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ST. STEPHEN'S GATE, JERUSALEM.

St. Stephen's Gate, Jerusalem.

It is but a short walk from the hotel, on Mount Zion, by the Jaffa Gate, right through the city to St. Stephen's Gate. Down the steep and crowded street of David for a hundred yards, then by a sharp turn into Christian Street, with its rows of small shops, filled with a varied assortment of commodities, curious or useful; this, traversed to its end, leading into another thoroughfare, the Street of the Palace, which crosses it at right angles. This, followed, leads into the Via Dolorosa, so-called as the traditional way by which our Lord passed from the pretorium of Pilate to the place of cruci-

fixion. At intervals along it are tablets, affixed to the walls of the house, with inscriptions, as the stations where "Our Lord fell under the weight of His cross;" where "the Virgin met Him;" where "St. Veronica wiped His face with her handkerchief;" and other equally apocryphal incidents. Here, in one part, the narrow street is spanned by what is known as the Arch of the Ecce Homo, and close by, in the Church of the Convent of the Sisters of Zion, is shown an old Roman arch, said to have formed part of the pretorium where the Lord of Hosts stood as a prisoner at a human tribunal.

Still farther on, the street approaches the