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"PALESTINE PAST AND PRESENT: PICTORIAL AND DESCRIPTIVE"
Compiled and Edited by L. Valentine

With faded gold-rimmed page edges, this rare book about Palestine is published ca1895 by Frederick Warne & Company (London/New York). The book compiles some 150 "wood engravings and a series of full-age coloured plates" which includes the photo below (on the left.) The editor, Valentine, in the Preface, acknowledges consulting the works of early and modern travelers to compile and describe the places chosen to be included in the book.

The reader is invited to go through the pages entitled *"The Road to Bethlehem"* (pages 72-78). On page 72, the narration of *"a strange medieval legend of the rose having originated in the neighbourhood of Bethlehem,"* is a refreshing, uplifting insight that *"good triumphs over evil."*

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