

MEMORIAL.

To Blue River Quarterly Meeting.

There appeared in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, on or about the fifth of this month, a call to all associations of people,—religious, moral, social or political, signed by a number of prominent and influential men of Chicago, reciting that in view of the recent unpleasant misunderstandings between this country and Great Britain, and the further fact that the great mass of the people of both countries are in favor of peace, and oppose war, that these associations get together at their accustomed places of worship on or near the 22nd of this month (Washington's birthday), and take action on the proposition to establish a permanent Court of Arbitration for the two countries, and that they transmit the result of their action to Dr. William C. Gray, 69 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. As a basis of such action by the Quarterly Meeting,* we would suggest the following :

1st Do we, as a branch of the Religious Society of Friends, wish the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, by formal treaty, to establish arbitration as the method of concluding all differences between the two powers ?

2nd. What is our opinion of war as a mode of deciding controversies between the United States and Great Britain ?

To the President of the United States.

On this 22nd day of the second month, a national holiday, observed by the patriotic people of our country, in fitting remembrance of the birth of the first President of the United States, we deem it appropriate that this meeting, representing the Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends,

*This paper was presented to the Quarter, examined by a Committee appointed for the purpose and in accord with their judgment, submitted to the Philanthropic Committee as being in the line of its work, rather than of the meetings, and following its reading, the accompanying memorial was adopted.

shall voice its approval of the establishment of a judicial tribunal, to which all international difficulties may be submitted for settlement by arbitration.

We feel that we cannot too strongly urge that the time has fully arrived, when all thought of war, arising from misunderstandings between nations, shall be forever banished, and that through and by means of arbitration, whatever difficulties may arise shall be speedily adjusted, and that such procedure shall be sustained, as being in accordance with the dictates of reason, good judgment, wise discretion, and in consonance with the teaching of Christianity ; thus believing, we petition that measures may be adopted, as speedily as possible, to establish such a Court of Arbitration.

Signed on behalf of the Committee for Philanthropic Labor of Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends, held near Holder, McLean Co., Ill., this 22nd day of second month, 1896.

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ALLEN J. FLITCRAFT,

Chairman.

“ Aaron and Hur represent the principles of faith and truth. These are the ministers of God in the soul—the only principle that can aid and support the sinking, desponding mind in the time of spiritual warfare. The hands of Moses being firmly sustained till the going down of the sun, signifies that such elevation of man's inward powers and gifts, both of reason and freedom, of thought and will, must be perseveringly maintained till the state of spiritual conflict is terminated. Then our enemies being relinquished, we shall build, like the triumphant and grateful Israelites of old, the altar of true spiritual worship in our hearts inscribing it with the holy name, ‘Jehovah Nissi,’ in acknowledgment that all power to resist evil, to do good, comes from the Lord alone.”—*Edward Madeley.*

Nothing is useless to a man of sense ; he turns everything to account.