

AT THE MONASTERY OF APOLLINIS

Visit of an American Caravan to Historic Sites in Greece.

SAD DESECRATION OF APOLLO'S SHRINE

Mrs. Irving J. Mansatt's Charming Letter on the Glories of the Grecian Capital—the Acropolis and its Environs.

ATHENS, Greece, June 16.—[Special Correspondence of THE BEE.]—There was nothing mysterious about the American caravan that wound over the Sacred Way to Eleusis last week, over the ancient highway on which the Mycenaes marched 3,000 years ago; but it was extremely novel and the first one of the kind that had ever been fitted out in Greece.

It was American in that it was organized by two New York gentlemen who were in the habit of traveling in the most luxurious and ideal way, and was under the leadership of the American flag; but the tents were Arabian, the servants Egyptian, the valet an Italian, the cook French and the dragoman, mules and muleteers, Greeks.

These gentlemen had already made a six-weeks' tour of the Peloponnese, starting with them the American consul as their guest and now they were off for a second tour into northern Greece.

They were provided with kitchen, dining and sleeping tents, taking provisions enough with them to last during the trip. To our great surprise and delight it was announced that the consulate one morning that the ladies had been invited to drive with them to Eleusis in carriages and lunch in the tent near the temple, before making camp for their departure northward.

It was a beautiful morning when we took this most charming drive over the Sacred Way, the caravan winding its way far ahead of us among the olive groves. We started out in high spirits; our driver, who has little in common with his American name, turned his horses' heads down Stadium street, which is more suggestive of Paris than Athens, excepting for the Greek signs over the doors.

On reaching this spot we begin to realize that we are fairly on the sacred way. Pass along the garden, which comprise about three hundred acres, we enter the olive groves of academe, where Plato and Aristotle taught, the great teacher of the world, who is indescribably scarce; picturesque farmers drive by in their goatskin overalls, louching lazily in two-wheeled carts; donkeys, boys, trot past in the dusty road, white fustulatas and red caps, bound for the metropolis, their meek little breasts laden with fruits and vegetables.

Occasionally we pass a bit of the old wall on one side and strips of road cut out of the solid rock on the other, showing that we were following the road recently made by the old. Traversing the plain of the Cephissus we arrive at the monastery of Daphne, built on the site of a temple to Apollo, the walls of which are still standing. This beautiful pass in the mountain marks the ancient boundary between the two kingdoms, Athens and Eleusis.

Here we halted in this romantic spot and wandered into the court, where rows of marble pillars and low columns are scattered about in the weeds told the sad fate of Apollo's shrine. Mounting the steps we tread over large blocks of exquisite old carving, tirelessly built into the plain.

Near by Apollo's columns were used for hitching posts and Apollo's capitals with their carefully carved acanthus leaves are placed each side the steps for horse blocks.

We plucked here the lovely narcissus flowers so fatal to Narcissus in the place of the old legend. This flower is heavy with fragrance and much resembles our tuberoses.

Leaving this romantic mountain dells, at a bend in the road, the sea with the mountains beyond, bursts upon our view with indescribable beauty. To reach Eleusis we must ride around the coast, a distance of about two miles, and the waves dash up to our carriage wheels as they must have washed the feet of the Mycenaes.

On the outskirts of the town is the famous well of Demeter, where the suffering mother is said to have rested in her fruitless search for her daughter. Peasants were filling their carts with the water, and constant use of the ropes for 3,000 years had worn deep polished grooves in the marble.

The modern Eleusis is a squalid village where goats, sheep, chickens, donkeys and children live together under one roof. Women in Albanian costume sat knitting on their doorsteps, and dark little urchins, like lumps of mischief, dipped their sacred olive wreath into the muddy pool and gave us the benefit of it.

Entering the precincts of the temples we were amazed at the size and extent of the ruins. A vast pile of stones remained, greeted our eyes; columns, capitals, entablatures, blocks, and slabs, covered with inscriptions here, and there a few columns, pedestals for statues of many sizes, Doric Ionic, and Corinthian remains mingled in confusion. Prominent among the decorations were notched and fluted columns, wheat sheaves, fruits and flowers. Every shape and size of marble met the eye in a confused mass, but such the aid of our maps we were enabled to make our way from the temple of Artemis to the Greater Propylaea and on to the lesser, up and down the mystic way by the shrine of Pluto, under the overhanging rock, finally halting at the Grand Hall of Initiation.

Here we paused awe-stricken and out of breath, to study this wonderful spot. No one can doubt for an instant that this is the exact site chosen by Demeter for her shrine. Many remains of that most ancient temple built by King Keleos in execution of her orders are here still on this same site. It has now five times the area of the ancient temple. The one by Plistratas (300 B. C.) was burned down by the Persians and rebuilt by Cimon. Now the square bases of the columns of Pericles who planned them on a magnificent scale are still visible. Then came the Romans who must needs take their turn at despoiling the Parthenon and the temple declared that the removal of the ancient temple leading up to the Acropolis site always and stand gazing down on the fearful havoc in marble and wonder how it was possible before the Parthenon had its gun powder for these wretched invaders to accomplish such wanton destruction.

Demeter certainly chose a magnificent spot for her shrine. The Bay of Salamis on the one side and the fertile Kharis plain surmounted by the Parthenon on the other, gave to the temple a view of the sea and the changing tints of every setting sun. A magnificent statue of the goddess of Demeter was found among the ruins 500 years ago by a traveling Englishman. Here resolved to send it to England and obtained permission by some shrewd device from the government at Athens to take it. He had first to overcome the scruples of the inhabitants, who were wild with excitement at the prospect of the removal of the ancient temple declared that not only would Demeter not allow herself to be taken, but that their crops would fall if deprived of her presence. But through the influence of their priest he succeeded in obtaining a force of men and with great difficulty moved the enormous statue to the sea. There she was hoisted on a wooden platform on board a ship bound for England, the Eleusians taking leave of her with solemn predictions that she would bring destruction upon the ship. Curiously enough their auguries were fulfilled, for the ship never reached its destination, but sunk in a storm off Haeleherhead.

About the same time a ship load of Mr. Elgin's plunder sunk to the bottom, so that now Elgin's name shares his nomination of the sea with the name of Eleusis and the stolen goods of the Parthenon.

How much better to have restored the goddess to her own splendid sanctuary! But our time was limited and we hurried on to the museums where we saw many marbles, statues, and wonderful bits of carved fragments. Here and there were the remains of Demeter's altars ornamented on three sides with women's heads having the horns of a goat and festooned between columns, and a golden vase, which could see the tents pitched a little way below near the sea, from two of which the American flag hoisted and the camp lunch was awaiting us, and we were invited to the open dining tent, where a menu for a king was served by a Syrian waiter in native costume, while the waves of the lovely bay of Eleusis washed up at our feet. Nothing was forgotten on that day, the most important of the day, the man even including the red muller and bone-ace, both sacred to Demeter. A bouquet of apple blossoms, roses and possibly a laurel wreath.

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