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BEFORE THE DAYBREAK.

Before the daybreak shines a star
That in the day's full glory fades ;
Too fiercely bright is the great light
That her pale-gleaming lamp upbraids.

Before the daylight sings a bird
That stills her song at morning's light ;
Too loud for her is the day's stir,
The woodland's thousand-tongued delight.

Ah! great the honor is to shine
A light wherein no traveller errs ;
And rich the prize, to rank divine
Among the world's loud choristers.

But I would be that pal'er star
And I would be that lonlier bird,
To shine with hope when hope's afar,
And sing of love when love's unheard.
F. W. BOURDILLON.

THE RELIGIOUS PARLIAMENT.

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One of the notable features of the Congress was the fact that in many of the exercises the thought was apparent, that through *our* line of doctrine and through *our* organization was to come the blessing to mankind.

How circumscribed this appeared compared with that broader thought which enters the field with the world for its arena and mankind for its brother.

In my last article I hinted at the idea of unity of fellowship, and I now wish to impress a condition of brotherhood and fraternity which was beautifully illustrated by Dr. Whitman, from Maine. He said : " Recognizing the evident desire of the evangelical denominations of Maine to do more efficient work for our common Lord, and believing that the Holy Spirit is moving Christians toward practical co-operation, We rejoice in the progress already made in this direction, and desire to affirm our conviction as follows :

The church extension into destitute communities should be conducted as far as practical according to the following considerations, viz.: 1. No community in which any denomination has legitimate claims should be entered by any other denomination through its official agencies, without conference with the denominations having said claims. 2. A feeble church should be revived if possible rather than a new one established to become its rival. 3. The preference of a community should always be regarded by denominational committees, missionary agents and individual workers. 4. Those denominations having churches nearest at hand should, other things being equal, be recognized as in the most advantageous position to encourage and aid a new enterprise in their vicinity. 5. In case one denomination begins gospel work in a destitute community it should be left to develop that work without other denominational interference. 6. Temporary suspension of church work by any denomination occupying a field should not be deemed sufficient warrant in itself for entrance into that field by another denomination. Temporary suspension should be deemed permanent abandonment when a church has had no preaching and held no meetings for an entire year or more. 7. All questions of interpretation of the foregoing statements and all cases of friction between denominations or churches of different denominations should be referred to the commission through its executive committee." Dr. Whitman said that while difficulties had, of course, arisen in the carrying forth of this work, in the main success had attended his effort in the direction of inter denominational comity.

The under current of religious