Ine Little Comforter.

To give me wise and good advise I have of iriends a score ; But then the trouble ever is, I knew it all before. And when one's breat is full of care, One's plans all in a mrss, The wisest reasoning, I think. Can't make the trouble isse. My Manne's way is just to any. "Oh, pape, don't be sad ; To morrow night Ald then we shall be glad."

Che never is the one to say, "If you had only been More careful and more sensible, this thing had been forescen." She blesses me, Caresces me, And whispers, "Never mind : To-morrow night All will be right, My papa, good and kind."

By pape, good and white." Bome think I have been much to blame; Bome asy, "I toid to us o;" And others sigh. "What can't be helped Must be endured, you know." Of course, if trouble can be helped, Then crying is in vain: But when a wrong will not come right, Why shou'd I not complain ? In atways wise; Sine never thins me wrong; I'm atways good-Good as the day is long.

All day I've kept a cheerful face, All day I've kept a cheerful face, Mow I may rest, or I may sigh. Or, if Ilke, completin. My daughter thuks as papa thinks, And in her loving sight I am a clever, prudent man, Who has come all thinks right. Faith so complete, O, It is sweet, When neither vise nor strong; The oetter test Of Sorrow and of Wrong.

then come, my little Comforter, And climb upon my En.e; You rake the world seem possible When things so wrong with me. For you've the wisdom far beyond The teach of any sage. The loving, tender, hopeful trust That best can straignten age. New You'ry You fear; Before to-morrow might Before to-morrow might Will all have fied, And everything be right."

BEN HUR: OR, THE DAYS OF THE MESSIAH

BOOK FIRST.

CHAPTER IX. -CONTINUED.

Joseph's will was slow, like his mind; s hesitated, but at length replied, "The fer is kird. Whether there be room for he heatlated, but at length replied, "he offer is kird. Whether there be room for is or not in the house, we will go see your people. Let me speak to the gate-keeper myself. I will return quickly." And, putting the leading strap in the stranger's hand, he pushed into the stirring growd.

The keeper sat on a great cedar block outside the gate. Against the wall behind him leaned a jevelin. A dog squatted on the block by his side.

"The peace of Jehovah be with you," and Joseph, at last confronting the keeper. "What you give, may you find again ; and, when found, be it many times muland, when found, be it many times mul-tiplied to you and yours," returned the watchman gravely, though without mov-

"I am a Bathlehemite," said Joseph in his most betiberate way. "Is there not room for"-There is not."

"You may have heard of me-Joseph of Nazareth. This is the house of my fathers. I am of the line of David."

These words held the Nazarene's hope. If they failed him, further appeal was idle, even that of the offer of many sheke's. To be a son of Julah was one thing—in the tribal opinion a great thing ; to be of the house of David was yet another; on the tongue of a Hebrew there could be no higher boast. A thousand another; on the tongue of a Hebrew there could be no higher boast. A thousend years and more rad passed since the boy ish shepherd became the successor of Saul and founded a royal femilie and founded a royal family. Wars, calamities, other kings, and the countless laconically.

"Who are all these people?" asked Joseph, turning to the crowd. "And wby are they here at this time?" "That which doubtless bought yon, Rabbi--he decree of the Cosa?"-the keeper threw an interrogitive glance at the Nazarene, then continued.-"brought most of those who have lodging in the house. Aid yesterday the caravan passing f. om Damascus to Arabia and Lower Egypt arrived. These you see here be long to it-men and camels." Still Joseph persisted. "The court is large," he said. *

Sill Joseph persisted. "The court is large," he said. " "Yes, but it is haped with cargos...-with bales of si k, and pockets of spice, and goods of every kind." Then for a moment the face of the applicant lost its stolidity; the lustreless, staring eyes dropped. With some warmth he next said, "I do not care for myself, but I have with me my wife, and the night is cold-colder on these heights than in Nextreth. She cannot live in the open air. Is there not room in the town?" "These people"—the keeper waved his hand to the throng before the door--"have all besonght the town, and they report its accommodations all engaged." "Again Joseph studied the ground, say-ing, half to himself, "Sae is so young ! if I made he bed on the hill, the frosts will kill her." lewen.

piles upon the floor are for travellers like yourselves. Take what of them you netd."

