

family of Villeneuve. It had a bishopric, founded *c.* 374 (afterwards united to Fréjus), frequently illustrious from its prelates, including S. Andin, S. Eusèbe, S. Véran, S. Lambert, Pope Paul III., the learned Guillaume le Blanc, Pierre de Vair, Godeau, and Surian. The former *Cathedral*, founded in iv. c., on the site of a temple, and much enlarged in x. c., xii. c., and xv. c., has a number of ancient inscriptions built into the walls. The lectern, stalls, and organ are late xv. c. In the chapel of



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S. Véran the altar is said to be the tomb of the saint. The tomb of S. Lambert, with a xii. c. inscription, is in the chapel dedicated to him. The epitaph of Bishop Godeau (1672) commemorates the favourite of Richelieu, who obtained his good graces by dedicating to him a paraphrase of the Psalms, which begins with the words, '*Benedicite omnia opera domini*,' on receiving which the powerful cardinal said, 'Monsieur l'abbé, vous me donnez *Benedicite*, et moi je vous donne *Grasse*.' The Pope afterwards allowed Godeau to hold the bishopric of

Vence with that of Grasse. 'Il était fort enclin à l'amour,' says Tallemant des Réaux, 'et comme il était naturellement volage, il a aimé en plusieurs lieux.'

On the *Terrasse de S. Martin* (1 k.) are ruins of a house of the Templars.

It is most well worth while to proceed 6 k. beyond Vence by a mountain road to the village of *S. Jeannet*, most picturesquely situated at the foot of a huge precipice of red and grey rock—'le



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baou rouge'—which is a principal feature in views from the drives near Nice. The women here have a great reputation for sorcery, and high on the mountain is a huge old nut-tree, where the witches are believed to hold their sabbat. Hence, a terraced road, high above the ravine occupied by the usually dry bed of the Var, with views perfectly sublime in their beauty, leads along the edge of the hills to (14 k.) *Carros* (*Carrozza*), a most striking little fortified mountain town, with a castle; and to (16 k.) *Le Broc*, with a church of 1563 and xv. c. hospital, overlooking the confluence of the Var and Esteron. There are few finer scenes than