

a distant hum, and the clear sky and the cool, bracing air afford a joyous inspiration. As one follows the wall along the edge of the deep gorges up which a besieger must climb, and which could be fiercely contested point by point, he gains an idea of the strength of ancient Salem and learns why, more than fifty centuries ago, some far-seeing Highland chief planted his fortress here. And here also one can understand something of the enthusiasm with which its poet king regarded it. With a prosperous kingdom doing homage at its throne, and the glory of Jehovah shining in its sanctuary it was natural for the psalmist looking down on it from Olivet to say "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the Great King."

All shades of pre-Reformation Christianity are represented in Jerusalem by churches and various religious societies. The Church of England is the only Protestant church I was able to discover. A few of us paid our respects to the Bishop of the Syrian Church, who received us very graciously. He is a man of grand physique and noble bearing. He invited us to smoke cigarettes with him, and for once I was sorry that I had long since renounced the weed. A smoker of the group presented him with a fine Havana which the bishop declared was the second he had ever seen. After the usual small cup of very strong coffee we expressed our appreciation of his hospitality and our good wishes for him. We also called on the Patriarch of the Armenian Church, who is a venerable man over eighty years of age. He has visited America and speaks English. He expressed his hospitality in Turkish fashion by passing round preserves and water first and coffee afterwards. We assured him of our sympathy with the suffering which his people in the further East have endured at the hands of the Turk and parted from him in the friendliest manner.

The traders of Jerusalem are all most persistent in their efforts to sell. If the least interest is displayed in any article you are at once overwhelmed with vociferations, protestations and all manner of suggestions and offers. Even respectable shopkeepers send out their clerks and their sons to accost you