

community? She stands on the highway of commerce between Europe and Asia, her Eastern ports nearer Europe, her Western nearer Asia, than even those of our American neighbors to the south.

In the Middle Ages the Mediterranean was the great highway of commerce between the civilized nations of the world. With the discovery of America, its settlement and development, the Atlantic became what the Mediterranean once was. With the awakening of the Orient, where lives more than half of the race, the Pacific Ocean must be in the future the greatest highway of trade among the nations of the earth, and during this century on and around this ocean, must the world's great drama largely be acted. Canada, with her face to the Pacific, must in this drama, play no inconspicuous part. We realize the position which Japan holds in the world's politics to-day. If we multiply the power and influence of Japan by ten, we may form some faint estimate of the position which China will hold in the days to come. Japan, China, India—all the nations of the East—are taking the science, the inventions, the military ideals, the Western learning, of our Christian civilization.

Is it not a strange and significant thing that the all-wise Father has only unlocked to those nations which have the outlook and uplift of our Christian faith, those mysterious and secret forces of the universe which have, by their utilization, placed such tremendous power in the hands of man? And if these mighty forces are to be instruments in the hands of these Eastern peoples for their social and moral progress and uplift rather than instruments for their or our undoing, it will only be as they come to know Him "in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

"How, then, shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

If Canada is in the process of making, these nations are in the process of remaking. By the time another generation comes upon the scene the character of the new Orient will be largely determined. Now is the hour of our supreme opportunity abroad.

Will Canada help to give these nations the moral energy and spiritual outlook of her Christian faith?

What does this opportunity involve? It has been estimated that if the Churches of Canada assumed their share of world respon-