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Joshua 1:11 Ye are to pass
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to possess."

The Land of Promise.

The school days of Israel
had ended. They had
been under the direction
of Moses 40 years. They
had left Egypt a
bunch of slaves. Now
they are a trained
people. In the school

with Moses they learned
the necessity of obedience,
the value of humility,
the reward of intelligent
service, the power of unity
and the wisdom of honor-
ing and worshipping God.

Instructed in the law,
disciplined ⁱⁿ ~~for~~ obedience,
industrious in service
with a conscious reali-
zation of God's presence
prepared them for their
land of promise. In
the text of today they
stand on the banks of
the Jordan and Joshua

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says: "Ye are to pass
over this Jordan, to go
in to possess the land
which Jehovah, your
God, giveth you to possess."

In a like manner
we are assembled today
to prepare for the cross-
ing over this week
into the promised
land which Jehovah,
your God, has given
you to possess. We
have been in the wilder-
ness, developing from
raw material, an edu-
cational institution best

suited to the needs
of Porto Rico. There have
been hardships, sacrifices
on the part of teachers and
students alike. God has
been teaching us to obey,
to be humble, to be diligent,
to respect mutually the
rights of others and in
it all to cultivate the
conscious presence of
God as the center of our
life.

Our one desire has
been to prepare ^{our} youth
for living a practical, independent
^{Christian} life with high ideals

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and clear visions of
future possibilities.
To do this and to turn
out a finished product
it is necessary to have
during all time, as
leaders in the classroom,
in the industrial depart-
ment and in the athletic
training, men and
women of ^{our} impeccable
character, embodying
integrity of character,
high ideals and sturdy
Christian faith, so to
present a clean, clear
cut model for ~~the~~ the

Most of you are to follow teaching
as your profession. Remember
~~the~~ student to follow. ~~It~~
5 Takes a Moses in the
Teacher's Chair to ~~turn~~
develop a Joshua or a
Caleb out of raw material
seated at the student's
desk. The response from
the Joshuas and Calebs
is in direct proportion
to the interest the Moses
takes in his class and
the method he employs
to accomplish the desired
end. The greatest lesson the
student learns is not what
he finds in his books but
in his teacher. You

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have reason for deepest
gratitude for your
teachers. I trust that
you will not soon forget
what you have learned
from your books and
that you will always
be encouraged ~~from~~
to do your best by the
remembrance of the
their weaknesses to avoid, their strengths to embody
lives of your teachers.
You turn this week
from your teachers to
find your way through
the land of promise
which Jehovah, your God
has given you to possess.

Take a look at that land.
Geographically, it is a big
world into which you are
going. Were you to walk
through your land of promise
you could hardly do more
than touch the fringes
of it, during a lifetime. And
that is all a great many
people ^{do} - walk through,
to see, to die, without
accomplishing much.
You are to go into and to
possess. ^{that land} Look at it. P.R.
Sto Domingo, Cuba, and on
south to the great continent
of undeveloped resources,

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unexplored mountains
and valleys. In this
S. A. Continent there
are great stretches of
territory into which
you could place the U.S.A.
where ^{are found} only wild animals
and Indians. Out there
is waiting a work for
brave souls to do, a
land to be cultivated, towns
to be built, colleges to
be erected, churches to
be organized and
homes to be established.
I could wish you nothing
better than that you

find your place in
that unoccupied Conti-
nent to our South. Some
of you will go to our other
great Continent to the North
of us. There you will find
the land under intense culti-
vation, the natural resources
harnessed, Capital and
labor organized and the
whirling wheels of factories
are heard from shore to
shore. The people there
are not satisfied with
good enough but spend
energy and money to
make things better, to save

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a little time, to increase
production and to better
mankind. You who go
there should help to make
this unheard of develop-
ment, ^{a greater} means, ~~to~~ service
^{to} better all the world.

And there is Africa
with its beautiful lakes
and wonderful rivers,
populated by a people
who have forgotten that
they are human. This
is part of your promised
land. What a world lies
before you to be possessed.
You cannot possess it all.

You will have to find
your place and there stay.

God has the best place
prepared for you, if you
will follow on day by day.

↓ In Baalbec there is
the largest carved stone
in the world. It has
never been of use to man
because it never found
its place. Its place was
in the Sun Temple
near by. Though you have
culture, education and
ability you will, like
that great, beautifully carved
stone in Baalbec, be of

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no benefit to the world
of men, unless you find your place.

Then what is required
of you? Certainly you
can not become idlers
and waste your time.

You are to continue
to better your life as
you go on toward that
"land of promise" which
God has given you to possess.
Abraham Lincoln said:

"I will study and get ready
and maybe my chance will come"
It did come but he
was 60 years old before
he entered into his pos-

session. And he tells us, "You are not bound to win but you are bound to be true. You are not bound to succeed but you are " " live up to the best you have".

