

future resurrection, in which they regarded the mortal remains of their dead as precious in the eyes of God, who watches over them, regarding them as the apple of his eye, to be raised one day in the brightest glory, and made shining lustres in the heavenly Jerusalem.

ST. DONATIAN, C.

BISHOP OF RHEIMS, AND PATRON OF BRUGES.

HE was the seventh bishop of Rheims, and died about the year 389. Charles the Bald having bestowed the relics of this saint on Baldwin, whom he had created earl of Flanders, to hold of him that rich province as a fief, in 863, the earl deposited them in the church of Bruges, which, thereupon, took the title of St. Donatian's, being before called our Lady's. It was made a bishop's cathedral in 1559. See Flodoard, in *Hist. Rhem. Marlot*, *Hist. de Rheims*, c. 1. Ant. Sanders *Hagiogr. Flandr.* p. 133. Molan. et Miræus.

ST. BURCKARD, C., FIRST BISHOP OF WURTZBURG,

(IN LATIN, HERBIPOLIS, IN FRANCONIA.)

ST. BONIFACE standing in need of fellow-labourers powerful in words and works in the vast harvest which he had on his hands in Germany, about the year 732, invited over from England St. Lullus and St. Burckard, who seem by this circumstance to have come from the kingdom of West-Sex: they were both persons of an apostolic spirit. St. Boniface consecrated St. Burckard with his own hands the first bishop of Wurtzburg in Franconia, where St. Kilian had preached the word of life, and suffered martyrdom about fifty years before. This whole country was by his ministry converted to Christ. Excessive fatigues having, in ten years time, exhausted his strength, with the consent of King Pepin, and by the approbation of St. Lullus, (St. Boniface being gone to preach in Friesland,) he resigned his bishopric to Meginand, a monk of Fritzlar, and disciple of St. Wigbert, in 752. Retiring into a solitude in that part of his diocess called Hohenburg, he spent the remaining part of his life with six fervent monks or clergymen in watching, fast-