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## THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF LITERATURE

By F. C. Barfoot,  
Union Publishing Secretary

"Our publishing work was established by the direction of God, and under His special supervision"—C.S. page 148.

This statement is one of the most striking passages that has ever flowed from the pen of inspiration, for it reveals to us how vitally important the literature ministry is in the eyes of our Heavenly Father.

The Roman Catholics in their faith have stated rightly that the strength of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is seen in their publishing programme. Pope Pius X has this to say: "To build churches, preach, hold cottage meetings, establish schools, do all the good work possible is all right. *But*, if you neglect to make use of the christian press, the greatest and most powerful weapon of our day, and if you fail to scatter abundantly religious literature, all your other efforts will be in vain."—*Arsenal of Pope Pius*.

Now, keeping in mind the foregoing statements, here below is a comparison picture of the literature progress of our West African Publishing Programme.

The wise man says: "A good report maketh the bones fat."—Proverbs 15:30. However, we give all the credit to our Heavenly Father for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and compliment our consecrated bookmen and their Publishing Secretaries, and Book and Bible House staff for their co-operation and guidance in making this possible.

Now, there is another interesting aspect to be considered. Over 50 percent of our Voice of Prophecy enrolments are through colporteur contacts in West Africa. In the world programme of the Voice of Prophecy, a very large portion of their baptized students can first trace their contact with our message through the efforts of the bookmen.

As we glimpse into the future, and reflect upon the prophetic picture of last day events which are taking shape, we are reminded of this statement by the servant of the Lord.

"God will soon do great things for us if we lie humble, and believing at His feet. . . . More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, *most of whom*, will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications.—*Review and Herald*, November

Date	Average No. of Workers	Hours Canvassed	Orders	Deliveries
1950	12	18,246	£6,146 2 5	£4,222 17 6
1951	25	35,557	13,453 10 4	7,279 4 2
1952	40	57,783	21,370 9 2	12,923 7 5
1953	38	57,257	21,335 4 9	12,479 6 5
1954	42	58,616	28,889 12 9	16,542 16 3
1955	44	65,693	28,629 5 9	17,471 18 1
1956	43	68,426	31,425 8 7	17,473 13 9
1957	50	69,482	33,244 17 5	21,280 12 4

10, 1885. Who can tell just how soon this divine prediction will be fulfilled.

Now, let us harness all our resources and swell the ranks of our literature ministry, then march forth to finish the task so that we might go home with Jesus.

Go forth on wings of faith and prayer  
Ye pages bright with love,  
Though mute, the joyful tidings bear,  
Salvation from above.

Go tell the sinful careless soul,  
The warning God has given,  
Go, make the wounded spirit whole,  
With healing balm from heaven.  
Go to the rude, the dark, the poor,  
That live estranged from God;  
Bid them the pearl of life secure,  
Bought with a Saviour's blood.

Refrain:

Ye silent messengers go forth,  
From East to West, from South to North,  
The seed of God's own living word,  
Shall not be sown in vain.

## Petition

Give us the faith, Lord, to pursue  
Our daily work as we should do  
Give us the faith to still all doubt  
When things look black within, without.  
Give us the faith to do the right  
When strength seems weak and dim the  
light.

Give us the faith to see behind  
The dark clouds that are silver lined.

—M. I. Booth in *Boy Life*.

## Why Men Succeed

A man who loves his work just has no ceiling. He will go to utmost ends to achieve his purpose, for the sheer joy of it. Men of this type are not numerous, but they are 100 per cent successes. Here are a few precepts followed by men of proven worth:

"I love to create . . . by an act of mine, create something that wasn't here yesterday."

"I like to trust men."

"I like knowing that I can do more than is expected of me, and go ahead and do it."

"I like working at something where the sky is the limit."

"I like knowing that when I make a shilling, the man with whom I deal makes two shillings."

"I like the security that comes with doing my level best, which no one can take away."

"I get a thrill out of doing a job a little better than it was ever done before."

