

to magnify and prolong that usefulness, for when that dies out, through neglect or indifference, our Society ceases. The new organization has a stupendous work before it, as well as a glorious one, and needs all the strength it can get, but it will amply pay back in strength. Our Society is small in numbers, but it stands for a mighty principle, and that principle will have great power, and our Society too, if it proves faithful to its duty in the future liberalism, I might say religion, of America and of all the world.

In a letter received not long ago from Jenkin Lloyd Jones, general secretary of the Liberal Congress, he says, "I am always in closest touch with the Friends. From them has come the most important doctrine of the Liberal movement, the doctrine of the Inner Light, the loyalty of the conscience and faith in its guidings."

We cannot estimate the impetus a part and fellowship in this broader organization would bring to us as a Society, and how much better it would be enabled to do its work, and how much better a work it would have to do. It does not mean only a union and fellowship of the Liberal Societies of America, but of the world. The seeds of Liberalism have been sown and are growing in every land; the leaven of this broader enlightenment is working in every religion. Isolated, the work goes on slowly, but united it would make more rapid strides. India is as ready and as eager for it as America. Japan is impatient. The whole world, in fact, is ripe for it as was witnessed by the predominance of the liberal spirit in the "Parliament of Religions" last autumn.

Do we not remember how in the past the discovery of this spirit of liberalism in others, has fanned into brighter flame the light of life and love in our own souls! Did not our hearts burn within us when we became acquainted with the Brahmo Somaj of India, through the utterances of its illustrious leader, Chunder Sen, and more recent-

ly from the lips of Mozoomdar? Did not our hearts burn within us when we became acquainted with the advanced and Quakerly views of Tolstoi? Did not our hearts continue to burn within us as we grew more familiar day by day at the great "Parliament" with the liberal and enlightened views of the eloquent Orientals? What a luminous sun shining in the world would be a conjunction of all these satellites?

We gladly take this opportunity of bringing the subject before our Society that haply it may see its duty in the matter, and arouse to a sense of its opportunities and responsibilities.

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