

Government felt upon learning of the sympathetic solicitude with which the happy initiative of the United States was received, was increased when informed that the American Powers had all agreed to select the capital of Mexico as the seat of the next Assembly.

In thanking Your Excellency most heartily for the amiable invitation which you have been pleased to address to me, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Republic of Hayti will take pleasure in being represented at the International American Conference, which is to meet in Mexico on the 22nd of October 1901.

I avail myself of this opportunity to offer to Your Excellency the assurances of my high consideration.

—(Signed) *B. Victor*.

To His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Relations of the United States of Mexico.—Mexico.

HONDURAS.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.—Tegucigalpa, October 11, 1901.—Mr. Minister: I have had the honor of receiving the interesting dispatch of Your Excellency, dated August 13th ultimo, in which, by the direction of His Excellency the President of the United States of Mexico, you are pleased to invite the Government of this Republic to send Delegates to the Second International American Conference, which will meet in the City of Mexico on October 22nd, 1901.

By direction of the President of the Republic, I take pleasure in communicating to Your Excellency, that this Government, recognizing the importance of the proposed Congress, which is conclusively demonstrated by the able dispatch of Your Excellency, accepts the invitation which has been extended to it, and it will appoint in due time the Delegate or Delegates, who are to represent it at the said International American Conference.

I consider it proper to indicate to Your Excellency, that the Government of Honduras, upon learning through the Minister of the United States of America, resident in Guatemala, of the resolutions of the representatives of the American nations at Washington, accepted at once the designation of the City of Mexico, as the most appropriate place for the assembling of the Conference.

I beg to offer to Your Excellency my grateful appreciation for the copies of the pamphlet which contains the Programme of the different matters to be acted upon at the said Conference.

Availing myself of this occasion, I beg to offer to Your Excellency the assurances of my most distinguished consideration, subscribing myself, Your Excellency's obedient servant.—(Signed) *Cesar Bonilla*.

To His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of the United States of Mexico.

NICARAGUA.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.—National Palace.—Managua, October 15th, 1900.—Mr. Minister: I have brought to the notice of the President of the Republic, the important note of Your Excellency of August 15th. ultimo, in which you manifest in elevated terms the sentiments of Americanism which animate your Government, I allude especially to the Circular of the Government of the

United States of America, in which it is proposed to hold a Second International American Conference, as soon as practicable, similar to the one held in the year 1889, but in some other capital of the New World, other than as heretofore, the City of Washington.

Your Excellency is pleased to refer to the conversation of the Mexican Ambassador with the Honorable Secretary of State of the United States, in which the latter indicated the satisfaction with which his Government would regard the fact that the City of Mexico be selected as an appropriate place for the proposed Assembly.

Your Excellency is pleased to inform this Government, that in reply to the suggestion of the Foreign Office of the United States you had stated in the name of the President that, if the majority of the interested Republics, selected Mexico as the seat of the Conference, it would be a cause of great pleasure to his Government, which would appreciate as a high honor the visit of the Delegates that the Latin American Republics should send, the selection of any other city for the gathering of the Conference in no manner detracting from the high appreciation in which was held the thought of such selection.

Your Excellency having stated what is expected from the Conference in its far-reaching results for the progress of the Latin race and the triumph of universal Justice, is pleased to invite this Government to send Delegates to the Second International American Conference, which is to meet in Mexico October 22 1901.

My Government considers with great satisfaction the invitation of the enlightened Government of Your Excellency, and with the sentiment of perfect American fraternity accepts the idea expressed by the majority of the representatives of Latin America at Washington.

My Government, accepts therefore, with satisfaction the project of a Second International American Conference on the date proposed, to be held at the important capital of the elder sister of the New Latin-American World, in which our Delegates will, without any doubt, meet with a cordial reception.

The magnificent results which the International Conference will contribute to the cause of Law and Liberty in the New World are surely not unknown to my Government, which is aware that the final triumph of American Fraternity rests mainly in the hands of the Governments therein represented.

