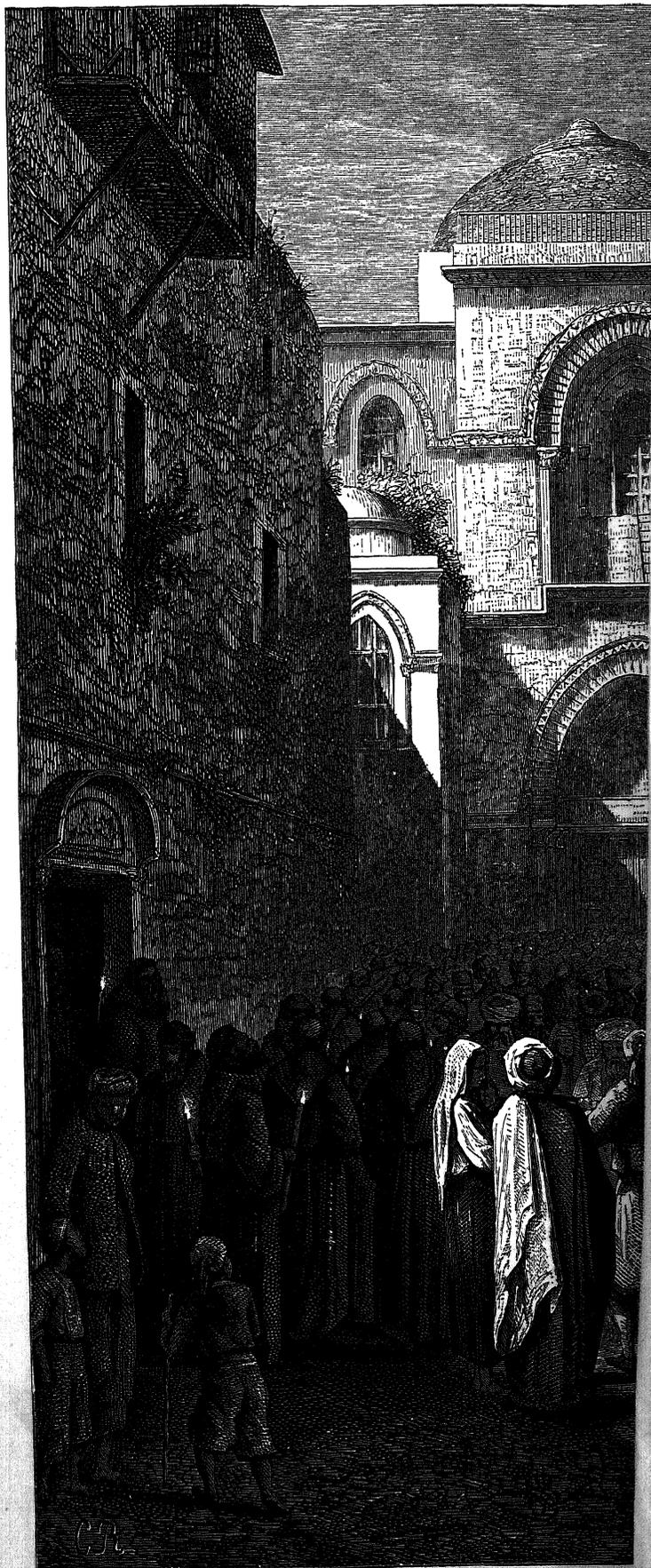


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THE descriptions of JERUSALEM, BETHANY, AND BETHLEHEM given in the following pages are not the results of a single visit to the Holy City. I resided in Palestine for a number of years; and while preparing "Murray's Hand-Book," and revising its several editions, I had occasion repeatedly to examine, with no little minuteness, all places of sacred and historic interest in Palestine, Jerusalem being the chief.

But in addition to my own careful observations on the spot, I have uniformly consulted all available authorities, and I would specially mention one—"The Land and the Book." I look upon it as a storehouse of nearly everything that illustrates the topography of Palestine, and the manners and customs of the people. It is considerably more than a quarter of a century since I first met my esteemed friend, Dr. Thomson, on the side of Lebanon. Even then he was considered one of the highest authorities on the subjects he has since treated of. The illustrated edition of his book is a splendid work, reflecting the highest credit on the venerable author. It is a book that should be in the hands of all students of the Bible. A few of the engravings in this volume are taken from it, but except these the views here given are entirely new in this country. They are chiefly from photographs taken under the superintendence of M. Le Dr. Lortet in a journey to the East.