

NEGRO CHURCH IS BASIS OF PROTEST.

South Nashville Citizens Up in Arms Against Such Action.

At a mass meeting of citizens of South Nashville held at the Central Baptist church last night resolutions protesting against a negro church in a white community, resisting any encroachment by undesirable into this territory, condemning certain real estate agents in decrying that section and urging the South Nashville Improvement club to keep up its work of clearing that section of the city were adopted. The meeting was largely attended and very enthusiastic, and the determination shown was an indication that this section of Nashville will improve in the future even more than the past.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. P. Harvill, and R. A. Halley was elected secretary, and the first matter considered was the report from Chairman Verner Tolmie of the committee appointed to take up the matter of establishing a negro church in a white community. Mr. Tolmie reported that his committee had taken the matter up with the property owners and the real estate agents, and that they had succeeded in having the trade declared off with practically no trouble.

Harmony prevailed on all sides and every one was present for the same purpose, that of improving South Nashville, and talks on various sides of this work were made by O. J. Timothy, Ed Wright, Dr. J. R. Gunn, Dr. H. T. King, Dr. Skinner, J. J. Wright and others. All present were urged to join the South Nashville Improvement league and assist this organization in their work of bettering South Nashville.