Then he spoke to Mary. "Can joi rest here ?" "The place is sanctified," she answered. "I leave you then. Peace be with you all 11 When he was gone, they busied them-selves making the caye habitable.

CHAPTER X. THE RAY FROM HEAVEN. THE RAY FROM HEAVEN. At a certain hour in the stening the shouting and stir of the people in and about the khan ceased; at the same time, every Istaelite, if not already upon his feet, arose, solemnized his face, looked towards Jerusalem, crossed his hands upon his breast, and prayed; for it was the sacred pinth bour, when sacrifices

kill her." Then he spoke to the keeper s.a.". "It may be you knew her parents, Joschim aid Anns, once of Bethlehem, and like myself, of the line of Davil." "Yes, I knew them. They were good people. That was in my youth." This time the keeper's eyes sought the ground in thought. Suddenly he raised his head. "It I cannot make room for you," he said, "I cannot turn you swar. Rabbi. I

said, "I cannot turn you away. Rabbi, I will do the best I can for you. How

will do the best I can for you. How many are of your party?" Joseph reflected, then replied, "My wife and a friet d with his family, from Beth-Degon, a little town over by Jopps; in all, six of us." "Very well. You shall not lie out on the ridge. Bring your people, and haster; for, when the sun goes down behind the mountain, you know the night comes quickly, and it is nearly there now." "I give you the tlessing of the hous-less travelier; that of the scjourner will fol-low."

low." So saying, the Nazarene went back joy-fully to Mary and the Beth Dagonite. In a little while the latter brought up his family, the women mounted on donkeys, family, the women mounted on donkeys. The wife was matronly, the daughters were images of what she must have been in youth; and as they drew nigh the door, the keeper knew them to be of the humble

class. "This is she of whom I spoke," said the

"This is she of whom I spoke," said the Nazarene; "and these are our friends." Mary's veil was raised. "Blue eyes and hair of gold," muttered the steward to himself, seeing but her. "So looked the young kirg when he went to sing before Saul." Then he took the leading strap from Joseph and said to Mary, "Peace be to you, O daughter of David !" Then to the others, "Peace to you all!" Then to Joseph, "Rabbi, follow me. The party were conducted into a wide passage paved with stone, from which they entered the court of the khan. To a stranger the scene would have been curia pair corole along the inte of the sum-nit. The khan was touched luminously, so that those upon the roof saw each other's faces, all filled with wonder. Steadily, through minutes, the ray lingered, and then the wonder changed to awe and fear; the timid trembled; the

"Saw you ever the like ?" asked one, "It seems just over the mountain there I cannot tell what it is, nor did I ever See anything like it," was the answer. "Can it be that a star has burst and fallen?" asked another, his tongue tal entered the court of the khan. To a stranger the scene would have been cari-ous; but they noticed the lewens that yawied datkly upon them from all sides, and the court itself, only to remark how crowded they were. By a lane reserved in the stowage of the cargoes, and thence by a passage similar to the one at the entrance, they emerged into the enclosure entrance, they emerged into the enclosure

entrance, they emerged into the enclosure adjoining the house, and came upon camels, horses, and donkeys, tethered and dozing in close group; among them were the keepers, men of many lands; and they, too, slept or kept silent watch. They went down the slope of the crowded yard slowly, for the duli carriers of the women had wills of their own. At length that

, no ! Though all the wood in all

on the west. "We are going to the cave," said Joseph

out in thick, course, sunburnt shocks; their beard covered their threat, and fell is mate down the breast; mantles of the skin of kide and lambs, with the fleece on, wrapped them from neck to knee, lear-ing the arms exposed; broad belts girthed the mole garments to their waists; their sandals were of the coarset quality, from their right shoulders hung scripe contain-ing food and selected stones for slings, with which they were armed; on the ground near each one lay his crook, a symbol of his calling and a weapon of offence. grain and fodder, and earther ware and i household property, occupying the centre to of the chamber. Along the sides were in angers, low enough for sheep, and built of stones laid in cement. There were no stalls or partitions of any kind. Dust and cheff yellowed the floor, filled all the cre vices and hollows, and thickened the spider webs, which dropped from the ceiling like bits of dirty finen; otherwise the place was cleanly, and, to appearance, as comfortable as any of the stoked le wens of the khan proper. In fact, a cave was the model and first suggestion of the lewen.

