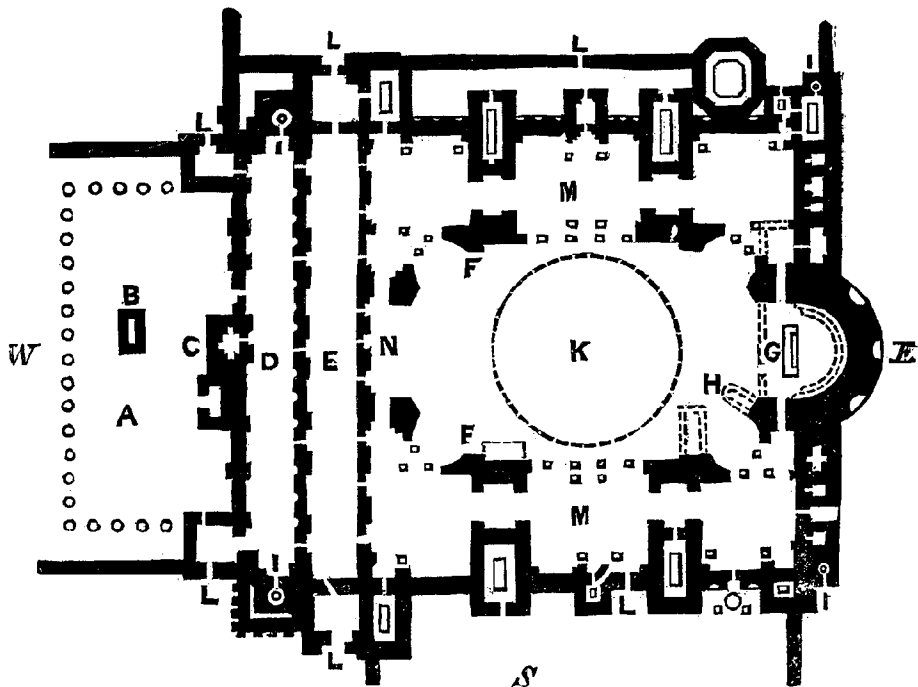


IV



Ground-plan of the Church of St. Sophia.

Street leading to the Balıf Humayûn, Sublime Porte, and westward to the At-Meldan and the Mosque of Ahmed. A, Officers' court; B, Aldash house; D, E, First and second porch, or narthex; F, Formerly the emperor's and patriarch's seats; G, Formerly the altar; H, Mihrab, where the Koran is kept; I, The four minarets; K, Circumference of dome; L, Outer doors; M, Side galleries; N, Front gallery.