

this realm, the which we think both honour, conscience, and charity willeth should be provided for; and therefore my mind and will is, that my executors shall, as shortly as they may after my decease, provide some convenient house within or nigh the suburbs of the city of London, the which house I would have founded and created, being governed with one master and two brethren; and I will, that this hospital be endowed with manors, lands, and possessions to the value of 400 marks yearly." She recommended that good rules and ordinances should be made for this hospital by her executors; and "specially I would have them respect the relief, succour, and help of poor, impotent, and aged soldiers, chiefly those that be fallen into extreme poverty, and have no pension or other living." She devotes about 2000*l.* in all to the re-foundation of the convents of Sion, Shene, and the Observants, for works of charity and relief of the poor, and the support of the Savoy hospital.<sup>1</sup> There is not a penny bestowed on any devotional observance unconnected with active charity; neither image, lamp, nor pilgrimage are mentioned,—and here the will is in coincidence with her privy-purse expenses. One passage in it is interesting; which is, her desire to be united in death with her "dearly beloved and virtuous mother, queen Katharine."—"And further I will," she says, "that the body of my most dear and well-beloved mother, of happy memory, queen Katharine, which lieth now buried at Peterborough, shall, within as short a time as conveniently it may, after my burial be removed, brought, and laid nigh the place of my sepulture; in which place I will my executors cause to be

<sup>1</sup> The whole will is edited by sir Frederick Madden, with his Privy-purse Expenses of Mary, from the Harleian MS. (See Appendix, No. iv. p. 185.) The hospital of the Savoy, a useful institution, founded by Henry VII. and confiscated by Henry VIII., was refounded by Mary, after her temporary recovery in 1567,—an action which seems greatly to be appreciated by our good churchman, Fuller, whose sayings, delectable in their quaintness, it is a pleasure to quote. "The hospital being left as bare of all conveniences as the poor creatures brought to it, the queen encouraged her maids of honour to supply it, who, out of their own wardrobes, furnished it with good bedding, &c. Were any of these ladies still alive, I would pray for them in the language of the Psalmist,—'The Lord make all their bed in their sickness,' and *he* is a good bedmaker indeed, who can and will make it fit the person and please the patient." And very earnestly does Fuller urge, "that it is no superstition to commend their example."