

indeed ; it is a shame, a ten-fold shame. I appeal in passing for league and unity among religious people for the overthrow of this system in European countries and the rescue and redemption of our own from this gigantic evil which threatens us here.

I now pass to another overshadowing evil, the ever-pressing drink evil. There was another congress held here in June ; it was to deal with the vice of intemperance. What the world greatly needs to-day in all countries is greater simplicity in connection with the religious life and propagandism. We want to banish the spirit of worldliness from every land which has taken possession of many churches and inaugurate an era of greater simplicity. The actual progress of Christianity in accordance with its ideal may be cited in a sentence to be the position of women in all lands.

Someone has described salvation as being simply harmonious relationship between God and man. If that be a true description of the heavenly condition we need not wait till we pass beyond the river to experience something of the uplift of the joy of salvation. Let us band together religious men and women of all names and nationalities to bring about this greater harmony between each other and between God, the Father of us all. Then finally in all lands and in every soul, the lowliest as well as the highest, may this more and more become the joyous refrain of each, "Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee." [Applause.]

MOZOOMDAR'S (INDIA) FAREWELL ADDRESS

BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS, CHICAGO, 9TH MO. 27TH.

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Dr. Barrows next introduced Rev. P. C. Mozoomdar, of the Brahmo Somaj, who delivered the following address :

BRETHREN OF DIFFERENT FAITHS :
—This parliament of religions, this concourse of spirits, is to break up be-

fore to-morrow's sun. What lessons have we learned from our incessant labors? Firstly, the charge of materialism, laid against the age in general and against America in particular, is refuted forever. Could these myriads have spent their time, their energy, neglected their business, their pleasures, to be present with us if their spirit had not risen above their material needs or carnal desires? The spirit dominates still over matter and over mankind.

Secondly, the unity of purpose and feeling unmistakably shown in the harmonious proceedings of these seventeen days teaches that men with opposite views, denominations with contradictory principles and histories, can form one congregation, one household, one body, for however short a time, when animated by one spirit. Who is or what is that spirit? It is the spirit of God himself. This unity of man with man is the unity of man with God, and the unity of man with man in God, is the kingdom of heaven. When I came here by the invitation of you, Mr. President, I came with the hope of seeing the object of my lifelong faith and labors, viz., the harmony of religions effected. The last public utterance of my leader, Keshub Chunder Sen, made in 1883, in his lecture called "Asia's Message to Europe," was this :

"Here will meet the world's representatives, the foremost spirits, the most living hearts, the leading thinkers and devotees of each church, and offer united homage to the king of kings and the Lord of Lords. This central union church is no utopian fancy, but a veritable reality, whose beginning we see already among the nations of the earth. Already the right wing of each church is pressing forward, and the advanced liberals are drawing near each other under the central banner of the new dispensation.

"Believe me, the time is coming when the more liberal of the Catholic and Protestant branches of Christ's