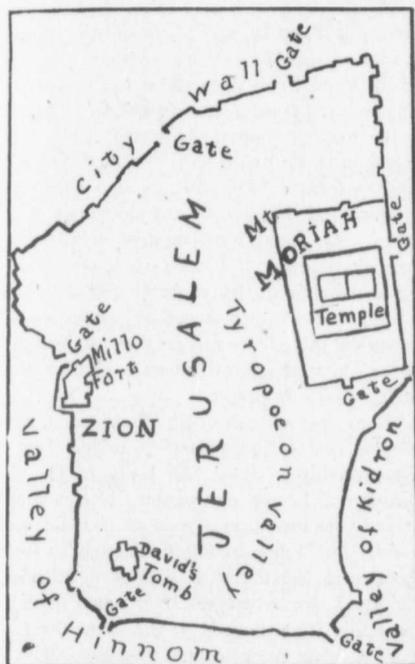


THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



"Jerusalem is situated on a tableland on the crest of the central ridge of Palestine and at one of its highest points. It has the same latitude as the northern end of the Dead Sea. The portion of the tableland occupied by the city is isolated from the rest of the plateau, except on the north. On the other sides it is encompassed by deep ravines." The site is thus a jutting promontory of a lofty central tableland. From the point where the southern and eastern ravines meet, another valley runs northward like the arc of a circle for nearly a mile, about midway sending a branch from its concave side due west. This valley, called the Tyropoean, divides the city into two parts. The hill west of the valley is called Mount Zion. The southern portion of the hill on the eastern side is called Mount Moriah. Here the temple stood on the site now occupied by the Mosque of Omar. Many scholars, however think that Mount Zion was part of the eastern hill, and that the name was afterwards extended to the whole city including the western hill.

THE LESSON APPLIED

Thank God for our pioneers, v. 8. The first to return laid the foundations of comfort and religion for those who came after. One of our young Canadian ministers says, "In the year 1746 the Jacobites, inspired by the charming personality of the young Pretender, made a determined attempt to defeat the Royalists, but failed on the battlefield of Culloden. Parliament immediately took steps to break the power of the Highland chiefs by abolishing their authority and parceling out their lands among the Royalist officers. Disappointed but undaunted, some of the chiefs accompanied by members of their clans, emigrated to Nova Scotia and settled in Pictou County. Here they were inspired by two men of great heart and mind, Dr. McGregor and Dr. McCulloch, the former the greatest minister, and the latter the greatest educationalist, Nova Scotia has seen. These men laid the foundations of the home, the school and the church in this new land.

Everybody sing, v. 10. Music hath charms,

not only to sooth the savage breast, but to make even more open to the truth the heart of the sage. Music opens wide the door. The politician knows this and seeks to put his audience into the right attitude toward his message through singing. The revivalist rocks his congregation upon a sea of song. Churches and nations before now have sung themselves into power.

Have faith in God, v. 11. When the skies were gray these people shouted with a great shout. Would that such a faith were ours! In the density of African heathenism Robert and Mary Moffat toiled on for ten years without a convert, but their faith never faltered. At a time when all seemed darkest, a letter was received from a friend in far-off England, asking if there was anything of use which could be sent. Mary Moffat replied, "Send us a communion service; we shall want it some day." It came three years later—the very day before the first converts were baptized. Their faith was justified.

Be patient with the old, vs. 12, 13. The old