

the fragrant spices that declared the universal law of God. Here, too, the walls and roof were covered with immense plates of gold, and at the entrance hung another veil of Babylonian workmanship, embroidered in mystical devices of various colors.

Turkish mosques now stand on the site of the Jewish temple, the mosque of Omar and that of El Aska. In one corner of the terrace before these buildings, stood Pilate's residence, the Pretorium, where our Lord was condemned and where the Way of the Cross begins. There is the first station. The second is the front of the flight of steps which leads to the gate of the Turkish barracks; and a broken column in the Via Dolorosa, as the narrow street which leads from the Pretorium through the Stephen Gate to Calvary is called, denotes the spot where Christ fell for the first time under the weight of the cross, and marks the third station. The fourth is a little further on, at a place where a lane runs from the street leftward, and a stone in the wall, by the house of Dives, is pointed out as the place where Simon of Cyrene relieved Christ of His cross. It is, consequently, the fifth station. The house of Veronica, which is still shown, marks the sixth station, and the seventh, eighth and ninth bring you to the court of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, inside of which are the remaining stations.

This church, as is well known, stands on the spot of the Saviour's crucifixion and sepulchre. Within it are pointed out altars and chapels which mark the spots where the Cross, bearing upon it the Saviour of the world, was raised; where the Body of the Crucified Christ lay for three days in the tomb; where His sorrowful Mother stood and beheld her Son's death. And outside the basilica are the chapels of the Flagellation, of the Agony, of the Mocking, the Parting of the Garments, and others, which recall in the most vivid manner the great events which the Church commemorates in Holy Week. Every afternoon in the year, in honor and commemoration of our Lord's passion and death, a pious procession of the faithful starts from the chapel of the Apparition, so called because it stands on the spot where the

risen Redeemer showed Himself to Mary first, of all creatures, after His Resurrection, and visits the altar of the Flagellation, wherein is preserved still, a piece of the column to which Christ was bound; the chapel of the Prison where He was detained while preparations for the crucifixion were made; the altar of Parting, where His lifeless body was anointed and prepared for the tomb; and finally the altar of the Holy Sepulchre, which marks the spot where he lay for three days in death's embrace, awaiting the morn whereon He was to prove His divinity by rising from the grave.

Poor and incomparable from a worldly point of view through the Jerusalem of to-day is, contrasted with the rich and splendid city it was when Christ was condemned to die upon the Cross, still, in the sacred spots which are enshrined within it and in the holy and awe-inspiring memories which cling to it, the modern city possesses a glory far greater and richer far beyond what it ever knew, in the days of Solomon and David."

How gladly I would let Father Paul continue; but here I must resume my "Notes," though you shall hear from him again in the course of our excursions. From one point in Jerusalem to another we journeyed patiently under a broiling sun; and the glare of that (Eastern?) luminary, reflected from the white walls of the houses and from limestone streets of snowy hue, sorely tried our visual organs as we proceeded. Not having taken the precaution adopted by most of our party, of providing myself with smoked-glass or colored spectacles, I was finally obliged to present myself to good Sister Josephine, chief infirmarian of the "Hopital Saint Louis," for treatment. She told me I had come in good time, fortunately, and immediately applied a lotion of borax water, giving me a bottle of it to take to our lodgings at Casa Nova, counselling me, meanwhile, to get a pair of blue goggles, and to keep indoors for a day at least I obeyed so far as concerned the goggles, but our time was far too precious to admit of my following the other part of the prescription. Ere many hours, nevertheless, I was all right again, thanks