

and inculcate a spirit of love, of peace, and good will among men; and discountenance and condemn every feeling and action of a contrary character. But that sacred revelation does, in the most pointed and forcible manner, condemn all cowardice or indifference in regard to the avowal and promotion of truth and righteousness; and enjoins boldness and zealous activity in every mode in which those heavenly principles and virtues can be exhibited; and a patient and faithful endurance of every persecution and suffering to which such courageous faithfulness may give rise. The christian religion enjoins on its professors, "to quit themselves like men and be strong;"—"not to be overcome of evil;"—to go "without the camp, bearing the reproach of Christ;"—to "take the prophets for an example of suffering affliction and of patience;"—to "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ;" and even to "rejoice in tribulation," and where they were made partakers of Christ's sufferings."

These passages alone are quite sufficient to refute an old infidel slander against Christianity, which is here again put forth by this writer, under the depreciating language that "it would be difficult to prove from the New Testament that cowardice was not only disgraceful but sinful." He knew perfectly, that in accordance with the Scriptural exhortations and injunctions to courage, activity and endurance in the cause of truth, never throughout the history of our race, were there seen such magnanimous instances of boldness and patient endurance of the most tormenting agonies, as were exhibited by the early professors of Christianity, both male and female, and, in some instances, even by children, and the same in many later ages of the Church, and in different lands. The other defamatory insinuation, or rather charge, of the defect of the New Testament teaching, as to love of country, can be refuted with equal readiness and certainty. Patriotism, or love of country, does not consist in a weak or

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