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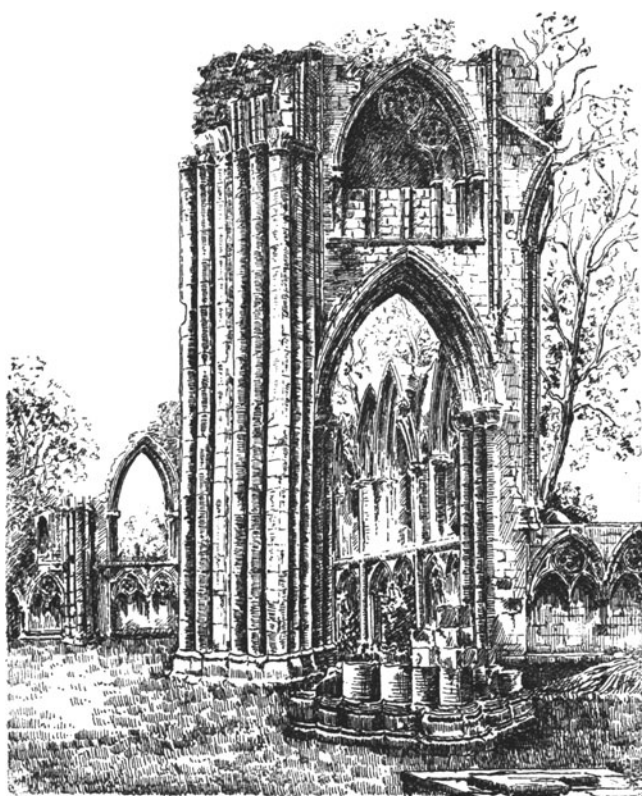
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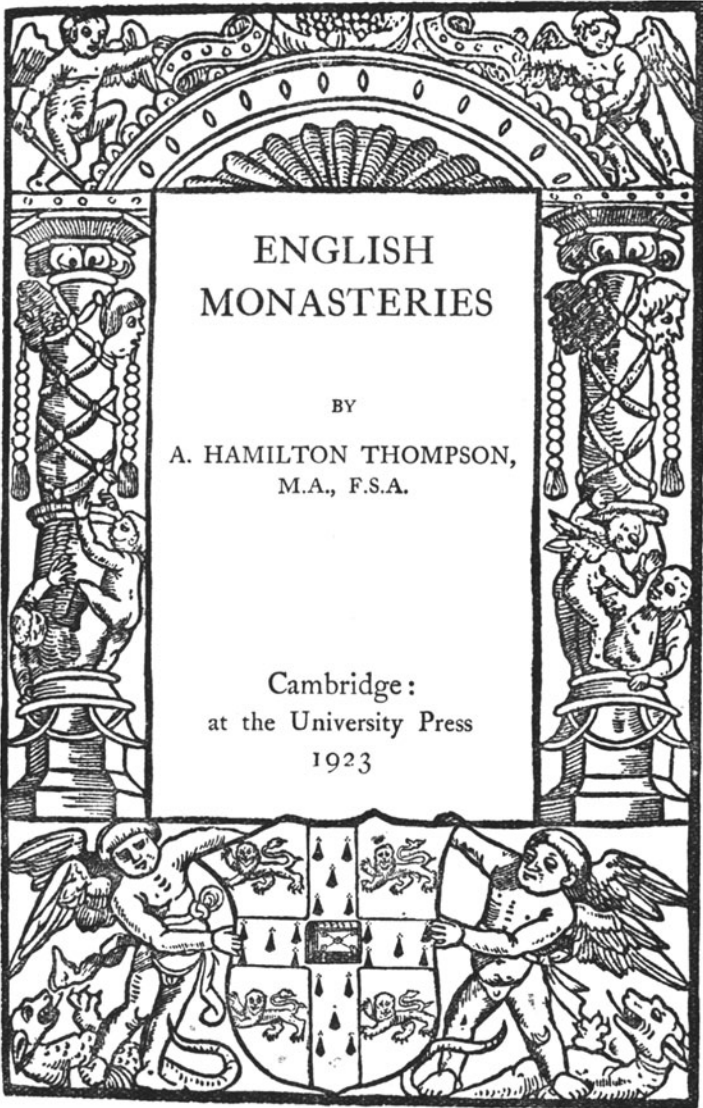


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## PREFACE

**I**N view of the growth of interest in medieval history and art, so conspicuous of late years, it is thought that this small volume may meet the needs of those who desire to know something about one of the most interesting sides of the life of the middle ages. There is no dearth of literature relating to monasteries, and the general facts of monastic history are accessible to the ordinary student in various handbooks. Monographs, however, which describe the plans of monasteries and the position and use of the principal buildings, exist for the most part in forms which are more difficult of access. Special attention has therefore been paid in the present case to the question of plan, and it is hoped that visitors to the remains of our English religious houses, who wish to gain some co-ordinate idea of their various parts, may find some help from this manual.

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A. H. T.

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## NOTE TO SECOND EDITION

The text in this edition has been revised, and the bibliography at the end of the book somewhat enlarged. Since the manual was first published, the death of Sir William St John Hope has deprived the author of the help of a kind friend upon whose advice and assistance he constantly relied.

A. H. T.

August, 1922.



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