

ment; and there is coming to be a strong conviction of this truth in the minds of many persons. But there are many more who are indifferent or opposed, and to disabuse their minds of error requires a strong concentrated effort. To enlighten, on so grave a subject, a whole people, to bring them to feel that every human being is bound, (the means being within his reach,) to cultivate his mind as essential to the improvement of every other talent committed to his charge, and to wipe away the prejudices and practices that are hostile to such a conviction, is surely a vast labor, demanding no less a force to effect it than the widest combination of christian benevolence and effort that could be accomplished in these Provinces.

Many other objects that can well be effected in no other way might be mentioned, but I forbear. Enough has been said, I trust, to show the sincere disciples of Jesus Christ that the object before us is one which demands, on their part, earnest and persevering prayer; and the cultivation of that deep spirit of piety, without which their prayers, if without it they pray at all, are of little worth. This spirit of prayerful piety I earnestly entreat them to seek, as essential to the welfare of that Kingdom which they love, and especially to the success of the new measure for its advancement, which we are now about to undertake; a measure, the novelty of which, alone, must greatly endanger its extensive reception, unless thus recommended by the ardent piety and well directed zeal of all concerned in it.

[A few practical remarks, addressed to the "unconverted," closed this discourse.]

THE END.