

A Moment of Triumph For Missions

It was on May 19, 1958 that a special messenger sent from the Executive Mansion entered the Seventh-day Adventist Mission compound on Camp Johnson road in Monrovia, Liberia, late in the afternoon. Pastor Hughes, who was preparing to leave Liberia for Nigeria to take over his new post as principal for the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School for West Africa, received the following letter.

"Dear Pastor Hughes:

The President has been pleased to admit you into one of the highest Liberian Orders and you and Mrs. Hughes are invited to call at the Mansion on Tuesday evening, the 20th instant, at the hour of 5 o' clock for the Investiture.

"I extend to you my personal congratulations."

> Faithfully, Philip Brumskine Acting Executive Secretary

Pastor Hughes was left speechless for a few moments. What is this all about? What have I done? There must be a mistake! These and many other thoughts ran through his mind. But it was no mistake. Pastor Battle, president of the Liberian Mission, had received a letter from the Executive Mansion inviting him and his mission staff to the Investiture.

President W. V. S. Tubman, under the providence of God chose to honour, not only
one missionary, but missionaries and missions throughout the world in this one act of admitting Pastor Hughes into one of the highest Liberian Orders. Dr. W. V. S. Tub-

man is himself a God-fearing Methodist and has a high esteem for the preaching and teaching of the Gospel. His Excellency, President Tubman has been very favourable to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in Liberia. He has given the S.D.A. Medical Corps special recognition; he gives over \$300.00 every year for Ingathering; he has personally raised over \$1,000.00 for the Monrovia Church building fund and has offered other financial assistance as he does to all missions in Liberia.

On May 20th, Pastor and Mrs. Hughes, Pastor Battle, Pastor Daniel Secretary-Treasurer for the Liberian mission, and his good wife, Mrs. Daniels, entered the Executive Mansion for the great event. They were ushered into a very beautiful room where they met Vice-President Tolbert, the American Ambassador to Liberia, Honourable Jones, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Honourable Richard Henries and many other distinguished guests. It was not long until President and Mrs. Tubman, and Mrs. Tolbert, wife of the Vice-President entered the room. After a few words of greeting the Investiture began. Everyone stood to his feet as Pastor Hughes took his place before the President of Liberia. The President read the following citation.

CITATION FOR REVEREND DAVID HUGHES

For your continued sacrificial services rendered the people of Liberia, particularly those in the County of Grand Bassa, in the fields of Christian Endeavour, Evangelism and Education; Your benevolence to the less fortunate brethren of this Nation;

Your consistent life of rectitude, your devout religious example, your expounding the Word of God as revealed through the Holy Scriptures, also your endeavours to open Church-Schools, train ministerial students and financing students in School, have commanded the faith, trust and confidence of the people of Grand Bassa and of the Nation;

Now, therefore, as GRAND COMMANDER OF THE HUMANE ORDER OF AFRICAN REDEMPTION, I take pleasure in admitting you into said Order and conferring upon you the distinction of COMMANDER, with the rights and privileges hereto appertaining.

Accept my congratulations.

W. V. S. Tubman President of Liberia

Sometimes it may seem that the day of missions has past, but as long as there are humble men willing to dare and do for God as missionaries, and as long as men like President W. V. S. Tubman are at the heads of nations, God's work, yes, missionary work will continue triumphant until Jesus comes.

Focus on the Ministry of Literature

By F. C. Barfoot,

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Daniel 12:4.

As we study the prophetic setting of this verse, we are very conscious of the remarkable progress in culture and civilization throughout the world today, and in particular this West African field. The eyes of the world at this moment are focussed upon this corner of the Lord's vineyard.

The divine commission which Jesus left for the Seventh-day Adventist Church is clearly portrayed for us in Revelation 14: 6, 7: "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and sea, and the fountain of waters."

