

ing inscription on his Altar Tomb. The Monk wrote, "*Huc sunt in fossa, Bedae ossa*, placing *ossa* at the latter end of the verse for the rhyme, but not being able to think of a proper epithet that would stand before it, in his perplexity he fell asleep, but when he awakened, he found his verse filled up by an Angel, standing in fair letters upon the tomb, thus HAC SVNT IN FOSSA, BEDÆ VENERABILIS OSSA.

Several personages of distinction are interred within the walls of the Abbey Church, whose tombs I will not at present attempt to describe, nor will I enter into details respecting the Church, Chapels, Cloisters, Dormitory, Refectory and other departments of this large and venerable monastic establishment.

Prior Melsonby resigned his office in 1244, and retired to prepare for death. After that event had taken place, his remains were buried in the Chapter house. Heming, who ministred to him during his illness, saw a choir of Angels, in white apparel, waiting upon the roof of the hermitage to receive his soul; and at the same moment, Bartholemew who was in the cell, espied in a corner of it, the arch fiend himself, in the shape of a bear lamenting bitterly that the dying man had escaped his snares, Bartholemew boldly dashed the Holy Water vessel and its contents, at the fiend and thus made him withdraw.

The Library contains some manuscripts of very remote antiquity, among these a copy of the vulgate New Testament, written before the year seven