

relics of St. Briec, during the invasion of the Normans, were translated to the abbey of St. Sergius, at Angers, in 866, but a portion was restored to St. Briec's in 1210. See Dom. Lobineau.

S. AMATOR, BISHOP OF AUXERRE, C.

HE served God from his infancy with his whole heart, and applied himself to the study of the sacred sciences under Valerian, bishop of Auxerre. In compliance with the desires of his parents, he took to wife Martha, a rich young lady of Langres; but no sooner was the contract solemnized in the church, but, taking her aside, he spoke to her in such strong terms on the advantages of holy virginity, that, by her free consent, they on the spot engaged themselves, by a mutual vow, to embrace that state for the sake of more perfect virtue. She soon after took the religious veil, and he received the clerical tonsure. Being afterward chosen bishop of Auxerre, he governed that church thirty years, from 388 to 418, labouring to conduct his flock by his example and assiduous exhortations, in the paths of eternal salvation. He died on the first of May, 418. See his life, by Henschenius.

SS. ACIUS AND ACHEOLUS,

CALLED IN FRENCH SS. ACH AND ACHEUL, MARTYRS
OF AMIENS.

THEY seem to have suffered about the year 290, and are honoured in the Gallican Martyrologies, and especially at Amiens, on the first of May. See Molanus in Auctario Usuardi, and Henschenius 1st of May, and an old Martyrology under the name of St. Jerom, quoted by him.

The church of St. Acheul, without the walls of Amiens, was originally the cathedral; but this being removed by St. Salvius to our Lady's in the city, the church of St. Acheul became dependent on it. A community of regular canons was there erected in 1145. It is now a member of the reformed congregation of St. Genevieve. In digging foundations for a new church, five very ancient tombs were found, which have been the subject of many dissertations, especially whether one is not that of St. Firminus, bishop and confessor, whose relics are enshrined in the cathedral.