

Society, the compulsory separation, in places of worship, of the Coloured races from the white population."

2. "That on the receipt of letters from Vancouver's Island, communicating the disagreement which had arisen between Messrs. Clarke, and Macfie on this and other matters, there were circumstances which naturally led to the desire to avoid, at that time, direct and authoritative interference on the subjects in dispute; certain pointed questions, however, were sent to Mr. Macfie, under date of June 15th, (prior to the agitation of the matter in the public press), touching the arrangements adopted in his place of worship; on the receipt of the reply to which, the whole question will be reviewed, and definitely settled in harmony with the preceding Resolution."

The Committee have just received a communication from Mr. Macfie, in reply to the queries above referred to, in which the following sentence is found in respect to the arrangements made in his place of worship:—"If Negroes were pleased to give their attendance, they would be expected to take one side of the building, where they would be welcome to any unoccupied place they might choose, and where they would always find a number of whites sufficiently indifferent to the prejudice to sit in proximity to them."

From this quotation it is evident that there is a part of the Chapel from which the coloured population are excluded. To this exclusion the Committee decidedly object, as utterly at variance with the principles of the christian religion, as well as contrary to the usages adopted by their Agents in every part of the Colonial Empire where a mixture of the race is found.

This Committee, therefore, Resolve:—

"That the above arrangement must be immediately discontinued, and freedom of access secured to every part of the building to all persons, without distinction of colour. And that, in the event of this requirement not being complied with the connection of the Colonial Missionary Society with this Mission must cease and determine."

Signed by order of the Committee,

Committee Room, October 24th, 1860.

THOMAS JAMES,
Secretary.

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ANNUAL TEA-MEETING OF THE GUELPH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The above meeting was held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 30th. It was largely attended, chiefly by members of the Church and Congregation, the occasion being especially designed to promote acquaintance and social feeling among the worshippers in the same sanctuary.

Tea was served in the commodious school-room adjoining the chapel, and the repast over, several addresses were delivered in the chapel. After singing and prayer, the Pastor (Rev. W. F. Clarke) made some introductory remarks to the effect that meetings like the present were capable of being made not only entertaining but highly useful. They resembled, and might be said to be an improvement upon the *agapæ* or love-feasts of the primitive church. The *agapæ* were conducted somewhat on the pic-nic plan, each person or family bringing their own supply of food; but by making one general provision, we avoided some of the evils the reproof of which had employed the apostolic pen. Our tea-meetings were liable to abuse, chiefly in the way of undue lightness and gaiety. While it was our duty and privilege to be cheerful, we must not degenerate into frivolity.

This was not exactly an ordinary annual tea meeting. It was in some sort, a celebration of the nuptials of the church and pastor. It had been intended to hold it in connection with an Installation service, but various considerations had dictated for the present, a postponement of such a service. There seemed however, no good reason for postponing the tea meeting.