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WORLD'S CONVENTION TO DEFINE AND PROMULGATE A PERFECT AND UNIVERSAL RELIGION.

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A FEW evenings since, as I was walking up one of the main streets of Tokio, I encountered an experience not soon to be forgotten. My companion, who was the American Minister to the Mikado's court, was pointing out to me at a considerable distance a large hall, called the Meiji Kuaido, and explaining that though now belonging to the Government, it was originally built in a spirit of opposition to Christian missions, and was designed to be a kind of headquarters for all who wished to rehabilitate the old religions, or in any way oppose the spread of the Christian faith. While he was narrating some incidents connected with it we came nearer and nearer, but soon found our further progress blocked by an altogether unprecedented crowd of people, evidently made up of the most diverse nationalities. It filled not only the approaches to the building, but also the whole street for some distance in front and on either side. Upon inquiry we learned that a convention of quite unusual interest was in progress, and that all these people whom the building could not contain were waiting to learn what they could of the progress of the deliberations within. One man kindly showed us a copy of the call under which the convention had been brought together. At its top I read these words: "World's Convention for the Definition and Promulgation of a Perfect and Universal Religion."