

II.—INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Missions at the World's Fair.

1. The subject of missions was incidentally present through the Parliament of Religions, not only in the basal thought of the necessity for the Christian religion, as shown by the presentation of the best parts of the non-Christian religions of Asia, but by direct presentation. Mardiros Ignados presented a paper on *The Results of Protestant Missions in Turkey*; Rev. R. E. Hume, of India, told of the progress of Christianity in India; Rev. G. F. Candlin, missionary of Shanghai, Dr. Ernst Faber, of China, and other missionary speakers took important part in the proceedings. To our way of thinking, the paper of Rev. George Washburn, D.D., President of Robert College, Constantinople, on *Points of Contact and Contrast Between Christianity and Muhammadanism* was one of the most masterly papers of the whole series presented at the Parliament.

2. There were also incidental presentations of the subject of missions in some of the denominational congresses.

3. The next feature of the missionary presentation we notice is an entirely independent and, in a sense, accidental or incidental one. It was not one of the series of congresses planned as a world's auxiliary, nor was it a part even of the missionary congress. It was a conference, not a congress. One result of the great missionary conference held in London in 1888 was the appointment of a standing World's Committee of Women's Missionary Societies, with a somewhat indefinite purpose, but with the hope of its becoming a central board of consultation on matters of interest to all women's missionary societies. This committee, of which Miss Childs, of Boston, is chairman, deemed it wise to provide for a delegated meeting of women's missionary societies in Chicago

simultaneously with the Missionary Congress. Accordingly, on Friday and Saturday, September 29th and 30th, in one of the small halls of the Art Palace, 154 accredited delegates answered to the roll-call, representing 22 women's missionary societies. Mrs. Dr. Judson Smith presided at the first session. Brief reports of the work of the several women's societies were presented from time to time during the two days' sessions, and the discussion of the themes presented in the papers read was general, spirited, and greatly helpful. The program as printed was very closely fulfilled. Miss Clementina Butler furnished a paper on *Evangelistic Work in Foreign Fields*; Mrs. Joseph Cook read a paper prepared by Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, of Edinburgh, Scotland, on *Medical Missions*; Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing, of the Methodist Woman's Home Board, read a paper on *Plans of Work and of Sustaining Interest Among Workers*; Mrs. Flora K. Regal, of the Congregational Home Mission Union, one on *How Best to Combine Educational Missionary and Industrial Training on Home Mission Fields*; Mrs. Rachel B. Taylor, of the Baptist Home Board, discussed the *Scriptural Basis of Giving*.

Mrs. N. M. Waterbury, of the Baptist Foreign Society, read a paper on *Work for Foreign Missions Among Young People in the Home Churches*, on Saturday forenoon, which was followed by a general discussion of methods: On the *Conduct of Meetings*, opened by Mrs. Joseph Cook; on *Raising Money*, opened by Esther Tuttle Prichard; on *Missionary Literature*, opened by Mrs. L. R. Keister-Harford; on *Securing Missionaries and their Preparation for Work*, opened by Mrs. Maria Jamieson. The Saturday afternoon session was consumed with a paper on "*Educational Work of the Foreign Field*," by Miss Elba McGuire, of