

power of man. The church that is able to exercise such a faith, in surmounting obstacles, and in accomplishing the work which is expected of it, will never be deficient in strength.

Next to unbelief and faith are *Timidity and Courage*. "If thou faint in the day of adversity," said one of old time, "thy strength is small." The man who refuses to "plough," because he is afraid of the "cold," shall "beg in harvest and have nothing." The man who is continually crying out, "There is a lion in the way, a lion is in the streets," will not be very likely to accomplish any great results with reference to anything whatever. And a number of such persons who may chance to be in company will not be very likely to render each other much assistance. A person who is always anticipating failure, will rarely be disappointed; and a church that is always ready to yield to the most trifling difficulties, and to become discouraged under adverse circumstances, which are temporary in their nature, can hardly expect success, and certainly does not deserve it. Resolution, energy, perseverance, fearlessness in meeting dangers and in overcoming difficulties, will enable men to work wonders, in all the varied interests and pursuits of human life. There was true philosophy in the words of the Roman poet, — "Possunt, quia posse videntur," — *They can, because they think they can*. Men can always do what they believe themselves capable of doing, when their judgment is equal to their energy of will. The members of a Christian society should never allow themselves to feel discouraged, or to speak dispondingly in regard to their condition and prospects, unless it is their determination to do what they can to make themselves weak; for that is cer-