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ENGLISH JOURNEY

Amersham itself is an interesting old town with many ancient buildings and the parish church of St. Mary, built of flint and dating from the 14th century, contains many memorials to the Drake family and others.

The old market hall, dating from 1862, stands almost in the centre of High street with an open piazza on the street level, and there are six almshouses dating from 1657. Two of the old coaching inns "Ye Olde Griffin" and "The King's Arms" are well worth visiting.

Less than ten miles away from Amersham is Berkhamstead where the ruins of an old castle can be visited. There are preserved among the Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings, although little remains of the castle itself which dated from 1066, and was mostly built between then and 1186. It was surrounded by two distinct moats which though now dry, are still there.

At Berkhamstead is part of the canal system leading to the north and it was interesting to watch two of the long narrow canal boats being lifted through the locks there in the same manner as has been done for probably centuries.

One of the most interesting spots in England within easy bus reach from Amersham is the city of St. Albans, where stands the ancient Abbey and cathedral. For more than 1600 years a church has stood on the site of St. Albans Abbey now the Cathedral.

A Roman soldier named Alban, who had become a Christian, achieved immortal fame by sheltering Amphibalus, a British priest, for which he was beheaded on the hill where St. Albans Cathedral now stands, thereby becoming Britain's first martyr. Ten years later, the Roman Emperor, Constantine, becoming a Christian, a small church was built on the site. This was succeeded by an Abbey built in the eighth century, and the present church was started in 1077.

Its exterior architecture does not compare with most of the other cathedrals in England, but it is the second longest, being only exceeded by Winchester. Its great length, 550 feet, gives the interior a wonderful sense of grandeur and many of the features such as the screen have some exquisite carving. This screen is considered one of the best in England.

The original shrine of St. Alban was broken into some two thousand pieces at the Dissolution but has been very cleverly pieced together again. As in all the cathedrals, there is a wealth of ancient memorials of all kinds.

When I visited St. Albans at the end of May, stands were being erected for the celebration in June of the one thousand anniversary of three other churches in the city. St. Michael's, St. Peter's and St. Stephen's, all of which were founded in 948 by Abbot Ulsinus. St. Michael's retains much of the original work, but the other two have been largely rebuilt.

Alongside the Cathedral is the Great Gate of the Monastery which was built in 1362. This was also used as a prison and the dungeons in which offenders were confined still exist below the building.

Other interesting buildings in the city are the ancient clock tower dating from 1410 with its bell cast in 1335, and the inn, "Ye Old Fighting Cocks," which was formerly the fishing lodge of the Monastery, and is reputed to be one of the oldest inhabited houses in the country.

At St. Albans is located some of the finest Roman ruins in England, the remains of the ancient city of Verulamium. Julius Caesar in his "De Bello Gallico" told of having to capture this British stronghold during his invasion in 54 B.C. It was later raised to the dignity of a "municipium" an honour that was not reached by any other city in Roman Britain.

It stood on the famous Roman road known as Watling street upon which it was one of the principal places.

Most Roman settlements were more or less obliterated by having later cities built over them, but in this case the city of St. Albans was built nearby instead of on the same site. After the Romans left about 410 A.D. the city fell into decay and gradually was covered with earth. It is said that such ruins become covered by about a foot of earth in each hundred years so that Verulamium is now under about 12 to 15 feet of earth.

About 1930 excavation was started and a wealth of relics were discovered including some of the finest Roman mosaics ever found. Enclosed in a building which preserves it just as it was originally built is the mosaic floor of the warming room of a Roman bath.

This like the Roman ruins at Bath prove that the Romans were master of the art of central heating, something that the modern English people have not yet learned.

There is also a large museum in which are several Roman mosaics and masses of pottery, coins, building materials, lamps, personal ornaments, tools, and other articles recovered from the ruins.

It was in this building that I received the only rebuke I had in England for taking photographs. The curator considered that my camera was "no amateur one" and he was convinced I was taking pictures for commercial purposes. A few words of explanation, however, put everything right.

Near the museum is a Roman theatre, the only one discovered in Britain, which is estimated to have provided accommodation for about 1600 people. It is open for inspection by visitors for a very small fee.

There are many picturesque old buildings on the streets of St. Albans which date back for many centuries. This area is not as well known to Canadians as it should be.

Beaconsfield has a lovely old church and in its churchyard is the tomb of the 17th century poet Edmund Waller. There are old stocks, tombs and memorials and a half timbered Tudor house full of antique furniture which was the Rectory until 1868. It was a nunnery as early as 1270.

G. K. Chesterton is a famous man who is buried at Beaconsfield, and another is Viscount Burnham who was the head of the London Daily Telegraph until his death in 1933.

Not far away is Burnham near where the famous Burnham Beeches are located.

