

earnestly implore you to pursue the things which make for peace. If there must be two places for Congregational worship, don't let them be antagonistic. God may smile upon and bless both, which it is our earnest prayer He may. I shall wait with great anxiety for your next communication.

Believe me to be yours, with sincere esteem,

THOS. JAMES.

P. S. We must depend on your stopping, as far as you can, the distribution of your "Circular."

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RESOLUTIONS.

That this Committee having perused the letters of the Rev. W. F. Clarke, and the Rev. M. Macfie of the date of the 25th and 24th October last, and seriously considered the subject therein remitted for their judgment, resolve as follows:—

First:—The Colonial Missionary Society is specially instituted "to promote Evangelical Religion among British and other European settlers and their descendants in the Colonies of Great Britain, in accordance with the doctrine and discipline of Independent or Congregational Churches."

Secondly:—It has never interfered with the usages of Society by its Agents where they have been located, or dictated to the Churches which have been gathered, but has left all parties free to act as under existing circumstances, they might judge necessary or expedient.

Thirdly:—As many of the Colonies are so distant from the Mother country that several months must elapse before a reply can be transmitted to any communication addressed to the Committee:—and as matters might arise that require immediate action, considerable discretion is necessarily vested in the Agents, in the expectation that should differences of opinion arise, the discussion of the matters in dispute would be conducted with discretion and charity.

Fourthly:—A serious difference of opinion having arisen between Messrs. Clarke and Macfie, relative to the promiscuous attendance in places of worship of Colored people with the Colonists, which, in the opinion of those on the spot, required that immediate action should be taken before seeking the judgment of the Committee, and which has led to the opening of a second place for public worship in the city of Victoria, this Committee are decidedly of opinion that each should have been allowed to pursue the course which he conscientiously believed to be right, without blame or opposition from the other, and, therefore, this Committee cannot but express their regret and disapprobation of the publication of a printed circular containing an *ex parte* statement of the case, copies of which have been addressed to, and received by parties in this country.

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REV. WILLIAM F. CLARKE TO REV. THOMAS JAMES, SEC. COL. MISS. SOCIETY.

*Victoria, Vancouver Island, March 30th, 1860.*

Rev. THOS. JAMES, Sec. Col. Miss. Society.

My dear Sir,—I duly received your letter of December 30, 1859, together with the series of resolutions accompanying it, a month ago. It is impossible for me to describe the mingled emotions of surprise, disappointment, and grief, awakened within me by the action of the Committee as thus officially reported. I have delayed replying, to give myself opportunity for the most mature deliberation, and now beg to submit to the Committee, through you, the results at which I have arrived.

Looking at the action of the Committee in the light in which you take pains to present it, nothing can be clearer than that my appeal on a great and important principle has been rejected:—my protest against a serious wrong dishonored. The declaration "we have expressed no opinion on the matter in dispute," is a distinct and unequivocal refusal on your part to sustain my appeal and protest.

It had been well were this the worst of it. But it is not. Several things both in the letter and resolutions, indicate too plainly that you have fully taken the