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## HERE AND THERE IN EUROPE.

THIS paper is not designed to be a consecutive narrative, but to give brief views of some of the capitals and historic scenes of Europe. We begin with the noblest structure of the noblest city of the world.

The Houses of Parliament, or the new Palace of Westminster, are among the most famous buildings of London, or indeed of Christendom. They are located on the left bank of the Thames, between the river and Westminster Abbey, and immediately above the Westminster Bridge. They occupy the site of the old palace, which was destroyed by fire in 1835, and cover altogether an area of about eight acres. The buildings, erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, are in the Tudor-Gothic style, and contain 1,100 apartments, 100 staircases, and two miles of corridors. Our illustration shows the very ornate and effective façade. The clock tower, 320 feet high, is at the north-east corner of the building, and strongly resembles the clock tower at Bruges, so well known through Longfellow's poem. The belfry is 40 feet square, and has dials on its four sides 30 feet in diameter, while those of St. Paul's are but 18 feet. The great Stephen bell, cast in 1858, weighs over eight tons, but is, unfortunately, defective in tone.

The House of Peers is located in the western portion of the building, and is 100 feet long and 45 in width and height. It is one of the most gorgeous legislative halls in the world, and contains the throne, a chair for the Prince of Wales, and the woolsack for the Lord Chancellor. The stained glass windows are lighted at night from outside.