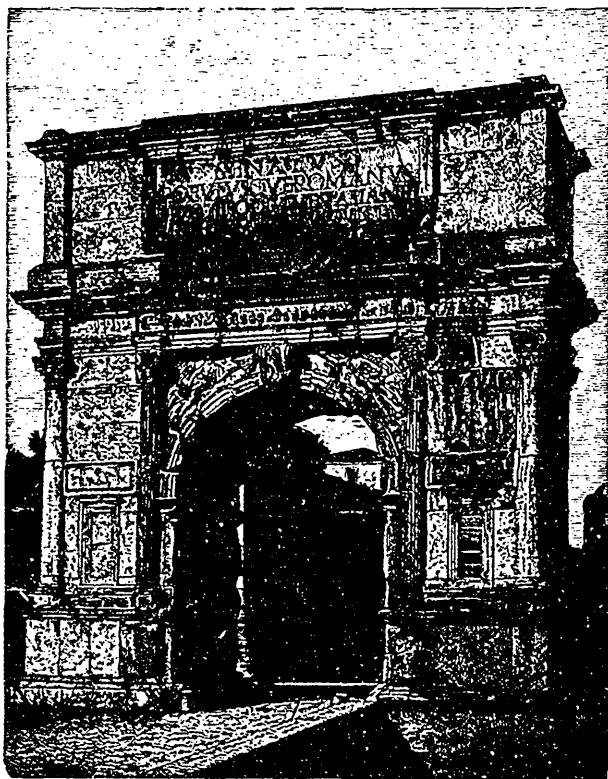


him, before the master of the world. But, how we know not, God delivers him "out of the mouth of the lion," and Paul once more is free. With an impassioned zeal—though aged and infirm—he visits his beloved churches in Colosse, Laodicea and Ephesus. Then turning his eyes to the far west, where he had long

Here he was probably again arrested and sent prisoner to Rome. But now no indulgence was granted. He was thrust, says tradition, into the lowermost dungeon of the Mammertine prison. No wonder Paul, in its damp dungeon, longed for the warm winter cloak as well as for the parchments which he had left at Troas.



THE ARCH OF TITUS.

desired to preach the Gospel, he is said, by early tradition, to have visited Spain, and, it is even contended, reached Britain and traversed the streets of the ancient Londinium—the 'modern London. The tradition, however, has no trustworthy foundation.

In A.D. 66, we find him again in Ephesus, thence by way of Crete he proceeds to Nicopolis.

There he wrote his last epistle—the second to Timothy. His trial took place probably in one of the vast halls of the Forum, whose outlines may still be traced. The venerable apostle, bending beneath the weight of eight-and-sixty years of toil and travel, stands again before the bar of Nero. Though all men forsake him, the Lord stands by him and comforts