

starving Russian peasantry, we ask permission to put before your readers a practical and direct way of meeting the distress.

"An organization has been at work for some time collecting subscriptions for transmission to Count Leo Tolstoi. The Society of Friends are also collecting subscriptions for the Famine Fund; and, in order to prevent overlapping, we propose to act in concert with a committee of the Society, whose delegates have just returned from the famine-stricken districts, and who will make a second journey to Russia in order to personally distribute whatever money may be collected. A part of the money will be handed to Count Tolstoi for the relief of those districts with which he is in immediate contact. In other districts relief will be administered by the Society of Friends.

"(Signed) MONKSWELL

"GILBERT COLERIDGE, Hon. Treas.

"PELHAM M. HILL, Secretary."

English Friends have already raised £2000 for aid in Russia, but much more will be needed. Remittances may be forwarded to Friends' Russian Famine Account, care of J. Gurney Barclay, 54 Lombard street, E. C., London, England.—*Friends' Review*.

THE WORLD'S FAIR AS A RUMSHOP.

The great World's Fair is to go into the liquor business. The products of the vat and the still are to be sold by the side of those of the mill and the loom, and the visitor will not need to go into any disreputable and dangerous places to study the results of the American saloon. These results are to be displayed on the Fair grounds, and schooners of lager, ponies of brandy, glasses of whiskey and bottles of wine are to be dealt out as freely as cups of coffee or tea, and glasses of milk or lemonade. The local directory of the Fair has decided that the Government of the United States, and

of every State and Territory, shall thus go into the liquor business.

The Fair is to go into the liquor business for the profit there is in it. This is the reason that "Billy" McGlory and every other keeper of a "dive" or rumshop or beer saloon goes into it. It is not because the business is necessary, or desirable, or helpful, or reputable; but because it pays. That is why the World's Fair is to go into it. It wants the money that liquor dealers will pay for the privilege that comes from carrying on this disreputable business on the Fair grounds.

The Fair is to go into business as a drunkard-maker. The liquors which are to be offered under its auspices are those which make every saloon an enemy of human kind. Under the sanction of the directors they have on the Fair grounds the same fell power over body and brain, over manly virtue, noble aspirations and humane impulses as in the corner groggery. Because such are the inevitable results of the liquor business, it is everywhere branded as infamous. The Fair is to be a special patron of this infamous business.

The Fair wants a share of the revenue of this infamous business for its large expenses. For pity's sake, is this country so poor that it cannot hold a great Fair without calling in the saloon keeper to help raise the means? Congress has voted \$5,000,000, Chicago has given \$10,000,000, the States have appropriated millions more; gate-money is to be collected; other sources of income are available—is it possibly we cannot scrape enough together for expenses without taking blood-money, or turning our one weekly sacred rest day into a day of traffic? Congress is to be asked for more; why not ask it for enough to cover the cost?

The Fair is to be a World's Fair; it is to be a magnificent exhibit of the products and inventions of civilization; it is to be a celebration by the two hemispheres of the discovery of this