Contributors and Correspondents

JOURNEYINGS IN THE HOLY LAND.

Continued.

I shall never forget my first walk in Jerusalem the morning after my arrival. It was a splendid day of brilliant sunshine and bright fresh air. I had to call on ar acquaintance in the Damasous Hotel, so submitted to having a guide so far; after that I enjoyed a solitary ramble. Howover much I enjoyed my walks and rides with the two dear young people who were my usual companions, and also took such loving care of their old lady friend, I found a solitary walk, Bible in hand, the very best thing for taking in gradually and truly the wonderful fact that I was living in the very midst of the scenes of sacred story.

Leaving the nurse, and going down the stops always crowded with market people, I turned to the right down the principal street in Jerusalem. The street of David it is called by Europeans. It boasts a pavement, and even a side-path for a short distance, but its width would be filled by one good sized carriage, and its pavement of round lime-stones polished by constant traffic, is of a slippermess that makes walking over it quite a gymnastic exercise when the stones are wet. At the top of the street there are two or three shops with glass windows; further on, they are the ordinary open fronted tiny stores of the east, in which the owner squats on the floor, surrounded by his goods, and the purchaser stands outside in the street while making his purchase, and any passer by who feels inclined to take an interest in the bargaining, stops and puts in his word without being considered rude or officious. Wi u I reached Jerusalem in December, tho | grim season had hardly begun, and the few poor Jewish or Russian pilgrims did not add much to the loveliness of the streets. About Easter, if it is a good pilgrim season, a great change is seen, and numbers of Europeans and Americans with guides and dragomen are about in the town, but there is never very much of riding through it, the streets being so slippery that most people profer a long round outside the walls to a shorter

route through it. Some of the streets are sort of covered in bazaars, very dark and dingy indeed. Through every part of the town long trains of donkeys and camels pass, bearing the produce of the country, or bales of goods that have been brought by sea to Jaffa. Camels laden with free-wood were my particular assession, for their loads, are stuck. ticular aversion, for their loads are stuck on in such a manner as to spread out as wide as the street, and I have sometimes been glad to dive into any open shop or doorway near which I might be for safety, while a long train of camels passed slowly by, swaying their long necks from side to side, and seeming to look with supreme contempt on all around them. Whether I met them on road or street, I almost uni formly found their drivers utterly regardless as to what the loads caught against, or knocked over. Slipping and scrambling along over the rough pavement, I made my way down the long, narrow, steep streets to the present level of the ancient Tyropean valley. Though immensely above its old level, it is still deep down below the upper parts of Zion hill. Turning up it northward, I gained the Damasous Gato, and passing through it, turned eastward by a rough strong track which goes all round the city, close to the walls. These walls Those walls generally cannot date beyond the time of the Saracens, but they look in many places as it they were built on the foundation of more ancient fortifications. In some places the rock appears beneath them scarped to increase their strength. There are now very few houses outside the walls near the Damascus gate, but from the debris of which the soils of the fields is mostly composed both here and on the part of the hill of Zion outside the walls, it is manifest that the city must anciently have extended very far beyond its present limits. Pursuing my way castward, I came to the north corner of the walls, and there saw the deep gorge of the valley of Jehoshaphat, and be gorge of the valley of the other side, the slope of Olivet. The whole was new, yet strangely familiar to me. I had read about it, and studied photographs of it, till in looking on the reality, I felt as if I had seen and known it all before. But no description, no picture can convey the vivid feeling brought to the heart by beholding the slopes of that hill where the Lord so often retued to pray, and by looking into that valley in whose depths lay that garden where an els in wondering awe looked on as they saw their King, their God, lying prostrate in an ageny which only divinity could comprehend, under the weight of guilt and wrath which only an infinite being could sustain. No wonder that the angels desired to look into these things; but what can they think of those for whom the Lord thus groaned and agon ant, and who have ing heard of this His great love, heed it not, and go on their way, careless as to whether they walk so as to please Hir. who yet leved them so as to die for them? The Mount of Olives looked bare and deso late, like ail the other heights around Jeru salem. A few olives are dotted here and there on terraces along its side, but its aucient name no longer describes it. cient name no longer describes it. These clives with their grey green foliage do not do much to brighten the prospect, but they accord well with the melanchely associa-tions of the land, as it lies in its desolation, and their curious anarled trunks and branches have a quent beauty of their own. On Olivet they are not numerous enough to give a clothed look to the rocky slopes. Looking down into the valley of Jehosaphat

as I passed along in ler the eastern wall of

Jerusalem, I felt as if there ought to be a stream there, but there is none now, what-

ever there may have been in ancient days.

