

## The Message This Month

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### OUR PROMISE

January is the first month of the year. It begins the year, and so it is the month when we should also begin the year. Of course, we can begin badly or we can begin well, but we should, as school children, begin well.

Last year we did something bad. We did not study our lessons well. We did not obey our parents and teachers. We did not like some of our classmates. And we did many other things which we knew were not good. If we hurt a classmate, the only thing we now can do is to be sorry for what we have done. We can not now undo what we have already done last year.

But we also did something good last year. We helped our parents. We were kind to our friends, and sometimes even to our enemies. We did some of our school work well. We did many things that now make us happy.

At the beginning of the year we promise to do only two things:

First—We promise to try not to do this year the bad things that we did last year. We are going to watch ourselves carefully so that this year we will try to do only the things that make our parents, teachers, friends, and everybody happy.

Second—We promise to try to continue to do the good things that we did last year.

Throughout the year 1937, we promise to try to do only those things that make everybody happy so that the year will be truly a happy year.

—*Dr. I. Panlasigui*