

An Excursion to Europe.

An excursion to Europe is always one of great interest, but once in eleven years this interest is doubled by the holding of the Universal Exposition at Paris. At the request of a number of friends Dr. Withrow, who has six times visited Paris and Rome, will personally conduct an excursion party to Europe during the summer of 1900. He will have rooms secured in London, and in Paris near the Exposition, before leaving Toronto, and will thus avoid the difficulties which would, in the congested state of the latter city, be otherwise inevitable. Dr. Withrow is preparing his programme of travel, which will give full details of routes and rates, etc., and will be happy to send a copy to any one interested in the subject. Address Rev. Dr. Withrow, Methodist Publishing House, Toronto.

Christmas Day Acrostic.

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Christ the Lord is born to-day,—
 Heard ye not the angels' lay?
 Righteous offerings let us bring,
 Incense to the Saviour—King.
 Sing we, too, the angels' song,
 Triumph with the holy throng.
 May our grateful praise arise
 As sweet incense to the skies.
 Saviour, Christ, we will adore,

Daily we His love implore.
 Always may we holy be;
 Yearning Christ our Lord to see.

Lessons and Golden Texts.—Studies in the Old Testament.

- I. October 1.—JOY IN GOD'S HOUSE. Psalm 122. *Commit vs. 6-9.* (Read Psalm 84.) GOLDEN TEXT: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122. 1.
 II. October 8.—HAMAN'S PLOT AGAINST THE JEWS. Esth. 3. 1-11. *Commit vs. 5, 6.* (Read chaps. 1-3.) GOLDEN TEXT: If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8. 31.
 III. October 15.—ESTHER PLEADING FOR HER PEOPLE. Esth. 8. 3-8 and 15-17. *Commit vs. 15-17.* (Read chaps. 8-10.) GOLDEN TEXT: Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37. 5.
 IV. October 22.—EZRA'S JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM. Ezra 8. 21-32. *Commit vs. 21-23.* (Read chap. 7, and 8. 15-36.) GOLDEN TEXT: The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him. Ezra 8. 22.
 V. October 29.—PSALMS OF DELIVERANCE. Psalms 85 and 136. *Commit Psalm 136.* (Read Jer. 31.) GOLDEN TEXT: They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psalm 126. 5.
 VI. November 5.—NEHEMIAH'S PRAYER. Neh. 1. 1-11. *Commit vs. 8-10.* (Read chap. 2.) GOLDEN TEXT: Prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day. Neh. 1. 11.
 VII. November 12.—REBUILDING THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM. Neh. 7. 1-19. *Commit vs. 15-18.* (Read the chapter.) GOLDEN TEXT: Watch and pray. Matt. 26. 41.

- VIII. November 19.—PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURES. Neh. 8. 1-12. *Commit vs. 1-3.* (Read the chapter; also Luke 4. 16-22.) GOLDEN TEXT: The ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. Neh. 8. 3.
 IX. November 26.—WORDS OF INTERIMENCE. Prov. 23. 29-35. (Temperance Sunday.) *Commit vs. 29-32.* GOLDEN TEXT: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. 20. 1.
 X. December 3.—KEEPING THE SABBATH. Neh. 13. 15-22. *Commit vs. 15-17.* (Read the chapter. Compare Isa. 56. 1-3; Jer. 17. 19-27.)
 XI. December 10.—LESSONS IN GIVING. Mal. 1. 6-11 and 3. 8-12. *Commit chap. 3. 10.* (Read chap. 1; also 2 Cor. chaps. 8 and 9.) GOLDEN TEXT: God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9. 7.
 XII. December 17.—FRUITS OF RIGHT AND WRONG DOING. Mal. 3. 13 to 4. 6. *Commit vs. 16-18.* (Compare Mal. 3. 1-6; also Matt. 11. 7-15.) GOLDEN TEXT: Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6. 7.
 XIII. December 24.—CHRIST'S COMING FORETOLD. Isa. 9. 2-7. *Commit vs. 2-7.* (Read Isa. 11. 1-10.) GOLDEN TEXT: Unto us is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2. 11.
 XIV. December 31.—REVIEW. GOLDEN TEXT: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103. 2.

Order of Services.—Fourth Quarter.

OPENING SERVICE.

- I. SILENCE.
 II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES. [Psalm 121.]
 SUPT. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
 SCHOOL. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
 SUPT. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
 SCHOOL. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 SUPT. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
 SCHOOL. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

- III. SINGING.
 IV. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, OR THE APOSTLES' CREED.
 V. PRAYER, followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert.
 VI. SINGING.

LESSON SERVICE.

- I. CLASS STUDY OF THE LESSON.
 II. SINGING LESSON HYMN.
 III. RECITATION OF THE TITLE, GOLDEN TEXT, AND OUTLINE by the school in concert.
 IV. REVIEW AND APPLICATION OF THE LESSON by Pastor or Superintendent.
 V. ANNOUNCEMENTS (especially of the Church service and the Epworth League and week-evening prayer-meetings).

CLOSING SERVICE.

- I. SINGING.
 II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES.
 SUPT. My son, forget not my law: but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to thee.
 SCHOOL. The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.