When there is water in the Kadron valley, it is further down quite to the south-east of

n little torrent in the upper part of the glan but that was quite an unnatural occurrence Passing or southward past new-a-days. the St. Stephen's gute, I saw in the bottom of the gore a tiny walled enclosure con-talugue some oppresses and a few old office trees. Then I knew that I caw what is called the garden of Gethsemane, but mach too small to have admitted of our Lord first leaving the eight disciples to go apart with the chosen three, and then retiring a southward, I came to a part of the walls where the great stones and the solid workmanship tell of a much more venerable antiquity than in any part of the north wall. The eye soon detects the difference between the huge stones with a nicely out smooth margin all round them, fitted together with wonderful meety, and the more modern work which is but a sort of patchwork of large and small stones, with an occasional pillar stuck in with its round end projecting beyond the surface of the walf. Now knew that I was at the north-east corner of the ancient temple area. Pursuing my way, I passed amid countless Mahomedan tombs, to the celebrated Go den Gate of the temple enclosure, now walled up. The ornamental arches over it are evi-

dov.ly not very ancient-as ancient goes in Palestino-but it is believed that they are raised on older foundations, and that there was originally an oritrance to the temple at this place. A little way beyond the gate, one of the columns that protrude from a bit of patchwork wall, har a tradition attached to it, according to which, it is the place on which Mahomet will take his sent of power on the judgment day; for the Mahomedans agree with the Jews in believing that the valley of Jehoshaphat will be the scene of the last judgment. At last I reached the south-eat corner of the wall. This was a spot I had been enger to see, for here, fifty feet deep under the present level of the soil, were found the nuge stones which rest on the solid rock, and which, when discovered, still retained the mason's signs, painted on them by Phæmeian workmen thousands of years ago. Even above ground at this corner, there are several courses of enormous stones, that it is believed are in their original position, and really composed part of the enclosure wall of the old temple area. I was very sorry that all the chafts suck by the Palestine Exploration Society, by means of which they made such interesting discoveries as regards ancient Jerusalam, were closed up long ba-fore I reached the city. It was impossible to keep them open, not only from the op-position of the Mahomedan population to the work but, because the nature of the soil, composed as it is of the debris of wrought stone in claps, and which large blocks occur, made the syrking and keeping open the shafts most difficult and dangerous. Looking across the valley of or gorge of Hinnon, which, beginning on Jehoshaphat, I saw on the other side the the west side of Jerusalem, turns round whole slope of Olivet, here almost paved along the south, till it meets the Valley of with the flat stones that cover the numerous Jowiel graves, for, to a Jow, to be buried on the side of Olivet, is a privilege unspeakable. Here, too, I saw the old tembs that bear the names of Assalem, etc., etc., though from then sayle of architecture it is manifest that they do not deserve these

Directly across from where I stood, is in the rocks. I came to various old rock the quant looking village of Siloam, where the inhabitants live partly in ancient tembs are some of them are inhabited, and most of them look as if they at times had tumble-down stone hats, that cling on to the precipitous face of the hill. They bear the precipitous face of the hill. They bear the precipitous face of the hill. They hear says a regulation, that I never vectoral laid. I felt I got a graph more clear idea of Directly across from where I stood, is so evil a reputation, that I never ventured mto the vising, and even get see the by the side when, on the same day, I looked in the open day, I looked in the same day slope down to the Kedron bed. In the days of our Lord this must have been not a slope, but a declivity, as steep as our Edinburgh Castie rock, for the soil of the slope is manifestly composed of the debris of buildings thrown down at the vari ons destructions of the ancient city, and which have both filled up the bed of the Kedron, and formed these slopes of half son and half rubbish between the wall and the gorge. This is the point whose Jose-phus describes the guldy depth which was almost terrible, when looked down at from the top of the lofty colonnades which sur mounted the vast height of the wall; and this too, is the point which some sup pose answers to the "pinnacle of the temple," where our Lord was conveyed to be tempted by the enemy of mankind.

