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book (red for martyrs?). Behind the shrine are the iron railings mentioned in the accounts in David Sherlock's article. For more on this picture see Norman Scarfe, 'The body of St Edmund, an essay in necrobiography', *Proc. Suffolk Inst. Archaeol.*, 31 (1969), caption to Plate 48 (opposite 316) (reproduced by permission of the British Library © British Library Board).

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