

was a boy of five, and the loss of the White Ship was still recent history. From 1123 onwards there were 800 years of unbroken continuity. The Bishop claimed the presence of Rahere, and expressed the belief that he was there that day. Were it possible we should have much to show him. Not many ancient Foundations could face their Founder with as clear a conscience. He had meant the hospital for the sick poor, and for the sick poor it is. Its work was in alignment with his intention. The Bishop referred to the gentleness of the nurses as one in spirit with the Founder, to the men and women working in close co-operation for a single purpose, and said that the doctors would fail of their purpose but for the assistance of the Sisters and Nurses. The life within the walls of the Hospital was the life of those who work together in mutual skill and affection. It was small wonder that the dear old Hospital won men's hearts.

"Take care of him." That was precisely what Rahere did before his death. "When I come again I will repay thee." That was a blank cheque drawn in favour of the suffering poor. All work would be repaid. In the happiness of the high work and calling, in the friendship and fellowship that were never stronger, and, as one saw in the face of the sufferer one had been tending, the face of One who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Solemnity in the Hospital Quadrangle.

Of most thrilling interest was the "Solemnity" which followed in the Hospital Quadrangle. As is well known, St. Bartholomew's Hospital from its foundation was nursed by eight brethren and four Sisters who served under a Master, this community being subject to the rule of St. Augustine, of which Order Rahere was a Canon Regular. In 1537 the two foundations—the Priory and the Hospital—were finally separated on the dissolution of the Priory, when the Hospital and its revenues came into the possession of King Henry VIII. The Augustines left the Priory at this time, and for close on four hundred years have never returned.

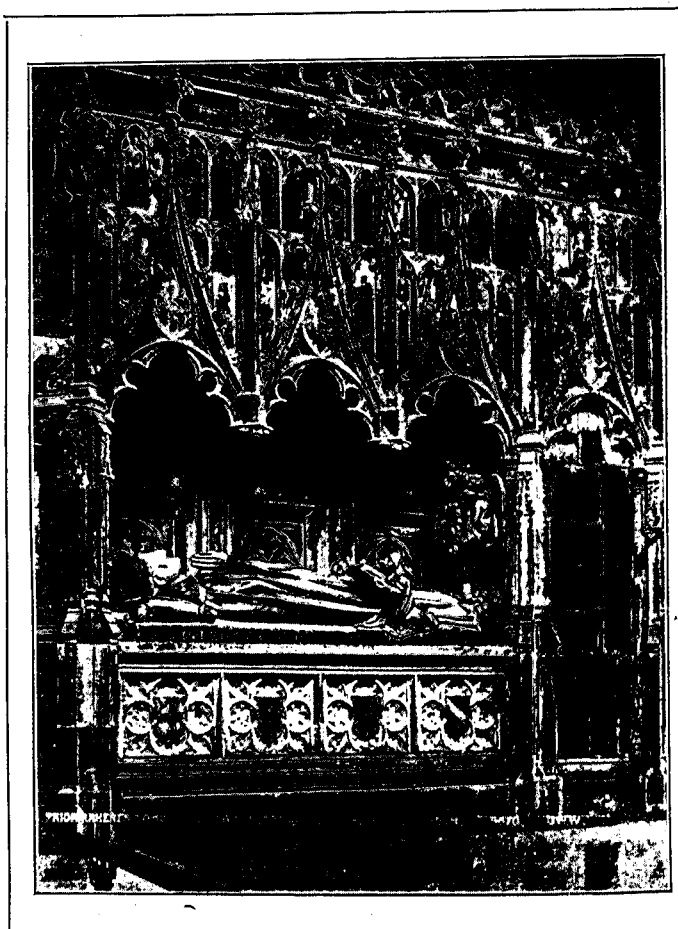
Tuesday, June 5th, witnessed the entry into the Quadrangle of a procession of the Abbot of the Canons Regular, with the Canons of the four houses of Augustinians in England, for the first time since the dissolution of the Priory.

Most of those who attended the service in the Church passed over to the Hospital, so that the available space was well filled when the procession entered the Quadrangle. First came the choir in puce coloured cassocks, and surplices, preceded

by lights, a thurifer swinging a censer from which sweet incense rose heavenward, followed by an acolyte carrying a crucifix; then came the Canons Regular, in white woollen cassocks under their surplices, and lastly the Abbot, all chanting the hymn in honour of St. Augustine, beginning "Magne Pater Augustine."

Three Episodes in English History.

After the departure of the Augustinian Canons there followed three interesting episodes in the history of the Hospital.



TOMB OF RAHERE,
Founder of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

First a Herald, the centre of a picturesque group including a number of beefeaters in their lovely old-world uniform, proclaimed "To all whom it may concern, know ye that this Hospital, founded by Rahere of blessed memory, and refounded by the most dread and puissant Monarch Henry the Eighth, by the Grace of God, King of England, France, Ireland, Defender of the Faith, is now about to celebrate the Eight Hundredth Anniversary of its Foundation."

Then there was re-enacted for us the return of Rahere from his pilgrimage to Rome in 1123, and his meeting with Richard, Bishop of London,

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