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Hon. John W. Foster.
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MISSIONARIES' VIEW OF THE SITUATION OF JAPAN.

The following resolutions have been signed by 110 of the most prominent male missionaries, representing more than twenty American Christian organizations and residing in all sections of this empire.

While we, as missionaries, have nothing to do with questions of national economies and international politics, yet in matters affecting the mutual good will of nations, we, as messengers of God's universal Fatherhood and man's universal Brotherhood, are peculiarly interested, and, as Americans now residing in Japan, we feel bound to do all that is in our power to remove misunderstandings and suspicions which are tending to interrupt the long standing friendship between this nation and our own.

Hence, we, the undersigned, wish to bear testimony to the sobriety, sense of international justice, and freedom from aggressive designs exhibited by the great majority of the Japanese people and to their faith in the trational justice and equity of the United States. Moreover, we desire to place on record our profound appreciation of the kind treatment which we experience at the hands of both government and people; our belief that the alleged 'belligerent attitude' of the Japanese does not represent the real sentiments of the nation; and our ardent hope that local and spasmodic misunderstandings may not be allowed to affect in the slightest degree the natural and historic friendship of the two neighbors on opposite sides of the Pacific.

With entire confidence in the wisdom and justice of the Japanese and American Governments in dealing with the causes of irritation between citizens of the two countries, we earnestly pray that their efforts to maintain peace and good will may be supported by all patriotic citizens and may be crowned with success.

(Names omitted.)

