

minutes, and many will be much less. Variety and interest will be sought for. Specialists will be in demand, and those who know how to condense their thoughts into clear, strong statements. There will be in the smaller halls of the Art Palace, between nine and ten o'clock, morning conferences. Some of these will be purely devotional. The Christian Endeavor Society and the Brotherhood of Christian Unity, for example, will each conduct a morning prayer-meeting through the whole time of the Parliament. There will be denominational prayer-meetings also if desired. Besides these, there will be social conferences at which the representatives of Japan, China, India, and various European countries will be greeted by those who wish to make their personal acquaintance. Still further, there will be various review sections, a number of meetings in the smaller halls, where the speakers of the previous day will confer with those interested, who desire additional information on the themes discussed or conference over the ideas expressed. In this way large fraternity may be secured and the conversational handling of themes so important on an occasion where comparison and not controversy will best serve the ends of truth. It may be said that for each of the days of the Parliament more speakers have already been nominated than could possibly be heard, were it not for these smaller assemblies which have been provided for by the committee.

After two years of incessant work the plan for this Parliament has come within the bounds of actuality. The religious world in its great historic divisions will be represented. The Imperial Government of China has commissioned a Confucian scholar to attend, and there will be representatives of the other faiths of the Celestial Empire, including the Christian. The interest in Japan is very wide. Several eminent Buddhist scholars, not only from Japan, but, it is hoped, from China and Siam, will also be present. Following the advice of Rev. Dr. McGilvary, one of the Presbyterian missionaries among the Laos, the present King of Siam, the only crowned representative of pure Buddhism now living since the downfall of the King of Burmah, has been invited, through the courtesy of our National Government, to attend the Parliament. He takes great interest in the Exposition and in the Siamese exhibit at the World's Fair, is himself a progressive man, and one of his brothers, a fine English scholar, was a pupil of Max Müller's at Oxford.

Mr. M. Dharmapala, of Calcutta, has been appointed to represent the Buddhist Church of Southern India. The eloquent Mozoomdar, of Peace Cottage, Calcutta, will speak for that advanced Hinduism which is fast approaching Christianity. Several sects of reformed Hinduism are planning to send representatives. President Miller, of the Christian College at Madras, is arranging to secure papers for the Parliament from orthodox Hindus. The restrictions for the Brahmans with regard to leaving India having been considerably lessened, it is possible that even an orthodox Brahman may be present at the Parliament. The Hon. Mr. Justice Ameer Ali, of Calcutta, and the Hon. Ali