Steep as the slope is even now, I was astonished to see a man engaged in ploughing it with a tiny pair of oxen. It would have been utterly impossible to plough up and down, but he carried his shallow furrows along the stope, which is at so steep an angle that I wondered how he and his small cattle did not tumble one over the

other down to the bottom. Returning to St. Stephon's Gate, I went Bethosda is very doubtful. At present at is a more receptacle for filth and rubbish, with which it is gradually being filled up; but, in one part I could see the smooth surface of the well-built wall, coated with the thick coment which made it imporvious to water. We then hoped that mon more would be known about the Pool, as an English engineer, then in Jerusalem, had offered to have it cleared out and put in ropair at his own expense, and it seemed just possible that the Turkish government might allow him to do them this favor, and to convert what was a perfect nuisauco into a real benefit to the city, where the supply of good water so often runs short in the summer, but these hopes came to nothe city. Once during the winter there was I thing.

Close to the pool, between it and the city wall, is one of the entrances to the enclo-sure round the great mosque. I stood and looked in with much interest on the place where our Lord raust often have walked and taught. All seemed so quiet that I felt trees. Then I knew that I caw what is half tempted to go in. It was as well I did not, for I was as told afterwards that even to like so many of the so-called holy places there is nothing to establish its claim to a true identity. Indeed it is so close to the path that comes down from St. Stephon's so doing. Nay, it is not so very long ago Gato, and crossing allithe old bridge divides that a Turkish officer, who were European into three were to access over (livet that it tolerther there have been less than if a latertage there less this life. He went in to into three ways to cross over Olivet, that it clothing, there lest his life. He went in to dues not seem as if it over could have been worship, laid aside his weapons, and pro-a place of retirement. Bosides that, it is ceeded to wash at one of the fountains before praying. While thus engaged, he was fallen on by a mob of bigots, who mistock hum for a Christian, and killed him with his stone's throw even from these to how alone own weapons, before he could explain or before his Father, and drink the bitter cup make them understand that he too was of woe our sins had prepared for him. But, himself a Mahomedan. Going along as I looked down into the gorge, I felt that down the street that leads from St. the true spot where these awful events took Stephen's Gate, I passed two more en-place was semewhere within my view, and trances to the mosque. I approached one that was enough for me. Continuing on of these by a narrow lane and archway that led to it. Some children seeing me turn up the lane, thought I was going to make my way into the sacred enclosure, and got quite into a state of excitement, shouting out many expressions which I felt sure were not meant as compliments. I could not answer, but I smiled to them, and went on to a stone bench under the archway, on whic's I sat down. Then when the little folks saw that I was not going to force my way in, they quieted down and left me ir peace to admire the quiet enclosure, with Scotland have no idea of how refreshing a thing a plot of simple grass looks to the eye, wearied with the glare of the white investone, of which not only the buildings but the rocks, and the very soil around Jerusalem is composed, dazzling the eyes under the brilliant sunshine.

A Scotch lady whom I met in Jerusalom was one day tempted by this peep of verdure through the archway of which I have spoken, and walked in within the forbidden enclosure, without having the least idea she was trespassing, for the gates constantly stand open, and men and women pass in and out, and across the area, as in an ordinary thoroughfare, and bands of children play boisterous games on the wide open space within. There was nothing to lead my countrywoman to suppose she was in a sacred place, and she walked boldly in. But soon she found herself surrounded by a troop of boys, who left their games to gather round her, shouting and screaming Arabic at the top of their voices. Of course she had not the least idea what they were say-ing, or why they looked at her so fiercely. When the boys found words uscless, they began to take up stones, and the poor lady found herself in a most uncomfortable position. However, one boy more chivalrous than the others, came to her rescue, and putting his arms around her, kept the others off, and led her out of the sacred ouclosure. Thus sue got of safely, though to an utterly mystified state, for even then she did not know where the had been, or

how she had offended her persecutors.