Not once the praise, but many times. Then the hera draised his eyes as seek-ing approval of one far off; his wings stirred, and spread slowly and maj stically, ffer ce. Such were the shepherds of Judea ! In appearance, rough and savage as the gaunt dogs sitting with them around the blszs; in fact, simple minded, tender hearted; effects due, in part, to the primitive lite they led, but chi fly to their constant care of things lovable and helpl.ss. "Come in !" said the guide. "These

unison :

"Glory to God in the highest, and on

earth peace, good will towards men !'

surred, and spread slowly and majestically, on their upper side white as snow, in the shadow van-thated, like mother of pearl; when they were expanded many cubit; beyond his stature, he rose lightly, and, without effort, floated out of view, taking the light up with him. Long aftor he was gone, down from the sky fell the refrain in measure mellowed by distance, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

of things lovable and helplas. They rested and talked; and their talk was all ab ut their flocks, a dull theme to the world, yet a theme which was all the world to them. If in narrative they d welt lor g upon affairs of trifling moment; if one of them omitted nothing of detail in recounting the loss of a lamb, the relation between him and the unfortunate should be remembered; at birth it became his charge, his to keep all its days, to help over the floods, to carry down the hollows, to name and train; it was to be his com-panion, his object of thought and interest, the subject of his will; it was to enliven and share his wanderings; in its defence he might be called on to face the lion or robber-to die. peace, good will towards mea." When the shepherds came fully to their senses, they stared at each other stupidly, until one of them said, "It was Gabriel, the Lord's messenger unto men."

swaldling clothes ?' "And lying in a manger." robber-to die.

"And lying in a marger." The first speaker gazed into the fire thoughtfully, but at length said, like one possessed of a sudden resolve, "There is bat one place in Bethlehem were there are mangers; but one, and that is in the cave near the old khan. Brethren, let us go see this thing which has come to pass The priests and doctors have been a long time looking for the Christ. Now He is born, and the Lord has given us a sign by which to know Him. Let us go up and worship Him." worship Him." "But the flocks ?" "The Lord will take care of them,

us make haste." Then they all arose and left the marah

At a certain hour in the evening the shouting and sir of the people in and about the khan ceased; at the same time, every laadite; if not already upon his feet, srose, solemnized his face, looked to warde Jerusalem, crossed his hands upon his breast, and prayed; for it was the sacred ninth hour, when sacrified and the grame to their knowledge. Of what the world, were trifles to them, if perchance they came to their knowledge. Of what they save of fared in the temple on Moriah, and G. dwas supposed to be there. When the hads of the worshipers fell down, then as crifed out, the kights were put out, and the step in the hands of the worshipers fell down, the people, half asleep.
About midnight some one on the roof cried out, "What light is that in the sky? Awake, brethren, awake and see!" The people, half asleep, sat up and house gad court and enclosure were out at sole and the strest the as the sky. And this was what they saw. A ray of light, beginning sat a height immeasure ably beyond the nearest stars, and drop, ping obliquely to the earth; at its top, a diminishing point; at its base, many furlongs, in width; its sides blending softly with the darkness of the night; its corra along she lace of the soldiery, and the charm of a paration seemed to reat on the nearest stars, and drop, ping obliquely to the earth; at its top, a diminishing point; at its base, many furlongs, in width; its sides blending softly with the darkness of the night; its corra a roseate electrical splendour. The asy paration seemed to reat on the nearest stars, and drop, ping obliquely to the confort. The synap out, at these upon the roof aw each it with greater zest; when the sheliach read the set, none listend to the interparation seemed to read on the mastery of the corres faces, all filled with wonder. Steadily, through minutes, the ray lingered, and then the wonder changed to read the south as a start of the south as a start of the south as a start of the town, making a pale corona along the line of the sour at the sea