## Prepare To Meet Your Lord—(1)

By J. S. Dwumoh,  
Bibiani District Leader

I was one day strolling on the street of Bibiani, and this thought came into my mind, "Prepare to meet your God". I at once took my notebook from my chest pocket and jotted it down. About a week after the same thought came into my mind again and I decided that this thought must be my motto, hence I printed it on the top of my letter head papers.

It is only recently I found it in the book of Amos chapter 4:12 but there it reads thus: "Prepare to meet thy God." Dear reader it is my earnest prayer that if you have not yet dedicated your life fully to your Lord begin right now as you are reading this article.

"It is not a vain thing to serve God. There is a priceless reward for those who devote their life to His Service." *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, page 107. "The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children." *Acts of the Apostles*, page 50.

If we consider these days of ours to the time of Lot and Noah we see that ours is so great that the people of this time do not like to worship God but rather worship jewels, pleasure of the world, and also never think of what is coming-ahead of us.

We as followers of Christ must be careful in all our ways, and how can we do that unless we study our Bibles daily and ask the Lord to help us. God is ready, and He is willing to work in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

"Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved." *Philippians* 4:1. "For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." *Philippians* 3:20. Heaven is where God is, where God's will is done. Heaven is not only the here-after in the sense of the kingdom of glory which is to be revealed at the second coming of Christ. It is also a glorious here beyond,

beyond the command of our senses; the very centre of the universe, the centre of theocracy, and kingdom, our home eternal, where Christ is.

The study of the life of the Prophets and the Apostles, if properly studied, should increase our faith in God's providence. When we see how degraded, how selfish, how sensual, nay, how devilish many of our fellow creatures are, our faith in God's providence is apt to be shaken. We are inclined to feel that human nature is a wretched thing, only a few degrees above the bestial; We almost despair of the progress and amelioration of the race; and we begin to think that this world may be a God forsaken planet. Now one remedy for this despair is the contemplation of the great men of God and the faith in Christ Jesus will be the only safe way.

"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." Mark 8:36. "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." 1 Timothy 4:8. All who do this are making the best possible *preparation* for life in this world. No man can lay up treasure in heaven without finding his life on earth thereby enriched and ennobled. May the Lord bless His people with spiritual eyesight, to see that the children of the Lord and the world can never be in copartnership. Whoever will be the friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Again I would urge that living faith in God be cultivated by the people of God. The fruits of the spirit will be borne by the man who loves God and keeps the way of the Lord as the rich clusters of grapes grow on the living vine.

God desires that we shall come into right relation with Him. He desires that every heart and mind shall be sanctified. He wants therefore our all, body, soul and spirit to be fully dedicated to do His will. It is time for us to begin to know that we are fastened to the Lord Jesus by a living working faith. Let us believe in God and trust in Him and we shall see His mighty power working among us.

Let us all pray thus, O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee for the provision thou hast made for our salvation through the shedding of thy precious blood on the cross of calvary, O Jesus, hear us today to live for thee, and tomorrow to walk with thee and deliver us from all evil.

## Mampong District Revival Meetings

By J. K. Amoah, District Pastor

At the beginning of the year, plans were made to hold district Revival Meetings at Mprim, a village about five miles from Mampong Ashanti. On Friday April 4, the delegates from the nineteen churches and Companies arrived in numbers, and joined the local church, and we had a very good gathering of believers to enjoy the Word of God.

We were privileged to have Pastors C. B. Mensah and S. Appiah-Dankwah with us. We thank these brethren very sincerely for their good messages and inspiration brought to the people of God. On Sabbath and Sunday afternoons, we visited every home of the village, and conducted an open air service and I am happy to report that five souls were won to the faith by the grace of God.

### *Dorcas Society Meetings*

After the revival meetings, Pastor Mensah and the writer toured the Churches in Mampong District, and arranged for Women's Meetings separately, for two days. To our surprise one hundred women attended from the churches, for this special Meeting.

Instructions were given on, the noble mothers of the Bible, the husband and wife, their responsibilities in training their children and caring for the home, as well as organization and work of Dorcas societies in the churches.

