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The World's Congress Auxiliary of the
World's Columbian Exposition.

ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OBJECT OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

As is now well known, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus will be celebrated at Chicago, in 1893, under the sanction of the government of the United States, on a scale commensurate with the importance and dignity of the occasion.

The measures already taken give satisfactory assurances that the exposition then to be made of the material progress of the world, will be such as to deserve unqualified approval.

But to make the exposition complete and the celebration adequate, the wonderful achievements of the new age in science literature, education, government, jurisprudence, morals, charity, religion, and other departments of human activity, should also be conspicuously displayed as the most effective means of increasing the fraternity, progress, prosperity, and peace of mankind.

It has therefore been proposed that a series of World's Congresses for that purpose be held in connection with the World's

Columbian Exposition of 1893, and THE WORLD'S CONGRESS AUXILIARY has been duly authorized and organized, to promote the holding and success of such congresses.

Among the great themes which the congresses are expected to consider, are the following :

I. The grounds of fraternal union in the language, literature, domestic life, religion, science, art and civil institutions of different peoples.

II. The economic, industrial and financial problems of the age.

III. Educational systems, their advantages and their defects ; and the means by which they may best be adapted to the recent enormous increase in all departments of knowledge.

IV. The practicability of a common language, for use in the commercial relations of the civilized world.

V. International copyright, and the laws of intellectual property and commerce.

VI. Immigration and naturalization laws, and the proper international privileges of alien governments, and their subjects or citizens.

VII. The most efficient and advisable means of preventing or decreasing pauperism, insanity and crime ; and of increasing productive ability, prosperity and virtue throughout the world.

VIII. International law as a bond of union, and a means of mutual protection ; and how it may best be enlarged, perfected and authoritatively expressed.

IX. The establishment of the principles of judicial justice, as

the supreme law of international relations ; and the general substitution of arbitration for war, in the settlement of international controversies.

It is impossible to estimate the advantages that would result from the mere establishment of personal acquaintance and friendly relations among the leaders of the intellectual and moral world, who now, for the most part, know each other only through the interchange of publications, and, perhaps, the formalities of correspondence.

And what is transcendently more important, such congresses, convened under circumstances so auspicious, would doubtless surpass all previous efforts to bring about a real fraternity of nations, and unite the enlightened people of the whole earth in a general co-operation for the attainment of the great ends for which human society is organized.

This organization is intended to promote the success of the exposition of the material products of civilization, science and art, but will confine its own operations to the exposition in appropriate conventions, of the principles of human progress.

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OF THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Preliminary Address of the Committee on Congress of Missions
in connection with the Exposition of 1893.

THE presentation of the intellectual and moral progress of the world that is contemplated by the Congresses to be held under the auspices of the Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition, will not be complete without a Congress of Missions.

Religious Missions have been the mothers of civilization. The work that they did in early times, in Northern and Western Europe, they are doing now among savage and semi-civilized peoples in all parts of the World. They are also giving a new and progressive character to the old civilizations of Asia. Never was this missionary movement so widespread, never was the work carried forward on more rational principles, or with more uplifting power. As the missionary motive was one of the impelling forces that led to the discovery and settlement of the New World, the Columbian Exposition of 1893, to be held in a city whose first church was planted only sixty years ago by a home missionary, is certainly a fitting occasion to set forth the results of modern missions.

To make this exhibition as complete as possible, it will be the endeavor of those having in charge the Congress of Missions, to secure representation from every important missionary organization in the world. They will also attempt to bring together representatives from the peoples who have been the beneficiaries of missionary effort. The world that was made so much larger by the discoveries of the intrepid explorers of Europe has, at the same time, been made, practically, much smaller by the discoveries of modern science. With the facilities now existing for rapid travel it ought not be impossible to secure, in connection with the World's Fair, an Ecumenical Congress of Missions.

The papers and discussions will aim to set forth the results of missionary activity in improving the moral and spiritual condition of men; in contributing to their intellectual advancement, and the betterment of their material conditions; in opening new channels to commerce and new fields to ethnological and antiquarian research. It will be shown that diversities of race have not proved insuperable obstacles to that feeling of brotherhood inspired by the Gospel of Christ. But, doubtless, one of the best uses of this Congress will be the opportunity it will furnish for fraternal intercourse and exchange of views on the vital questions of life and faith. The outcome of such a conference must be a new impetus to this most beneficent form of human activity.

The relation of the Congress of Missions to that unequalled display of the material progress of the world that will be found in other departments of the Columbian Exposition is described most eloquently in these words of Dr. R. S. Storrs:

"Mechanical instruments never are ultimate. They are signs and servants of a paramount moral life. Those which are now appearing in the world are here as forerunners of spiritual change; and the divinest change of all is that to which their swifter wheels and louder trumpets seem palpably related. The mountains have been leveled, and the valleys have been lifted, as if to prepare the way of the Lord; and here are the wheels for a chariot more royal than any which carry earthly kings, the trumpets for a message so sweet and grand as the earth before never has heard!"

The Auxiliary, under whose auspices this Congress will be held, has been recognized and approved by the Government of the United States. It has the support of the World's Columbian Exposition, whose Directory will provide places of meeting, and in other ways contribute to its success. The new Memorial Art Palace now in process of construction on the site of the old Inter-State Exposition Building, will be fitted up for the use of this and the other Congresses. In addition to the smaller Assembly Rooms there will be two large halls, each holding three thousand persons, where popular gatherings may be held. This Congress will probably be convened about the middle of the month of September, 1893. Societies and individuals interested in missions will make their arrangements, naturally, to visit the World's Fair at that time.

The Committee whose names are signed to this address will have the co-operation of an efficient Committee of Women, who will not only make a full exhibition of what woman is doing for woman in various missionary enterprises, but will in every way assist to secure the fullest success of the Congress.

As every land will be the home land of some members of the Congress, no distinction will be made between home and foreign missions. But in view of the complicated problems growing out of the massing of population in the great centers, special prominence will be given to city missionary work in all parts of the world.

As the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America also

marks the centennial of Modern Missions, this Congress will be characterized, doubtless, with the devout thanksgiving and jubilation of a great anniversary occasion.

This preliminary address is sent forth for the purpose of enlisting the sympathetic interest and co-operation of all Missionary Societies avowedly Christian or otherwise, and of all individuals engaged in any form of missionary work, and to call out suggestions that may be helpful to those making the arrangements for the Congress. The General Committee is, of necessity, composed of those living in or near Chicago. In order to receive the advice and help of others, especially those at a distance, an Advisory Council will be appointed, composed of Honorary Members to be chosen from among those who have made a thorough study of the subject, or who have been successful in prosecuting some branch of missionary work. But the Committee invites correspondence and co-operation not only from the Advisory Council, but also from any who may read this address.

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NOTE.—Missionary and other Religious Societies desiring to take part in the important *Material* Religious Exhibit which is to be made in the Manufacture and Liberal Arts Building, will communicate with DR. SELIM H. PEABODY, Chief of the Department of Liberal Arts, Columbian Exposition.