found all the learning and all the law of their simple lives—that their Lord was One God, and they must love Him with all their souls. And they loved Him, and such was their wiedom, surpassing that of kings. While they taked, and before the first

watch was over, one by one the the pherds went to sleep, each lying where he had

eat. The night, like most nights of the win "Can it be that a star has burst and fallen?" asked another, his toogue fal teriog. "When a star falls, its light goes out." "I have it !" cried one confidently. "The shepherds have seen a lion, and made fires to keep him from the flocks." "The men next the speaker drew a breath of relief, and said, "Yee, that is it! The flocks were grazing in the valley over there to day." A bj stander dispelled the comfort. "No, no ! Though all the wood in all

"No, no! Though all the wood in all the valleys of Jadah was brought together in one pile and fired, the blsze would not throw a light so strong and high." After that there was silence on the house top, broken but once again while the mystery continued. "Brethren !" exclaimed a Jew of vener and min, soft and white, like the "Brethren !" exclaimed a Jew of vener

the fire, but pansed; a light was breaking around him, soft and white, like the moon's. He waited breathlesly. The light deep ned; things before invisible came to view; he saw the whole field, and all it sheltered. A chill shapper than that of the frosty air—a chill of fear-smote him. He looked up; the stars were gone; the light was dropping as from a window in the sky; as he looked, it became a splendor; then, in terror, he cried : "Awake, awake !" Up sprang the dow and here"

DEC. 4. 1898. Suddenly the light, of which he seemed have seen, were of unusual size and whitethe centre, turn d rosent and began to tremble; then up, far as the men could see, there was flashing of white wings, and coning and poing of radiant forms, and voices as of a multitude chanting in

have seen, were of numeral size and white-ness, and moved with singular stateliness; the trappings toid of the desert and of long jouneys thereon, and also of ample means in presession of the owners, who sat under the little canopies exactly as they appeared at the rend-zvous beyond the Jobel. Yet it was not the tells or the camels, or their furniture, or the demeanthe Jebs. Yet it was not the tells or the camels, or their furniturs, or the demean-our of the riders, that were so wonderfal; it was the question put by the man who rode foremost of the three. The approach to Jerusalem from the porth is access a plain which disc anoth

The approach to Jerusalem from the north is across a plain which dips south-ward, leaving the Damascus Gate in a vale or hollow. The r.ad is narrow, but deeply cut by long use, and in places difficult on account of the cobbles left loose and dry by the washing of the rains: On either side, however, there stretched, in the old time, rich fields and handsome clive groves, which must, in lururious growth, have been beautiful, especially to travellers fresh from the wastes of the desert. In this road, the three stopped before the party in front of the Tombs. "Good people," said Balthasar, stroking his plaited beard, and bruding from his cot, "is not Jerusalem close by i"

None answered. "Christ the Lord is born; caid he not "Yes," answered the woman into whose arms the child had shrunk. "If the tree Then another recovered his voice, and replied, "That is what he said." "Aud did he not also say, in the city of David, which is our Betblehem yonder. And that we should find Him a babe in "If the trees arms the child had shrunk. "If the trees on yon swell were a little lower, you could see the towers on the market-place." Balthasar gave the Greek and the Hindu a look, then asked: "Where is He that is born King of the

Jews?" The women g z id at each other without reply. "You have not heard of Him?"