As we link the verses of Daniel with Revelation, a picture of great urgency looms before our eyes. The sands of time are fast receding, each hour draws us closer to the inevitable hour of the close of probation, when our Saviour will have completed His work before our Heavenly Father as a mediator and intercessor. At any moment the loud cry will be heard: "It is finished". Then the sad pronouncement will issue forth. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still : and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is . with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."-Revelation 22:11, 12.

Where will you and I stand that day?

The famous words of the renowned poet Gray, in his 'elegy to a country churchyard': "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day" adequately fit the spiritual condition of this sin-stricken world.

Time is short, and the task before us of spreading this last warning message is colossal. May the following select statement penned from God's messenger stir your hearts, hands and feet into action. "The time has come when a *large* work should be done by the canvassers. The world is *asleep*, and as *watchmen* we are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 315. "From our books and papers *bright beams* of light are to shine forth to enlighten the world in regard to present truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, page 87.

The voice of God will not always plead with men to repent and be converted that their sins may be blotted out. The voice of Jesus that is now pleading with us to take up this vital work of selling the printed page will not be heard much longer.

The prophet Amos gives us a clear picture of tomorrow. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Amos 8:11. How many will be searching for our truth filled literature, and yet be disappointed. What will we say when the great high priest asks us to give account of the lost sheep of Israel?

Today Jesus is calling for your services. Reader, our Saviour says: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19.

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Now, if God is impressing you to serve Him in the literature ministry, please contact your local publishing secretary. Their addresses are as follows:

1. P. O. Emologu, P.D.S., S. D. A. Mission, Aba, East Nigeria.

2. H. I. Oriaku, P.D.S., S. D. A. Mission, P. O. Box 19, Ibadan, Nigeria.

3. P.D.S., S. D. A. Mission, Jengre, Nigeria.

4. I. Ampofo, P.D.S., S. D. A. Mission, P. O. Box 480, Kumasi, Ghana.

 Pastor L. E. Daniels, Secretary-Treasurer, S. D. A. Mission, P. O. Box 52, Monrovia, Liberia.

Now, if you are still in doubt, please feel free to write to me, as follows: Union Publishing Secretary, West African Union Mission, P. O. Box 1016, Accra.

May God richly bless you dear reader as you place your hand more firmly in the grasp of Christ, and consecrate your all to His service.

Marks of a Christian

It was James Anthony Froude, the English historian, who wrote the following paragraph regarding the essence of Christianity as expressed in the lives of humble men and women.

"Christianity has abler advocates than its professed defenders, in those humble men and women who in the light of it and the strength of it live holy, beautiful, and selfdenying lives. So long as the fruits of the Spirit of God continue to be visible in charity, in self-sacrifice, in those graces which raise human creatures above themselves, thoughtful persons will remain convinced that with them is the secret of truth."

We may be church members, but are we really Christians? The Christian is a man of truth, a man of reality and sincerity. Upon his word you may implicitly rely. His promises are faithfully depended upon. There is no pretence about him. And he will stand up for the truth whatever it may cost to do so. He does not hesitate to fight against wrong.

The Christian is an honest man. He would rather wrong himself than his neighbour, rather suffer the wrong than do the wrong. In whatever business he may be engaged, you may be sure that his dealings will be honourable and upright. The Christian is a humble man. He thinks of his own dependence upon God, regardless of his material possessions and support. He is modest in his speech. He is thankful when admonished. "God . . . giveth grace unto the humble." "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

The Christian is a charitable man. He shows mercy to others. Knowing his own liability to err, he will regard with a chari table heart the failures of others, and will be more ready to reclaim and restore than to censure. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." "Charity suffereth long, and is kind." "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

The Christian is a forgiving man. Wrong does not rankle in his heart. The forgiving word is ready upon his lips. "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." "Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

The Christian is a benevolent man. He feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, ministers to the sick. Human distresses touch his heart and open his hand. "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need. and shutteth up his . . . compassion from him (the needy), how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

The Christian is a man of prayer. He lives in touch with God, for only thus can the life of true Christianity be preserved in the soul. *Review and Herald*

Choice Bits

Efficiency is only another name for doing the right thing at the right time.

