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UTAH WOMEN IN CHICAGO.

Since returning from Chicago and the Columbian Exposition I have been informed that little is known here at home of our meeting there in connection with the "Woman's Congress of Representative Women," and therefore as a journalist I feel called upon to make some report, through the columns of the DESERT NEWS, which has such a large circulation among those who are specially interested in the organizations that were represented.

Nearly all the women who took part in the meetings have now returned home, safe and well with one exception (Mrs Sarah M. Kimball) who was very ill while away and has not yet recovered from the severe cold taken in Chicago.

The meeting of the National Woman's Relief Society was held on the morning of May 19, as expected, in Room VII assigned to us previously. It may be well to explain that on the same morning, meetings were held in many of the Department Halls as well as in both Congress Halls, designated Hall of Columbus and Hall of Washington. These two are the main halls of the building and hold between three and four thousand people. Besides these there are thirty-three Department Rooms, that will accommodate from three to eight hundred. Room VII, where our meeting was held, has a seating capacity of eight hundred, this being one of the largest sized Department Halls.

Our meetings were well advertised and the program of the Congress contained the notices of them on the day named. Unfortunately for us on that particular morning there were several meetings going on, likely to detract from the interest in ours, besides the Congresses proper in the two main halls mentioned, where several celebrated women were to speak on popular themes. One of these was the International Council of Women which met in Hall XXIV, for the transaction of business and election of officers. Another important one was the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and there are several others equally interesting, twenty in all. This was the case every day towards the close of the week, the time being far too short for such an important Congress of organizations all parts of the world.

At the hour appointed Friday morn-

ing, 10 a. m., Mrs. Zina D. H. Young and those who were expected to take an active part in the proceedings were upon the platform in their respective places. Mrs. Sarah M. Kimball offered a very impressive and eloquent prayer, Miss Kate Romney gave a musical selection upon the organ, and the choir of young ladies, Mrs. Minnie J. Snow leading, rendered the inspirational hymn, "O my Father, Thou that dwellest," etc., composed by Eliza R. Snow.

President Zina D. H. Young made the opening address in her characteristic motherly way, and was followed by the vice president of the Society, Mrs. Jane S. Richards, who in a brief paper summed up the aims and benefits of the organization, its numbers and the magnitude of the work in a clear and comprehensive manner. Pioneer Women of Utah in 1847 and 1848, by Mrs. M. Isabella Horne, was well received and appreciated, judging from the comments in the papers since. It was descriptive of the journey across the Plains, the hardships encountered. Mrs. Zina Young Card's subject was The Children, and she gave it in glowing terms; she has a good voice and her enunciation is distinct—in fact, she possesses some of the attractive qualities in speaking with which her father, the late President Brigham Young, was so largely endowed, and considering that her mother also excels in this respect it would only be natural that the daughter should enjoy a large share of this excellent gift.

The paper given by Mrs. Nellie Little (widow of the late Ex-Mayor Feramorz Little) was one that attracted attention—Amusements of the Early Days in Utah, and the subject was graphically handled. Mrs. Little is a fine reader, and acquitted herself admirably on this occasion. Western Women, Authors and Journalists, by the present writer, we shall leave others to judge; we added to our talk of women writers some facts about grain-saving, a subject with which we are somewhat familiar. Martha Hughes Cannon, B. E. and M. D., was next on the program; Types of Women was her subject, and she succeeded so well both in dealing with the theme and reading her paper that she won well-merited applause. Her style was highly complimented and the address was a great credit to the women of the Territory.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lisle Saxon of New

Orleans, writer, suffrage advocate and temperance woman, came upon the platform and addressed the meeting. She spoke in terms of glowing praise of her visit to our beautiful city and sojourn here of some weeks, her pleasant association with Mrs. Amelia F. Young, with whom she stayed for some time, her trip to Provo and other places. She commended the people for industry, thrift, sobriety and purity of life, and made quite a strong and stirring speech in our favor.

Industrial Women, by Mrs. Electa Bullock gave the general work of that kind throughout the country, the various improvements and inventions to facilitate its progress—in fact she did ample justice to the subject.

Mrs. Emily S. Richards, our territorial president for the World's Fair, spoke a few minutes, and very cordially invited those present to call at the Utah building and see the exhibits, especially the work of women. The session closed with singing and Mrs. Elmina S. Taylor pronounced the benediction.

There were present in the audience Messrs. John Henry Smith, George Romney, Robert Morris, George H. Taylor, W. B. Dougall, Dr. J. E. Talimage and possibly others; quite a number of ladies from Salt Lake City, among them Mrs. C. Y. Cannon, Mrs. Amelia F. Young, Mr. Ellen C. Clawson, Mrs. Vilate Romney, Miss Josephine Spencer, and also the young women who were to take part in the evening. Dr. Rosetta L. Gilchrist, of Ohio, was present, and remarked that this one meeting alone was worth coming to Chicago for. Mrs. Chamberlain, whose maiden name was Leavitt, a sister of Mrs. Lucinda Brown and of John Leavitt, of Utah, came and invited several of us to visit her at her home in Inglewood, one of the suburbs of Chicago. She was very friendly and manifested great interest in our meeting. Quite a number of strangers came forward and talked with the ladies on the platform, while reporters and newspaper people solicited the written addresses and asked all sorts of questions.

At the hour appointed in the evening the representatives of the Young Ladies' National M. J. A. were seated; the singers had also taken their places and the exercises began. The hall was well filled when Miss Kate Romney opened with the voluntary upon the organ. Singing "My country 'tis of thee" by the choir was followed by