

were steps taken to properly carry out the regulations referred to much of the evil afflicting China would be dissipated. He added that although the question of Anti-Opium Remedies had not come before the Governments of the Eastern Colonies to any extent, they had, nevertheless, already recognised the necessity for restricting the use of Opium in that connection.

Continuing, the Rt. Hon. gentleman observed that the evils arising from the use of Morphine had been most terrible in their effect. An Agreement, which would soon be in force, had, however, been recently made with China for prohibiting the movement of Morphia, and he trusted it would have the effect which all persons interested in that question desired. He repeated the opinion of the British Delegation that the Commission was not formed in such a way as to admit the investigation in a practical manner of the medical phases of the Opium question by any Committee that might be selected, but he thought that he might take the opportunity of suggesting to the different Delegates that the matter be brought directly and promptly under the notice of their respective Governments, who would alone be able to appoint competent Committees and to make enquiries likely to effect the object in view. It was not a question which could be settled locally, but one that should be dealt with by the great scientific Institutions of the Western and Eastern worlds. The appointment of the Committee suggested by Mr T'ang would hamper rather than promote any such investigation. He would therefore conclude by submitting to the Commission the following Amendment to the Resolution, and in the event of its adoption he would, at the proper time, ask that it might be included among the formal resolutions which would be ultimately drawn up by the Commission:-

"That, having regard to the constitution of this Commission,  
"which has not among its Members a sufficient number to form a  
"Committee for the investigation from the scientific point of  
"view of Anti-Opium Remedies and of the properties and effects  
"of Opium and its products, the Commission desires that each  
"Delegation shall recommend these branches of the subject to its  
"own Government for such action as that Government may think  
"necessary."

Dr.