To further ends so laudable and of such universal interest, this Government will bring with pleasure the small contingent which is demanded by the North American Foreign Office and by that of your historic country, well knowing that great causes require the concurrence of all vital elements, be they great or small.

There will go all our Americanism and with it the brightest aims in behalf of the fraternity of the peoples, which, at a not remote time, shall be called upon to be the actors in the greatest conquests of the human mind.

This Government reserves to itself the pleasure of appointing in due season its Delegates to the Second Conference, which is to meet in Mexico on October 22nd, 1901.

With the expression of my highest and distinguished consideration, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Your Excellency's most obedient servant.

The Secretary of Encouragement, in charge of the Department of Foreign Affairs.—(Signed) *L. Ramirez M.*—To His Excellency the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United States of Mexico.

BOLIVIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND PUBLIC CULT.—No. 165.—La Paz, November 20, 1900.—Mr. Minister: I have been honored by the esteemed communication of Your Excellency, of the 15th of August ultimo, in which you are pleased to inform me that the Mexican Ambassador, as well as the other American Representatives at Washington, have received a Circular from the Government of the United States, in which it proposes the assembling of a Second International American Conference, similar to the one which took place in 1899, but this time not in that city, but in some other capital of the New World.

Your Excellency is pleased to state that the Honorable Secretary of State of the United States intimated to the Mexican Ambassador that his Government would be pleased if the City of Mexico were selected for the proposed assemblage; that the Government of Your Excellency, upon learning of this proposal, manifested, in the name of His Excellency the President of Mexico, that if the majority of the interested Governments should select Mexico, the visit of the Delegates of the sister Republics of America would be appreciated as a high honor, but that if any other city should be selected, the Mexican Government would with pleasure send its Delegates to the place selected.

Your Excellency states that the majority of the American representatives at Washington, obeying the instructions of their respective governments, have selected the Capital of Mexico for the object indicated, which selection Your Excellency considers as an evidence of great esteem and of fraternal sentiments.

Your Excellency is pleased to state the object of this assembly of such well-known importance, and the transcendental aim of which was fully explained in 1899, by the terms of its convocation, by the minutes of the sessions held and by the numerous publications to which it gave rise.

Your Excellency states, that the next conference cannot discuss each and every one of the matters included in the programme, but that however few the decisions arrived at by the Conference may be, their faithful observance will constitute many steps on the road to harmony between the nations, and will serve as examples to the rest, showing them true human fraternity.

Your Excellency observes, that although pessimists might declare useless any efforts directed towards the realization of the predominance of justice and the proscription of force, it must be admitted that the constant assertion of sound theories will in the end establish such a powerful sentiment that the most firmly rooted abuses will be destroyed thereby; that in an assemblage like the one proposed the sympathies of language, race and political institutions will be strengthened; that without any desire to form a separate world, and without forgetting that we have received our civilization from Europe, the fact must be recognized that in America there exist separate interests, and closer ties among its inhabitants, with less international complications, to achieve the welfare of its peoples; that these consi-

derations prudently applied, without offence to anybody, will cause the assemblage to be inspired by the dictates of justice and of liberty.

Your Excellency, by direction of His Excellency the President of the United States of Mexico, is pleased to invite the Government of Bolivia, to send Delegates to the Second International American Conference, which will assemble in the Capital of Mexico, October 22, 1901, assuring it that the Bolivian Representative will be accorded the most cordial welcome.

The perusal of the document to which I refer, has given great satisfaction to the President of the Republic, who directed me to inform His Excellency, the President of that friendly Power, through your Excellency, of the lively satisfaction with which the Government of Bolivia has taken note that the Capital of Mexico has been selected as the place of meeting of the Second International American Conference, which is to assemble on October 22, 1901. He esteems, as an act of polite international courtesy, the willingness which the Mexican Government has been pleased to show by accepting the designation, and the Government of Bolivia approves with enthusiasm this initiative, as it has done before, and has named one of its most distinguished citizens, Doctor Fernando E. Guachalla, as its representative at that notable assembly.

