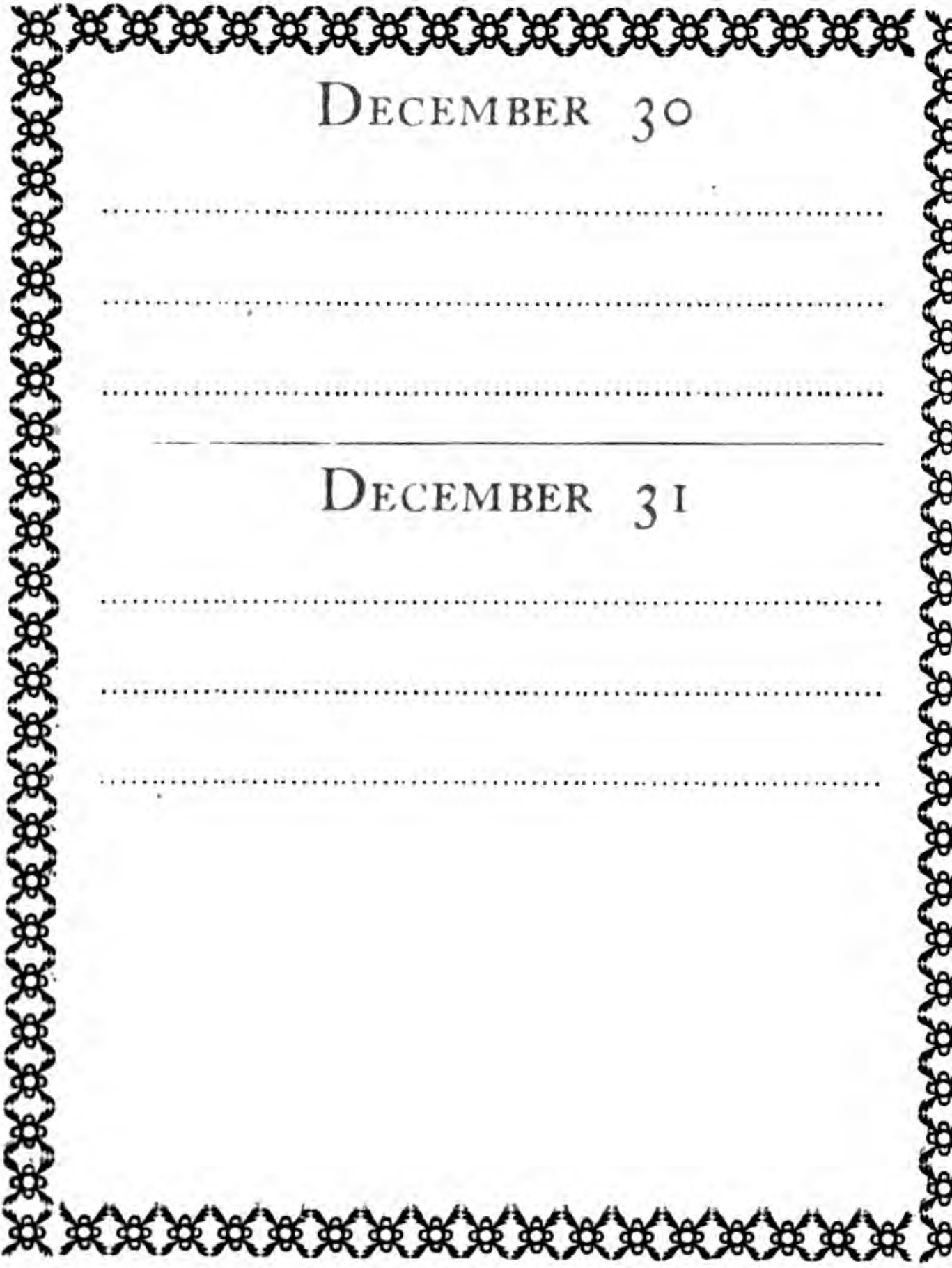
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SO far I have been led,
Lord, by Thy will :
So far I have followed, Lord, and wondered
still. *Evensong.*

DECEMBER 31

GOOD luck to one and all, and may God
continue to be merciful.
Letter to W. E. Henley.



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