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London is a great city. I had almost said the greatest in the world; but that would be hardly fair to our own Philadelphia—to *her* faults we must be a little blind, to her virtues *very* kind—and being so great, it would be perfectly absurd to try to describe it all in a single letter or to do it *well* in fifty. I will only attempt to give a few random sketches of places and things which impressed me most strongly.

To begin with that fruitful subject of remark the Weather. I think London is quite slandered in this respect. If it *is* a smoky, misty, foggy place, our days were peculiarly favored during two visits, at different seasons of the year, for *we* thought the weather clear and beautiful. May it not be the case that the English complain of London from love of complaining; that what is so much talked about has come at last to be believed, and that letter-writers, &c., have followed like a flock of sheep, without consideration? For though the weather may sometimes be not so pleasant as desirable, (and where is it so?) it seems hardly probable that *all* have seen it under such a dolorous aspect as they describe. As for *smoke*, it is against the law for chimneys to emit any—each must burn up its own.*

Arriving in London on Saturday evening, of course I went the next morning to Westminster Abbey to church. The service commenced at half-past ten o'clock. I was there in good time, but the available parts of the building were well filled, and I had to take a seat in a corner where little could be seen. Perhaps this was no disadvantage. If one's eyes have free range, the thoughts are apt to be too much distracted to attend duly to the services of religion in an unaccustomed place. The beautiful music was the more pleasing because the organ and choristers were out of sight. The service (choral) was much more solemn than I had anticipated, and, so far as I could tell, was joined in with unusual interest by the congregation. The sermon, more simple and earnest than one would hear in half the churches of Philadelphia, was preached by the sub-dean of the Abbey, Lord John Thynne. I confess I was very agreeably disappointed in it, for my republican fancies had not led me to expect much in this way from a nobleman.

In the afternoon I attended at the Abbey again, understanding that Dean Trench was to preach. The musical part of the service was beautiful, but not so impressive to me as it had been in the morning. It partook more of the anthem and less of the choral. I felt it to be a rich treat to see Dean Trench and to hear him preach, but his manner of delivery was not at all equal to the beautiful language in which he clothes his thoughts. The Dean has, as a divine, a scholar, and a poet, a world-wide reputation, but it seemed to me that his sermon would have answered better to read than to hear.

The ensuing week was to be filled with sight-seeing, no very difficult task to get at, though rather tiresome, bodily, to perform. The Tower, in itself deeply interesting, contains many mementoes of the past. Instruments of war, of every age, were there. Suits of armor, worn by different monarchs of England, (Queen Bess among them,) set in equestrian array, in the Horse Armory, called vividly to mind the great ones of the past. I saw the axe with which Anne Boleyn was beheaded; the block on which her neck was laid; and stood in the cell of Sir Walter Raleigh. In one part of the Tower are kept the Crown jewels, and, for once at least, the Koh-i-noor sparkled before eyes unable to appreciate its witchery. The jewels are neither very beautiful nor very full of associations, with the exception of a golden spoon, which, from Edward the Confessor down, has been used in anointing the sovereign at coronations, the rest dating from since the Restoration.

The Wardens of the Tower presented a curious appearance, dressed in a costume similar to that in which bluff old Harry is depicted. (?) This ancient garb has unfortunately since been laid aside for one more modern. From the Tower to the Horse Guards is very consoling with warriors of old, and the other with the red-coatery of the present day—the mental transition is easy. A parade of the Queen's Guards is each day held behind the Horse Guards. It may seem vanity, though pardonable, I hope, for me to express the opinion that there are companies of volunteers, so-called feather-bed soldiers, in Philadelphia, who show more perfect drill than these did. The Horse Guards is the headquarters of the Secretary of War. I was informed that the building has that name from the mounted sentries who are always on duty at the entrance.

Across the street is the old Banqueting house of White Hall, from a window of which Charles the First stepped upon the scaffold. It is now one of the chapels royal. It is a part of a palace unfinished, and likely to remain so, begun by Inigo Jones in the early part of the seventeenth century upon the site of an earlier edifice, where Cardinal Wolsey had lived, and which was taken from him by Henry the Eighth. James the Second resided here during his short reign.

One of our party was very anxious to see Newgate Prison. We found, on application there, that to obtain admission an order from the Lord Mayor was requisite. So we proceeded to the Mansion House and made our request, but were informed, that the building undergoing repairs, tickets of admission could not be granted However, we saw his lordship, if that be any thing. He was holding his court for the trial of petty offences, much as our Mayor, with not very much parade.

St. Paul's Cathedral did not strike me at all favorably. Seeing it at a considerable distance—as, for instance, standing on one of the bridges—it seems to preside over the city in real majesty. But there is something about it on a near