

Opportunity.

MAN has but one youth, and he cannot go back again to repair the neglect or errors of that period, however ardently he may desire to do so. Opportunity hastens by, with the swiftness of an eagle hungry for its prey. As with the individual man, so with the nation. This Dominion of Canada can have but one youth, one favoured national spring-tide; and that period we are now enjoying. God has in His wise Providence placed us in our lot at a critical era of our country's development. We are called upon to form the character of a new nation, and to make our influence for good felt from Newfoundland to the Rocky Mountains. The field is most inviting: none could be more so. Never had a Church nobler or ampler opportunities to become a blessing to millions, now, and in the far future. We are, at present, whether we realize it or not, working not merely for ourselves and our immediate successors, but for all the generations that till the end of time are to people this great and wide Dominion. If we fail to occupy the place to which God has called us, He will give our mission and our crown to others, and our opportunity will have vanished forever.

Brother, sister, in Christ, join in the glorious work to which as a Church we are called. Let your prayers and your active efforts be cheerfully contributed to the good cause. The invitation is to every member and adherent of the Presbyterian Church. Our work cannot be done with any adequate measure of success unless there be a general readiness on the part of the whole people. Many parents must give their children to be ministers at home and missionaries abroad. Many young men and young women must

consecrate themselves to the special service of the Lord. ALL can and should aid in the seed-sowing for which there is now so urgent a call and so inviting an opportunity.

The winter season with its long evenings and ample leisure (to many) should be diligently utilized by our churches. The people should be thoroughly familiar with the "schemes of the Church," their merits and requirements. Mission news should be carefully read and talked over until the names of our missionaries and the stations they occupy become as familiar as household words. We should seek to realize the unity of the Church and of her work, and thus take a well-balanced interest in all her enterprizes at home and abroad.

What would you Do?

TWO years ago, a Prince in Bengal,—Bora Singh,—was converted to the Christian faith, and joined a mission Church. His uncle was a powerful reigning prince, Ram Singh, and Bora was his uncle's lawful heir. The uncle died a few months ago, and the nobles met to arrange for the inauguration of his successor. It was one of the immemorial rules and customs of the Province that the king should preside at the great religious ceremonies, feasts and sacrifices. The nobles asked Bora Singh if he would do so, if he would, for the sake of the throne, renounce Christianity. He at once, firmly and decisively, answered in the negative. He was willing to sacrifice a kingdom for Christ, and he did so. Another man was anointed king in his place.

Reader: is there not a lesson in this for you? A recent Indian convert gives up a crown and a principedom: how much would you give up for Christ? What sacrifice