

## THE EVENING TEA MEETING.

In the evening a tea-meeting was held in Zion Chapel. There was a good attendance. Mr. Gray, who has for some time past ministered to the church assembling in the chapel the word of life, occupied the chair, the duties of which he discharged with great acceptance. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Melville, that indispensable thing tea, and its appendages, were supplied to the company. After the outward man had been sufficiently attended to, food for the mind was spread out and pressed on the acceptance of the audience, in the shape of addresses on important subjects.

**CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS:** There are two reasons why I love meetings such as this one is. Man is a social being, God made him so. Fishes go in shoals: cattle herd together; man is no less social than they. We ought to be thankful to him, from whom all our blessings flow, that we can meet together in such comfortable circumstances. There is war on the other side of the lake. We are at peace and sit under our own vine and fig tree, none daring to make us afraid. The other reason why I love such meetings is, we are pilgrims to eternity and need something for our souls. We are gathered together to listen to important addresses from the brethren around me, on this platform. Hence the importance of hearing the truth and believing it. I trust the addresses to be delivered to you, to night will do you all good. I request your attention to them. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear."

The chairman then called on Dr. JOSEPH HOWSON of Toronto to address the meeting.

**Dr. Howson's Address:** I have great pleasure in meeting you all to-night. I am pleased with the town of Guelph; the evident enterprise of its inhabitants. This meeting carries me back to the days of my boyhood, when I attended such meetings twenty years ago. I do not know how you do here, but in the north of England we used to let the children in at half price. Children will remember such meetings in the years of their after life with gladness. Some have been opposed to tea-meetings. But such times have gone by; we may get happiness in connection with them; and not only so, but we may use them to advance the cause of Christ, to point men to Christ as the only Saviour. I do not mean to touch on theological points. Let me however say this, that Christianity makes a demand on every human being. "My son give me thine heart" is the request which God makes of men. It is right in God to demand this. He knows what is best for us. And it is when we give God our hearts that we are restored to God, and happiness and holiness. It is a great truth that Christ appeared in the end of the world to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. He made atonement for all. We must not limit the divine goodness. God so loved the world, that he gave his Son to die for us. Christ gave himself a ransom for all. Hence we should obey the command, Repent and believe the gospel; and when we do so we give God our hearts. Thus are we brought back to God and restored to his likeness. Religion is not a melancholy thing. It was never designed to make our pleasures less. It gives peace—peace which the world cannot take away.—Again, we believe in present salvation. We need not go