

inquiry, How much have we done, how much are we doing, how much do we mean to do for the Lord?

And what further motives can we adduce to urge you to the performance of this duty?

Consider the temper of the Gospel. It is pre-eminently one of sacrifice. The greatest boon conferred upon the world was the sacrifice of the Saviour. The salvation of man was accomplished by Jesus "giving his life a ransom for all."

Only in this world, you can evince the sincerity of your attachment to the Redeemer. In heaven you can make no sacrifice for Him; and if indeed you make any, it will be comparatively easy—heaven is not a place of trial. To promote the glory of God, when every thing urges us to be promoting our own,—to be living for God when the corruptions of nature impel us forcibly to live for ourselves. Here is glory—here you may display the strength and vigour of the principles that influence you. Improve, then, dear brethren, the rare and happy opportunities this world can afford you, for "the night cometh in which no man can work."

The spiritual good of Canada invites you to this duty. Its Townships, feebly supplied with the ministry of the word—the prayers of its friends, who are wrestling with God for a blessing—the wailings of its dead, who have died without hope:—and can you reject the call? And what shall we say more? Need we tell you the honour and glory of the Saviour require you to do it? Need we tell you that here service and privilege are connected together? Need we tell you, you shall never be losers by any thing you do for Him? It is written, "them that honour me, I will honour." Hannah gave to the Lord her lovely little boy: "as long as he liveth," she said, "he shall be lent unto the Lord;" and she lost nothing by the sacrifice. "The Lord

visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bare three sons and two daughters;" for one child given, five were added. "And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? and the man of God answered, the Lord is able to give thee much more than this."

Men and brethren, hear—*Jesus expects that every one will try and do his duty.* Grace be with you all.—Amen.

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TRUST IN GOD.

DEAR BROTHER,—I have for some time past reflected much on the "signs of the times." It may be a wrong impression on my mind, but I do think that these signs betoken times of great trial and conflict in all the earth. And I much fear that Christians generally are not awake, watching and preparing for the important events about to take place; and I fear that severe seasons of trial and affliction will be necessary to purify the Church of God, and make it a burning and a shining light in the earth, so that the people and nations living without God, and without hope in the world, shall be attracted thereby, and thus hasten the glorious times of the Millenium. The present times, it must be acknowledged by all, are trying times, but perhaps only the prelude to seasons of greater trial; and if so, how very necessary is it that Christians should be aroused to a sense of their situation, and daily be exercising their faith and confidence in God, who alone can support and deliver us in every time of need. I have felt my own mind much edified and strengthened by reading the following extract from a very excellent, though little known, work, entitled "Meditations on the History of Hezekiah, by A. Rochat, Minister of the Gospel at Rolle," and recently translated from the French by the