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FOUNTAINS ABBEY - - Great service to commemorate 800th anniversary held in the famous ruins. Yorkshire-

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Picture.:- The famous Fountains Abbey celebrates its 800th birthday : It was founded by a devout body of thirteen Cistercian Monks from St.--

--Mary's Benedictine Abbey, York, in the 10th century. Every day divine prayer and praise commenced--

--at 2.a.m, and continued till the setting of the evening sun. At that--

--period, the population of the whole of Yorkshire was under fourteen--

--thousand souls. The ravages of medieval wars and the devouring--

--years have stripped the fine edifice--

--of its trappings, and only a ruined shell remains. The Ruks--

--and Duchess of York attend the service commemorating and recording the work--

--of those who wrought here. The Bishop of Rippon conducts the ceremony. The aisle--

--with only the sky for roof is lined with worshippers representing every denomination except one,--

--honouring those who devoted their lives to the service of the Church.