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On a picturesque Cotswold hillside at Prinknash there has lived since 1928, a community of 50 monks- founded 33 years ago on Caldy Island off the Pembrokeshire coast. A new <sup>Benedictine</sup> abbey is to be built for them, standing on a knoll looking across some lovely wooded country. To this beautiful spot came Cardinal Hinsley- Archbishop of Westminster and a large company of Roman Catholic clergy and laity. Behind a canopied platform ~~were~~ <sup>was</sup> ranged a choir of monks. On the platform with Cardinal Hinsley were the Abbots of Prinknash and six other English foundations. The Cardinal Archbishop, wearing a cope, first blessed the Holy Water which was to be sprinkled over the site of the future Abbey. Then Cardinal Hinsley consecrated the foundation stone, and with the point of a trowel scratched crosses on each face of the stone. He tapped the stone three times with a mason's mallet. ~~In a space in the upper face of the stone was laid a metal cylinder enclosing a record of the occasion, and a stone slab was cemented over it.~~ Then the places for the future foundation were sprinkled and blessed in turn by the Cardinal.