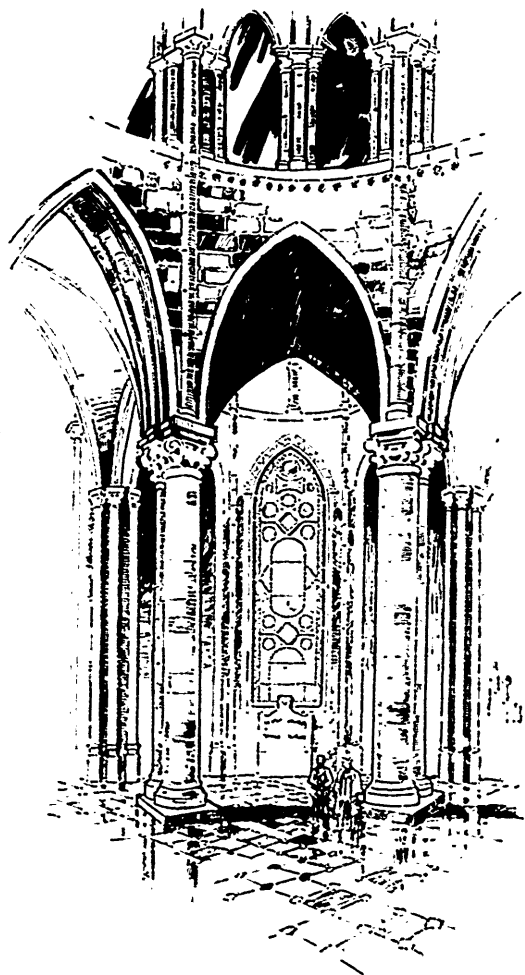


in the crypt, and the desecrated cathedral was for a whole year placed under a ban. The murder took place on the 29th of December, the popular enthusiasm, kindled by the tragic circumstances of the archbishop's death, rose to the highest pitch. Numberless and



BECKET'S CROWN.

1170; three years afterward Becket was canonized by Pope Alexander III., and the day of his martyrdom was set apart as the Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury. Meanwhile

striking miracles were reported to have been wrought at his tomb; and before long there was a rush of pilgrims from all parts to Canterbury.