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INTRODUCTION.

When the World's Fair Congress Auxiliary was organized, it was determined that, among the other congresses, a Parliament of Religions should be held. The Parliament consisted of a General Parliament of all religions and of denominational Congresses. The General Committee on Religious Parliament was composed of two branches, one the men's, the other the women's committee. It consisted of representatives of every denomination, appointed by Mr. C. C. Bonney, president of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Charles Henrotin, vice-president of the woman's branch. By virtue of this appointment, they became the chairmen of their respective denominational committees, with power to make up the committee. At the first meeting of the Jewish Women's Committee, it was decided to work along the lines adopted by the other committees. The Committee also decided to collect and publish the traditional melodies of the Jews as a souvenir of the occasion. In order to arouse the interest in the Jewish Congress and the souvenir, notices were issued to all Jewish publications, inviting the co-operation of all persons interested.

Circular letters were sent to the larger cities, asking Jewish women to hold mass meetings to elect delegates. This measure was more successful than had been anticipated, twenty-nine cities being represented by ninety-three delegates. An extensive correspondence was carried on with Jewish men and women of this country and England, no less than two thousand letters having been written and received by the members of the Committee.

The Programme Committee obtained subjects for papers from many sources, also names of women to write them. It was no easy task to arrange the programme and choose the essayists. It was found that every section of the country could be represented, and the committee, in every instance, was fortunate in its choice of essayists. Two representatives were chosen to present papers in the General Parliament. The Committee was equally fortunate in interesting the Rev. Wm. Sparger, of New York, and the Rev. Alois Kaiser, of Baltimore, in the work necessary for the souvenir. These gentlemen gave their services without compensation, and owing to their able efforts, as well as to those of the conscientious publisher, Mr. L. Rubovits, the Jewish Women's Congress has a souvenir of which it may justly be proud. Dr. Cyrus Adler kindly consented to write the introduction.

The Congress itself was a great success, arousing the interest of Jews and Christians alike. The room originally intended for the sessions was found inadequate to hold the audience, and the larger room chosen was at all times too small. At the Wednesday evening session, it was necessary to hold an overflow-meeting, the overflow completely filling another large hall. The meeting was, in every respect, satisfactory. The question of religious persecution was thoroughly discussed, in the manner and spirit hoped for by the Committee. The discussion was noteworthy, because Jews, Catholics and Protestants were animated by the same desire to battle in the cause of liberty of conscience. The influence of the Congress is, however, not to be measured by the size of its audiences, nor by the merits of its papers. Its chief result is that it brought together, from all parts of the country, East, West and South, women interested in their religion, following similar

lines of work, and sympathetic in ways of thought, and was instrumental in cementing friendships between them. Its outcome is a National Organization, and its use was to prove to the world that Israel's women, like women of other faiths, are interested in all that tends to bring men nearer together in every movement affecting the welfare of mankind.

HANNAH G. SOLOMON, Chairman.

PROGRAMME.

MONDAY, September 4, 10 a. m.

- PRAYER, RAY FRANK, *Oakland, Cal.*
 ADDRESS, ELLEN M. HENROTIN,
Vice-President of the World's Congress Auxiliary.
 ADDRESS, HANNAH G. SOLOMON, *Chairman.*
 POEM, "White Day of Peace," MIRIAM DEL BANCO.
 PAPER, "Jewish Women of Biblical and Mediæval Times,"
 LOUISE MANNHEIMER, *Cincinnati, Ohio.*
 PAPER, "Jewish Women of Modern Days,"
 HELEN KAHN WEIL, *Kansas City, Mo.*
 DISCUSSION, { HENRIETTA G. FRANK, *Chicago, Ill.*
 DR. K. KOHLER, *New York.*
 DR. E. G. HIRSCH, *Chicago, Ill.*

TUESDAY, September 5, 9.30 a. m.

- PAPER, "Woman in the Synagogue," . . . RAY FRANK, *Oakland, Cal.*
 DISCUSSION, DR. I. S. MOSES, *Chicago, Ill.*
 PAPER, "Influence of the Discovery of America on the Jews,"
 PAULINE H. ROSENBERG, *Allegheny, Pa.*
 DISCUSSION, { ESTHER WITKOWSKI, *Chicago, Ill.*
 MARY NEWBURY ADAMS, *Dubuque, Iowa.*

TUESDAY, September 5, 2.30 p. m.

- PAPER, "Women as Wage-Workers, with Special Reference
 to Directing Immigrants," JULIA RICHMAN, *New York.*
 DISCUSSION, { SADIE G. LEOPOLD, *Chicago, Ill.*
 JESSIE BROSS LLOYD, *Chicago, Ill.*
 PAPER, "Influence of the Jewish Religion in the Home,"
 MARY M. COHEN, *Philadelphia, Pa.*
 DISCUSSION, { JULIA I. FELSENTHAL, *Chicago, Ill.*
 ISABELLA BERCHER HOOKER.
 ADA CHAPMAN, *Dallas, Texas.*

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 9.30 a. m.

- POEM, "Israel to the World in Greeting," . . . CORA WILBURN,
Marshfield, Mass.
 PAPER, "Charity as Taught by the Mosaic Code,"
 EVA L. STERN, *New York.*

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PAPER, "Woman's Place in Charitable Work ; What it is, and
What it should be," CARRIE S. BENJAMIN, *Denver, Col.*
DISCUSSION, { GOLDIE BAMBER, *Boston, Mass.*
R. W. NAVRA, *New Orleans, La.*

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 8.30 p. m.

ADDRESS, CHAIRMAN.
PRESENTATION OF HYMN BOOK, EMMA FRANK.
PAPER, "Mission Work Among the Unenlightened Jews,"

MINNIE D. LOUIS, *New York.*

DISCUSSION, REBEKKAH KOHUT, *New York.*

PAPER, "How can Nations be Influenced to Protest or even
Interfere in Cases of Persecution," LAURA JACOBSON, *St. Louis, Mo.*

LILLIE HIRSHFIELD, *New York.*

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND, *St. Paul, Minn.*

WILLIAM ONAHAN, *Chicago, Ill.*

DISCUSSION, { PROF. CHAS. ZEUBLIN, *Chicago, Ill.*

THE REV. JENKINS LLOYD JONES, *Chicago, Ill.*

DR. E. G. HIRSCH, *Chicago, Ill.*

THE REV. IDA G. HULTIN, *Chicago, Ill.*

THURSDAY, September 7, 9.30 a. m.

REPORTS,
PAPER, "Organization," SADIE AMERICAN, *Chicago, Ill.*
BUSINESS MEETING,

PAPERS read before the Religious Parliament under the Auspices of
the Committee of the Jewish Women's Congress.

SEPTEMBER 16.

PAPER, "The Outlook of Judaism," JOSEPHINE LAZARUS, *New York.*

SEPTEMBER 21.

PAPER, "What Judaism has done for Woman,"
HENRIETTA SZOLD, *Baltimore, Md.*