If you are criticized, you have either done something worth while, or refrained from doing something foolish. So congratulations!

The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.

-George Bernard Shaw.

A penny will hide the biggest star in the universe if you hold it close enough to your eyes.

-Samuel Grafton.

I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened.

Publishing and Bible House Managers' Council

By S. O. Nwabo, Book and Bible House Manager, East Nigeria

At the Council held in Accra, March 7-10 for the Publishing Department and Bible House Managers, Pastor J. N. Bucy, the Publishing Secretary for the Northern European Division led out in the discussions assisted by F. C. Barfoot, the Union Publishing Department Secretary.

The Publishing Secretaries I Ampofo, Ghana; H. Oriaku, West Nigeria; P. Emelogu, East Nigeria; and C. Boye-Doe, Ghana and S. O. Nwabo, East Nigeria Book and Bible House Managers were in attendance when the meetings opened. Several colporteurs from Ghana availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the meetings over the week-end.

As we had arrived in Ghana, the day before Ghana's National Independence Day, we were fortunate in being able to witness some of the festivities connected with the same, and spent a part of the day with the Barfoot Family at Labadi Beach where we enjoyed games, swimming and the good lunch provided for us,

On Friday morning, our meetings began. Pastor Bucy gave an inspiring Bible study followed by counsel on salesmanship. The agenda was discussed and meetings closed for the day at 1.30 p.m.

Sabbath morning, we attended Sabbath School and divine service at the Acera Church. After church service, we were invited to the home of Pastor and Mrs. N. B. Nielsen for lunch, and at 3.30 we again went to the church, this time to a colporteurs' symposium.

Each in turn gave his experiences, expressed his hopes and dreams for the future of the literature ministry in West Africa. Included in this group of colporteur evangelists were two ladies who gave an interesting demonstration of their work, showing that the ladies also have a part in the gospel ministry.

Sunday morning, Pastor Welch conducted a brief Bible Study, after which Pastor Bucy continued with his sales counsel. Pastor Keslake spoke to us in the afternoon on the subject of kindness, showing how it really pays to be kind.

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Notes on Educational African U

By Howard J West A

School closing reports for December 1957 show that 22,366 pupils attend Seventh-day Adventist schools in West Africa. This is an increase of 3,825 pupils over the previous years report. Seventeen new schools were opened during the year. A total of 771 teachers were employed by the mission.

During the last year many improvements and additions were made to our secondary schools and training colleges. Over £18,000 were budgeted in 1957 for educational specials alone. This does not include over £7,000 given in operating grants to schools such as Ihie in Nigeria, Bekwai in Ghana and Konola in Liberia. In addition to the above amounts our brethren in the home land supported many overseas missionaries who devote much of their time and attention to educational matters.. At the beginning of 1958 the Union Committee was able to set aside the sum of over £18,000 for school buildings and equipment.

Some of the new projects recently completed or under way are:

- 1. A new Administration and Classroom building at Konola in Liberia.
- An additional Chemistry laboratory at . Bekwai, Ghana.
- An additional science laboratory at Ihie, Nigeria.
- 4. Purchase of Science equipment to the amount of £2,500 for Bekwai and Ihie.
- 5. Seven senior staff houses and four junior staff houses for our schools.
- 6. A Bible school class room, North Nigeria.
- 7. A dormitory at Awtun in West Nigeria.

8. A new class room at Divo, Ivory Coast.

In addition to these additions and improvements assistance has been given to a number of minor projects.

In an effort to provide more adequately trained staff as quickly as possible the Union. Mission has been able to set funds aside to help African Adventist workers to further their education. At the present time 15 stu-

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dents are being afforded opportunity for advanced training from this bursary fund. They are attending schools as follows:

4 attending Newbold College,

- 4 " other schools of higher learning in U.K.,
 - " Universities in the U.S.A.,
- 2 " Fourah Bay College—Sierra Leone,
 - " University College Ghana,
 - " " " Ibadan, Nigeria,
- 1 "Nigerian College of Technology, Enugu.

