

and life will be all the sweeter for you. Show the best side of your nature occasionally, and then men will say of you as they wrote concerning that eccentric character Dr. Johnson.

“The Johnson who put pennies into the hands of sleeping street-arabs in order that they could buy breakfast when they woke up, who took papers of sweetmeats to his child friends, or went out himself to buy oysters for his cat rather than make it unpopular with his servants, is a different Johnson from the self-assertive, slovenly, clumsy-mannered ‘Big Bear’ of the anecdotes.”

Kindness belongs to a gentleman. Thoughtfulness is the velvet of character. No man can be a full-orbed Christian without being considerate. Treat every person as though they represented the aristocracy. Remember that every man is a son of God, and remembering—Be kind. The New York Outlook presents the following illustration: In a well-known letter to his sons, William, Earl of Bedford, said some things which ought to be posted in every commercial school and every business house in the country, for manners, quite as much as character, talents and ability, have to do with success: “Before you speak let your mind be full of courtesy; the civility of the hat, a kind look, or a word from a person of honor has brought that service which money could not. And he that can gain or preserve a friend and the opinion of civility, for the moving of the hat or a gentle look, and will not is sillily severe. Spare not to spend that which costs nothing; be liberal of them, but be not prodigal, lest they become cheap. I remember Sir Francis Bacon calls behavior the garment of the mind; it is well resembled, and rightly