

SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER, &c.

On report of the Business Committee, it was unanimously

Resolved,—That we recommend to our Churches that the *last Thursday in February* be observed for united prayer for Colleges and Schools, that all learning may be sanctified in promoting the glory of Christ and the good of souls. It was also unanimously *Resolved*, That the Ministers of this Union be requested to preach on the subject of *Temperance* on the *third Sabbath of December*. Also, That the Churches and Ministers be recommended to observe the Second Sabbath of November as a day of special prayer for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on our land.

The Treasurer of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society, having asked the Union to join that Society in recommending, that the Canadian Churches take up a collection on its behalf, upon the *first Sabbath in August*, on motion, the Union concurred in this recommendation.

REV. W. F. CLARKE'S MISSION AGAIN.

Professor Cornish then reported, on behalf of the Committee appointed yesterday, the following resolution; which was carried unanimously:

Resolved,—That this Union regards the setting apart of a *negro corner in a place of worship*, as incompatible with the just and equal spirit of Christianity; that the Rev. W. F. Clarke, when a demand to that effect was made upon him, did right to set his face against it; that in so doing, he deserved the support of all his brethren; and therefore, whilst we are fully persuaded that the Committee of the Colonial Missionary Society sincerely hold, as they have before and since avowed, the principle herein asserted, we do deeply lament that they did not, in the reply to the appeal made to them in the matter, give a distinct and emphatic utterance to the said principle; and that, whether through misunderstanding between Mr. Clarke and them, or through indiscretion on the part of either, or both, the present unhappy result has attended the action of both parties in the matter of the British Columbian Mission.

At 11 A. M., the Union resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, in relation to the proposed changes in the constitution of the Missionary Society.

At 11.20 A. M., the Committee rose, and reported through Dr. Wilkes, recommending that the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Missionary Society, and the proposed re-construction of the Missionary Districts lie over till the next meeting of the Union.
—*Carried*.

Dr. Wilkes further reported in behalf of the Committee of the Whole, recommending sundry amendments in the constitution, and standing rules of the Union, which on motion, were severally adopted. The constitution and standing rules, as amended, were then confirmed. (For the amended form, see Appendix.)