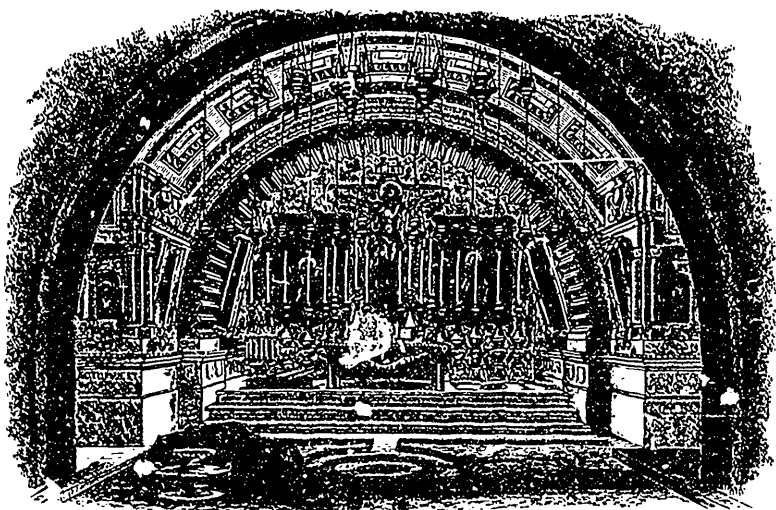


There was a procession around the outside of the chapel, and an address from some high dignitary afterwards, delivered from the entrance, but his voice was lost in the confused noise which filled the building. In the chapel, at the left, the Latins were loudly conducting their devotions, and in the chapel behind a handful of Copts were vociferously chanting at their altar, so that, to all, except those close behind him, the preacher's words were utterly inaudible. It was sad, very sad, for the discord of voices was only too typical of the antagonism of hearts; and the stolid and contemptuous Turkish soldiers, rudely regulating the jostling crowd, were no mere guard of honour, but were placed there by



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the authorities as a matter of constant necessity to keep these warring passions from breaking out, as they often have done, into furious and fanatical riot and bloodshed around the tomb of Christ.

I will not weary my readers by describing all the curious traditional sites covered by the roofs of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. I will mention but a few of the principal ones. The site of Calvary is owned by the Greeks. The chapel is profusely decorated, and the ornaments are of the richest description. It is fourteen and a half feet above the Sepulchre, and you ascend by a flight of eighteen steps. The general effect of the place, as of most of these places, I can only describe by one word—they look