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Thomas Becket and Medieval Monastic Life



In the 12th century, the _____ played a crucial role in medieval society.

Thomas _____, a significant figure in English history, was deeply involved in the church's affairs. Born in _____, Becket's early life was not particularly religious. However, his destiny changed when he became an advisor to _____ II. Their relationship was complex, with both respect and tension.

Becket was appointed as the _____ of Canterbury in 1162. This position was highly influential, overseeing the spiritual life of _____ across England. Initially, Henry II believed Becket would support the _____'s interests. However, Becket became increasingly devoted to the Church, causing a rift between them. His new role involved ensuring that monastic practices followed the strict _____ set by the Church.

Becket's commitment to monasticism was evident. He encouraged monks to live a life of _____ and simplicity, adhering to their vows. He often visited _____ to inspect their adherence to religious _____.

Becket's dedication to the Church led to conflicts with the _____, particularly over the rights and privileges of the Church versus the monarchy.

One significant conflict was the _____ of Clarendon, where Henry II tried to limit the Church's power. Becket opposed these, leading to his _____. In exile, Becket continued to support monastic reforms and maintained correspondence with his followers in England.

Upon his return, tensions escalated, eventually leading to Becket's _____ in Canterbury Cathedral. His death had a profound impact on the Church and monasticism. He was quickly _____, and his shrine became a site of pilgrimage. Becket's life and death illustrate the complex relationship between the Church and the state in medieval England and highlight the influential role of monasticism during this period.

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