

church will advance and meet upon a common platform, and form a broad Christian community, in which all shall be identified, in spite of all diversities and differences in non-essential matters of faith. So shall the Baptists and Methodists, Trinitarian and Unitarian, the Ritualists and the Evangelical, all unite in a broad and universal church organization, loving, honoring, serving the common body while retaining the peculiarities of each sect. Only the broad of each sect shall for the present come forward, and others shall follow in time.

"The base remains where it is; the vast masses at the foot of each church will yet remain perhaps for centuries where they now are. But as you look to the lofty heights above, you will see all the bolder spirits and broad souls of each church pressing forward, onward, heavenward. Come, then, my friends, ye broad-hearted of all the churches, advance and shake hands with each other and promote that spiritual fellowship, that kingdom of heaven which Christ predicted."

CHRIST'S PROPHECY FULFILLED.

These words were said in 1883, and in 1893 every letter of the prophecy has been fulfilled. The kingdom of heaven is to my mind a vast concentric circle with various circumferences of doctrines, authorities and organizations from outer to inner, from inner to inner still, until heaven and earth become one. The outermost circle is belief in God and the love of man. In the tolerance, kindness, good-will, patience and wisdom which have distinguished the work of this parliament that outermost circle of the kingdom of heaven has been described. We have influenced vast numbers of men and women of all opinions and the influence will spread and spread. So many human unities drawn within the magnetic circle of spiritual sympathy cannot but influence and widen the various denominations to which they belong. In the course of time those inner circles must widen also till the

love of man and the love of God are perfected in one church, one God, one salvation.

I conclude with acknowledging the singular cordiality and appreciation extended to us orientals. Where everyone has done so well we did not deserve special honor, but undeserved as the honor may be, it shows the greatness of your leaders and especially of your chairman, Dr. Barrows. Dr. Barrows, humanly speaking, has been the soul of this noble movement. The profoundest blessings of the present and future generations shall follow him.

And now farewell. For once in history all religions have made their peace, all nations have called each other brothers, and their representatives have for seventeen days stood up morning after morning to pray Our Father, the universal father of all, in heaven. His will has been done so far, and in the great coming future may that blessed will be done further and further, forever and ever. [Applause.]

AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

On 9th mo. 15th wife and I, with five others of our friends, turned our faces westward—toward the "White City"—to pay an eleven-day visit in the city of the great World's Fair, to attend the first Parliament of Religions, and to participate with Friends from many quarters in the Friends' Congresses, and meetings of Friends to be held at that time. Nothing unusual transpired in our journey out, except that our train was four hours late in reaching Chicago, but even that, we found, was nothing unusual in these days.

We had anticipated much to be seen and heard there which would be both interesting and profitable. Before leaving we found at least four objects anyone of which would have well repaid us for the time and expense incurred, viz.:—Friends' Congresses and Meetings, the Parliament of Religions,