

monks were killed in this grotto by Russian pilgrims of the Greek Church. The pilgrims affirm that they were assailed by the monks for not observing silence, and in the *melee* that ensued

two of the latter were slain. What a frightful travesty on the angels' song of "peace on earth, good will toward men"!

In a cell near by Saint Jerome, the grandest Latin Father of the fourth century, dwelt for many years; and here he made the first translation of the Bible into the Latin language. Here, too, is his tomb, and that of the Christian matron Paula, and of her daughter Eustochia, who fourteen hundred years ago were laid to rest in this sacred crypt.

After making our way past the Turkish guard in the Church of the Nativity,

we went out to enjoy the commanding view over the broad, fertile valley, studded with fig and olive orchards, with vineyards and wheat-fields. In the distance lay the pasture grounds, still known as "the field of the shepherds," where first was heard



"WHEN SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT."