

the territory; the equal rights of the missionaries of religion in its various forms; and equal privilege and protection of law to citizens and strangers of all nations migrating to or resident within the countries embraced within its provisions." That is the broadest palladium of liberty ever thrown over a continent, and the fifteen great signatory powers of the world, including the Grand Sultan of Turkey, all armed to the teeth, proclaimed this for the African Congo basin!

Rev. J. Kistler writes to us to say that the Lutheran Mission at Muhlenburg, Liberia, is conducted as an industrial school. The young people educated at the mission marry and locate near the mission. To each married couple is given ten acres of ground, and help is given to them to erect a house. There is quite a colony settled in the neighborhood of the mission.

Miss Anna A. Gordon, for sixteen years Miss Willard's travelling companion and helper, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick, for twenty years a missionary in San Sebastian, Spain. On July 21st Miss Gordon organized the younger pupils of her sister's International Institute for the Higher Education of Girls into a Loyal Temperance Legion auxiliary to the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union. This is the first white ribbon society in Spain. Miss Gordon has now rejoined Lady Henry Somerset and Miss Willard in Switzerland.

Among the results of the Parliament of Religions these may be noted: No anti-Christian faith has offered to lay its sacred scriptures beside the Bible for comparison; no contrasted creed, however it may boast of righteousness, has proposed a single new ethical conception not found in Christianity; no philosophy has offered to us a nobler

conception of God than that we have obtained from the Old and New Testaments; no hope richer and more consoling has been suggested than the hope of an immortality of holiness; and no religion has presented to us a record of such continuous and tender self-sacrifice as that of the Christian believer. And it is especially noticeable that most of the men who eulogized alien faiths were those who personally owed their intellectual quickening and their morals both to contact with Christianity.—*The Interior.*

Anti-Foreign Sentiment in China.

A correspondent from Foochow, China, writes us as follows:

"Things are very uneasy in Central China. All up the Yangtsi the country is in a ferment. Officials are unfriendly, and the people, instigated by the literati, are crying for the extermination of all foreigners. The murder of the two Swedish missionaries has been followed by the strongest anti-foreign placards yet printed, and these are said to have their origin with some very high officials. The *cetra* triennial examinations are on, and I fear trouble. We have 3000 students here now and half as many attendants, making in all 12,000 strangers in the city from all parts of this province and Chekiang and Formosa. I do not anticipate any trouble here, but expect you will hear from other parts of the empire news of a very startling character. A native paper in Shanghai advocates retaliation against Americans, and the high authorities in Peking have refused admission of American machinery at Shanghai; and the American Minister, Denby, backed by all the other ministers, is having some spicy correspondence with the *Tsung Li yamen* on the subject. The action of the Chinese authorities excludes all foreign machinery, not only American, unless owned and to be used by Chinese."