

churches of Christendom, will participate in this memorable Parliament. Contemporary with the meetings in the Hall of Columbus there will be presentations of the distinctive doctrines, etc., of the various organized religious bodies, in the equally spacious Hall of Washington, in the Art Palace. These different meetings will together constitute the Parliament of Religions. They are required in order to better accommodate the throngs who will attend, and also to give a completer representation of the religious thought and work of mankind. The following churches and organizations have already secured sessions for the presentation of their history, doctrines, etc.: The Lutheran General Synod, September 11th; the Catholic Church, September 12th; the New Jerusalem and Christian churches and the Jewish Congregations, September 13th; the United Brethren and Reformed Episcopal churches, September 14th; the Universalists, September 15th, and the Unitarians, September 16th; the Jewish Congregations on the evenings of these two days; the Presbyterians, September 17th; the Sunday-Schools, September 18th; the Evangelical Association and the Friends, the morning and afternoon of September 19th; the Protestant Episcopal Church, the evening of September 19th and also the whole of September 20th; the Reformed Church of the United States and the Reformed Church in North America, September 21st; the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Friends (orthodox), September 22d; the Christian Endeavor Society, September 23d and the afternoon of September 24th; the Evangelical Church of North America, the evening of September 24th; the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant in America, the morning of September 25th; the Baptists, September 26th; the Methodists, September 27th. Dates have not yet been assigned to the Greek Church, the Congregationalists, and several other bodies.

Following the Parliament of Religions will be the Mission Congresses, the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, and the Sunday Rest Congress. It may be thought by some that too much time has been assigned to the Parliament of Religions, but an adequate programme could not be provided with a less number of days. Furthermore, the interest already developed justifies even a larger assignment of time. If the material wonders of civilization are to demand six months of the world's attention, surely the religious thought and achievement of humanity may well ask for consideration during a period of seventeen days. One clergyman of Massachusetts writes: "Next summer I think I shall preach through August and take my vacation in September. I would sooner look upon that congress than any other spectacle the world could present." Many are planning to spend the entire month of September and half of the month of October in Chicago, that they may attend this whole series of meetings. It will be a theological school probably of equal value with an entire year in the best of our seminaries. It will furnish what no seminary is able to give, the opportunity of hearing the various faiths presented by their own disciples and teachers.