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We had been saying that more permanent good would result to mankind from the World's Congress Auxiliary than from the World's Exposition itself. Having attended several of the sessions of the Parliament of Religions, and having caught somewhat its spirit, we are still more firmly convinced that our prophecy has been, is being, and will be even more than realized. Stupendous as the project first appeared it worked itself out successfully and harmoniously, and we might say miraculously, for the unseen hand of God was most surely in it. The daring scheme that had only found entertainment in the brain of the poet and the visionary, and by the world declared foolish and impracticable, has been consummated satisfactorily and gloriously, and the wonder now is that it had not been attempted before.

Nations and religions that hated each other have in a few days here learned to admire and love each other. Instead of those bitter contrasts and insurmountable opposites that were imagined among the various great religions, the plea for a recognition of the universal Fatherhood of God, brotherhood of man, and sisterhood of religions, was heard so frequently that it became almost monotonous. Nor was Christianity more earnest and eloquent in this desire than were the representatives of the other great faiths on the other side of the world. Perhaps in manner, if not in matter, the advocate of the aggressive western cult must yield first place to their mild and meditative oriental brothers. At least, if one should let the audience judge, the greater appreciation and favor seemed to be accorded to some of the more or less colored personalities in their flowing robes and turban caps, as they lucidly and eloquently explained the sacred truths of their ancient and honorable religions. The sentiment that obtained most with the audience was decidedly in favor of liberalism. Live, and let live. Do, and let do. This Parliament of Religions has given creedism and sectarianism the death-blow. But more personally and practically, what has Quakerism done towards the Parliament of Religions, and what may the Parliament of Religions do for Quakerism? I venture to say that had it not been for the spirit of Quakerism liberalizing all belief and enlightening all thought, the world would not yet have been prepared for a Parliament of Religions. It has been proclaiming ever since its rise the universality of truths, a fact that mankind generally needed a Parliament of Religions to teach it. The demands that the orientals eloquently maintained in the Parliament were granted them long ago by Friends. If we have done so much for the Parliament, what may it do for us? It will give us encouragement to move forward by assuring us that we are