The elevated purposes of an American policy which the nations of the New World pursue, will doubtless meet with the support they deserve, at the hands of the representatives which the different governments of Republican America will send to the Congress, which has to discuss the important questions touching the reign of justice, the proscription of force and the eradication of abuses.

I fully cherish the hope that the next American Congress will advance in this direction, adding to the progress of human knowledge, reflecting in as positive a manner on the advancement of political science, enabling the nations to devote themselves without reserve or misgivings to the glorious task of their prosperity and to their growth and power.

In thanking His Excellency the President of the United States of Mexico for the invitation which he has been pleased to extend to the Government of Bolivia through Your Excellency, and for the kind and cordial reception vouchsafed to its representative, I have the honor to offer to Your Excellency the sentiments of my highest and most distinguished consideration.—(Signed) *Eliodoro Villazon*.

To His Excellency the Secretary of Foreign Relations of the United States of Mexico.—Mexico.

VENEZUELA.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF VENEZUELA.—Caracas, November 24, 1900.—Mr. Minister: The communication with which Your Excellency honored this Department, under date of August 15 ultimo, relative to the assembling of an International American Conference, similar to that held at Washington in 1889-1900, has been considered as extremely interesting by the Government of the Republic.

The previous knowledge on the subject in the possession of the Executive of Venezuela, is confirmed by Your Excellency in eloquent and specific terms, to which is added the formal invitation of this Re-

public in the name of His Excellency the President of the United States of Mexico, to the Conference alluded to, which is to assemble at the capital of said nation, October 22nd., 1901.

The general aim underlying the proposed Conference, cannot be of greater interest to the Republics of the American Continent, nor of higher transcendence in all that relates to the development of those interests which it is incumbent upon all in unison to foster and encourage. With persuasive sobriety of language Your Excellency enumerates the advantages which it is possible to attain by the united efforts of the governments, by substituting justice to force in the settlement of any difficult points in controversy, or in abrogating forever certain practices which neither History justifies nowadays nor can be considered acceptable by modern civilization.

The combined action of the American peoples in a simultaneous effort at the service of the ideas, the realization of which is desired, will at all times have salutary results, and will contribute to strengthen the existing ties of affection among these nations, with positive gain to their future existence, and without detracting from their legitimate sovereignty.

The Venezuelan Executive, consistent in its adherence to the principles which are generally accepted in this Republic, and to its answer in March last to the Government of the United States as the originator of the idea, accepts now, without reserve, as in 1889, the purpose of holding the Conference, as well as the courteous invitation which Your Excellency has extended to it, by direction of His Excellency the President of the United States of Mexico.

It will therefore appoint in due season its delegation and will communicate to Your Excellency the names of the persons who will compose it, and to whom it will make known the programme of the matters to be discussed by the Conference, of which you have the kindness to enclose several copies.

May Your Excellency be pleased to accept the offer and assurance of my most distinguished consideration.—(Signed) *Eduardo Blanco*.

To His Excellency the Secretary of Foreign Relations of the United States of Mexico, Mexico.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.—Santo Domingo, December 17, 1900.—Your Excellency: I have the honor of acknowledging receipt of the kind note of Your Excellency, dated August 15 ultimo, in which you are pleased to invite the Dominican Government to send a Delegate to the Second International American Conference, to be held in the City of México October 22nd., 1901.

The Government of the Dominican Republic joyfully accepts this invitation, being persuaded that such conferences will affirm in the most efficient manner, in the form of practical rules, the ideas and principles of civilization which constitute the vast aggregates of the most noble aspirations towards the supreme well-being of the human race. People of this age, cannot employ their energies in anything more interesting and just, than in making the progress attained in international life a lasting one, and in contributing with eagerness towards broadening this progress by means of new acquisitions in the domain of public and private rights which regulate their reciprocal actions. By its historical, political,

and even its geographical circumstances, the Dominican Republic feels, perhaps more than any other Republic, the necessity that the Second International American Conference may prove by its results as beneficial in its determinations, with respect to the great measures embraced in its most important programme, as it is timely in its purposes.

