

Science. The mode and spirit according to which these shall hereinafter be determined and regulated, will in the opinion of the Committee have a tendency to create for the descendants of the immediate Colonists a permanently healthy or a permanently vicious influence in the conduct of religious and educational affairs.

The Committee takes for granted that the Association and the Colonists can have but one common object in view, namely, to construct a sound and durable basis of religious and educational Administration, such as shall neither bear the marks of rude and hasty workmanship, nor contain within itself the germ of its own dissolution.

This is in effect one of the great objects for which the Canterbury Association was originally designed and founded. It can be accomplished only by mutual confidence, co-operation, unity of purpose, between the Association the Bishop and the Colonists; by a species of cautious and prudent legislation (so to say); looking mainly to the future rather than to the present; to the welfare of the Children of the Colonists ~~as~~ as much as to that of the Colonists themselves; by taking into account remote and even extreme contingencies; by a desire fully to provide for the spiritual and moral exigencies, not of an insignificant Community, but of a large and virtuous Colony.

Leaving regard to the efforts made by the Association and to the sacrifices submitted to by the Colonists in order to found a Colony
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