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## “Servire Deo Sapere.”

### Song of the Cherubim.

**S**EE the glorious cherubim  
Thronging round the Eternal's throne ;  
Hark ! they sing their holy hymn  
To the unknown Three in One, —All-supporting Deity !  
Living Spirit, praise to Thee !  
Rest, ye worldly tumults, rest ;  
Here let all be peace and joy ;  
Grief no more shall rend the breast,  
Tears no more bedew the eye.  
Heaven-directed spirits, rise  
To the temple of the skies !  
Join the ranks of Angels bright,  
Near the Eternal's dazzling light.

—From the Russian of *Kherwimij*.

### Opportunities.

**W**E have a grand field of opportunities, opening out before us, at the beginning of a new School-year.

Everything seems possible on that first day of term. We return to work fresh and invigorated by the rest and change we have enjoyed during the holidays, and, as a rule, teachers and children alike are ready to attempt anything, to scale mountains (of learning,) to grapple with difficulties and to make the most of every opportunity circumstances may put in their paths.

But the strangest and saddest fact in life is the way people, old and young alike, miss or waste their opportunities. So often, so sadly often, we only realize that an opportunity was in our grasp when we have missed it, perhaps lost it for ever. Then, though we may grieve, and even reproach ourselves,

the opportunity has fled and we cannot recall it.

The child, after leaving School, will, sooner or later, look back, as life's experience widens and deepens, on the old school days with, it may be, tender and loving remembrance, but *surely* with countless regrets for the opportunities she squandered while she was there.

Teachers, as pupils pass one by one beyond their immediate influence, will feel this even more deeply and sadly. There is no man, woman or child to whom opportunities do not come. Opportunities for doing good, as well as opportunities of *being* good. Opportunities of happiness, of giving pleasure, and of receiving pleasure, of teaching and of learning, of serving and of being served, of commanding and of obeying, of raising ourselves and others to something greater, stronger and nobler.

Opportunities may be different