

*Jacob Gould Schurman an Vaihinger, Ithaca (New York, Vereinigte Staaten von Amerika), 9.2.1893, 1 S., Ts. mit eU (in schwarzer Tinte), Briefkopf President's Rooms, | Cornell University, | Ithaca, N. Y., Wasserzeichen im unteren Rd. des Bogens East<sup>a</sup> Hartford,<sup>b</sup> Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Bremen, Aut. XXIII, 5 s*

New York Feb[ruary] 9/93.

Dear Sir: --

The Directors of the World's Columbian Exposition<sup>1</sup> have decided to hold in connection with the material exhibit at Chicago a series of Congresses illustrative of the moral, intellectual, and religious condition and progress of mankind. There will be a Social Congress, a Religious Congress, an Educational Congress, a Philosophical Congress, etc.<sup>c</sup>

The undersigned has been appointed chairman of the Executive Committee of the Philosophical Congress. It is the intention of the Managers to invite the leading philosophical thinkers and writers of the world to be present and to read papers on philosophical subjects and to join in discussions. I have much pleasure in inviting you to be present and to read a paper; or, if you cannot be present, at least to send a paper. Any subject in which you may be interested will be appropriate. All papers read will afterwards be printed in the proceedings of the Congress.<sup>2</sup>

While the Committee has no means to defray the travelling expenses of those who take part in the Congress, it is able to offer free entertainment during the continuance of the Congress at Chicago, which will be held sometime during the last two weeks of August.

Hoping that you will be able to accept this invitation, and soliciting the favor of an early reply, I remain, Very truly yours,

J. G. Schurman  
Chairman.<sup>d</sup>

#### Anmerkungen

<sup>1</sup> World's Columbian Exposition ] *Weltausstellung, 1.5.1893–30.10.1893 in Chicago*, vgl. *Johnson, Rossiter: A history of the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893 Bd. 1: Narrative*. New York: D. Appleton and Company 1897, S. 340, S. 343 sowie S. 486. Digitalisat: <https://archive.org/details/cu31924021896331/> (28.2.2024).

<sup>2</sup> proceedings of the Congress ] *nicht ermittelt. Der philosophische Kongress anlässlich der Chicagoer Weltausstellung wurde am 21.8.1893 eröffnet. Ein etwaiger Besuch oder Vortrag Vaihingers ist nicht ermittelt; Vaihingers Name wird im (keine Vollständigkeit beanspruchenden) Register für alle 4 Bände der offiziellen Geschichte der Ausstellung nicht erwähnt*, vgl. *Johnson, Rossiter: A history of the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893 Bd. 4: Congresses*. New York: D. Appleton and Company 1898, S. 357–410 sowie S. 509–528. Digitalisat: <https://archive.org/details/cu31924105746600/> (28.2.2024); vgl. für einen Bericht mit zahlreichen zitierten Passagen einer Auswahl der gehaltenen Vorträge ebd.: *Chapter X. The Philosophical Congress*, S. 357–410.

<sup>a</sup> East ] *kann auch Earl heißen*

<sup>b</sup> Hartford ] *Lesung unsicher, darunter vermutlich ursprünglich (durch Beschnitt des Bogens weggefallen): Linen etc.] &c.*

<sup>d</sup> Chairman. ] *msl.; darunter von anderer Hd. in schwarzer Tinte: Herrn J. [!] Vaihinger*