Only three or four miles by a lovely road from Amersham is Chesham. St. Mary's Church there is an interesting link with the past and in the priest's room over the porch was confined the martyr Thomas Harding on the eve of his being burnt at the stake on May 30, 1532. There are small square windows in both the North and South walls with saddles, bars and stanchions which possibly were leper windows, where lepers could stand outside the church and follow the services.

In all probability the original of the Mad Hatter of Alice in Wonderland was Roger Crab of Chesham. He was a "haberdasher of hats" at Chesham and showed many signs of madness such as becoming a vegetarian and drinking water, according to local legends.

Marlowe is a very beautiful old town located on the Thames which there forms the boundary between Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, and crossed by a beautiful bridge.

In the centre of the town is a Memorial to the memory of Charles Frohman the famous American theatrical producer who was drowned when the Lusitania was sunk in 1915.

Close by is a modern war memorial bearing this inscription:

"Sons of this place
Let this of you be said,
That you who live
Are worthy of your dead
These gave their lives
That you who live may reap,
A ripper harvest,
'Ere you fall asleep."

Buckinghamshire has no very large places, two of the largest ones being High Wycombe and Aylesbury, both of which are well worth a visit. Both places have interesting markets on market days and I was fortunate in seeing these markets in operation. These open air markets under canopies have stalls selling clothes, jewelry, used postage stamps for collectors, fish, books, kitchenware, vegetables and a wide variety of other articles. Aylesbury has a very large cattle and sheep market also.

At Aylesbury are some delightful ancient inns two of the best being the "King's Head" and the "Bull's Head". The King's Head stands at the top of the market place almost hidden behind other buildings and it is so unusual that it is now the property of the National Trust although still used as a hotel. It is a remarkable Tudor building with medieval windows, rare twenty light wood mullioned windows set with heraldic glass and has wattle and daub walls.

The next village to Aylesbury is Waddesdon where my mother and father, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Legge were married. The church of St. Michael and all Angels dates from 1190 when the nave and south aisle were built until 1340 when the north aisle was completed. It is a splendid old building with a Norman tower which I climbed in order to enjoy the view of the surrounding countryside which includes the Rothschild estate.

At Tring there is a fine large church dating from the 13th century although there was a former stone church on the same site as early as 1100. Many ancient churches have most peculiar carvings, and 14 in this church, one on each of the trusses, may be taken as typical examples. These are stone carvings of (1) a monster with a woman's head and dragon's wings, (2) a bear swallowing a man, (3) a wild boar, (4) a wild man, (5) an antelope with tusks, (6) a dog with a collar, (7) an angel with a shield (8) a fox carrying a goose on its back, (9) a monkey with a bottle and a book, (10) a griffin devouring a man in armour, (11) a lion holding a shield, (12) a dragon or lizard, (13) a bear, chained and muzzled, (14) a dog fighting a dragon. Such carvings really had no special meaning but were included as ornaments by workmen.

At Tring we were royally received by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farquhar at their home "Hawkwell." They are former residents of Canada and although they have been living in England for some thirty years are as refreshingly Canadian as if they had only just arrived. During the war they entertained many Canadians including some from Granby.

Other delightful spots I visited in the neighborhood were Aldbury, Wendover, Chenies, Little Missenden, Great Missenden, Seer Green and many other places.

Space prevents describing more of them in detail and I must move on to Oxfordshire and other places.

1299 Delegates to Liberal Convention August 5-7 Will Choose New Leader, Build New Party Platform

OTTAWA—To elect a new Leader of the Liberal Party, and to build a new party platform, 1299 delegates with 840 alternates will come here from all over Canada for the third national Liberal convention to be held August 5-7.

The delegates who vote on questions put to the floor will, in a sense, represent the twelve millions of people of the Dominion. The delegation which will vote will comprise all Liberal M.P.'s and men and women who were Liberal candidates of the last federal election. There will be 735 delegates proper from the constituencies in the nine provinces, and 735 alternates. The Senate will be represented by 62; provincial representatives will total 140; there will be 12 national and provincial Liberal association presidents. Representation of provincial Liberal associations will be impressive. There will be 27 from women's associations; 27 from young Liberal associations; 51 from university Liberal clubs.

Public and party interest, of course, will center upon selection of the man who will follow Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King as Leader of the Liberal Party and as next Prime Minister of Canada. That election will be an out-of-the-ordinary affair. Nominations will be thrown open and there will be no restriction as to the number of people who may be proposed and seconded for the balloting. The balloting itself will take place on the last day of the convention and will be accompanied by every known device to insure that the votes truly express the free will of the delegates. The ballot forms were printed two weeks ago; and upon their arrival were stored in a safety vault by a group of officials of the National Convention Committee. Just before the balloting is due at the convention, these ballots will be taken from the vault—again by several officials of the Convention Committee—and



THESE BALLOT PAPERS, being printed for the National Liberal Convention to be held in Ottawa, August 5-7, will decide who shall succeed Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King as Leader of the Liberal Party. The printing, collating and stitching of these ballot papers necessitated special measures to insure protection of the documents, which later were transported to a safety vault in Ottawa, there to remain until taken under guard to the floor of the Convention for use by 1299 delegates.

transported under guard to the Coliseum. There, under the eye of officially appointed returning officers and scrutineers, the ballots will be opened and distributed to the voting delegates. After each vote, the counting will be done also under the eyes of scrutineers.

