

An Abbey might suit better, he thought, and he ran over the various attractions of the different orders. All of them were more or less loose rogues, some worse, some better.¹ On the whole the monk-ass concluded that he would found a new order, the rules of which should be compounded of the indulgences allowed to each of the rest. The pope would consent if approached with the proper temptations; and he was picturing to himself the delightful life which he was thenceforth to lead, when his master found him, and cudgelled him back to the stable.

More instructive, if less amusing, is the prose treatise 'Contra Curiales et Officiales clericos' ('Against Clerical Courtiers and Officials'), dedicated to De Longchamp, Bishop of Ely, Cœur de Lion's chancellor, who was left in charge of the realm when Richard went to Palestine. De Longchamp's rule was brief and stormy. It lasted long enough, how-

Impuberes pueros pastores ecclesiarum

Vidimus effectos pontificesque sacros.

Sic dixit quidam de quodam pontificando,

Cum princeps regni sollicitaret eum :

"Est puer, et nondum discernere possumus utrum

Femina vel mas est, et modo presul erit."

Satirical Poems of the Twelfth Century, vol. i. p. 106.

¹ 'Omnes sunt fures, quocunque caractere sacro
Signati veniant magnificentque Deum.'