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STREET IN JERUSALEM.

WOOD is so scarce in Southern Palestine, especially in the stern "wilderness of Judæa," that stone is almost exclusively employed for building purposes. When the new roof was placed on the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem the oaken timbers were brought from England and carried on the backs of camels from Jaffa. In Jerusalem the roofs are gener-

ally vaulted with stone and covered with cement. The floors are of stone slabs and the stairways are either iron or stone, hence the narrow streets, with their solid stone arches and grim-looking walls, as shown in our pictures, have a stern and sombre look.

The Pool of Hezekiah is a large artificial reservoir, 280 feet long by 138 feet wide. It is best seen from the rear gallery of a restaurant in Christian Street, or from the post and telegraph office.