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alms-houses for thirteen poor men ; and giveth them, the first day of every month, two shillings and five pence in money. It was directed that these alms-men should be sober, and of honest conversation ; not *detected* in any open crime. And after admission, they should be resident and abiding upon the same, and not keep any common selling of ale, beer, or wine, or anything concerning tippling, &c., with an obligation that the said alms-men should daily come into the church of the Crossed Friars, place themselves near the tomb of the founder, and abide and continue there till the service be ended."

TRINITY HOUSE, TOWER HILL

Fittingly placed within sight and sound of the river, as if watching over, yet not entering into the busy traffic, Trinity House is of respectable antiquity, the present building being erected in 1793 from designs by Mr. Samuel Wyatt. The Corporation of the Elder Brethren of the Holy and Undivided Trinity was founded under that name at Deptford in 1518, by Sir Thomas Spert, Knight. Incorporated by Henry VIII., its privileges were confirmed in 1658. In 1680 the Corporation erected its first lighthouse, all previous lighthouses having been built by private enterprise or charity, and in most cases charging dues from mariners benefiting from them. In 1854 all private light dues were abolished, and the exclusive right of lighting and buoying the coast was given to the Board of Trinity House. They appoint and license pilots for the English coast, the Cinque Port pilots also passing under their jurisdiction at the same time.