My second walk was devoted to seeing the other side of Jorusalem. Passing out at the south side of the city by Zion Gate, I went through the ploughed fields which testify to the minute accuracy of propliccy, down the steep slope of Zion to the valley along the south, till it meets the Valley of Johnshaphat. The bottom of the valley is one of the most fruitful spots around Jerusalem. having many fig and olive trees, and the lower rocks of the opposite Hill of Evil Counsel afford the first wild flowers of the season. There, even in December, I gathered a few levely cyclamous and crocuses. scrambled up by a haif path half staircase laid, I felt I got a much more clear idea of top of the racks above the valley of Hm-1 who study how to work, and who have the precious lifeblood of a master spirit, nome a very good view is obtained of the 1 good fact. An old evangelist by the name the only of the southern end of 1 of 43shorne staved one night at my father's height of Zion and of the southern end of the Temple platform.

(To be continued.)

Lastor and Leopte.

Preaching to the Masses

LECTURE DELIVERED BY DR. TALMAGE BEFORE DREW SEMINARY, MARCH 8D.

What are "the masses?" In a village of five thousand "the masses" would take about four thousand five hundred, and so all through. The men who don't belong to "the masses" are the exceptions. What I understand by "the masses" is, the most of peop e? And a the cities the most of people are not under religious influences: and the great question is how to reach them. The Gospel is not a "swamp angel" which throws its shot five or six in at it, and found myself just beside the large tank or fosse, called the Pool of and use at close quarters! The c. u. th is Bothesda." Whether it be the real Pool of too far from the people. A lad stood at the too far from the people. A lad stood at the gate of a park in Brooklyn, and a passing munister asked him if he wont to church or Sunday-school, and got a negative answer. Sand the Minister, "You or ght to be a good boy, and go to church." "Ah!" replied the had, "us poor charse han't got no chance!" But the areat suffering class to-day are the middle-class—the people who think themselves well-off if at the end of think themselves well-off if at the end of the same man who talked so cheerfully to the year their income of perhaps \$1,000 you about the suspenders. Why, his tone has met their expenses. The rich can is inguirious enough to make an undertaker has met their expenses. The rich can go to any church they like. For the very

1. Intense denominationalism. I know of a man who declared he'd rather be a peer Presbyterian than a good anything clas! The world feels that we are not so much after souls as after success for our own denomination, and hence regards our approaches with the Gospel in our hand with suspicion. I have no sympathy for this denominationalism, it may be because I was born near the boundary-hue of the denominations.

2. We adhere too much to the conventionalities and servs proprieties of the church. In architecture we have not made our churches attractive and comfortable, but angular and unaympathetic, until Chriseits shivering under Gothic arches, and religion is laid out in state. And in our preaching we have said by our severe propriety, let the twelve hundred milhons

of the world perish, but don't spoil my patent leathers!

3. Stickling for technicalities. We have there in our own mind; but we must come before the people with their own vernacular, after we get into theministry we spond the first ten people actions the people when continuous transfer. first ten years in getting the people to know how much we know; the next ten in getting them to know as much as we know and then we find that none of us know anything as we ought ! Our success in this line is sometimes about equal to that of the man who undertook to doctor his wife, and, after a careful study of her symptoms and his medical-book, came to the conclusion that she was threatened with diagnosis, which he found would be fatal! preach a sermon on justification and detail definitions of it as a forensic act, etc., etc., will people listen as eagerly, and come as near to understanding it as if I say, "You hide in Christ and God will let you off"?

