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PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL—INTERIOR.

THE first great English cathedral that I visited—except St. Paul's, which is comparatively modern—was Peterborough. Few things so impress the tourist from the New World with the ancient religious institutions of England as a visit to one of the old cathedral cities. One seems to step back from this busy nineteenth century at least five hundred years. The great cathedral lifts its mighty walls and towers, a mountain of stone, high above every other building. It dominates the entire city, and is the most conspicuous landmark for many miles. It seems a fitting symbol of the period when the Romish Church dominated over the entire civil as well as religious life of the nation, and when proud prelates in effect declared, The Church is the State.