"You have not heard of Him?" "No." "Well, tell everybody that we have seen His star in the cast, and are come to worship Him." Thereupon the friends rode on. Of others they asked the same question, with like result. A large company whom they met going to the Grotto of Jeremiah were so astonished by the inquiry and the appear-ance of the travellers, that they turned about and followed them into the city. So much were the three occupied with the idea of their mission that they did not care for the view which presently rose Let

care for the view which presently rose before them in the utmost magnificence: before them in the utmost magnificance: for the village first to receive them on Bezetha; for M zpah and Olivet, over on the r left; for the wall behind the village, with its forty tall and solid towers, super-added partly for strength, partly to gratify the critical taste of the kingly builder; for the same towered wall bending off to the right, with many an angle, and here and there an embattled gate, up to the three great white piles Phase as, Mariamme, and Hippicus; for Zion, tallest of the hills, crowned with marble palaces, and never so beautiful for the glittering ter-races of the temple on Moriah, admittedly one of the wonders of the earth; for the regal mountains rimming the secred city regal mountains rimming the sacred city round about until it seemed in the hollow

that passed. "I give you peace," the Egyptian said

"I give you peace," the Egyptian said in a clear voice. The sentinel made no reply. "We have come great distances in search of one who is born King of the Jews. Can you tell us where He is?"

The soldier raised the visor of his hel-met and called loudly. From an apart-ment at the right of the passage an officer

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The Emigrant's Burial. He stood on the steamer's polay deck, Bowed down by a grief which he might not

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it goo Bapti peopl ting i the Bower down by a give which ne might not check. For by him lay all bereft of life; The shroucless corpse of his faithful wife. Dark swept the Mississippi's tide, While the pall of night came down to hide From the careless gez of strangers near The pale, thin form on the pine plank bler appla minde They had gone from the lordly Shannon's

oped To the grand new world where the free stars

gleam, Heshing a home they might not find, In that hand of their love they let behind. And while the proud, fleet ship would toss The pray from her wings like an albetross Their shouting children sang with give Wild songs of their new born ilterly. and th then, to aro the p

But the mother's blinding tears would come the la of the haunted spring by the hawthorn

gray, ere tairies sang at the close of the day, a while the fierce fever-sure though face i Baptin slow, Quickened her life blood's ebb and flow, With a wasting grief as deep as vain, the pined for her own green land again. one se

No ere they reached the parpas hith, Where the blooming prairie gardens ile, Like plas, grounds by the Goucheau made, Where bright young angels might have While her trembling child anoth the P and th

he wo before accord Tetrar trembling children round her And loosed in her dying face and wept. She closed her sunken, faded eyes, And went away to the peaceful skies. guage he st

for They were far from the churchyard's holy wife." And the unshorn woods before them ness frowned:

And the unshorn woods before them frowned; But vagrant tootsteps would not press The lone grave in the wilderness. So, turning away from his cherished dead, With white and quivering ilps he said. As he pointed towards the virgin sod, "Thi bury her there, in the name of god," the advice more nothin

appoir definit They dug her grave in the forest lone, While the sight winds murmuled a sobbin hideou so stra

White the night white hurming a bosh moan. And the long slant rays of the pale moon-light be gloom with spectres bright, Then is jug her low in her slient bed, Though no innersi rite was sung or read, He buried her where wild the deer trod. With a broken preyer in the name of God." that th what was n tenuat ing, n say, "] it is t

O I thou, the dweller in lighted holls, Where joy is echoed from inity walls, Then who has lierced with a trainor's dart, The finance of a trusting trainor's dart, The finance of a trusting train of a train Couldst thou, with an earnest het, Fold thy false sands above here sod And offer a prayer "in the name of God?"

words, not to O! cleanse thy dark heart's charnel damp, When, like a fittal funeral lamp. blood finding resenti you ca but o

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When, like a fittal functal lamp, Lighting thy sin-foul festering corse, Giesmeth the ray of a deep remores; bere in thy purged soul secure Entomb her memory high and pure, And with a prayer o'er the spirit sod, Bury her there, 'in the name of God."

