Joshua 1:11. "Ye are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which Jehovah your God giveth you 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 as 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 honoring
and worshiping God.
Instructed in the law,
disciplined for obedience,
industrious in service
with a conscious realization
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
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 crossing
over this week
into the promised
land which Jehovah,
your God, has given
you to possess. We
have been in the wilderness,
developing from
raw material, an edu-
cational institution best
suited to the needs of Porto Rico. They 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 for living a practical, independent life with high ideals and clear visions of future possibilities. To do this and to turn out a finished product it is necessary to bare during all time, as leaders in the classroom in the industrial department and in the athletic training, men and women of impeccable character, embodying integrity of character, high ideals and sturdy Christian faith, so to present a clean, clear cut model for others.
Most of you are to follow teaching as your profession. Remember he student to follow the teacher’s chair to become the leader of a Joshua or a Caleb out of raw material seated at his student’s desk. The response from the Joshua or Caleb is in direct proportion to his interest. The means he employs to accomplish his desired end. The greatest lesson the student learns is not what he finds in his books but in his teacher. You 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 the remembrance of the strength he gave, their stamina or indomitable life of your teachers. If 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. Will you walk through your land? I promise you could hardly do more than touch the fringes of it during a lifetime. And that is a great many people do—walk through, to see, to die, without accomplishing much. You are to go into and to possess. Look at the Rio St. Domingo, Cuba, and on south to the great continent of undeveloped resources.
find your place in
that unoccupied conti-
nent to our South. Some
of you will go to one or
other great continent to the South
of us. Here you will find
the land under intense culti-
vation, the natural resources
harvested, 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, too.
a little time, to increase
production and to better
mankind. You who go
there should help to make
this unheard of develop-
ment continue, so to serve
to better all the world.
And there is Africa
with its beautiful lakes
and wonderful rivers,
populated by a people
who bear forgotten that
they are human. This
is part of your promised
land. What a world lies
before you & to possess?
You cannot possess it all.
you will have to find
your place and live day
by day. God has
preparing 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 men
because it was found
in its place. Its place was
in the Ser Temple
near by. Though you have
culture, education and
ability, you will like
that great, beautifully carved
stone in Baalbec, 72 of

no benefit to the world
of men unless you find your
place what is required
of you? Certainly you
cannot become idle
and waste your time.
You are to continue
To better your life as
you go on toward the
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-

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

To make your life till and to be ready for the place God has for you: what you must be:

1. Men of integrity - unbroken completeness - uprightness of character and soundness of heart - fixed and steady 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.
1. You must live a life of consecration—a dedication of integrity to noble ends. It is a life with no worldly hanging down; a life that gathers the odds and ends and binds them together into a strong body. It is a life that brings the sunshine, from the right, over the path of his fellowman; a life that gathers the snow from the mountain peaks to cool the fevered brow of the sick; a life that in a handslike passes the warm sympathetic feeling currents of feeling on to others, to encourage, to comfort, and to uplift another. Such a life of consecration is a part of your promised land. It will make men love more, think deeper, pray oftener and work harder.

2. 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 torred
up ancient cities under
mounds of sand. There
is no substitute for
hard, intelligent work.
A work begins usually
in a small way. It will
remain small if you
lie down on your job.
Young people, don't go
to far from 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 say:
"It is great to be out where the
work is strong."
To be where the heaviest men belong
And to work where for men and men
It seems the face of the train,
It strains the arm till one's friend is pain,
In this work for God and man
But it's great to be where the work is strong
It is a work involving sacrifice. If you succeed without suffering it is because someone has suffered before you. There must be a ruthlessness in every life that attempts to do God's work and maybe a calvary. There should be so interested in his work 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."

The prosaic land requires faith. Attempt great things for God, greater than you alone can do. The men who wait till he can see the end before he starts will never succeed. I sat in the fireman's seat of 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 engines opened the throttle and it seemed to me, let out what little steam there was. 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, you see the hill. The engine increased in power by running. Start out today I'll do you, with what you have, you will make the grade. I like to think of you going out as the sun came out. Hei! Hei! Hei! Hei! He. He brought a triple crown and rode to replace the diamond of night. He shook his brilliant plumes and they fell in splendor over the earth, turning the dewdrops on grass and tree into shining diamonds. He kissed the clouds of night and they became mountains of silver and gold. He climaxed the overarching temple of the heavens with
curtains and tapestries of thousands of rainbows. He came down to earth, driving the smoke from our eyes, bringing out the green carpet of earth beneath our feet, and with blue mountains and gorgeous flamboyant. The sound of his presence silenced the croaks of frogs and opened all the stables of the organ of the forests to accompany the infographic parts of his anthems of praise. So may you, dear, young people, be 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 or not to go alone. You take our letters with you, and remember them your dearest and best friend and companion, Christ Jesus, our Lord, is going with you.
as you go in to possess
the land which Jehovah
your God has given you
to possess.