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CANTERBURY AND ITS
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in Kent. Thither the missionaries wended their way, and solicited an interview with the king. Ethelbert received the strangers kindly; he assured them of his protection, promised to supply their wants, and gave them liberty to preach to his subjects. And subsequently the king gave Augustine a palace at Canterbury, with permission to build a church, and he gave him lands for the maintenance of its ministers. Close to the palace was an old church erected in the time of the Romans but since desecrated. This Augustine restored and enlarged, and on its site the venerable cathedral of Canterbury now stands. The present edifice, although very ancient in parts, is of a date long subsequent to the age of Augustine;

WHEN, in the early part of the year 597, St. Augustine with his band of forty monks reached the British shores, commissioned by Pope Gregory I. to rekindle in Britain the light of the Gospel, which had been almost entirely extinguished by the Angles and Saxons, Canterbury was the royal residence of Ethelbert, a monarch of power and ability, who reigned

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