(The above beautifully expressive lines are from the pen of D. B. Duffield, E q., of Detroit, Mich. It appears that among the passengers on board the steamer E. W. Ken-dall were some I rish emigrants, and among the number a husband with his wile and children, on their way to Iowa. The mother was brought from the ship to the steamer at New Orleans, and after a few day's liness died. When the kind-hearted Capt. Thomas asked the stricken husband where he would bury ber, he pointed to the shores of the Missouri, and said: "I'll bury her there in the name of God."—C tholic Union and Times. blood these n just as motive was d were Was actuat say in obey, i lead, i thorow they l His pa of God

HEROD AND JOHN:

BERMON BY REV. BERNARD VAUGHAN, S J The text wastaken from the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and rehearsed the story of the murder of John the Baptist by Antipas Herod, the Tetrach of Galilee, at the request of Her odias' daughter. After some introductory remarks, descriptive of the beauty and importance of the city of Tiberias, on the lake of Genesareth in Palestine, the rev. preacher proceeded to explain how at that is magnificent palece of his own construc-tion in that city, with the wife of his half. brother. Philip, his adultery being m.de more outrageous before God and scandal-ous to the people by a pretended marri-age, which gave to the partner of his sin, the position of queen. While this miser able urprincipled princeling was living in the midst of the eplendid luxuries of his court, and satisfying his passion in a moet constit. SERMON BY REV. BERNARD VAUGHAN, S J court, and satisfying his passion in a most cruelly unjust fashion-having robbed his own half brother of the aff. ctions of his lawfully wedded wife, and turned them to himself-John the Baptist, clothed in a camel's skin, and with a leathern gildle about his loins, with locusts and wild honey for his food, was living in the desert about the Jordon, preaching those two cognate truths-the necessity of prance, and the near approach of the Kingdom of God. These were the two pleasing to God we must first of all ro-cognize that we were sinters and must sin f weak. cognize that we were siners and must bewail our sins, and, moreover, we must be penetrated with the though to f meaness to that day when we should have to give a most minute and exact account of the whole story of our life to the coming King. To the just and holy man, who called him-self "The voice of one crying in a desert," men and women and even children went forth from cities, towns, and villages, ard God gave efficacy to the word of the austere anchorite, who found a ready echo in the hearts of his hearers, so that they confessed their sins with deep contrition, and from his hands received baptism as a mark of their profession of prance and cognize that we wore sinners and must in the lite is of this nearers, so that they confessed their sins with deep contrition, and from his bands received baptism as a mark of their profession of p nance and faith in his mission. "Then," said St. Luke, "there went forth to him all the country of Judea and all the geople of Jerusalem, and all the region about the Jordan, confessing their sins." It must have been a strarge and most wonderful sight to have seen this just and holy man who described himself as the friend of the Bride groom and Our Lord, "Who takest away the sins of the world," standing up his voice in language so clear and strong that it thrilled them through and through. "Ye brood of vipers, who hath showed ye to fie from the wrath to come ? Dring forth fruit worthy of pen-ance." How great and simple, manly and thoy Baptist. He did not wait to reflect how he might please his hearers, but how he should please his God: He knew what lemona he had to drive home into their hearts and, regardless of what the con-sequences might be, he enforced them with all the powers of the rugged elo-quence which he so well knew how to command. God was with him, and God was preparing the hearts of his people, so that the word of the Baptist soon reached the ream of the Baptist soon reached the ears of Herod, and the oracle the ears of Herod, and the ing has the did they suppose could have been his motive in asking a man so wholly opposed

Around the mountain and through the town they passed, and came to the gate of the khan, where there was a man on watch. "What would you have ?" he asked. "We have seen and heard great things to-night," they replied. "Well, we, too, have seen great things, but heard nothing. What did you hear ?" "Let us go down to the cave in the en-closure. that we may be sure: then we closure, that we may be sure; then we will tell you all. Come with us, and see for yourself." "It is a fool's errand." "It is a tool's errand." "No, the Christ is born." "The Christ! How do you know ?" "Let us go and see first." The man laughed scornfully. "The Christ indeed ! How are you to

know Him ?" "He was born this night, and is now lying in a manger, so we were told; and there is but one place in Bethehem with mangers."

"The cave ?" "Yes. Come with us."

