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Jewett, Calvin

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Historical Information

The tradition of New Year's resolutions has been popular in Western culture since the mid to late 1700s. Though now a secular tradition, these resolutions were traditionally more religious in nature. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, introduced "Covenant Renewal Service" as an alternative to holiday festivities in 1740, which are still celebrated by modern Methodists. By 1813, when renewing covenants became "New Year's resolutions," these promises began to take on a distinctly secular tone, which continues to this day.

Scope and Content

New Year's resolutions written by Calvin Jewett on December 29, 1841. Jewett's resolutions mainly deal with his religious faith and furthering his devotion to God. The words "New Covenant" are written on the back, likely a reference to the Methodist idea and celebration of making new covenants to God at the turn of the year.

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