We are happy to announce that West Nigeria now is definitely planning to have their own Secondary School. Their own members have raised over £4.000 and this is being supplemented with funds from overseas. We wish them well in their new project. They are now selecting a site and making building plans.

The most important educational news note we have left for the last. The West African Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists is to have a Seminary on the post-secondary or University College level. The Northern European Division and the General Conference have approved the plan. Some funds are now in hand and negotiations are under way for a site.

This new college will be primarily for the training of ministers but will add other courses as funds permit and the need arises. It will provide a means of further education in our own schools for the many young people now completing our secondary schools. It is hoped that a small first class can be accepted in 1959. Watch for future announcements concerning this school.

The real objective of our schools is to bring young people to accept Christ and His message and further to train them in sacrificial service for Him. We are happy to report over 300 baptisms among our pupils in 1957.

May God continue to bless the schools and give courage and a spirit of consecration to the teachers and administrators who direct them.

Vejlefjord Corollaries

By Hubert J. Brookes

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness . . . ye are all children of the light . . . therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober." (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6).

The vast majority of people today care little concerning the philosophy held by educationists, not realising its vital importance. Our own people, however, should guard well against such indifference.

The schools are turning out masses of young people who respect neither God nor their fellows. Thus does worldly education miserably fail. We recall the results of Nazi philosophy working out in German education, but godless education is godless wherever it is given. There are few schools in this country where the Ten Commandments are taught upon the basis of a literal interpretation of Genesis. In the majority of schools, the erroneous teachings, coupled with the corresponding psychological and sociological aspects of their work, s'lently produce the tragic results cited above.

It is highly important that our people should understand the social function of education today, because, as the Adventist position in philosophy differs markedly from that of worldly educationists, so the social function of Adventist education must be equally distinct from that of other educational bodies. The writer wishes to consider this matter particularly herein.

In its truest sense, education consists of the sum total of a person's experiences, be these for good or for ill, throughout his entire lifetime. If it is seen by the reader that there are many other educative influences, some beneficial, some harmful, which bear upon the individual from birth to old age, it would help him to see also the unique function of the school as an institution existing *specifically* for education. Let us consider some of the sources of these educative influences which all help to mould a person's character and condition his mind.

The first source is the home, where, with his mother as the greatest educational factor in the child's early life, he amasses a store of knowledge from the rhythm of daily routine, and the other members of the family. The very atmosphere of the home life, whether it be positive or negative, communicates itself to the child.

His next educative society is that of the neighbourhood gang, the membership of which

brings him another store of mixed experiences which all silently leave their mark upon his mind.

Then perhaps the Boy Scouts Organization, or in the case of an Adventist child, the J.M.V. Society, will make its appeal to him, and here his education, mostly positive, proceeds apace.

The Saturday morning cinema club is an educative society wielding a preponderance of harmful influences which effect within the child's mind an unconscious weakening of his taste for nobler things.

Throughout later life a diversity of educative societies bring their influences to bear upon him, such as office or factory association, university life, various clubs, political or trade union groups, church association, and that of his own home. With these educative societies, none of which, incidentally, are mutually exclusive in their influences, should be coupled educative agencies which wield influences for good or ill, such as radio, television, the screen, books, magazines, and newspapers. Education, apart from the acquisiting of skills and knowledge, is thus mainly a subtle matter of unconscious impression throughout life: of constant diffusion of ideas; of continual permeation of unstudied influences.

CHOICE BITS

Every day something gets done that "couldn't be done."

It is never too soon to do a kindness, for one does not know how soon it may be too late.—Ruth Smeltzer.

When a man does only what he must do, he will remain all his life in the rank and file.

Publishing and Bible House Managers' Council

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A subcommittee met in the evening, and reported early the next morning. Brother G. Meredith led in a devotional service.

