

Surely the Church, with full knowledge of its opportunity, would feel a sense of its duty to the race—"the Gospel to every creature." "

Governments and Missions—Resolutions.

Chinese Exclusion.

" *Whereas*, The United States for over fifty years has maintained treaty relations with China, guaranteeing protection to American citizens in China, establishing full toleration from the Chinese Government for the Christian religion, and regulating American commercial relations with the people of that country,

And *Whereas*, Both the Scott Bill of 1888 and the Geary Bill of 1892 have glaringly violated the different treaties of 1842, 1860, 1868, and 1880, first by forbidding Chinese laborers visiting their native land to return to this, contrary to the express stipulations of the treaty of 1880, and secondly by enacting a variety of restrictions and penalties for the Chinese already residing within the territory of the United States, contrary to the treaty of 1880, which expressly states that all Chinese in the United States shall be subject to the same favors, privileges, exemptions, and immunities accorded to the most favored nation.

Therefore, *Resolved*, 1. That this Union desires to place on record its strong protestation to the policy of breaking a national contract, and also to the unjust and unfriendly features in the laws now in force regarding Chinese immigration, and especially concerning those Chinese who are already resident in the United States.

Resolved, 2. That this Union would most respectfully petition the Executive and Legislature of the nation to repeal the present law, and enact such a new law as will either harmonize with the treaties made in the past with China, or, if desirable, with a new treaty agreed upon and duly ratified by both governments.

And *Resolved*, 3. That a standing committee of two be appointed to represent this Union in endeavoring to secure in every possible way such legislative action as will be alike creditable to the Christian character of our nation, respectful to China, and beneficial to all American interests in that land.

Concerning Protection in Turkey.

Viewing with alarm the persecution of our fellow-missionaries and other fel-

low-Christians by the Turkish Government in the region of Marsovan and other places, while all Roman Catholic missions and missionaries are undisturbed,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That we ask our Government to secure to the imperilled American missionaries in Turkey "the rights and privileges of the most favored nations," constructively accorded them by treaty.

Resolved, 2. That we ask the attention of our Government to the well-known fact that Christian testimony is of no value before Mohammedan judges, and that in all important cases the most acceptable testimony of every kind, written and verbal, can be obtained for money by the powerful party.

Resolved, 3. That we petition our Government to unite with other Protestant Christian governments to secure the safety of the Christian subjects of the Porte in Asia Minor.

Persecutions in the Caroline Islands.

Whereas, The American Board Mission has spent forty years in the attempt to civilize and Christianize the natives of the Caroline Islands, and has met with great success in the prosecution of its work; and

Whereas, Six years ago the Spanish Government, on taking possession of the islands, entered upon a systematic persecution of the missionaries and the native Christians, and obstructed by arbitrary and brutal measures the progress of their peaceful and humane work; and

Whereas, The officials of said government have deprived the missionaries of their rights as American citizens; rights which, according to the great principle enunciated by Webster, they are entitled to in common with all others of their fellow-countrymen, have driven them from the islands, and robbed them of the property which was decreed to them in the presence of a United States official by the native chiefs; and

Whereas, Though our Government has formally protested against the wrong done these, its citizens, and demanded that the guarantees of religious liberty given by the Spanish Government as to the rights and property of the missionaries be made good, no substantial redress has yet been obtained; therefore

Resolved, That we respectfully call upon our Government to take more vigorous measures than it has yet taken to redress the great wrongs to which these, its citizens, have been subjected, and to strengthen the hands of its representatives abroad by giving them such