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For the Master.

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SPEAK earnestly, O teacher !
Thy Lord hath need of thee
To tell the triflers at thy side
From coming wrath to flee.
O tell them earnestly of Him
Whose truth shall make them free.

Speak warningly, O teacher ;
For days of grace may fly.
There are who, dear to thee, reject
The love which rules on high.
Speak warningly, speak pleadingly—
The days are going by.

Speak loyally, O teacher !
Nor blush the name to own
Of Him who intercedes for thee
Exalted on the throne ;
Of Him who paid the utmost price
On Calvary alone.

Speak fearlessly, O teacher !
The Lord is on thy side ;
The Lord, victorious o'er His foes,
Should challenge all thy pride.
Speak fearlessly and glowingly,
Nor shrink, though men deride.

Speak joyously, O teacher !
And be the light of morn,
The lustre of the beaming noon
Upon thy forehead worn.
Speak joyously, for Christ the King
Hath all thy sorrows borne.

Speak faithfully, O teacher !
The Word is very plain ;
It is not thine to alter it—
The Lord hath right to reign.
Speak faithfully ; life's two-edged sword
Thrusts deep, with healing pain.

Speak tenderly, O teacher !
The world is full of woe,

And many a heart with bitterness
Is like to overflow.
Speak gently and speak tenderly,
Where'er the mourners go.

Speak frequently, O teacher,
To those who love the King ;
Speak frequently, and let thy tones
With jubilation ring.
Ay, speak ; and oft for pure delight
And deep thanksgiving sing.

Speak clearly, too, O teacher,
That far-off homes may hear,
And dawn arise and glory shine
On heathen nations drear.
O speak the truth for Jesus' sake
Until His day appear.

The Walls and Gates of Jerusalem.

THE walls surrounding Jerusalem are about two miles and a half in a circuit. They are of grey limestone, and loosely put together, from ten to fifteen feet in thickness and from twenty-five to forty in height, according to the nature of the ground. They have their towers and battlements, and loop-holes, and projections, and are surrounded with a parapet which gives a comparatively safe pathway along the top of these walls. Having been constructed out of every available material, there are blocks of stone that bear marks of very high antiquity, fragments older than the days of Christ, older than the time of Solomon. Very sombre, yet somewhat proudly, stand those old crenelated walls ; yet they would prove an idle and useless defence against the mitrailleuse and cannon of modern warfare. The most interesting features are the gates, such as that shown in our engraving.

God allows men to reject Him if they so purpose in their hearts, but He pleads and remonstrates with them, and often does He wait before punishing them.