The present Hospice was founded in 962, by Bernard, who was born, of a noble Savoyard family, at the Chateau of Menthorn, on the lake of Annecy. At an early age he resolved to devote himself to an ecclesiastical life, and for this purpose he repaired to Aosta, of which city in due time he became archdeacon. While residing there, his frequent intercourse with pilgrims and travellers probably inspired him with the idea of founding an asylum for their reception, which he governed for upwards of 60 years, dying in 1008.]