

NEW CHAPTER IN HUMAN HISTORY

First Universal Races Congress Will Mark Its Beginning.

PERSONNEL OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Partial Program, Object and Aim of Great International Conference Which is to Be Held in University of London in July—List of Speakers Includes Many Notables.

London.—For the first time in human history there is a clear prospect of one common ideal animating all peoples, and thus the beautiful old hope of the brotherhood of nations and races is at last moving appreciably toward realization. What better means of celebrating the birth of the new era, of brushing aside prejudices and suspicions or correcting misunderstandings than by men and women from east and west, white and nonwhite, meeting as friends and equals in a great congress?

We therefore earnestly appeal to all—most especially to sympathizers in the far and near east and in Africa and America—to make the utmost effort to attend personally the first universal races congress in London July

ern knowledge and the modern conscience the general relations subsisting between these various peoples with a view to encouraging between them a fuller understanding, the most friendly feelings and a heartier co-operation.

Political issues of the hour will be subordinated to this comprehensive end, in the firm belief that when once mutual respect is established difficulties of every type will be sympathetically approached and readily solved. We call on every one who chances to see this appeal to forward the high and holy cause of this congress by becoming a center of propaganda, by attending the conference and by inducing associations and public bodies to be represented.

The American auxiliary committee includes the names of many distinguished Americans like Jane Addams, John Graham Brooks, President Faunce, Hamilton Holt, George Foster Peabody, Hon. Joseph Choate, Hon. Horace Porter, Lyman Abbott and Andrew Carnegie.

The full program may be obtained free of charge and post free by writing to the secretary of the congress, Mr. G. Spiller, 63 South Hill Park, Hampstead, London, England.

The following are the writers of papers:

Wu Ting Fang (on China), Tongo Takebe and Ternaki Kobayashi (on Japan), Ahmed Said Bey (on Turkey), Hadji Mirza Yahya (on Persia), I. Zangwill (on the Jewish race), G. K. Gokhale (on India), Mohammed Sourour Bey (on Egypt), General Legitime (on Haiti), W. E. B. Du Bois (on the American Negro), Charles A. Eastman (on the American Indians), Tongo Jabavu (on the South African natives), J. Mensah Sarban (on the West African natives).



(1) ISRAEL ZANGWILL, (2) AHMED SAID BEY, (3) WU TING FANG.

26 to 29 inclusive and convert it into an imposing and world moving demonstration in favor of interracial good will.

The congress is truly what it purports to be—an assembly of members of all the races of the world. Accordingly there are papers on China, Japan, Turkey, Persia, the Jewish race, India, Egypt, Haiti, the American Negro and Indian and the Negro of West and South Africa.

Hindu Scholar Will Open Program.

In every one of these cases, we wish it to be noted, the paper is written by a member of the particular people or race concerned, while the very first paper of the congress is by a Hindu scholar, the congress executive recognizing that it might thus show its appreciation of the east. Ex oriente lux.

It will rejoice the hearts of those who believe in interracial harmony to know that it is not the few, the despised or the eccentric who are co-operating in this congress, but the many, the honored and the experienced. Among the supporters, very many of whom have welcomed with the greatest enthusiasm the idea of holding such a congress and who belong to no less than fifty countries, are thirty presidents of parliament, the majority of the members of the permanent court of arbitration and of the delegates to the second Hague conference, twelve British governors and eight British prime ministers, many statesmen and ambassadors, over forty colonial bishops, some 130 professors of international law, the leading anthropologists and sociologists, the officers of the majority of the council of the interparliamentary union, not to particularize a multitude of other distinguished personages.

Henceforth it will be impossible to deny that there exists a solid body of opinion among the most highly placed and the most highly cultured in favor of just, respectful and friendly relations between the peoples of the east and those of the west, between the so called whites and the so called colored, and the very remarkable unanimity in regard to fundamentals among the distinguished writers of papers will emphasize this.

Object and Aim of the Congress.

The object of the congress, which will be held in the University of London, is to discuss in the light of mod-