

# WORLD'S U. S. CONVENTION STANDS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Broad-Minded and Influential Representatives From Thirty Countries Unanimously Declare for World Brotherhood and the Abolition of Race Prejudice in Great International Assemblage at Tokyo.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED MANIFEST THE RIGHT SPIRIT

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Tokyo, Japan.—The eighth and greatest session of the World's Sunday School Convention, now about to close, is being held in Tokio, Japan. It was brought to the Orient to stimulate Christian activities in the Orient, but every dark race has received wonderful benefits from its session, not only by being represented, but the world's great speakers and religious leaders have not hesitated to openly and forcefully speak against race prejudice and hatred at every opportunity.

Two of the world's greatest pulpitters, one from America and one from England, brought tremendous applause from the vast audience which packed the Imperial theatre in Tokyo, when the American said: "This is no place for the recognition or display of race bickerings or prejudices," and the very next evening the English clergyman stated: "The world is bleeding from the wounds of war and these briars and thorn trees of hypocrisy and race hatred must be rooted up so the myrtle and fir tree of brotherly love and Christian zeal may unitedly bring in the Great Physician that these wounds may be healed."

I have never before seen a gathering made up of the Christian leaders of all the world who unflinchingly champion the causes of right, which many others deftly sidetrack, and

have their words received with such approval, as at this convention.

### Strikes New Keynotes.

If this convention is striking new keynotes and chords for the future as it has done in the past, there is a new day dawning for the Negro. One man here attending the convention is personally supporting thirteen missionaries in Africa, and I might say he is a business man from one of the southern states. A man from Alabama very cordially accepted an introduction to me and with much interest inquired concerning the work of the A. M. E. church. We had previously exchanged other courtesies, not knowing the identity of each other.

The convention, representing thirty or more nations, went on record as standing for racial equality, voting unanimously for the adoption of resolutions presented by Dr. Cole Poole of London, England, embodying the principles of world brotherhood on a platform of international policy and faith. The resolutions are as follows:

"We, the delegates of the World's Eighth Sunday School Convention, in conference assembled in Tokyo, Japan, representing thirty countries and 30,000,000 officers, teachers and scholars, affirm the following proposition embodying the principles of world brotherhood, with special reference to international relationships:

"1. We affirm an unshaken belief in the solidarity of the human race, and further affirm our conviction that any conception of racial or national integrity that ignores this basic fact imperils the security of the world.

"2. We record our appreciation of every movement that makes for a deepening sense of mutual indebtedness and obligation among the nations, and likewise deplore every action that makes for misunderstanding, discord and dissension.

"3. We attest our confidence in the practicability of a world brotherhood and hold that fealty to the principle of the common good is more cohesive than mere similarity in customs, habits and manners.

"4. We maintain that any national or international policy that seems to discriminate in the treatment of nations and races engenders bitterness and is subversive to the best interests of mankind and inimical to the peace of the world.

"5. We believe that all national or international problems are solvable and all international difficulties adjustable if dealt with in a spirit of dignified tolerance, noble conciliation and Christian forbearance, and that Christian altruism must take the place of enlightened self-interest in the settlement of all international contentions.

"6. We record our conviction that brotherhood must be vitalized so as to have a direct relation to the Kingdom of God. A passion for righteousness is the moral minimum with which international relations can be safeguarded. World brotherhood requires an international consciousness. This can only be acquired through the unlimited expansion of our own personality. The spacious world mind can come only through fellowship with Him who is at once Son of God and son of man.

"7. We call the nations to heed the warning given by the present world chaos and to deliberately refrain from taking any provocative national action that would wound national honor discount national prestige, or be of such a character as to create suspicions, resentment or revenge.

"8. Finally, we assert our unalterable conviction that nothing in this world is settled until it is settled right. We hold that spiritual sanctions must have a place in life and that moral mandates must increasingly exercise their power in controlling the conduct of mankind. With unflinching trust and high resolve, we pledge our allegiance to these principles and dedicate our lives to their speedy realization throughout all the earth."

DELAWARE'S POPULATION SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 25.—Delaware's Negro population has fallen off during the past decade according to figures just returned by the national census bureau. There are 30,341 Negroes in the state. This is 1.8 per cent lower than the figures of the 1910 census.

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