Each evening, with the exception of Friday, Pastor Keslake showed interesting evangelistic films.

Our thanks go to all who helped make our stay in Accra a happy and a profitable one. By seven o' clock the next morning, we began leaving the Advent Press, each to go to his own work. We, of Nigeria, went to seek a Tarzan bus that would take us to Lagos on our return home.

The Case of Dan

By C. R. French

The atmosphere of a great celebration hung all about the sprawling oriental ranch house that rested snugly against a sloping hillside. The odour of barbecued veal was wafted by the late afternoon breezes all the way down to the fertile bottomlands where grain was growing in abundance. Guests had been arriving in large numbers, and the sounds of gaiety grew more pronounced as the affair progressed. Then came strains of beautiful music.

Down in the field the servants were busily engaged in gathering in the grain. The youthful heir and overseer of the place was with them. Meanwhile, up at the house the guests were enjoying the feast. Some of them perhaps noticed the absence of the older son, still in the field, 'but none of them cared much. "He's such a negative character and always feels so sorry for himself. It'll probably he just as well if he doesn't show up at all."

They all recognized him as a hard worker, and faithful enough too. But he always had a sort of martyr attitude. He carried a chip on his shoulder and always wanted recognition for everything that he did, no matter how small it was. In Jesus' story this son represented the Pharisees and unrepenting Jews of His day, so he was left nameless. But let us call him Dan.

The Father's Love:

Even though perhaps the guests didn't care much for Dan, his father, the patriarch, did. He greatly appreciated this son who had faithfully remained at home to bear the heavy burdens of farm and ranch life. The father recognized the sterling qualities of character to be found in this boy, and when he didn't come in to the feast he missed him. Hearing from one of the servants that Dan was angry and jealous, he decided to talk with him. "Therefore came his father out, and intreated him" (Luke 15:28.)

Dan watched his father approach, To say that he was disgruntled would be to put it mildly. He was angry. He would tell his unappreciative father a thing or two. Hadn't he stayed by the place and carried the load while this wastrel brother of his had squandered his time and his inheritance? Wasn't he the good one? Then, why didn't someone give him a little credit? Why hadn't he been given a party?

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"Son," the father began, "you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. We have enjoyed the company of each other. We have always had plenty. We have never lacked for anything. Our life here has been most pleasant. We have so much to be thankful for. But here is your brother. He has passed through a most difficult experience. He has been hungry, without home, and in despair. We should be grateful that we have been spared his degradation. It is fitting that we should celebrate and be glad, for it is like having one return to us from the dead."

Dan's Sharp Reply:

Dan's pent-up emotions, born of self-pity, gushed forth as his words literally spilled over each other.

"Lo, these many years do I serve thee. neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf" (Luke 15:29,30)

Now it was said! He had been thinking about it for a long time. For years he had considered his life an unhappy one-just a gloomy, monotonous existence. He had lived it this way only because he felt that he had to. Instead of being happy in doing good, he had done it grudgingly. He had really been labouring more as a servant than as a son. Apparently he did not enjoy the company of his father, but preferred that of his friends. His whole approach to "being good" was negative. He was good merely because he felt obligated to be. Doing well, being dependable, bearing responsibility, was his way of earning merit. He expected appreciation and respect from others as his reward.

Thus he missed the joy of service and the joy of fellowship with his father. Where he should have found abundant pleasure and satisfaction he found only frustration and regrets. The ingredients of a happy life were all there, but he missed them because of his negative approach.

There is no hint as to whether Dan ever corrected his weakness. We like to think that he did. But the outcome is not really relevant to the lessons that Jesus desired to teach.

The important lessons of the story are obvious. The younger boy found that there was no real joy in self-seeking, in revelry, in a godless, irresponsible life. He returned home, to the positive way, living a worthwhile life for the real joy to be found in right living. The older son had made as great a mistake as his brother, only in a different way. He too had a negative attitude. He was doing what he knew was right, but in a grudging, unhappy manner. Thus he missed the 'pleasure that God promises to all who will give positively of their full energies and service to the cause of Jesus Christ.