The Convention, the third which the Liberal Party has held since Confederation, will bring to Ottawa more than 3,000 Party members. At the Coliseum, where sessions will take place, there will be ample accommodation for the public in addition to delegates.

The official programme follows: August 4—Registration.

August 5—Registration; Convention opens; official address of welcome; election of Convention officials; appointment of committees; adoption of rules of procedure; speeches by representative Liberals; committee sessions.

August 6—Reports from committees; speeches by representative Liberals; general business; election of scrutineers and tellers.

August 7—Reports from committees; speeches by representative Liberals; reading of rules governing voting procedure; reporting of nominations of candidates for Party leadership; election of Liberal leader.

GORMLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Montgomery of Toronto spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Montgomery and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Schlichter and Helen had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Doner and Grace.

Miss Marian Hunt, Kitchener, and Mr. Lawrence Hoover of New Dundee are spending several days in the Hunt home. Mrs. Hunt will return with them on Wednesday to attend the Kitchener Camp Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrews of Toronto visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson attended the Nazarene Camp Meeting in Pefferlaw last Sunday.

Mr. Doug and Don Steckley spent their holidays recently in the Steckley home.

A number of people from the Heise Hill congregation attended the Camp Meeting at Fort Erie over last week end.

Miss Joyce Harvey is holidaying in Queensville this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Milsted.

Mr. J. A. Rose of Maple is spending his holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. Hilt.

Mrs. Velma Yuers (Wideman) visited relatives here last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Graham and David had Sunday evening supper with Mr. and Mrs. E. Hunt and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles James and David had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Doner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harvey and Dean visited with friends in Stayner last Sunday.

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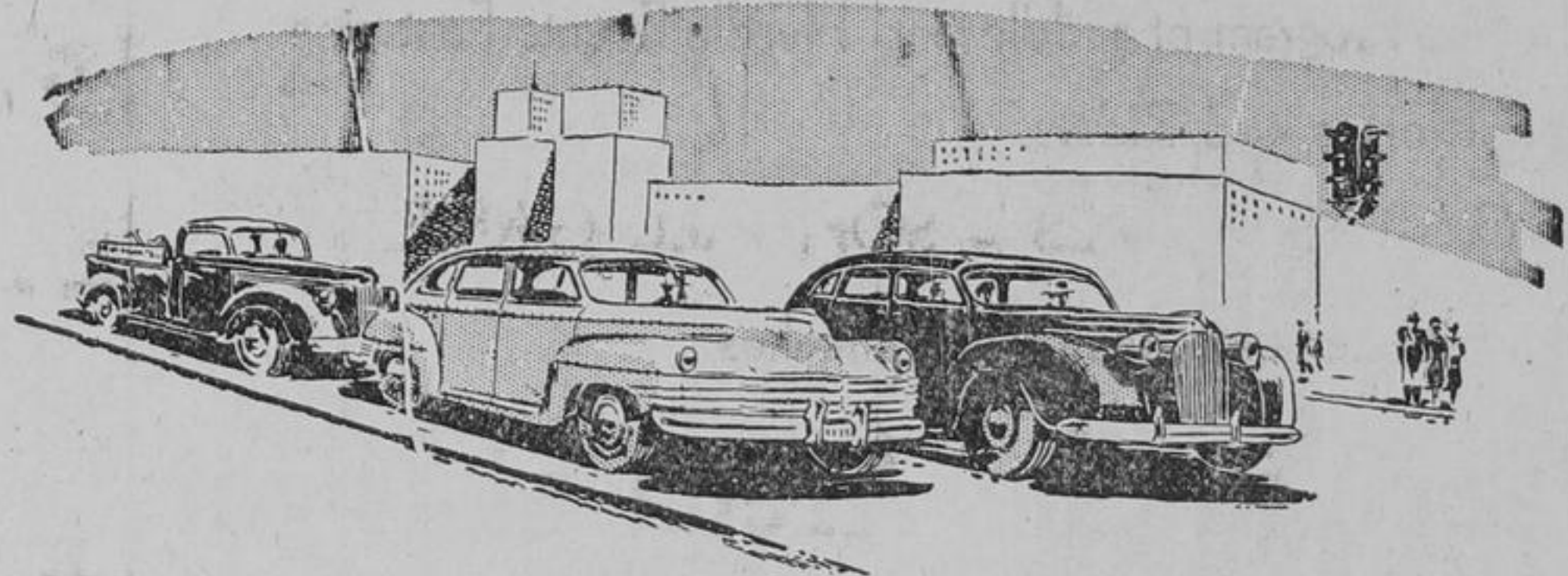
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