Encouraging reports were rendered by the women, and as time was allowed for discussion in every period, many interesting questions were asked by the women concerning problems of married life, and most of them were solved. The women told us that they have benefited from the meetings and more similar ones should be arranged twice yearly.

### *Training Light Bearer Classes*

Immediately as we closed the women's meetings, sixty-seven strong lay men came to Mampong, and started the Training Light Bearer Classes. Pastor C. B. Mensah Ghana Mission's Home Missionary Secretary, Evangelist S. E. Manu, and the writer were the instructors for the four days training. We were surprised to see the keenness of our grown up students taking such an intensive course. At the end of the studies, Pastor Mensah examined all verbally, on all the technics of the course, and they all came out successfully.

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"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night . . . Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

The greatest tragedy in the life of anyone having such knowledge as Paul refers to would be to forget about it and fall into a sleep of indifference and unawareness. It is not how much one knows but how well he uses what he knows that will determine his readiness for Christ's coming. Christ gave in detail the events that would come to pass just before His Second Advent. The disciples were to bear witness to this good news and thus prepare others for the coming of this grand event.

Christ's answer to the disciples' question, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" was given in language that was simple, clear, and understandable. He warned of Satan's plan to deceive them. He spoke of the distorted concept of Christianity that would prevail, of the coming of false christs and their attendant false prophets, of national and international struggles and of the rise and fall of nations, of famines, of widespread earthquakes, of epidemic disorders, of religious persecution, of multiplied wickedness and social pressures.

Sky signs also were given as indicators of the nearness of His coming.

He told of an epidemic of fear that would invade the world before He comes, and then He stated that the preaching of the gospel in all the world would bring a climax to the work of sin and make possible His return. In His reply Christ gave everything except the date of His coming, and regarding this He said: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36.) Then He added: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (verse 44).

Today, every one of these signs has been fulfilled or is being fulfilled. Christ has done His part in warning the world of its coming night of eternal destruction. The warning signals have been hung high, and all who will may read and take shelter. The prophet Nahum said, "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him" (Nahum

## Let Us Not Sle

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1:7) And as we do our part, Christ promises, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20.)

In this generation God has those who have heard His call and are willing to go and proclaim the gospel story to the whole world. The foundation has been laid, and we have reached the time in the history of the world when the stage is set and the proper climate has been provided in which to go and preach with power the coming of our Lord. We read, "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer" (1 Peter 4:7)

One hundred and thirteen years ago a movement destined to encircle the world with the everlasting gospel began in fulfilment of prophecy. Its message was the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The facilities for carrying forward the work were limited, and those who assumed the task were poor and few in number. But they were aggressive, devout, and Spirit filled.

It was the judgment-hour message, a Sabbath-reform message, a life-and-death message, a message of the everlasting gospel for this generation, and it is the message that we believe and to which we are committed to speed on to a triumphant finish.

When we read of the early beginnings of this movement and note the opposition and hard struggles the pioneers met in effecting the organization of this church, and then today see its international growth and development, we can but thank God for those who have gone on before. We are constrained to humbly offer our lives anew to God.

God is counting on His remnant church to finish the task of taking the gospel to the remotest parts of the world and to make ready a people for the second advent of Christ. Now is the only time left in which this soul-winning work can be done. "Let us not sleep, as do others."

Every true-hearted Seventh-day Adventist is committed to the task therefore throughout the entire church there should be total evangelism. Evangelism should stir the heart, beam from the eyes, and become the prayer on the lips of every converted soul in the church. We read: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until

# As Do Others

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the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 117.

The church members must believe this with all their soul until the heart, the head, the hands, and the feet co-ordinate. God is calling every church member to the work of soul winning.

We are living in an age when man claims to have conquered earth gravity and now contemplates creating a mechanism to take him to the moon. Yet these scientific discoveries have only brought upon the world more confusion and greater perplexity.

