

all lands, and their words to the ends of the world."

England, France, Scandinavia, Finland, Italy, Switzerland and Germany have all been invited to send delegates to Chicago. Women in all parts of the world who are interested in any department of intellectual activity, philanthropy, or reform, whether members of the Council or not, have been asked to suggest topics for discussion and to send in the names of those who will be invited to present papers or to participate in debates of the Congress. According to the preliminary address of the committee:—

"Every living question pertaining to the education or the employment of women may be discussed in this Congress. In its sessions the woman's view upon every issue affecting humanity—upon the Home, the Church, the State, and her own function in these institutions may be presented. What such a Congress may do for the uplifting of humanity, if the women of the world avail themselves of its unique advantages for stating their view of the present condition of the race, of its struggles, its possibilities, its hopes—is incalculable. The aid which such a Congress will give to the solution of the hundreds of problems included in what is massed under the phrase "The Woman Question," is equally beyond measure. Humanity may well entertain eager anxiety regarding the manner in which women will respond to this matchless opportunity."

It may here be asked, and what of Canada in this grand gathering of the nations? Have our Canadian women not been summoned to their trysting-place of woman's activity? Have they no place in the councils of the women of the world? To this we would answer, no place of RIGHT, for Canada has not yet grasped as she might have done this "matchless opportunity" of uniting her womanhood with the forces now marshalling to the emancipation of the sex.

So, as yet, Canada has no National

Council of Women. But the invitation to send representatives has been also extended to Canada, and there will be Canadian women present who shall show, we trust, that the Dominion is at least as progressive as, shall we say, Denmark or Scandinavia.

Two years ago the Dominion Women's Christian Temperance Union, which stands at the head of the organized work of Women in Canada, both in scope and progressiveness, sought, though unsuccessfully, we are grieved to state, to awaken the varying bands of women workers in Canada to the benefits of solidarity of effort for development and progress. There is abundant material in the Dominion for a National Council of her women, in the various philanthropic and religious as well as well as educational societies, conducted by and for women. We are therefore confident that when the matter is more widely known and better understood, as it will be in the near future, the women of our beloved Dominion will be anxious to enter into a sisterhood at once, so broad in its aims and purposes and so far-reaching in its results.

When the women of Canada unitedly array themselves for or against any cause they are going to be a mighty and felt force in the success or defeat of that particular thing.

When they shall lift up their voices nationally, against the glaring evils of the day; when they shall agree to set the standard of society in every home, from ocean to ocean, for temperance, purity and morality; when the wrongs of the toiling sister shall be the wrongs of a united womanhood, then will not life become better worth living for each and all, and shall not our beloved land be the home of a happy and prosperous people?

What better service can we render to the state than to foster such a spirit of patriotism in our women as can flourish only in minds and hearts open to every good influence from all the winds of God? Minds and hearts that shall be free from all narrow and