

putting and answering the question where the cow was to be found.

Beneath the western tower was the Sanctuary, where murderers, rogues and vagabonds, met with protection. The culprit upon knocking at the ring affixed to the north door was admitted without delay, and after confessing his crime, a bell in the galilee tower ringing all the while to give notice to the town that some one had taken refuge, there was put upon him a black gown with a yellow cross upon his left shoulder, as the badge of St. Cuthbert. When thirty-seven days had elapsed, if no pardon could be obtained, the malefactor, after certain ceremonies before the shrine, was sent out of the kingdom.

In the pavement of the middle aisle of the nave, beyond the font, there is a cross of blue marble, that marked the boundary beyond which females were not permitted to advance in the direction of the shrine of St. Cuthbert. The monastic buildings were equally sacred. Queen Philippa, wife of Edward III., when at Durham with her husband, in 1333, was compelled to leave his bed in the priory, in the middle of the night, and run half dressed to the Castle.

The Galilee was built for the use of women. As soon as it was finished the shrine of the venerable Bede was removed into it. Bede was born at Yarrow, in Northumberland, A.D. 673. He was an eminent ecclesiastic and writer. His most valuable work is the Ecclesiastical History of the Saxons. When he died his scholars desired to place a rhym-