We have come upon very strange times. The whole world is in a state of shock and is afflicted with the crippling disease of moral paralysis. National and racial hatreds have been so stirred that they are producing Frankensteins of violence almost beyond human control. The future of human existence is in doubt, and civilization itself seems to be in danger. The world has reached an epoch of global fatigue. These are the times when "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." It is also the time when the Seventh-day Adventist Church must rise and shine, and her ministers, as flames of fire, must preach with greater boldness than ever before the three angels' messages of Revelation 14.

The messenger of the Lord has warned us: "We have no time to lose. The end is near. . . We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus, our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 6, page 22.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a Pentecostal church. Holiness belongs in this church. The Holy Spirit has been given to guide the church. The cry of the world today is, "What shall we do?" Our answer is, "Repent and be baptized, and rise to walk in the new life of keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Purity of living is fundamental with us, and the church

must now use all of its resources to climb to the summit of true godliness. The eyes of the world are upon us, and we must be counted standing up and not sitting down.

This world-wide task of preaching the gospel in all the world requires the service of representatives from every nation, every tongue, and every people. Jesus made it plain that the gospel is for every nationality, every language group and every type of personality. I thank God for the organized togetherness that is found in His remnant church and for the message that makes us one in Christ Jesus. There is no depth of sin into which one may have fallen that the blood of Christ cannot reach, and there is no human soul, however polluted, that His grace cannot save. Christ came to seek and to save the lost. He believed in the dignity of the human personality.

Evangelism is not to be assigned to a group of Seventh-day Adventist specialists only, but there must be an awareness on the part of the whole church that its very existence is dependent upon its soul-winning activities. Now is the time when the whole church must speak to the whole world for Christ.

When the apostle Paul wrote, "Let us not sleep, as do others," he was sending out a warning to the Christian church, and it is especially applicable to the church in the twentieth century.

In the hour of Christ's greatest need of the sympathy of His disciples, they became drowsy and fell asleep. Three of them had been eyewitnesses of His majesty in His transfigured glory. They were also with Him when the daughter of Jairus was raised from the dead. One had sworn eternal fealty to Him, and one had leaned upon His bosom. Yet they failed Him at a time when He needed them most. They could not wait with Him. They could not keep watch with Him for one hour.

Today the ratio of time has lessened. We are told that "we should have a continual sense of the shortness of time and of the fearful events which prophecy has declared must speedily take place."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 4, page 612.

Again Mrs. White wrote: "Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 6, page 14.

"Let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

Paul says in Romans 13:11 that knowing the time, . . . now it is high time to awake out of sleep."

## The Unveiling And Dedication Ceremony; S. D. A. Church, Freetown

By Pastor J. B. Terry

The booth at the Church-yard had been crowded with invitees from all sections of the city. Here and there were groups of ladies and gentlemen; some renewing old acquaintance and a good many dilating on the great change which had come over the building since its renovation and fencing. At the left corner of the building was a special group of youngmen who at one time or the other had been students at the Fourah Bay College but who had all enjoyed their primary school days at the Seventh-day Adventist School. Among this group was a young man standing in the centre who recently returned from England with a second class honour in Economics. They were all absorbed with the reminiscence of school days. The time scheduled for the dedication service was fast approaching and the inflow of invitees was becoming intense. Some had in mind 3 p.m. and others 3.30 p.m.; but the Mayor of the City who was to open the door had been timed for 3.30 p.m. It was just three minutes to time and the Mayor's car arrived with His Worship in his regalia. There was a hush, mingled with a happy satisfaction over the prompt arrival of His Worship.

He was met at the entrance by Mrs. S. Thompson-Smart who welcomed him and introduced to him the Mission Superintendent, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the West African Union representative.

During this introduction the little groups around the church-yard had dissolved, and, along with those crowded in the booth, had collected themselves at the main entrance for the opening ceremony.

Pastor J. B. Leigh, the pastor in charge, then handed the key to His Worship the Mayor who reverently stepped forward and opened the door. Among those who took part in the opening of the windows were: Mesdames F. G. Williams, M. M. Damanda, Virtue T. Davies, Henrietta Freeman, Annetta Williams, C. R. Sawyerr, and Messrs J. Johnson, Leo Davies, S. L. Bangura, J. K. Gbla and J. S. Myers.

