

Most High, it had sunk deeper in iniquity than the temple at Jerusalem when the Saviour "cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves." The floor was laid out in walks, "the south alley for usurye and poperye; the north for simony and the horse-fair; in the midst for all kinds

"mules, horses and other beasts." Drunkards lay sleeping on the benches at the choir door; within, dunghills were suffered to accumulate; and the choir people walked "with their hatts on their hedds." Thus had this grand sanctuary become desecrated, and as a final climax the Commonwealth turned it into barracks.

It was not until 1675 that the



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of bargains, meetings, brawlings, murders, conspiracies, etc. The middle aisle was called Paul's Walk, and was a lounge for idlers and hunters of news, wits and gallants, cheats, usurers and knights of the post, the font itself being used as a counter." It was a common thoroughfare for porters and carriers, for ale, beer, bread, fish, flesh, fardels, of stuff, and

first stone of the present building was laid. Entering by the door of the north transept, we make our way to the space under the cupola, which rises 228 feet above the pavement and has an internal diameter of 108 feet. There are a large number of monuments and statues in St. Paul's, and the most of them relate to those who have done their country service in war.