

all due allowance for this overlapping, more qualified men and larger financial resources are urgently needed.

Our country is just in the process of making. Her future depends largely on the work of this generation. By the time another generation comes upon the scene, the foundation will have been laid and the general character of the superstructure determined. Now is the hour of our supreme opportunity. In this new country the Christian faith has found a deep and abiding place in the minds and hearts of the masses of the people. We are happily free from many of the social, industrial and political problems which are so characteristic of the countries of Europe, conditions inherited from the past and which baffle the skill of the wisest statesmen and social reformers; we are so far happily free, or largely so, from many of the industrial and social problems which our American friends find so difficult to deal with. This freedom enlarges our opportunities and greatly increases our responsibilities.

What has the future in store for us? The material development of the past ten years forms no adequate basis from which to judge of the development of the future. The progress may not be uniform or uninterrupted. There may, and very probably will be, an ebb in the tide of immigration but only to be followed by a greater flow. Who can number the millions who, before the close of the century, will occupy this Canada of ours? Who can foretell the tides of commerce which will sweep across our land when Canada in the vigor of her youth stretches out her hands towards Europe and Asia? Who can foretell Canada's place in the world's politics when in the fulness of her strength she stands by her mother in the councils of the Empire, and through the Empire makes her influence felt in the world? Whether that future will be worthy or unworthy depends not on our material resources, nor our material development, but on the life and the character of our citizens. This life and character will be the outcome of their religious beliefs. If true to our privileges and opportunities, we should be able on this half of the North American continent to develop the best type of Christian civilization this world has known. This is Canada's opportunity at home.

*Canada's opportunity abroad.*—Foreign missions in the sense in which our fathers used the term, have no existence to-day. Steam and electricity have annihilated distance and made this world one great community. And what is Canada's place in this