Following the opening ceremony was the unveiling of a new organ by Mr. E. B. Auber who had deputized the Assistant Colonial Secretary, T. C. Luke Esq. The un-

veiling of a new reading desk by Mrs. C. R. Sawyerr who had deputized the wife of Police Magistrate S. B. Jones was the next item.

The service now assumed a more solemn aspect, and eight ministers of the denomination moved reverently in a procession from the main entrance, taking their respective seats at the rostrum. After a brief introduction of each of the African Pastors by Pastor J. B. Leigh, the congregation arose and sang the favourite Old Hundredth. Pastor J. B. Terry read for Scripture Lesson the 132nd Psalm. This was followed by a fervent prayer in which the Secretary Treasurer J. L. Muderspach besought God's blessing upon the meeting. A duet entitled "Is your all on the Altar?" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. E. Keslake and Miss V. W. Terry. Pastor M. T. Battle made a vivid and impressive introduction of Pastor Edgar Keslake, the West African Union Home Missionary Departmental Secretary, who was the preacher for the occasion.

For about twenty-five minutes Pastor Keslake held the audience spell-bound on the important subject, Salvation. He pointed out the facts which he confirmed by Scripture references that while education, politics, economics, social ethics and a host of other good pursuits were necessary in this life, yet Salvation is not gained merely by any or all of these put together. "Salvation belongeth unto God". "And", he continued, "it is only as we relate ourselves rightly in the sight of God by obeying His Word, and by keeping His Commandments and by trusting in Him that we can expect Salvation".

In the dedicatory prayer that followed Pastor M. T. Battle recommended the whole building to God for sacred use, and he further invited the continual presence of the Holy Spirit for the rededication of our lives and for the salvation of precious souls for God's everlasting Kingdom.

Following this prayer was a dedication song rendered by selected members from the Church at Waterloo.

After the offertory and the closing song "Great King Of Glory Come," Pastor J. B. Terry said the benediction. The congregation then sat and waited quietly while the Mayor, accompanied by Pastor M. T. Battle and the rest of the ministers reverently walked down the aisle and passed out. Thus ended the unveiling and dedication ceremony.

## Teachers of Tomorrow Club

By George K. Darkwah, President,  
Bekwai Seminary, Ashanti

Barely fifteen months ago, the Vice Principal of the Adventist Training College, Bekwai, Ashanti, Ghana, became conscious of the friendly relationship and serviceable atmosphere, especially in the Lord's cause, that prevails in the Adventist colleges in the United States of America by means of clubs and societies, especially, the Teachers of Tomorrow Club.

He then thought that if such an organization could be operated here in Ghana, it would foster and tighten the friendly relationship, serve as machinery for bringing about co-operation and create good-will among its members both here and in our other West African Colleges, and be of benefit to all mankind.

With this aim in view this club was given birth in our college and affiliated with the mother club in America last year. Since its formation the club has not been passive for a moment, but rather active all the time under its vigorous leaders and its patron Mr. E. M. Collins. He has all the time been sacrificing some of his leisure hours to be with us at meetings and on excursions where he shares some of his accumulated knowledge and experiences with us.

It may be that you wish to know some of the activities of this club. As space will not permit all to be enumerated, I will give you the main activities.

Last year, we visited St. Andrews Training College, Ashanti Mampong; Wesley College, Kumasi; and Kumasi College of Technology. In fact, the visit to these colleges helped us immensely in fulfilling one of our aims—promoting friendly relationships among its members and other students.

These visits offered us the opportunity of meeting other students to discuss with them matters of mutual interest. Wherever we went, we had the opportunity to approach the students individually to tell them more about our club and the purpose of our visit. All the colleges we visited showed a keen interest in our activities and our aims. We were always taken round the campus of every college we visited to places of interest.

Toward the latter part of the year, we visited Obuasi Mines, which are operated by the Ashanti Goldfields Corporation Limited, where we increased our stock of knowledge tremendously. Truly, it was a place where we witnessed much for our-

selves—seeing the process of turning raw gold dust into solid bars of gold.

