

question which we are called upon to face. We are inheritors of the riches of the past; upon us devolve the responsibilities of the grandest opportunity ever known to man for the salvation of nations and the infusion into human affairs of the divine salt of God's love. Upon the Church has been laid, with promise of divine help, the salvation of mankind. The long history of the Christian Church, from the Acts of the Apostles to the present day, indicates men's conception of the undertaking, giving instances of success or failure, leading to the crisis of to-day, which gives to the whole subject a vastly different aspect from that seen by our fathers of even one short generation ago. The heroism of the pioneers, the work accomplished by the moderate efforts of the last half century or so, have brought upon us a burden of responsibility which demands immensely increased effort and enlarged plans to be at all commensurate with the opportunities of the hour, and failing in which the ever vigilant powers of darkness will soon have stolen a march on Christendom that a century will not recover.

From the very first God indicated that His gracious purposes towards man should be carried out by the union of the divine and the human, the co-operation of God and man. The seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head; in Abraham and his posterity all the nations were to be blessed; the Son of David and His kingdom should unite the allegiance of all the earth. In the Old Testament the promises of God in this regard and indications of His purposes emphasized