At a later date there will be communicated to Your Excellency the names of the Delegates, that the Dominican Government will decide to send to the said Second Conference.

With pleasure I take advantage of this opportunity to offer to Your Excellency the expressions of my highest sentiments of esteem, with which I am Your Excellency's most obedient servant.—(Signed) Dr. *Enriquez y Carvajal*.

To His Excellency the Secretary of Foreign Relations of the United States of Mexico, Mexico.

EL SALVADOR.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.—National Palace.—San Salvador, December 29th, 1900.—Mr. Minister: By direction of the President of the Republic, I have the honor to answer your important communication dated August 15th ultimo, inviting my Government to send a Delegation of Plenipotentiaries to the Second International American Conference, which will be held in that capital on October 22th, 1901.

In answer to an initiative of the American Government, this Department on March 28th ultimo, had already accepted the proposal of taking part in the Assembly of the Republics of this continent, and on the same occasion intimated the idea that your capital should be the place of meeting of the new Conference, as Your Excellency may be pleased to observe from the copy which I enclose.

My Government congratulates itself that the majority of the American Representatives accredited at Washington, following the instructions of their respective Governments, should have selected that capital for the proposed assembly, and congratulates the Government of Your Excellency on this distinction, as marked as it is merited, especially as in the First Congress no agreement was arrived at, by virtue whereof the cities which should be the seat of future conferences, were to be designated.

As Your Excellency aptly states, the American Conference represents such well-known interests, that little, very little need be said in its praise, before our own and other people's judgment.

Modern Age is specially characterized by the predominance of the principle of solidarity of races; a principle that is better understood and applied in proportion, as the lights of civilization have been dispersing the shadows in which the perturbed people of Mediaeval Europe were involved. The history of this great principle is the history of civilization itself; to modern times belong the glory of having spread and strengthened it in the conscience of the peoples, being a consequence of the universal expansion of ideas, which the Renaissance impressed upon humanity. It was not long in manifesting its influence in politics, by means of those assemblages on which Europe founded the basis of its public rights and of the organization of its diplomatic relations.

Without entering into the details of this organic evolution of the peoples of Europe, let it be sufficient

to recognize, that the principle initiated by the Congress of Westphalia, has been the starting point of a series of advances in the international law of Europe, which advances tend to realize the principles of human fraternity, as far as it is attainable by the human race, strengthening peace and public order, and conciliating the opposing interests and tendencies of the distinct races which inhabit the Old World, and have created among the groups of nations so different in character, a harmonious concord, which brings them daily nearer to each other, and secures and solidifies their destinies in the common work of civilization and progress. The International Congresses which those nations have assembled from time to time, have been the power which has urged them on to these glorious impulses.

Without desiring, as Your Excellency justly remarks, to form a separate world, without forgetting that our civilization has been imparted to us by Europe, and being aware that the highest of modern aspirations is the realization of «the juridical unity of Humanity,» it must be admitted, at the same time, that the peoples of this continent have certain peculiar interests and tendencies, which distinguish them from other peoples, and that these tendencies and interests have brought about an international organization, which will harmonize and bring them into closer relations and consolidate them, in order to fulfill the historical destinies, which await the nationalities who inhabit this land of Columbus.

From the abundance of the subjects of which the programme of the proposed Conference consists; from the enlightened discussions of the Assembly of 1889, and from the moral authority which must characterize the decisions of the American Conference, as Your Excellency has interpreted it with excellent judgment in the note to which I have the honor to reply, it cannot be doubted that the Second American Conference shall mark a new era in the march of the civilization which pertains to the New World.

Inspired with these ideas, my Government accepts with pleasure the invitation of the Mexican Government, and offers to send its Delegation of Plenipotentiaries, at the time indicated, to the Second International American Conference.

May it please Your Excellency to accept the homage of my distinguished consideration.—(Signed) *Francisco A. Reyes*.

To His Excellency the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the United States of Mexico.

(ENCLOSURE).