To make your life full and to be ready for the place God has for the most, you must be:
1 prepared for you,

1. Men of integrity - unbroken completeness - uprightness of character and soundness of heart - tried up and studied through by the grace of Jesus Christ.

Have you studied the expression - Integrity of character? I like the mathematical expression of an integral. It is the function of variables that remains constant. A man of integrity is constantly moving steadily on to higher usefulness, but here quite unlike the mathematical series of infinitesimals, he moves on by a series of infinite bounds to higher plains.

2. You must live a life of consecration - a dedication of integrity to noble ends. It is a life with no ~~ends~~ ~~ends~~ hanging down; a life that gathers the odds and ^{and apparently useless things} ~~ends~~ and binds them ^{into} ~~into~~ ~~useful~~ together into a strong cord. It is a life that brings the sunshine, ^{through} ~~from~~ the rifts, ^{from beyond} ~~of~~ the clouds and casts it ^{over} ~~over~~ the path of his fellowman; a life that gathers the snow from the mountain peak to cool the fevered brow of

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the sick; a life that in a handshake passes the warm sympathetic feeling currents of feeling on, to cheer, to encourage, to comfort and to uplift another. Such a life of consecration is a part of your promised land. It will make man love more, think deeper, pray oftener and work harder.
3. You must be also a hard worker. A good hard day's work will put feathers in any

any old bed." Ruskin says "There is no law of right that consecrates laziness." Faithful, continued endeavor is the price of success. The continual flow of water over Niagara Falls is eating away the hard stone over which it leaps. The constant breezes have covered up ancient cities under mounds of sand. There is no substitute for hard, intelligent work. A work begins usually

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in a small way. It will remain small if you lie down on your job. Young people, don't go from place ^{to place,} looking for a larger field of service, a bigger work. Any real, worthwhile work, however small at first, leads at last to an ever increasing field of service till you find yourself out among the leaders of the world's work. And with a slight change you can see with
"It is great to be out where the ^{pin} ^{is}
The work is strong

To be where the heaviest men
belong
(And to work there for man and God)
O! it sears the face & it tires the brain,
It strains the arm till one's friend is
pains,
In this work for God and man
But it's great to be where the work
is strong
To be etc.

It is a work involving sacrifice. If you succeed without suffering it is because someone has suffered before you. There must be a Gethsemane in every life that attempts to do God's work and maybe a Calvary. One should be so interested in his work

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That sacrifice and suffering will become incidentals, stepping stones to higher things. A motto says: "God will look you over not for medals, degrees and diplomas but for scars."

4. The promised land requires faith. Attempt great things for God, greater than you alone can do. The man who waits till he can see the end before he starts will never succeed. I sat in the fireman's seat of on an engine one day. 40 car loads of coal were coupled on.

Orders were given to
move on. The steam
gauge was low. There was
not enough power to pull
us up the distant hill. I
rang the bell, the engineer
opened the throttle and, it
seemed to me, ~~he~~ let out
what little steam there was.
the engine puffed & pulled.
One mile passed and the
gauge was gradually going
up. Two miles and three
miles were covered when
we neared the grade and
the old engine was blowing
off steam from all sides.
~~as~~ we went ~~up~~ ^{up and} ~~over~~ the

the hill. The engine increased
in power by ^{morning}. Start
out today to do your ^{best} with what
you have. You will make the grade.

I like to think of you
going out as the sun came
out this ^{morning}. He brought a bright
crown and robe to replace the
shroud of night. He shook his
brilliant plumes and they
fell in splendour over the
earth, turning the dew drops
on grass and tree into shin-
ing diamonds. He
kissed the clouds of night
and they became mountains
of silver and gold. He
stencilled the overarched
temple of the heavens with

curtains and tapestry of
thousands of rainbows.
He came on down to earth
driving the smoke from
our eyes bringing out
the green carpet of earth
beneath our feet ^{and} ~~enlivened~~
with blue mountains and
gorgeous flamboyant. The
power of his presence
silenced the croak of
frogs and opened all the
stops of the organ of the
forests to accompany
the oratorio of ^{the innumerable} ~~a thousand~~
^{hosts of} birds in their anthems of
praise. So may you
lions, young people, ~~and~~
like the morning sun,

be an expression of God's
love and thought to
man, taking with
you light for darkness,
beauty for weeping
and harmony for
discord, wherever
you may go.
For you are to go -
to go but not to go
alone. You take
our hearts with you,
and remember also
your dearest and
best friend and
companion, Christ ^{you}
Jesus, our Lord, is going with ^{you}
~~you~~.

as you go in "to possess
the land which Jehovah
your God has given you
to possess"

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