They went through the court-yard with-They went through the court-yard with-out notice, all hough there were some up even then talking about the wonderful light. The door of the cavern was open. A lantern was burning within, and they entered unceremoniously. "I give you prace," the watchman said to Joseph and the Bath Dagonite. "Hare are people looking for a caild born this night, whom they are to know by finding him in swaddlug clothes and lying in a

him in swaddlug clothes and lying in a manger.

For a moment the face of the stolid Nazarene was moved; turning away, he said, "The child is here" They were led to one of the mangers, and there the child was. The lantern was

round about until it seemed in the hollow of a mighty bowl. They came, at length, to a tower of great height and strength, overlooking the gate which, at that time, answered to the present Damascus Gate, and marked the meeting-place of the three roads from Shechem, Jericho, and Gibeon. A Roman guard kept the passage way. By this time the prople following the camels formed a train sufficient to draw the idlers hanging about the porta'; so that when Balthasar stopped to speak to the sentinel, the three became instantly the centre of a close circle eager to hear all that passed.

and founded a royal family. Wars calamities, other kings, and the countless obscuring processes of time had, as respects fortune, lowered his decendants to the common Jewish level; the bread they ate came to them of toil never more humble; yet they had the benefit of history sacrete hept, of which genealogy was the first chapter and the last; they could not become unknown; while, wherever they went in Israel, acquaintance drew after it respect amounting to reverence. If this were so in Jerusalem and elses where, certainly one of the sacred line might reasonably rely upon it at the door of the khan of Bethlehem. To say, as Joseph said, "This is the house of the and literally; for it was the very house Ruth ruled as the wile of Borz; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone David the youngest, were born; the very house in which Jesse and his ten sone ding, and found him; the very house in which Jeremiah, by prayer, rescued the tabylonians. The appeal was not without effect. The keeper of the gate slid down from the cear block, and laying his hand upon his beard, said respecially. "Rabbi I cannie the tours which they were being taken i

with caves great and small, some of which had been dwelling places from the time of the Emim and Horites. No more was there offence to them in the fact that the cavern to which they were being taken had been, or was, a stable. They were the descendants of a race of herdsmen, whose flocks habitually shared both their habituals. In keeping welcome to the traveller, but it was more than a thousand years sgo; and in all that time there is no known instance of a good man turned away, save when there was no room to rest him in. If it has been so with the stranger, just cause must the and three daws, set when the tables have who says no to one of the situations and wanderings. In keeping the descendants of a race of herdmen, whore flocks habitually shared both their have who says no to one of the bitations and wanderings. In keeping the descendants, if you care to go with me status or the set of the Bedawin yet shelters his hores, and children alike. So they obeyed his hores, nor in the laweus, no in the sources, nor in the laweus, no in the source are the dwelleth with you care?"
"But now."
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"If is be the law, can I say to one a long time come, "Go thy way; another is how and narrow, provish is the stanger that dwelleth with you shal love him as theyeel." I anothat the bits of the look was a door, swung on enormous hinger, all the wooden bolt of the look was a door, swung on enormous hinger, and the blaw for their source and taik by alse?"
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able mien, "what we see is the ladder our father Jacob saw in his dream. Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers !" CHAPTER XI. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. A mile and a half, it may be two miles, south east of Bethlehem, there is a plain separated from the town by an interven-ing swell of the mountain. Besides being well sheltered from the north winds, the vale was covered with a growth of syca-more, dwarf oak, and pine trees, while in the glans and ravines adjoining there were thickets of olive and mulberry jall at this season of the year invaluable for the sup-port of sheep, goats, and cattle, of which the wandering flocks consisted. At the side farthest from the town, close under a bluff, there was an extensive marah, or sheepcot, sges old. In some long forgotten foray, the building had been unroofed and almost demolished. The enclosure attached to it remained in-

weapons in hand. "Wnat is it ?" they asked in one voice. "See !" cried the watchman, "the sky is on fire !" on fire !" Suddenly the light became intoleratly bight, and they covered their eyes, and dropped upon their knees; then, as their souls shrank with fear, they fell upon their faces blind and fainting, and would have died had not a voice said to them : "Pear not!"

