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each other than to hate. Keep people apart, and they are suspicious and distrustful, bring them together and they of necessity soon become friends. That exclusive spirit which narrows the meaning of patriotism to a contempt for every country but one's own, which in society would perpetuate aristocracies and castes, which in religion would limit the goodness of the All Father by a creed or a dogma, has arrayed against it so many powerful influences in these days of growing knowledge and material improvement, that it is surely, if to some of us too slowly, breaking down. Every world's fair helps to break it down. Every such event is a pledge of peace and good will among men. It is, as it were, a mighty reunion of all nations and races as of the different households of earth's one great family.

The most notable exhibit at the World's Fair, though probably not the most noted, will be the parliament of religions to be held from the 10th to the 27th of September in the great Art Palace in the Lake Front Park. Representing, as it will, another element in the great process of human unification, it is a highly appropriate feature in a world's fair; and it is in perfect harmony with the broad, inclusive spirit of the religion of Jesus Christ that the impulse to such a conference should come from Christians. That narrow egotism which asserts all religions but Christianity to be false, and sees in their devotees only a vast multitude of lost and benighted "heathen," has no sanction in any word ever uttered by the gentle Nazarene. It is therefore all the more gratifying to note that among those who have signed the call for this great gathering are a Catholic Archbishop, an Episcopalian bishop, a Presbyterian, a Methodist, a Congregationalist, a Universalist and a Unitarian; so that the honor of the invitation is shared among all the great branches of the Christian Church. Just as nations have found their highest interests in peaceful commerce rather than in mutual humiliation and destruction, so religionists everywhere will, we believe, ultimately realize that the cause of truth is advanced, not by antagonizing rival systems, but by the friendly co-operation of men of all shades of thought, in the effort to find the fundamental basis of truth common to all religions. This will be the prime work of the great conference. The oppor-

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Editorial.

The World's Fair, which opened at Chicago on the first of this month, is noblest probably in this, that it splendidly illustrates the essential unity of mankind. No conception of such an event was possible in those ancient times when the Hebrews claimed to be the chosen people of God and despised all others as barbarians, and when every nation and race regarded every other as its natural enemy. But as men and nations found their need of and dependence upon each other, trading took the place of fighting, friendly intercourse the place of enmity and exclusiveness. Commerce is indeed a great civilizer. War is death to it; peace is its life-breath. Commerce is Jesus' doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man put into action. It means mutual service. It brings men of every tribe and nation together, introduces them, and sets them asking what they can do for each other; and men have never yet come together in this way without discovering how much more, after all, there was to respect and love in