We visited also Aburi Botanical Garden during the first term of this year. The garden, apart from its beauty and its fascinating sight was a wholesome place for resort. Having observed the plants, one is moved by instinct to acclaim the omnipotence of God, for they are marvellous to see. This strengthened our faith in God. Each and every one of us stepped out of the garden with "Oh, nature is wonderful indeed!"

Dear good friends, indeed, the Creator of all plants with fragrant flowers, the animals some cold and others warm blooded; man, the crown of his handiwork, with 206 bones covered with flesh, is mighty and wonderful. For even the plants surrounding us and conditions around us portray the love of God and bear witness to Him.

The club members have since the visit to the botanical garden become more active members in the church, and they have been doing tremendous work in the "Share Your Faith Campaign." Now it is the club's ardent desire to do all that it can do which will uplift and uphold the honour of our Adventist institution, both morally and logically, coupled with good behaviour. The last but not the least objective is to hoist the banner of Christ among people of West Africa; and to show them that it is fitting to follow Him, for He never falters nor fails those who whole-heartedly grasp Him tightly.

The club has also recently published a journal of 30 pages which covers a wide range of many aspects on teaching principles, our relationships with people and experiences of eminent people in many walks of life. How enjoyable it would be for you to have a copy of this attractive journal in your hands to peruse at leisure!

To end, I seize this privilege to extend my greeting to our dear fellow students in Nigeria, Liberia and Sierra Leone. "LONG LIVE TEACHERS OF TOMORROW CLUBS IN WEST AFRICA," for they remind us of the earnest work of American tutors in our cherished land.

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### MAMPONG DISTRICT REVIVAL MEETINGS:

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Now that we have got a start, I hope by the grace of God we shall see many returns in souls added to the Church, and to the Kingdom of God.

## Submission

By Ethel MacBride Stoneman

*I planned my way as I thought good,  
Made my goal a high and lofty one,  
And set my face as though a flint  
To reach that goal and that alone.  
I strove and struggled through the years,  
Through storms, through clouds and  
summer shine;  
With sacrifice I thought of self,  
To reach this lofty goal of mine.  
But God had other plans for me,  
Another path to lead me to His goal.  
He let me see that He knew best,  
And allowed affliction that tried my soul.  
His will, His way, is mine at last;  
I gladly take the path He leads me  
through,  
And listen to His gentle, pleading voice,  
"My way leads to the promised home  
prepared for you."*

## I Shall Have Faith

I shall have faith though a mountain may stand,  
Seeming impassable; at His command  
I shall go forward expecting that He  
Who promised a pathway will clear one  
for me.

I shall have faith though an ocean may rise,  
Hiding the opposite shore from my eyes.  
I shall not falter for I have been shown  
That God never fails to take care of His  
own.

I shall have faith, placing all I hold dear  
Under His care; there is nothing to fear.  
Night has no terrors; storms cannot appal;  
Shadows are veils that the sunbeams let  
fall.

Dawn scatters darkness; it brings a new  
day,  
And I shall have faith because God walks  
my way.

—Quiet Hour Echoes.

## Maxims Ever Young

While Stephen Allen was mayor of New York, he met death by drowning. In his pocket was found a slip of paper bearing the following maxims. They are as applicable today as they were in Stephen Allen's day. Precepts like these are never old-fashioned or out of date:

Keep good company or none. Never be idle. If your hands cannot be usefully employed, cultivate your mind.

Always speak the truth. Make few promises. Live up to your engagements. Keep your own secrets, if you have any.

When you speak to a person, look him in the face. Good company and good conversation are the very sinews of virtue.

Good character is above all things else. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.

Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors; nor use tobacco in any form.

Ever live (misfortune excepted) within your income.

When you retire, think over what you have done that day.

Make no haste to be rich, if you would prosper.

Small and steady gains give competency with tranquillity of mind.

Never play at any game of chance.

Avoid temptation. Through fear you may not withstand it.

Earn money before you spend it.

Never run into debt, unless you see a way to get out again.

Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.

Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy.

Save when you are young to spend when you are old.

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