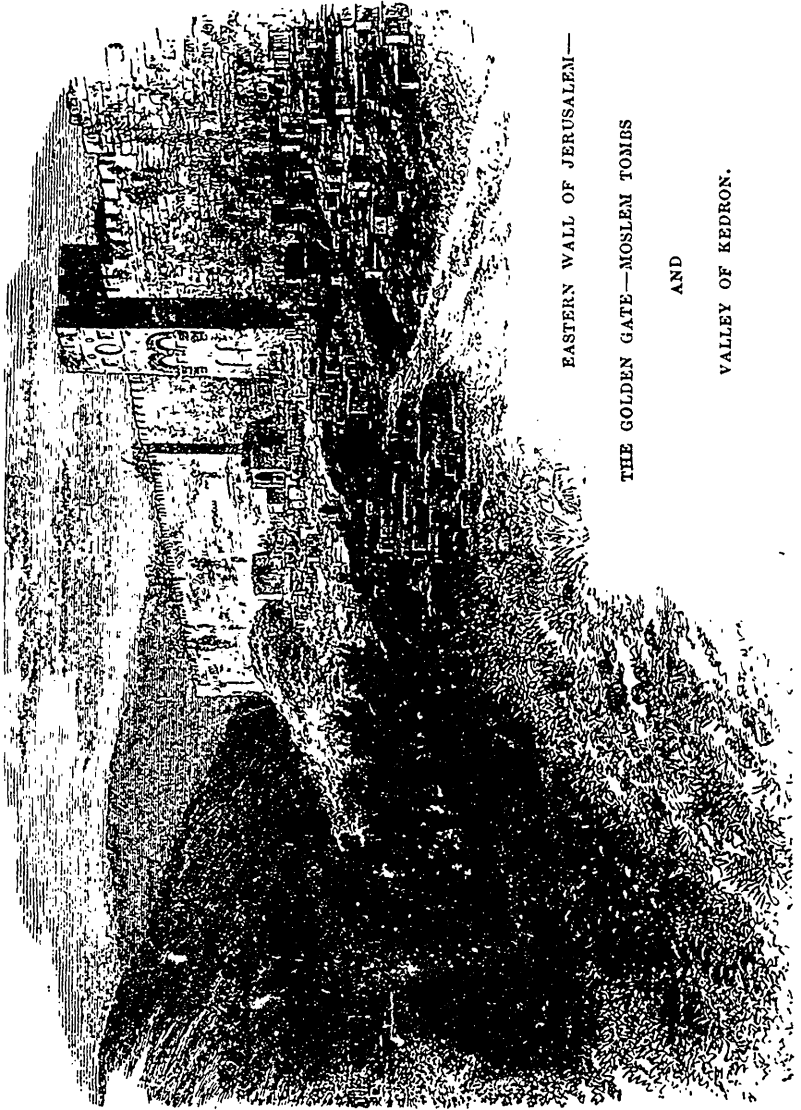


arch, with a low, iron-studded door gives entrance to the Tomb of the Virgin. This is the only place which we did not succeed in entering. The monk in charge was always off duty when we visited the spot. A flight of forty-seven marble steps leads down



EASTERN WALL OF JERUSALEM—

THE GOLDEN GATE—MOSLEM TOMBS

AND

VALLEY OF KEDRON.

to a grotto thirty-five feet below ground, in which is said to be the tomb of Joachim and Anna, the parents of the Virgin, and that of Joseph and Mary. These are visited with the deepest emotion by Roman Catholic and Oriental pilgrims. Near by is