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Jesus Risen.

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ALL hasty and hurried came Peter and John,—
"The tomb has been rifled; the Master is
gone!"

In their hot indignation, and trouble and awe,
'Twas darkness and emptiness only they saw.

O hearts that are hardened, and eyes that are
blind!

Why seek ye the sepulchre, Jesus to find?
The dead-clothes are there, and the light strug-
gling in,
But *there* is no Saviour who suffered for sin!

He is robed; He is risen! The grave cannot
hold

The Conq'r of sin, the great Guard of the
fold!

He has gone up on high, and again has come
down

For a few fleeting hours, ere He puts on His
crown!

O Saviour! O Blessed! a visit give me,
And raise to a flame my devotion to Thee!
One glance at Thy hands, at Thy side, at Thy
brow,

Would prostrate my soul, as I prostrate me
now!

But, oh, to the heart that is humble and
true,

Thy tomb's ever empty, Thy rising is new!
And Thou to my soul dost as truly come near,
As when the Eleven beheld Thee appear!

So, when I seek Christ, 'twill not be at the
tomb;

For a Christ that is dead in my heart has no
room;

But I look for a Christ that is living for me,
Who dieth no more, and whom soon I shall see!

The Temple at Jerusalem.

ON Mount Moriah, where Abraham showed
his wonderful faith in God by the offering of
Isaac, and where, in later times, the angel of
the Lord stood when Jerusalem was threatened
with destruction from the pestilence, Solomon
built the glorious first temple. But this mag-
nificent structure, after standing 423 years, was
destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, who carried the
Jews away into captivity. After the return of
the Jews from Babylon the second temple was
begun, B.C. 534, and dedicated nineteen years
afterward. This temple suffered much from
wars and conquests for 300 years before the
coming of our Lord. But it was rebuilt with
great splendour by Herod the Great. It was
in these courts and corridors that our Lord
walked, and talked, and worshipped with the
disciples, and kept the feasts of the Jews. The
outer court of the Gentiles, the court of the
women, and of the priests, with the great altar
in front of the inner court, in the cut, with the
Holy and Most holy Place, are shown. In the
left hand upper corner is seen the great Roman
tower of Antonia, in which a Roman garrison
was kept to preserve order among the tumult-
uous and seditious Jews. This temple was
destroyed by Titus in the year A. D. 70, and
has never been rebuilt. Upon its site now
stands a Turkish mosque, the Mosque of Omar,
which Christians may enter by paying a fee.
But the ground on which the temple of their
fathers stood, on no account may the feet of the
Jew profane. The nearest that they can
approach is outside of the wall, where they
weep and bewail the desolations of Zion, and
kiss its sacred stones and wash them with their
tears.