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RELIGION IN PARIS.

REV. DR. BARROWS TALKS TO FRENCH SAVANTS

of Humanity in the French Capital

Dr. John Henry Barrows of Chicago

president of the World's Columbian Exposition

recently addressed a distinguished

company of French savants in the

city of Paris, France, on "Religion

in the United States" discussing

the possibilities of a universal religion

in connection with the

Paris exposition of 1900. France has

taken a wider and deeper interest in

European countries. Dr. Barrows views

the French nation as a whole and

interviews with Monsieur Sabatier,

editor of Le Temps, and Monsieur

Khan, chief rabbi of France; Father

Hyacinthe and other leaders of the

movement in France. Much preliminary

work has been done, but the committee

in charge felt that at this time

it was essential to further progress.

French Dr. Barrows commended the

French people for their hospitality to

new ideas. Among other things he

said:

"The age of isolation is passing

away. The bounds of religion itself is

feeling enlarged. Religion itself is

feeling benefited. Those of us

who believe that religion is the

faith which has not claims to un-

iversalism, which gathers into itself

the elements of truth and

scattered and largely ineffective

in other religions, are learning that

the best prophecies of the future

have been fulfilled at the heart of it.

I recall the words which

Mr. Browning wrote, "The

years ago. She has just in our

faith and toleration were found, but

everybody believes nothing, or

else we tolerate apart, but

believe something. This is the

truth. Many of those who

believe the most strongly

have the widest charity. The

with the Apostles; have a

native, innate ability, which

never is broken.

"The first congress of the world's

creeds is universally regarded as the

most important feature of the Colum-

bian Exposition, and the second

congress may be equally historical and

momentous in 1900. In order of

precedence, the same spirit of cordiality,

courage, entire frankness, mingled

preparations and the French congress.

in connection with the French congress.

responsible and representative com-

mittee, headed by a man whose

heart and brain are wedded to the

mediate charge of the project, and

Herculean labors will be need-

ed to gather representative men

women of all the faiths, and the

timidity of those ecclesiastics who

naturally fear such liberating movements

is overcome by the more liberal

is designed to promote faith and

not indifference. It is also impor-

tant that those who believe their own

faith is exclusive should understand that

the parliament, as in the first, no

duplication of any religion is expected

to abate any of its claims."

Dr. Barrows detailed some of the

important results already flowing from

of the first parliament, and he believed

that the second might be more

fruitful because held in the capital

of European civilization from which

ideas have been wont to reach and

affect most effectively the modern

Paris, associated with pleasure, art

and skepticism, might become a school

for the world. The establishment of

juster impressions of the dignity and

commanding influence of that greatest

fact of human history, religion, France

should be unwilling to let America

do her in her honor, in breadth of

sympathy, in intellectual hospitality,

and in the desire to help bind the

world more closely together in a cosmopolitan

fraternity.

Knew All About It.

A consequential young man called

at the marriage office yesterday,

and was given a pink certificate directed

to the treasury department.

"Now," said Clerk Danforth, "you

take this to the treasury department of

the treasury office, down stairs at the

other end of the main corridor, pay \$2

and get your receipt. Then

"Thanks. I guess I can attend to

the rest of the affair myself, sir."

Danforth only smiled. Last night at

10 o'clock there was a ring at his door.

He threw on enough clothes to make

himself presentable and hurried down.

At the door he found the young man

who had called for the license.

"What kind of a confounded blunder

BIBLE CURIOSITIES.

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Answers to Queries Concerning Odd Facts and

Who were the first women

Who erected the first monument

Who were the first to wear

Who was the first to commit

Who was the first to be

THE JEWS IN EGYPT

DISCOVERY OF A TABLET THAT RECORDS THEIR PRESENCE.

A Remarkable Finding by Prof. Flinders Petrie

of Egyptology at the British Museum

Translation of the Hieroglyphs

Prof. Flinders Petrie has discovered

a record of the presence of the children

of Israel, as related in the family

Testament, in Egypt, and thus

discovers the story of their

presence in the land of Goshen

in the most authentic manner

yet known. The tablet, which

was found in the tomb of a

high official, is now in the

possession of the British

Museum. It is a fragment of

a larger tablet, and is

about the size of a

small piece of paper.

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