PALACE OF THE EXECUTIVE.—San Salvador, March 28th., 1900.—Mr. Minister: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's courteous communication of February 26th. last, in which you were pleased to enclose copy of the circular addressed by the Honorable Secretary of State of the United States on the 8th. of the same month, to the representatives of the American Republics at Washington, calling their attention to the matter to which President McKinley calls the attention of the Congress in his message of December 5th. 1899, in which, after taking into consideration the numerous questions of general interest, and of common welfare for all the American Republics he stated that as some of those questions had not been definitely decided at the First International American Confer-

ence, and as others have arisen since then, he believes that it is desirable to invite said Republics to hold in the near future another Conference at any of their capital cities, this honor having already been enjoyed by the United States.

Your Excellency adds that in order that the present Congress of the United States may determine the funds and shares of expenses, it is necessary to take prompt action, and states that your Government expects to know what our Government thinks in regard to the place and time in which said Conference shall take place, and whether it approves the idea suggested by your First Magistrate.

In reply I am pleased to state to your Excellency that I have communicated its contents to the President of the Republic, General Regalado, who has instructed me to express to Your Excellency that he gladly accepts the transcendental idea, to the realization of which his Government will contribute to the best of its ability; that in regard to the time in which it should take place he cannot determine, but that he accepts that which the majority may decide and that he thinks that although Rio Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Santiago de Chile, Lima and some other Capitals of the South American Republics might comfortably, and even luxuriously, accommodate its illustrious guests, he believes that by reason of the facilities for making the journey, and that it is perhaps almost a central point, besides its favorable conditions, the Capital of Mexico is the one destined to give hospitality to an assemblage, to the deliberation of which, will be entrusted the present and future destinies of the Continent.

I beg Your Excellency to accept once again the cordial assurances of my high consideration.—(Signed) *R. Rivera*.

To His Excellency Mr. Williams Lawrence Merry, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of The United States of North America near the Government of El Salvador.—San Jose de Costa Rica.

COLOMBIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Bogota, January 21st., 1901.—Mr. Minister: After a long delay I have had the honor to receive Your Excellency's courteous note dated the 15th. of August last, in which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform the Government of Colombia that the majority of the American Representatives accredited at Washington, following the instructions of their respective Governments, have named your Capital for the assembling of the 2nd. International American Conference, similar to that held at Washington in the year 1899.

Your Excellency likewise informs me that the selection of the place in which the 2nd. Conference will take place was received by your Excellency's illustrious Government with the greatest appreciation, and with true brotherly feeling; and that by instruction of His Excellency the President of the United States of Mexico, Your Excellency invites the Government of the Republic of Colombia to send its Delegates to the 2nd. International Pan-American Conference which will meet at your Capital on the 22nd. of October 1901.

The Colombian Government deeply appreciates the honored invitation it has received and being convinced of the necessity for, and of the great convenience of bringing the American States into closer

bonds by means of agreements in which their particular interests may be united and in which the principles of International Law which regulate the relations of the countries, may be put into practical application, consulting their common welfare and endeavoring to insure a lasting peace between the States of the New World, accepts the invitation of your Illustrious Government and hopes that the results of the Conference may be creditable and fraught with benefits for America.

The Delegates who will represent Colombia at that Assemblage will be appointed, opportunely, and it will give me pleasure to communicate that fact to Your Excellency.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurance of my highest and most distinguished consideration. (Signed) *Antonio Jose Uribe*.

To His Excellency, The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United States de Mexico.—Mexico.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Mexico, February 25th, 1901.—To His Excellency, Mr. Ignacio Mariscal, Minister of Foreign Affairs.—Mr. Minister: Allow me to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States accepts with pleasure, the invitation received through the Mexican Ambassador at Washington on the 31st. of August to take part in the 2nd. International American Conference which is to be held in this City in October next; but that at present it cannot state the number and names of its Delegates. Later on this Embassy shall have the honor to communicate to Your Excellency the names of said Delegates.

I renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.—(Signed) *Fenton McCreery*.

