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We have heard and hear a great deal about the Columbian World's Fair at Chicago, but very little about a more recent organization that grew out of it, and bids fair to eclipse it in importance and lasting good to the world,—the World's Congress Auxiliary. We have had World's Fairs before, and have felt the mighty impetus they have given to the commerce of the world, and have noted the friendlier connections they have wrought between nations, but no past achievement can compare, in this respect with the extraordinary and brilliant effort being arranged for by the World's Congresses and Parliaments of 1893. The time will occupy six months, and will be as full as it is extended.

The outline of the programme is arranged, with the time, and embraces the

following seventeen main divisions, each of which comprises a varied programme of congresses of its own, viz.: Departments of Woman's Progress, of the Public Press, of Medicine, of Temperance, of Moral and Social Reform, of Commerce and Finance, of Music, of Literature, of Education, of Engineering, of Art, of Government, of Science and Philosophy, of Labor, of Religion, of Sunday Rest, of Public Health, of Agriculture, and a General Department.

To show how thorough the undertaking is being prosecuted, we may briefly note the work being done in arrangement for one single branch—the Parliament of Religions. The invitations sent out by John H. Burrows, D.D., the efficient Chairman of Committee on Religious Congresses, was so enthusiastically responded to everywhere by men of all shades of complexion and of religious belief, that the success of the undertaking is already assured.

There is to be a great parliament of all religions, a congress composed of representatives of all branches of Christendom, including the Catholic Church, the Greek and other Oriental churches, and all denominations of Protestantism, and some twenty-five or thirty special congresses of different churches.

The Society of Friends is not forgotten, nor crowded out. A partial list of the Advisory Board to represent our Society is already named, and we trust each one that possibly can will act. Jonathan V. Plummer is chairman of the committee, and its members include representatives of all branches of Friends in England, the United States and Canada.

The scheme opens vast opportunities for diffusing our advanced views over the world, and we hope that our Society will demean itself equal to the august occasion.

Within one short month the world has recently lost two men who deservedly stand among her greatest and best poets of the present century—Whittier