

55/31.PILGRIMS FLOCK TO JERUSALEM.

To the old city of Jerusalem at Easter come thousands of pilgrims from all over the world to take part in the devotions practised by both Western and Eastern churches to commemorate the events in the last week of Christ's life upon earth.

The pilgrims follow the same road, the Via Dolorosa, that Jesus took on his long and painful journey to Calvary.

They, too, carry crosses which they have brought with them to this holy city; they too, pause as Christ paused on the self-same stony road.

Latin, Lutheran, Catholic and Anglican, Armenian and Greek, Coptic and Syrian, all pay their homage in the processions and ceremonies which end at the shrine of the Holy Sepulchre.

While the countryside around Jerusalem blossoms anew with the gentle flowers of Spring, the Christian faith takes fresh hope and inspiration from the contemplation of this sacrifice once offered to all men.