COSTA RICA.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—San José, March 13th, 1901.—Your Excellency: I have had the honor to receive Your Excellency's communication dated the 15th of August last, in which by instructions of His Excellency, the President of the United States of Mexico, Your Excellency has been pleased to invite the Government of Costa Rica to be represented at the 2nd International American Conference, which by the initiative of the Secretary of State of the United States of America, will be held at your Capital on the 22nd of October of the present year.

In reply I am glad to state to Your Excellency that my Government, cognizant of the importance of the exalted aims which are to guide the assembling of the 2nd International Conference, and of the very important subjects which will be the object of its illustrious deliberations, accepts with true interest said invitation and will appoint for that purpose the Delegates who will represent it at said Conference.

I avail myself of this opportunity to offer to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.—(Signed) *Justo A. Facio*.

To His Excellency, The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United States of Mexico.—Mexico.

PERU.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Lima, March 22nd, 1901.—Mr. Minister: I have had the

honor to receive Your Excellency's courteous communication dated the 15th of August last, in which you are pleased to invite my Government to send its Delegates to the International Conference which will take place in Mexico on the 22nd of October next.

Our Government desires to contribute towards the realization of the exalted and transcendental programme of that Assembly, and accepts the invitation and will name representatives; and as a proof of its desire to improve its relations with the United States of México, it intends to accredit in a short time, a Legation near Your Excellency's Government.

I avail myself of the opportunity to offer to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.—(Signed) *Felipe de Busto*.

To His Excellency, The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United States of Mexico.—Mexico.

BRAZIL.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Ist. Bureau No. 2.—Rio Janeiro, May 10th, 1901.—Mr. Minister: I have duly had the honor to receive the note which Your Excellency was pleased to address to me on the 15th of August of last year, in which you inform me that the majority of the representatives of the American Republics at Washington have chosen the Capital of the United States of Mexico to hold a Second International American Conference, similar to that held in the year 1889, and invites the Government of this Republic to send its Delegates to said Conference, which will meet in your City in October next.

In reply I have the pleasure to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States of Brazil, accepts with satisfaction Your Excellency's kind invitation, and that opportunely it will communicate the name of the Brazilian Delegate.

I avail myself of this opportunity to offer to Your Excellency the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.—(Signed) *Olintho da Magalhaes*.

To His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United States of Mexico.

PARAGUAY.

REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—Asuncion, August 23rd, 1901.—Mr. Minister: Your Excellency's note of August 15th, 1900, has been duly received at this Department, in which you have been pleased to state that the majority of the American representatives accredited at Washington, have selected the Capital of the United States of Mexico to hold the Second International American Conference proposed by the Government of the United States of America, and that such selection has been appreciated by Your Excellency's Government as a great honor conferred upon it, which, though not solicited has been received with the greatest satisfaction and with true brotherly feeling.

Your Excellency states, furthermore, that the object of the Assembly referred to is of evident interest, and its transcendental purposes were fully explained in 1889, both in the invitation issued for the First Conference, in the minutes of the sessions and in the numerous propositions to which it gave rise accompanying also the programme of the questions to be discussed, which are of the greatest importance for a better understanding and brotherly relations between the Republics concerned.

You state further, Mr. Minister, that undoubtedly it will not be possible for the Conference to discuss all and every one of said questions; but that however few the resolutions adopted may be, if faithfully carried out, it will constitute a great advance on the road towards harmony between the American countries, and a moral improvement destined to serve as an example to the other countries, showing them the benefits of true human fraternity.

And you further add that, notwithstanding, that pessimists consider useless the endeavors tending to make effective the reign of justice and the proscription of force as a substitute for law, it must be acknowledged that the constant sanction and affirmation of healthy theories at the hands of the Governments, even in the cases when means are lacking to enforce them, will give rise to such a powerful opinion that it will ultimately do away with the most deeply rooted abuses; while, on the other hand, in the proposed gathering, the sympathies which are inspired by the community of language, race and political institutions, will be cultivated and strengthened.

