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owards the middle of the XII century, the monastery of Dabran, in upper Germany, after having suffered considerably from the invasion of the Danes, had the consolation to see monastic discipline flourish once more and help to spread the benefits of Christian civilization among the rude Vandals.

A miraculous event which took place there in 1114 powerfully aided the zealous monks in their apostolic crusade.

On Easter Sunday, an unusually large congregation had assembled in the quaint old church to take part in the beautiful solemnities of this greatest of all great religious feasts. A young shepherd of the adjoining suburb more ignorant than wicked, not bothering much about a religion of which he knew absolutely nothing and to avoid the appearance of singularity followed the others to the church and assisted at the mass without however understanding the august ceremonies. When the others went up to the holy table he did the same and received the Sacred Host, but did not know exactly what he ought to do with it. Remarking the great recollection and profound respect with which the others acted, he concluded it would not be right to eat what he had just received and what he surmised must be of great value, perhaps even possessing some mysterious power, so he resolved to preserve it carefully as a précious talisman to safeguard his sheep and protect himself. As soon as possible after leaving the church, he carefully bored a hole in the top of his crook and hid the Sacred Host thereim. It was dusk when he had finished his work and stuck his crook in the ground. To his consternation a bright light immediately surrounded this improvised tabernacle whose luminous