

faiths as a whole, and refusing to entertain a national or sectarian view of religion. The Parliament of Religions will be a greater Educator as well as a harmonizer.

In the Literary Congresses, women's part in literature will be presented in the following subdivisions: Libraries, History, Philology, Imaginative Literature and Children's Literature.

In the Congress of Public Press, the women journalists will devote their mornings to a discussion of women in a daily and weekly press; as editors or as reporters. In the evening, the men and women will hold a Union Congress, in which the most able journalists of the world will deliver addresses, to be followed by short discussions. In no calling have women attained more distinction than as journalists; a profession for which they are admirably adapted. It is astonishing how great a number of women are constantly entering the profession, and this international meeting can only result in great good to themselves, as it will emphasize their strength.

The Labour Congress is one of extreme interest. In the army of toilers, woman's right to work has never been denied or contested. The Industrial civilization that has made her man's competitor, must now solve the problem of her underpay; and the general cheapening of the labour market which has followed on the influx of so large a body of workers, in the competitive world. Not alone women, but children, have entered into the competitive existence of our great modern cities, and this noble army of martyrs, thronging the streets during certain hours of the day, going to and from their daily toil, forms a sad commentary on modern life. The solution of the problem, "How best to put a healthy mind in a healthy body," is far from solved. There is no more pressing question for the workmen or the state to consider, than how to arrest the degradation and demoralization which must necessarily take place in civic and family life, if this deplorable condition of affairs is longer allowed to exist. This committee has greatly to heart the discussion of topics of practical utility of bread winners, and to emphasize present conditions, rather than theories of amelioration; hoping thus to attract the attention of the thinking world to many of the deplorable conditions under which women and children labour.

One Congress only is reserved by the Woman's Branch of the Congress Auxiliary for women exclusively. It is called the Congress of Representative Women, and participation in it is limited to women. Their achievements will be presented entirely from a woman's point of view. Mrs. May Wright Sewell has been travelling in Europe during the summer and has most ably presented "The Congress of Representative Women," in Germany and France. As the Chairman of the other Con-

gresses have not been abroad this year, their work is unfortunately not so well understood.

The Congresses will be held in the following order:—

May 22nd to 28th, Public Press Congress.

May 29th to June 4th, Medical Congresses.

June 5th to 11th, Temperance Congresses.

June 12th to 18th, Moral and Social Reform Congresses.

June 19th to 28th, Congresses in the Department of Commerce and Finance.

June 28th to July 2nd, Musical Congresses.

July 3rd to 12th, Literature, Science and Philosophy.

July 13th to August 1st, Education.

Aug. 1st to 6th, Engineering.

Aug. 14th to 20th, Congresses in the Department of Government.

Aug. 21st to Sept. 1st, Dentistry and Pharmacy.

Sept. 1st to 6th, Labour Congresses.

Sept. 7th to 25th, Religion, Missions, etc.

During October three Congresses will be held on Household Economics, Public Health and Agriculture.

I trust, my dear madam, that you will give to the consideration of the Congresses your active co-operation and sympathy, and that you will interest the women of England in this movement to present the work accomplished by them in the same Congress with men. You have many women in your country who have attained to honorable positions as journalists, educators, as musicians, and writers, and in Philanthropic and Spiritual work. Can you not secure representatives from England to attend each of these special Congresses that they may represent the work accomplished along these lines by women?

The women of America and Europe are extremely interested in these Congresses; the most celebrated of them have offered to write papers or to speak in the discussions.

I enclose the addresses issued by the different Committees also some suggestions for a program, and I bespeak for them your careful consideration and trust that you will give to this movement your active sympathy and co-operation.

If I can give you any further information on this subject, please command us.

Believe me to be, dear Madam,

Yours truly,

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