

that then we have reason to be thankful to the disposer of all merciful events, and should take courage, and proceed with undiminished hope in the accomplishment of the good work which the Society finds placed before it. It would be *presumptuous* on the one hand, and *cowardly* on the other, to believe, that a Society constituted with the views which are proposed as attracting this one, can be otherwise than highly important, and capable of effecting much good. Rather let us believe, that to the want of energy in many among ourselves, or in the want of that happy unity which ought to direct the hearts of christians as of one man, must be attributed any deficiency that may be discovered in the vitality of its functions—or with respect to the extent of its designs. It would be presumptuous to believe that Almighty God will withhold His blessing from the efforts of persons associated together for such purposes as are the avowed ones with which this Society was founded. It would be *cowardly* to believe that our own individual mites of exertion could be of no avail, and therefore to withdraw our support and assistance in despair.

As long as the tendency of our intentions shall be with a single eye to the glory of God—the good of Souls—and the wholesome cultivation of the human intellect, no doubt a blessing will be vouchsafed to our endeavours. And it requires the encouragement of such reflections to enable your Committee to bear with equanimity the want of interest which sometimes appear to attach to the Society, notwithstanding the great importance of its designs; and they grieve to think, that in comparison with similar institutions in other portions of the Colonies, the power of the Prince Edward Island Diocesan Church Society, re-