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# ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

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New York, March 12th, 1900.

Dear Mrs. Belden:-

On the first of June, 1899, an invitation was sent to all Protestant missionaries throughout the world to attend the Ecumenical Conference which is to be held in this city in April.

If, because of change of address or for other reasons, you have failed to receive the invitation and to notify the secretaries of the Conference of your probable attendance, kindly do so at once.

By the Constitution of the Conference, missionaries attending will be reckoned as delegates and be entitled to seats in the reserved section of Carnegie Hall, with the right to participate in the general discussions as there is opportunity. In order to secure a Delegate's Ticket, you should write at once to the General Secretaries and let them know that you expect to attend the Conference, and the day and probable hour of your arrival. The Hospitality Committee will do what it can to secure free entertainment for all missionaries, but, failing to do this, will endeavor to find good boarding places for them at reasonable rates.

Any friends desiring tickets of admission should apply to the General Secretaries, Ecumenical Conference, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, stating the morning and evening sessions they wish to attend in the order of their choice.

We are sending you the Programme under separate cover. Please study the Syllabus thoughtfully and let us know which of the sectional meetings you prefer to attend and what special points you desire to have brought out in the discussions. We shall be glad to send you further information regarding the plans for the Conference, and also to do what we can to aid you to a more exact knowledge of the way in which any special topic is to be treated. As the Programme is arranged, the chief emphasis is placed on the discussions rather than on the papers, more than half the time being reserved for this purpose.

On Monday afternoon, April 23d, there will be ten sectional meetings on Surveys of Fields, and you will naturally attend the one relating to the country in which you have been working. The time allotted to each speaker will be determined somewhat by the known number of missionaries in attendance.

The Committee on Popular Meetings and Speakers want a list of missionaries who can be relied upon for addresses at the following meetings: (1) Sabbath morning and evening services in churches. (2) Sunday Schools. (3) Young People's Meetings. (4) Popular overflow meetings during the Conference.

Please indicate your willingness to be called upon and for which meetings.

It will greatly increase the general interest in the Conference throughout the country if you will emphasize its character and importance in connection with such addresses as you may be giving, and especially if you can arrange for all-day meetings like the one of January 11th; the preface to the report of this meeting indicates our general thought as to what is to be accomplished by such gatherings in bringing the whole Church into sympathy with the purpose and spirit of the Conference.

The Exhibit Committee would be glad to receive a list of articles of special interest or value which you can furnish.

In replying, please state the name of your Board or Society, the year you entered upon missionary service, the country or countries in which you have labored, and the special work in which you have been engaged.

As this Conference is one that offers peculiar opportunities for those devoted to the mission cause to arouse this metropolis and through New York the entire country, we appeal to you to join your efforts to ours in making it a complete success.

Cordially yours,

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General Secretaries.