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OLD LANDMARKS.

Progress is wiping out old landmarks everywhere, just as the rising tide obliterates footprints below high watermark on the sea shore. And, indeed, in England the so-called march of civilization and the ocean billows are alike sweeping away grand monuments of the past. The breakers which are along the Goodwin sands beat over submerged villages of a not far remote time, while the tall cliffs at Flamborough are undermined, and churches, once far inland, now stand tottering on the brink. In busy English centres grand old buildings are yearly demolished to give place to business blocks, and if mayhap the hand of modern improvement should spare a fine church, stowed away in some London trade thoroughfare, it stands in a certain sense apart and alone, like its prototype on the eastern cliffs, awaiting the flood tide of innovation.

The busy current of London life has for long years surged past Newgate prison, but its fate is sealed, and it will shortly disappear. It was finished about the time Tyburn executions were abolished, when criminal and clergyman rode to the gallows in a tumbril, the hangman seated in front philosophically smoking his pipe. The boquets which Englllsh judges still carry are a survival of the huge bunches of rue and other aromatic herbs which were placed round the courts to check the infection of prison typhus, which a century ago spread from old Newgate to the Sessions house, and killed sixty persons, including two of the judges, the Lord Mayor, and several jurors. The history of Newgate is connected with the age of crime. Dickens sketches some of its features in a Tale of Two Cities. Those were days when a highwayman in the dark was a city tradesman in the light, and being recognized and challenged by his fellow-tradesman, gallantly shot him through the head and rode away; when the Lord Mayor of London was made to stand and deliver on Turnham green; when musketeers went into St. Giles' to search for contraband goods, and the mob fired on the musketeers and the musketeers fired on the mob, and nobody thought these occurences out of the common way. Then the office of hangman was no sinecure; one day he hanged an atrocious murderer, and the next a wretched pilferer who had robbed a boy of sixpence. Death was the law's remedy for everything. The forger, the utterer of a bad note, the unlawful opener of a letter, the purloiner of forty shillings and sixpence, the horse stealer, the coiner of a bad shilling, were all hanged for the public weal. But those days are past, and an era of undue severity has been followed by one of undue leniency for the criminal. Along London streets death carts for the public gallows no longer rumble, but the few murderers who receive death sentence are privately hanged in the presence of doctors and clergymen. Thus Old Newgate crumbles before the rushing tide of modern advancement.

As a prison, Newgate, no doubt, is antiquated; but we shall probably see the present building succeeded by a smaller one for the safe custody of prisoners during the sessions, and may ask without impertinence why the old building could not have been a little altered and made suitable without absolute destruction. Many of the arguments against the removal of Temple Bar apply with greater force here. We are told, for instance, by innumerable writers that Temple Bar was the last of the city gatcs. They forgot, or never knew, that it never had been a city gate; but Newgate is unquestionably one wing of a real city gate, having been built on the site of the southern portion of the ancient arched entrance to the city from Holborn.

As to associations, also, Newgate is far more interesting than Temple Bar. It vies, in fact, with the Tower in the eminence of its involuntary inhabitants. Though it would be a mockery to say of the present edifice that it is ornamental, it is undoubtedly one of the most satisfactory public buildings in London—gloomy, strong, impressive, and with its object as plainly marked on it as if the word "prison" was stamped on every stone. Dance, its architect, deserves the credit of having designed a perfectly simple, but perfectly suitable, facade, the more so as, though it is three hundred feet long, it has no windows, except in the central portion, only thirty feet in width. Although the height is only fifty feet, the effect produced by the mere mass and outline is comparable to that of a Norman keep. The central lodge with its numerous arched windows in five stories, has been severally criticized; but, without some such feature, the plainness of the rest of the front might have failed of its due effect. The earlier design consisted of only three stories with an entablature, but the present arrangement is very preferable. The statues removed from the old gate, and now set up in two niches on the front and two on the south side, are somewhat incongruous, and the festoons of fetter form a very lugubrious kind of ornament. The one hundred years of its existence have seen many alternations and improvements of the interior, but have left the exterior substantially as it was when the new building was completed in 1782.

The name of Newgate may be compared with that of Newport and Lincoln. Both belong to the entrance of Roman cities. It may be too much to say that Newgate is the oldest of the London gates, but it would be difficult to prove the greater antiquity of its rival, Bishopsgate. As a Roman gate it has the advantage, for the northern entrance to Roman London was some distance to the east of the site of the mediæval Bishopsgate, while Newgate is very near the place where the Watling street reached the city wall. When the Romans had diverted the road at what is now the Marble Arch, so that it no longer pursued the course of the modern Park lane to the ford at Westminster, but turned toward what was then the newly constructed bridge at London, the place of the gate on the hill was determined by the place in the valley below of the bridge over the Fleet. The Holebourn in later times took an English name from its course among the high clay banks of Coldbath Fields; here it became a tidal estuary wide enough for ships probably as large as any then built. A water gate may have existed at Ludgate, though there are certain indications to the contrary; but the principal entrance to the later Roman London must have been by Newgate. A fragment of the road which crossed the city diagonally from Newgate toward the great bridge over the Thames still bears its ancient name; but even here the Watling street is not quite on the original site. The exact date of the alteration to which Newgate owes its existence will now, in all probability, never be known. It must have been after the Roman occupation of Britain, but that is all we can say with certainty. Of Newgate itself, however, it will be safe to assert that it was first built when the Romans made their new wall to take in not only the ancient city, but also its suburbs. Even here, too, the exact date eludes us, but it must have been between the time of Julian the Apostate and that of Valentinian, or in the ten years between A. D. 360 and 370.—*Review.*

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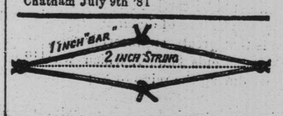

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