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I.—THE WORLD'S FIRST PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS.

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THE World's Parliament of Religions is no longer a dream. It has the assurance of such world-wide support that its realization appears but a question of time. The local interest in its coming is immense and growing. One clergyman of Chicago has received applications for two hundred seats from friends desirous of attending its sessions. The Chairman has been amazed at the enthusiasm with which so many look forward to this great convention. The dates finally fixed for it are September 11th-27th. It was impossible, on account of the crowd of congresses demanding the month of August, to bring the Parliament of Religions into the summer-time, when ministers usually have their respite from pastoral work. It is the general expectation, however, that churches will permit their pastors to take the month of September, this year, for the purposes of a vacation, in order that they may have the opportunity of attending, not only the Parliament of Religions, but also the other congresses which, together with it, will furnish an unrivalled opportunity for becoming acquainted with the religious thought and activity of our time.

The dates of the congresses, so far as fixed at present, are as follows : Lutheran General Council, Saturday, September 2d ; Lutheran Synodical Conference, September 3d ; the Catholic Congress, September 5th-9th. The Parliament of Religions opens Monday, September 11th, and its sessions will be held in the Hall of Columbus, seating about three thousand persons, in the new Art Palace, now approaching completion on the Lake front. This is not situated, as some have thought, within the World's Fair grounds, but in the heart of the city. It is expected that scholarly representatives of Buddhism, Northern and Southern, of Confucianism, Tauism, Shintoism, of various forms of Hinduism, of Parseeism, of Mohammedanism, of Judaism, and of the great historic and other