A Foretaste

By Elizabeth Rosser

- We can almost see the flowers of Eden bloom,
- We can almost breathe the air that they perfume,
- When we read the wondrous story
- Of the land of light and glory,
- Where the Saviour waits to bid us "Welcome home."
- We can almost hear the songs the angels sing,
- We can almost hear the harps of heaven ring,
- Where the golden sunbeams quiver
- On the bosom of the river,
- As it flows through fields of everlasting spring.
- We can almost see the mansions in the sky,
- Where the Lord will take His children by and by;
- Where the sad and brokenhearted
- Soon shall meet and ne'er be parted,

And Himself shall wipe all tears from every eye.

Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

You can't win respect by demanding it. The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places.

Reading makes a full man; writing an exact man.

You cannot change human nature, but perhaps you can improve it.

Reason and judgment are the qualities of a leader.

When right, you can afford to keep your temper; when wrong, you cannot afford to lose it.

The one-talent man was the only one who took no risks—and he lost all.

News Notes

Miss Alice N. Ottley from the British Union arrived in West Africa in March. Miss Ottley is a nursing sister and is connected with the Ile-Ife Hospital in West Nigeria.

Miss Claudienne Gordon from the United States arrived in West Africa in April and took up her duties at the Ile-Ife Hospital. Miss Gordon is a nursing sister. We welcome these two sisters into our mission family in West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Watson and children have returned from their furlough in Sierra Leone to the Ile-Ife Hospital where they are employed; Brother Watson as cashieraccountant, and Sister Watson as assistantmatron. The Hospital is very glad for the return of these faithful workers who have given such good service to the cause of God in West Africa.

Pastor and Mrs. David Hughes and children spent the last week-end in May in Accra, enroute to their new appointment with the Voice of Prophecy in Ibadan, West Nigeria. They are coming from Liberia where they have been engaged in evangelistic work. Pastor Hughes will be the new principal of the Bible Correspondence School, and Mrs. Hughes will work in the accounting department. We wish them God's richest blessing in their new field of labour,

▶ Dr. and Mrs. Davenport and three children left for their furlough, from Ibadan, the last week in May, for their home in the United States. Dr. Davenport is the medical director of the Jengre Hospital in North Nigeria.

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Editor - - - MRS. N. B. NIELSEN

Mr. and Mrs. T. Karkkanien and two children are our latest arrivals in the field. They came from their home in Finland to • West Africa the middle of May. Brother Karkkanien is our new relief treasurer for the Union, and at present will be stationed at the Union Office in Accra.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Harju and two sons left the first of June for their furlough in their homeland, Finland. Brother Harju is the business manager of the Ile-Ife Hospital in West Nigeria.

★ On the 15th of June the Misses S. W. Turtill and B. P. Leigh left Accra for London. Miss Turtill has been connected with our Ile-Ife Hospital for the past eight years and is now going to the United States for two years leave of absence to take further studies. Miss Leigh has been working in the Union Office in Accra and is spending her leave in the United Kingdom.

We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Cherne on the arrival of little Scott Anthony on April 29, 1958.

Ten Rules For Happy Living

1. Keep busy. One cannot always work strenuously, so have a hobby.

2. Never indulge in self-pity. Maybe you . did not have opportunities as a child, but you can make them now.

3. When you go out, prepare to give a smile to everyone who will take it. "No one is properly clothed unless he wears a smile."

4. Cultivate a cheerful disposition and a sense of humour.

5. Put yourself out to help someone every day.

6. Fill your life with worth-while things. Then, should the light go out, you will have something to think about,

7. Appreciate people. Nothing gives more joy than appreciation.

8. Children are the hope of the world. Make at least one child happy every day.

9. Refuse to be discouraged. What should be done, can be.

10. Read your Bible, and talk to God about all your affairs.