4. Lack of sympathy. A plain man with worn-out coat and hat onters one of our churches. The usber, not really but figuratively, takes him by the collar and says, "Where are you going? You ought to go to the mission church." Another man enters with rich clothes and flashing jewels, and two ushers hasten to meet him. Once, up in New England, I saw a factory and thought I'd like to look through it. A the entrance there was a notice No Admittance." So of cearse 1 went in. At the next door the same notice, and of course I went through that door too. And at last I found it was a pin factory, where they were making fortunes out of little insignificant pins. And so when the masses come to the church they find on the door "no admittance," and when they do get in they find an experimental they are the second of the control of the second of the s admittance, and whon they in got in they find us hammering out our little peculiar-ities—making pins! The old of is like a hospital in which we should and a doctor keeping the flies off two or three interesting cases, and letting the rest die in their wounds on the great battle-field outside. for these who are ambitious to preced to the masses there are several needs.

1. A Holy recklessness. People know right away whether you are afraid of them or not, and men hate a coward. You ve got a right to preach the Gospel, and don't need to apologize for doing it. There is a judgment seat in every man's heart. Appeal to that judgment seat, and you il make men hear. They know they are sinners, and whether they like what you say or not they'll come again. Don't be afraid to tell the whole truth. For one who goes five will come. If a man goes off very mad he'll talk about it, and people will come to see if it is so. It is a capital thing to clean house about once a year. If you can't do men good in the church, preach them out of st. I cleaned out lifteen families by one sermon in Philadelphia. The most dangerous thing in the world for a minister of the Gospel is to get bad men close

around him.
2. Fact. A young minister came to an old minister and told him how discouraged he was, for he had been preaching and preaching away, and still the people wouldn't repent. "Oh," said the old minister. "you don't know how to fish. When a mon gues to catcu fish he takes a fine line and small book, and puts on a fly and drops it soltly into the stream. But you take a wonver's beam and tie a cart rope to it,

of Osborne stayed one night at my father's house. As we sat by the fire, he said to my father; "Are all your children Chris thans?" "Yes, all but Do Witt." He didn't that although the congre turn to look at mo, but gazed into the fire, and quietly told the story of a lamb that was lost on the mountains in a stormy night. Everything in the fold was warm and fomfortable, but the poor lamb perish ed in the cold. He didn anke any applica tion. If he had I d have been terribly mad But I know I was the lamb, and I couldn't get peace till I found Christ. Don't preach the terrors of the law as if you enjoyed it, but tenderly, and so as to show people that you feel that only God's grace saves you as well as others from perishing as a sinner. A man hot with zeal from a revival meetasked "Are you ready to die?" "Hero's my purse, but spare my life," was the auswer. In Christian work a great many people's flugors are all thumbs.

2. Naturalness of Manner .- Generally. what you can do ensiest at first you can do bost all through. As to the way of preaching, with notes or without them, every man must be a law unto himself. What you want is simply and improved natural-Away with the pulpit tone! A merchant is solving you a pair of suspenders, and no talks about them so cheerfully and plausible that you are convinced they are the very best suspenders in the world, and are persuaded to buy them. That man asks you to come round to the reekly prayor receiving in his church, and you go.
And then you hear him speak, but in such
a feneral tone that you doubt if it can be burst into tears.

poor there are mission schools. But the middle-class can's afford to go to the rich shurch, and are too proud to go to the mission-school, and so they don't go anywhere. I shall mime some reasons why this class your people higher than where you stand is not reached by our churches:

You must make every service decisive 1 200 must make every acreice decisive-for eternity, for if you preach to the masses you will all the time be addressing men who will hear you only that once. Preach to one man. I preach to the last man in the gallery, and then I knew all those be-tween will be sure to hear me. Have the feeling, awful though it may be, of the worth of their one soul. The most intense moment in the court room is when every moment in the court room is when every ear is listening for the "guilty" or "not guilty" of the jury. So intense is the mo-ment when man render verdict on themselves, and pronounce their own centence

after a sermen has been preached to them.
The ministry has its trials, but it has its great joys. My ministry is to mo one long rapture. I believe I would have been dead in any other work before now. It's healthy. Young man, trust in God and do the right. the right.

