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THE DAY OF OPPORTUNITY

The problem and the peril of Islam are a A Challenge challenge to Christian faith, and not a cause for to Faith discouragement. Those who have tried to reach Mohammedans with the gospel message and who are in the forefront of the fight, do not call for retreat, therefore, but for reinforcements and advance. They know that in this mighty conflict we have nothing to fear save our own sloth and inactivity. The battle is the Lord's, and the victory will be his also. The love of Jesus Christ, manifested in hospitals, in schools, in tactful preaching, and incarnated in the lives of devoted missionaries, will irresistibly win Moslems and disarm all their fanaticism. It has done so, is doing so, and will do so more and more when the Church realizes and seizes her opportunities in the Moslem world. "Altogether the situation as regards work among Mohammedans," says Dr. Rouse, the veteran missionary of Bengal, "is most interesting and encouraging. It would