Your Excellency closes by stating that such thoughts will find an echo in the Government of Paraguay and you invite it upon the request of His Excellency, the President of the United States of Mexico, to send its Delegates to the Second International American Conference, which is to assemble in that Capital on the 22nd of October of the current year.

I have the honor, in replying, to convey to Your Excellency the assurance that our Government, entertained the same noble ideal expressed in the important note to which I refer, when it assisted at the First Conference in 1889, and they represented then its highest aspirations when it accepted in June of last year the proposition of the Government of the United States of North America, convinced as it was that the united efforts aimed at, by those Assemblies, such as the one projected, in favor of the dominion of justice in the international life of the inhabitants of our continent and in favor of the growth of all its interests, must be the means of reaching gradually the happiness to which are entitled all those who live in the land of Columbus.

In conformity with the preceding sentiments, the President of the Republic has accepted with the greatest satisfaction, the suggestion made by Your Excellency's Government to carry out a proposition which, it is to be anticipated, will result in great benefits to the countries assisting; and in compliance with this invitation addressed to him by request of President Diaz, he has decided to appoint, under date of the 21st inst. Dr. Cecilio Baez, Delegate of Paraguay at the Second International American Conference, to be held at your capital on the 22nd of October next, under the auspices of Your Excellency's Government which will undoubtedly obtain through its noble efforts, the means required to harmonize contrary tendencies, so that the far-reaching and common interests be benefited by the decisions arrived at, on the matters contained in the program referred to in Your Excellency's invitation.

The fervent desire of cultivating and of improving the relations of friendship which happily already exist between Mexico and Paraguay, as well as the eminent personal merits of Dr. Baez, have decided the President of the Republic to also confer upon

him the charge of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Paraguay near the Government of that Sister Republic, and I have been requested by the President to inform Your Excellency at once of this fact, as he is convinced that Dr. Baez will receive at your hands the kindest welcome and attentions which he also well deserves.

With fervent hopes for the most complete success of the Conference in favor of the continued civilization and progress of our America, I have the honor of offering to Your Excellency the assurances of my kindest and most distinguished consideration.—(Signed) *Juan Cancio Flecha*.—To His Excellency Mr. Ignacio Mariscal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of The United States of Mexico.

ECUADOR.

LEGATION OF ECUADOR.—Washington, October 7th, 1901.—Mr. Minister: I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that having been appointed by the Government, Delegate of Ecuador, to the Pan-American Conference of Mexico, I will soon leave for that City in order to take part in said Assembly.

As I still retain my post as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary near the Government of the United States of Mexico, it is also very satisfactory to me to announce to Your Excellency that I will again have the honor of increasing the cordial relations which have uninterruptedly existed between our respective Governments.

I have been especially requested by my Government to express to Your Excellency its satisfaction at the realization of its desires with regard to the Assembly in Mexico of the representatives of all America, and though such desires could not be realized in 1896 when Ecuador initiated the Second Continental Congress, they will certainly be carried out in the present year, after the Exposition at Buffalo where all the Nations of the New World have assembled.

I have been honored a second time to represent my country at the Congress of Mexico and near Your Excellency's Government, and it will therefore afford me much pleasure to fulfill my duties with all the zeal awakened by the common interests of America and the high spirit of brotherhood with which the Mexican Republic welcomes the representatives of the Continent.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.—(Signed) *L. F. Carbo*.—To His Excellency Ignacio Mariscal, Minister of Foreign Affairs.—Mexico.

CHILI.

LEGATION OF CHILI.—No. 4.—Mexico, 27th. of September, 1901. Mr. Minister: Circumstances connected with the negotiations due to the explanation or definition of the Programme for the next International Conference, which in a short time is to assemble in this city, have been the cause of the delay as Your Excellency is aware, of the answer of the Government of Chili to the invitation which the government of Mexico addressed to the several American Republics.

As the resolution, which Chili was to adopt in this respect, required the previous knowledge of the programme of the subject which the Conference was to discuss, and as the proposed programme submitted to the Governments by the Executive Committee of the Bureau of American Republics, which is