

Jerusalem  
April 30. 1904.

No. 29.

Sir,

I have the honour to report to  
Your Excellency that the Central  
Committee of the "Worlds Fourth Sunday  
School Convention", under the Presidency  
of Mr. E. H. Warren of Michigan, United  
States of America, decided to hold the  
Convention Sessions this year in Jerusalem,  
and that about 1200 Delegates and  
Guests - 800 Americans and 400 English -  
assembled in this city with this object.  
The American section arrived here  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, having been  
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His Excellency  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sir R. O'Conor, G. C. B.  
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The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
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Conveyed to Jaffa in the Steamship  
"Grosser Kurfurst" of the Norddeutscher  
Lloyd Company, and the English on  
the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, in the "Augusta Victoria"  
of the Hamburg American Line which  
had been specially chartered for the  
purpose by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thos. Cook & Son.  
They left again on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
instant, for Egypt.

The Programme of the  
proceedings of the Convention, during  
the visit of the Delegates and Guests  
to Jerusalem, consisted of a reception  
and dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, at  
one of the largest hotels, to which all  
the Protestant Missionaries and leading  
English and American residents were  
invited

invited, and of meetings mostly of a  
religious character held on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>,  
and 19<sup>th</sup> instant, in a large marquee  
pitched in an open space of ground  
just outside the north wall of the  
city, when lectures and addresses were  
also delivered. To these meetings not only  
were Protestants invited, but Turkish  
officials, members of the Latin and  
Eastern Churches, and also Mohamedans  
and Jews; and although the audience  
on more than one occasion, numbered  
considerably over 1000 persons -  
everything passed off in a quiet  
and orderly manner. Indeed much  
goodwill and harmony were  
manifested, and not only was there  
no opposition shown on the part of  
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the officials, or display of fanaticism visible  
among the Mohamedan population,—  
seeing that the meetings were  
mainly religious,— but a native  
Muslim gentleman, holding the  
rank of a Pasha, read in Arabic the  
XIX Psalm from the platform, at one  
of the meetings, and the Director of  
Public Instruction gave an address,  
in response to a vote of thanks to the  
Mutessarif proposed by one of the  
Committee for the facilities offered  
by His Excellency to the Convention  
in carrying out the object of its  
visit. I am glad to be able to  
report that, with the exception of  
one death from illness, and two or three  
accidents

accidents to some of the party whilst  
riding or driving, there was nothing to  
mar the proceedings of these large  
gatherings.

I have the honour to add that  
the magnificent progress which of late  
years has been made by Egypt, as shown  
in the report recently published of His  
Majesty's Agent and Consul General at  
Cairo, has attracted to that country, during  
the winter, a large number of visitors,  
and the "season" this year has been, from  
all accounts, exceptionally good in Egypt.  
In addition to the special excursions to  
the Holy Land organised by the Committee  
of the Anglo-American Sunday School  
Convention

Convention, a number of English and  
other tourists who had been wintering in  
Egypt, have visited this city, and  
Jerusalem has never been so full of  
Europeans as it has been since the  
beginning of the present year. There  
are also now in the city 131 English  
Catholic pilgrims, under the leadership  
of the Right Rev. Dr. Allen, Bishop  
of Shrewsbury, who are leaving tomorrow;  
as well as 500 Austrians and nearly 100  
Italians; and a few weeks ago there  
were between 200 and 300 Spanish  
pilgrims. These are all persons of the  
better class who have arrived in  
specially chartered steam vessels at Jaffa,  
on the ordinary Russian pilgrim and  
followers of the Eastern Churches who  
annually

annually visit the Holy Land not being  
counted. I hope later on to be able to  
furnish Your Excellency with the exact  
number of tourists and pilgrims who  
have come this Spring to Jerusalem, but  
according to a rough calculation, based  
on the Returns of former years, there will  
be, before the end of the year, if no  
epidemic or quarantine restrictions  
intervene, - considerably over 1000 English  
visitors alone.

The influx of such a vast  
concourse of strangers of the better class  
from Europe has no doubt been the  
means of circulating a considerable  
amount of coin throughout the country,  
and Hotel proprietors, the Railway  
Company, shopkeepers, horse and  
carriage owners, dragomans etc. have  
all done a good trade; but on the other  
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hand the prices of almost everything,  
but particularly the luxuries of life,  
have risen very greatly. During the  
time the members of the Convention  
were in the city, as much as a dollar  
was demanded for a drive of less  
than a mile in a cab, and horse hire  
rose to three or four times what it  
ordinarily is. There is every prospect  
of the annual number of tourists and  
visitors increasing rather than diminishing  
in the future, and if a safe harbour  
could be constructed at Jaffa, or the  
present Jaffa-Jerusalem railway  
prolonged to Port Said, Jerusalem  
would, in the Spring, with its historical  
and archaeological attractions, become  
almost

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almost as frequented a place, for the  
tourist, as Cairo is in the winter. I  
would further state that the splendid  
administration in all the Departments  
of the Government Service in Egypt  
has had its moral effect on the  
inhabitants of such a close neighbour  
as Palestine, and the spirit of exclusiveness  
and unfriendliness towards Europeans,  
noticeable in some Eastern countries,  
has entirely vanished among both Jews  
and Mohamedans in Palestine.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most Obedient  
Humble Servant.

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