

to be regretted that this wish has been disappointed through the precipitate departure of the Messrs. Ryerson, and by the hasty publication of their offensive pamphlet, this Committee nevertheless considers it right and useful to proceed as far as possible in its proposed endeavours to adopt such principles and arrangements as may prevent unseemly strife between two kindred religious bodies; and therefore agrees in the following principles as those which should be adopted and maintained in carrying into effect the dissolution of the Union, viz.:

"1. To fall back upon the *status quo*, as it existed immediately before the formation of the Union; including the actual occupation, by missionaries in connexion with the British Conference, of Kingston, Toronto, and the St. Clair Mission, and including also the GENERAL RIGHT which the British Conference possessed before the Union, and with which the Canadian Conference, in the interval between its separation from the Methodists of the United States' Connexion and its union with us, had no power of interference, of establishing Missions wherever there should be found great spiritual destitution among Settlers or Indians, or of extending our work wherever there is what the Wesleyan Missionary Committee may deem necessity and a sufficient call of duty.

"2. To retain those Missionary Establishments among destitute Settlers or Indians, which have been formed since the Union, or which have been to a considerable extent supported by the funds of the Wesleyan Missionary Society.

"3. In the exercise of the rights thus claimed, to avoid any needless and vexatious division of the Societies in connexion with the Upper Canadian Conference, or the doing of any thing in a spirit of strife and contention; and to maintain as fully as possible an amicable and christian relation and deportment towards the Members and Societies of the Upper Canadian Conference.

"That, in conformity with the principles above mentioned, this Committee recommends,—and in this recommendation it has the entire concurrence of the Wesleyan Missionary Committee,—that the following Stations be retained, as having been occupied previously to the Union, viz. Kingston, Toronto, and the St. Clair Mission; and that the following stations be occupied by us on the ground that they are Missionary Establishments which, in their present localities, have been commenced under the direction of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, or on which its funds have been largely expended, viz. Alderville, including the Manual Labour School for Indian children, established and supported by us, Goderich, Warwick and Adelaide, Barrie and Coldwater, Guelph and Amherstburgh.

"N.B. The Station at Lake Superior, being included in the general arrangement into which the Missionary Society has entered with the Honourable Hudson's Bay Company, will, of course, be continued under the direction of the General Superintendent of our Missions in the Western District of Canada.

"Finally, That this Committee cannot conclude its present deliberations without devoutly imploring the blessing of Almighty God on the christian labours which shall hereafter be pursued in the British Dominions of North America, whether by the British Conference in the United Province of Canada, in Nova