

instructions as will clearly indicate to the Government of Spain that further delay in the settlement of the questions at issue will not be tolerated.

*Liquor, etc., in New Hebrides.*

The International Missionary Union, convened at Clifton Springs, realizing the terrible evils connected with the Kanaka traffic and the introduction of fire-arms, gunpowder, and intoxicating drinks into the islands of the New Hebrides, very respectfully petition the Government of the United States to use its influence, and to unite in co-operation with the Christian governments of Europe in their efforts to suppress this traffic, attended with such cruelties and involving such demoralizing wretchedness to the people of those islands, just emerging from barbarism into the light of a Christian civilization.

*The Stundists,*

*Resolved,* That this Union hereby express its sympathy with the religious sects in Russia known as the Stundists, Mennonites, and Molokins, in the severe persecutions to which they are being subjected by the Government of that country, and to request in their behalf the prayers of our Lord's disciples of every nation and communion.

*Government Connection with Vice in India.*

The following resolution, moved by Rev. Dr. George Douglas, of Montreal, and seconded by Rev. J. McCarthy, of Toronto, was unanimously adopted:

This International Missionary Union, composed of citizens of Great Britain and the United States, has repeatedly denounced the opium traffic of India; and the peculiarly obnoxious legislation in the matter of intoxicating liquors, as well as that known as the Contagious Disease Acts of the local Government of India, as disastrous to the interests of morals and missions in India and China; and it now reaffirms its former declarations and petitions to all in authority in the premises; and asks Christians throughout the world to pray for the removal of these deplorable obstacles to evangelization, and the best interests of mankind; and further solemnly pledges its moral support to any policy or measure which will tend to the speedy or immediate abolition of these appalling evils.

*Sabbath Desecration by the Columbian Exposition.*

*Resolved,* 1. That in the judgment of this Conference the Congress and Executive Government of the United States

deserve the commendation of all Christian people for their action in favor of closing the gates of the Columbian Exhibition on the first day of the week.

2. That we deplore the example of bad faith exhibited by the local directors in first accepting the money grant from the treasury of the United States and complying with the condition of closing the gates on Sunday, and subsequently violating that condition, thereby outraging Christian public sentiment in abolishing all distinction of days in the week in regard to requirement of labor and allowing of amusements. This action we condemn as at war with the time-honored institution of the American Sabbath, and as exemplifying a decadence of moral sentiment sadly in contrast with that expressed in the conducting of the National Exposition of 1876 at Philadelphia, when the gates were kept closed on the Lord's Day.

*World's Missionary Congress.*

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*Rev. W. M. Barrows, D.D., Chairman, etc., Chicago:*

DEAR SIR: Your letter of May 25th and its enclosures addressed to the members of the International Missionary Union have been presented to the Conference now in session at Clifton Springs. We thank you for the information thus communicated and the invitation to co-operation which is thus given.

In response to your request we shall be happy to do what we can to aid a general observance of Sunday, Oct. 1st, as a Missionary Sunday throughout the world.

We cannot but be deeply interested in the object of the proposed Congress of Missions. We wish it success in accomplishing the great benefit to true religion and the world's evangelization, which is its design. As representing evangelical missions of different nationalities and churches in all parts of the unevangelized world, we cannot but desire to co-operate in all proper ways for the ends which it has been hoped that the Congress of Missions to be convened in Chicago may do much to advance.

We do not doubt your entire accord and sympathy with us in respect to the deplorable cause which will keep many excellent Christian people from executing their previous purpose to visit Chicago this summer. What may occur before the time of the meeting of the proposed Congress of Missions, and what change of views on the part of in-