

without the disadvantageous interference of interested and ignorant outsiders, medical men and Nurses are the only competent judges concerning the true interests of Nursing, and those most capable of preserving its integrity. I would venture to warn my colleagues to ignore the customary attempt which is now being made to sow dissension in our ranks, when we are pleased to unite for our mutual benefit, and for the national honour of our profession, and to treat with dignified silence the unscrupulous mis-statements which are appearing in a certain lay journal.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK.

CHICAGO, U.S.A., *January, 1893.*

DEAR MADAM,—As you have accepted membership in the Advisory Council of Congress Auxiliaries, I take pleasure in giving you an account of the work thus far accomplished.

I am pleased to announce to you that the Woman's plan of the Congress Auxiliary for the Columbian Exposition is now perfected, and the dates assigned for the holding of this most interesting and suggestive series of World's Congresses. The Auxiliary is formed as follows: with President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary; and the Woman's Branch with President and Vice-President, Local Committee of men and women for each Congress, and of a non-resident Advisory Council formed of men and women noted for their artistic and literary attainments, humanitarian or educational work. To the Local Committee is assigned the preliminary organisation, the fixing of date, and the securing of Advisory Councils, from which the Committee will obtain suggestions of topics and speakers. The duty of the Advisory Council is to interest people outside of Chicago in the special Congresses to be held; to suggest topics for discussion, secure writers to contribute papers for the Congresses and persons to join in the discussion following the same.

This is a most notable advance, as it is the first time in history that leading minds in every line of thought, without regard to sex distinctions, have been called together to discuss social, moral and economical topics; so that the scientific woman is at liberty and is welcomed in the Congress of Scientific Men; the woman who devotes her life to philanthropic work, in the Moral and Social Reform Congresses. Women are accorded the same privileges in the Congresses of Government and Law Reform, and so on through the entire series, as will be seen from the following outline; in the Educational Congresses women will participate in the general programme, and will

also present papers on the following topics:—Kindergarten, Artistic and Manual Training, Higher Education, Physical Culture, Industrial Education and College Fraternities.

Women are far more sympathetic than are men with the so-called "New Education." Her long experience in the physical and spiritual training of the children, has rendered her an adept in the science of Pedagogy. It will be of great benefit to the Congresses, to have her high intuition as mother and teacher, combined with the executive ability and scientific data of the men. In the Law and Government Congresses, papers will be presented by women, on the following topics:—"The Dower Rights of Women," "Rights of the Mother to the Guardianship of her Children," "Legal Disabilities of Women," "Women in the Municipality," and "Suffrage."

The Committee of Household Economics will present papers on Domestic Science, Industrial Training, Chemistry of Food, and kindred subjects. As women have before them the task of formulating a science of Household Economics, every woman in the world should take an active interest in the work of this Congress. The Industrial and Social life of woman is in its present unsatisfactory condition because she does not take up the professions and trades underlying the Home. Foreign women are so far in advance of their American sisters in this respect, that great good may come from the interchange of views and methods on this most important branch of Household Science.

The Moral and Social Reform Committee has been divided into four sections—Reformatory, Charitable, Preventive, and Penal. Associations working under any of these four branches, will take this occasion of presenting their work.

The Woman's Committee on Religious Congresses will present the work of woman in the churches, of whatever denomination; and the Committee on Commissions will represent the work accomplished by Woman's Christian Missionaries at home and abroad. A session will be held in which the Congresses will be addressed by eminent women preachers of Europe and America. The distinguishing feature of the Religious Congress to be called "The Parliament of Religions," will be the effort to represent the great religious faiths in their unity; their dissimilarity will be carefully avoided. Underlying the entire social fabric is a vague spiritual discontent, which can only be allayed by the unification of the spiritual beliefs of the world. Woman can hasten the millennium by educating themselves to look upon the great

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