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been unroofed and almost demolished, The enclosure stached to it remained in-tact, however, and that was of more im-portance to the shepherds who drove their charges thither than the house itself. The sometimes a panther or a lion, hungering from the wilderness, leaped boldly in. On a dditional security against the constant a danger, a hedge of the rhamnus had been planted, an invention so successful that sore that great clusters of thorns hard as epikes. The day of the occurrences which occupy the preceding chapters, a number of shepherds, seeking fresh waiks for their flocks, led them up to this plain ; and foor the satting of dogs. When the sun wont down, they led the way to the marad, and the plattel, the lowing of cattle, and the barking of dogs. When the sun wont down, they led the way to the marad, and the she cattle. There were six of these men, omitting the gate, ratiox of these men, omitting the sho of old came to as into you," the such as the shal he a sign unto you," the and the shal he a sign unto you," the annu clast new searce and the low sof ance, the barking of dogs. When the sun wont down there six of these men, omitting the gate, ratiox of their humble supper, and eat down to rest and talk, leaving one to watch. There were six of these men, omitting

went to Mary, lying near, and put it in her arms. Then the bystanders collected about the two. "It is the Christ!" said a shepherd at last

last. "The Christ !" they all repeated, falling

upon their knees in worship. One of them repeated several times over: "It is the Lord, and His glory is above

"It is the Lord, and His glory is above the earth and heaven." And the simple men, never doubting, kissed the hem of the mother's robe, and with joyful faces departed. In the khan, to all the people aroused and pressing about them, they told their story; and through the town, and all the way back to the marah, they chanted the refrain of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men?" The story went abroad, confirmed by the light so generally seen; and the next Up sprang the digs, and how'ing, ran away. The herds rushed together bewildered. The men clambered to their feet,

The story went abroad, confirmed by the light so generally seen; and the next day, and for days thereafter, the cave was visited by curious crowds, of whom some believed, though the greater part laughed and mocked.

CHAPTER XU.

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The eleventh day after the birth of the

THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAGI. The eleventh day after the birth of the child in the cave, about mid-afternoon, the three wise men approached Jerusalem by the road from Shechem. After cross-ive Brook Cedron, they met many people, of whom none failed to stop and look after them curiously. Judea was of necessity an international thoroughfare; a narrow ridge, raised, ap-parently, by the pressure of the desert on the east, and the sea on the west, was all she could claim to be; over the ridge, however, nature had stretched the line of trade between the east and the south; and that was her wealth. In other words, the riches of Jerusalem were the toils she levied on passing commerce. No where else, consequently, unless in Rome, was there such constant assem blage of so mary people of so many different nations; in no other city was a stranger less strange to the residents than within her walls and purlieus. And yet these three men excited the wonder of all whom they met on the way to the gates. A child belonging to soma yone more site

excited the wonder of all whom they much on the way to the gates. A child belonging to some women sit-ting by the roadside opposite the Tombs of the Kings saw the party coming; im-mediately it clapped its hands, and cried, "Look, lock! What pretty bells! What big camels!" The bulk were silver; the camels, as we

"What would you?" he asked of Baltha-

sar, speaking in the idiom of the city. And Balthasar answered in the same: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?"

"Herod?" asked the officer, confounded. "Herod's kingship is from Cæsar; not Herod." "There is no other King of the Jews."

"There is no other King of the Jews," "But we have seen the star of Him we seek, and come to worship Him." The Roman was perplexed. "Go farther," he said at last. "Go far-ther. I am not a Jew. Carry the question to the doctors in the Temple, or to Han-nas the priest, or, better still, to Herod himself. If there be another King of the Jews, he will find Him." Thereupon he made way for the strang-crs, and they passed the gate. But, before entering the narrow street, Balthasar lingueed to say to his friends, "We are sufficiently proclaimed. By midnight the whole city will have heard of us and of our mission. Let us to the khan now." TO BE CONTINUED.

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