

at The Hague to vindicate the methods of peace and to promote arbitration in the affairs of nations; and we desire to record our conviction that the conflicts inevitably arising from race prejudice, from commercial rivalry, and from competing trade-interests, can best be brought to an end by a resolute use of arbitration and similar methods.\*

The service of man demands that we should vigorously support efforts to cut off the occasions of stumbling which bring thousands of lives to disaster. Such a purpose dictates our Resolution on the subject of Opium, in which we express our hearty sympathy with all that Governments and individuals are attempting for the abatement of that great evil.†

In like manner the growth and expansion of the liquor traffic in West Africa, to the infinite detriment of its peoples, seems to us to be an evil which calls imperatively for redress.‡

No one can watch the life of our day without noting many gigantic forces of evil active among us, of which intemperance, impurity and gambling are signal examples. Some of these have been the subjects of detailed treatment by earlier Conferences; others may be dealt with by those that follow. But we are persuaded that we shall not strengthen the moral witness of the Church by attempting to deal cursorily on each occasion with all, even of the most important subjects. We only desire to make it evident that if we must perforce omit many subjects of ever pressing importance, it is not through inadvertence, or because we are not zealous to encourage those whom we address to unremitting and prayerful efforts in combating the manifold forces of evil which are working havoc in the human life around us.

In the next set of Resolutions we have dealt with matters which, though more limited in their range, are

\*Resolution 52. †Resolution 51. ‡Resolution 50.