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1904 World's Sunday School Con- vention at Jerusalem.

IT is significant of the growth of Sunday School interests that the World's Sunday School Convention of 1904 will be held in the land made sacred evermore by the life of our Lord, and in the city of Jerusalem, which is associated with so much thrilling Bible history. The Convention will be held during the Easter week next year, and already very widespread interest is shown in the enterprise. The province of Ontario is entitled to send twenty delegates, who must be Sabbath School workers, and be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario. The proposed gathering recognizes the increasing desire on the part of modern Bible students to obtain a historic basis for their faith, and nothing can be more conducive to this end than a familiar knowledge of

the scenes of the earthly labors of Christ. Palestine ever breathes the memory of him whose earthly life centred about Jerusalem.

The ship already engaged, the "Grosser Kurfirst," is to leave New York on March 8, 1904, and return there May 18, a cruise of seventy-one days. The programme includes daily addresses lectures, and Bible studies on shipboard throughout the cruise, addresses by famous Oriental scholars at many points, also the addresses by representatives from all parts of the world in the convention.

Two immense tents will be provided for the convention. They will be pitched so as to be thrown together as near Mount Calvary at possible, outside the city of Jerusalem, near the Damascus Gate, and chairs or settees will be provided for 1,200 persons. Arrangements will also be made so that meetings or sessions of the convention may be conveniently held at Mar's Hill, Sea of Galilee, Hills of Bethlehem, Abraham's Oak, Olivet, Bethany, Calvary, and the Garden of Gethsemane.

ITINERARY.

The itinerary includes stops at Madeira, Algiers, Malta, Athens, Constantinople, with a visit to Robert College; Smyrna, and a side trip to Ephesus; Beirut, with side trip to Damascus, and overland to Jerusalem, or by Steamer from Beirut to Jaffa, with full week in Jerusalem; also a visit to Alexandria and Cairo, with side trip to Upper Egypt; Naples and Rome.

The price of the entire trip,—seventy-one days—for first-class accommodations throughout, is from \$300 to \$750. There are 200 berths in two-berth rooms ranging from \$300 to \$375 each. This covers everything included in the main itinerary from New York back to New York, except the steward's fees, laundry and personal expenses. It, of course, is not intended to cover side trips, which, being optional, may be taken at from \$3 to \$90 as desired.

We strongly advise taking as many of these side trips as possible, because they include some of the very best features of the tour, and when one has come so far it would be a great pity not to take advantage of them. The most important of these is the overland route to Damascus and Baalbec, over Mount Hermon, through Gallilee and Samaria, to Jerusalem. This costs \$95 extra, but in no other way can one fully realize the beauty and glory of the Lord's land.

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