Anndom Rendings.

REMEMBER that it is not by your doings that God bestows largely. It is for his own name's sake that he does it.—Rev. A. C. Thompson.

It was the cry of a dying, man whose life had been, sad to say, poorly spent, "O, that my influence could be gathered up and baried with me!"

We should act with as much energy as those who expect everything from themselves; and we should pray with as much earnestness as those who expect everything from God.-Fuller.

I will answer for it, the longer you read the Bible, the more you will like it; it will grow awester and sweeter; and the more you get mie the spirit of it, the more you will get into the spirit of Christ.—Romaine.

MANY a blossed promise in the Bible would remain a sealed promise if the key of sorrow, or trial, or temptation were not sout to open its stores, and send warm to one's heart such words as "Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid."—Maria Harc.

COMPARATIVELY few are destroyed by outrageous and flaming vices such as blasphemy, thoft, drunkenness, or uncleanness; but crowds are perishing by that deadly smoke of indifference which casts its still ing clouds of carelessness around them, and souds them asleep into everlasting destruc-

Passing along the road the other day, we thought we had found a very beautiful On picking it up, it was found to be only a handle without a blade. So do we hear very beautiful sormons—well-written and well-read—but they are without a blade. They cut no cancers of sin, and carve out no models of piety. Sermons must have blades.

THE mind of Chris is the mind of the Father and of the Holy Ghost, and it is revealed in the Scriptures. Whosever, venled in the Scriptures. Whosoever, then wishes to know the mind of Christ need not climb on high and seek it from afar, but let him hold fast to the reverled Word. There he will learn what Gal means, and what he intends to do with us.

IT is observable that the first promise is made to the poor in spirit, to began in spirit, for that is the proper eignification of the Greek word; that is, such as have a spiritual sense of their own extreme ampliness, baseness, and misory, and are willing to receive life and pardon upon more ciff and free favor of God, as the pocrest begar receives an alms.—John Biscos, 1655.

Tuouau life is short, we have much time. Great thoughts are born in a minute, and great works are done in an hour. In s brief life there is time to build houses, ar quire extended possessions and by war, or statesmanship, to fill the world with a name. There is also time and space is reflection, on the part of every sinuer who hears the goard. Who, if he fails to be lieve in Christ, will claim he had not time!

Unless wariness be used, as good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills s man kills a reasonable creature, Golf

The minister should preach as if he is that although the congregation own the clurch, and have bought the pews, the have not bought him. His soul is work no more than any other man's, but it is all ho has, and he cannot be expected to sells for a salary. The terms are by no mean equal. If the parishioner does not like the preaching, he can go elsewhere and get another pew, but the preacher caunot get another soul —Chesica other soul .- Chapin.

IP you want a man to come and work for you and with you, in the name of the Lord of hosts, tell him the truth, to start with. If he does not come, you are not at sponsible. If he comes, knowing all the facts beforehand, he will, if he is a man throw himself into the work with his whole heart, and, what is better than all, you can ask the blessing of God on an undertaking that has in it no taint of fraud.—National Baptist.

I once remarked to a Doctor, your profession is much simpler than mine; there are but few diseases of the human system to cure, while our cases are infinite. He took down a book from the shelf and read me the names of thirty affections of one member, when I begged him to stop for fear that with such capabilities of dissolu-tion aristones with a slip of the stop tion. existence might not be possible at all So he who thinks it an easy rustor to conduct a Sunday-school will find an infinit number of maladies which attack the classes that near a sunday such as the classes that the sunday such as the sunday sunday sunday such as the sunday that never dreamed of, and which he will be thrown on all the resources of his genius to cure .- Exchange.

Fiorco was the wild billow, dark was the night; Oars laboured heavily, foam glimmered white; Marinore trembled, peril was nigh; Then said the God of God, "Peace, it is I!"

Jesus, Deliverer I come Thou to me Boothe Thou my voyaging over life's sea; Thou, where the storm of death roars awaeping Whisper, Q Truth of Trath, " Peace, it is I!" -St Anapple