

lingering martyrdom was continued by divers torments during twenty-eight years ; but are demonstrated by Baronius and others to be of no authority. Two churches at Constantinople were dedicated to God under the invocation of St. Clement of Ancyra ; one called of the Palace, the other now in Pera, a suburb of that city. Several parts of his relics were kept with great devotion at Constantinople. His skull, which was brought thence to Paris when Constantinople was taken by the Latins, in the thirteenth century, was given by Queen Anne of Austria to the abbey of Val de Grace. See Chatelain, p. 386. Le Quien, Oriens Chr. t. 1. p. 457.

ST. AGATHANGELUS.

THE fellow-martyr of St. Clement, bishop of Ancyra. His relics, with those of St. Clement, lay in a church in the suburbs of Constantinople, now called Pera ; but were brought into the West, when that city was taken by the Latins.

ST. ILDEFONSUS, B

HE was a learned Benedictin abbot of a monastery called Agaliense, in a suburb of Toledo, promoted to the archbishopric of that city after the death of Eugenius, in December, 657, according to F. Flores ; sat nine years and two months, and died on the 23rd of January, 667, according to the same learned author, in the eighteenth year of king Rescisvintho. His most celebrated work is a book on the Spotless Virginitv of the Virgin Mary, against Helvidius, Jovinian, and a certain Jew : he breathes in it the most tender devotion to her, and confidence in her intercession with her Son. He had a singular devotion to St. Leocadia, patroness of Toledo. Certain sermons of St. Ildefonsus on the B. Virgin Mary, and some letters, are published by F. Flores.(1) Some of his letters, which were first given us by D'Achery, were reprinted by cardinal D'Aguirre.(2) In Spanish this saint is called Ildefonso, and by the common people Alanso, for Alphonsus, which is an abbreviation of Ildefonsus. See his short life by St. Julian, bishop of Toledo, twenty-three years after his death. In Mabillon, sæc. 2. Fleury, b. 39. n. 40. That by Cixila is not authentic. See especially the remarks of

(1) F. Flores, *Spana Sagrada*, T. 5. append. 7. p. 490.

(2) Card. D'Aguirre *Conc. Hispan.* T. 2. p. 534.

the learned F. Flores on these two lives, &c. in his *Spana Sagrada*, t. 5. tr. 5. c. 3. n. 31. p. 275. & app. 9. ib. p. 522. F. Flores reckons St. Ildefonsus the thirty-first bishop of Toledo, from St. Eugenius, the disciple of St. Dionysius of Paris, whom, with the writers of his country, he counts the first in the year 112.

ST. EUSEBIUS,

AN ABBOT BETWEEN ANTIOCH AND BERCÆA.

HIS example was a perpetual and a most moving sermon, and his very countenance inspired all who beheld him with the love of virtue. He took nourishment only once in four days, but would not allow any of his monks to pass above two days without eating. He prescribed them mortifications of each sense in particular, but made perpetual prayer his chief rule, ordering them to implore the divine mercy in their hearts, in whatever labour their hands were employed. While Ammianus, who had resigned to him the government of the abbey, was one day reading aloud, out of the scriptures, for their mutual edification, Eusebius happened to cast his eye on certain labourers in the field where they sat, so as not to give due attention to the lecture: to punish himself for this slight fault, he put on, and wore till his death, for above forty years, a heavy iron collar about his neck, fastened by a stiff chain to a great iron girdle about his middle, so that he could only look downwards under his feet: and he never afterwards stirred out of his cell but by a narrow passage from his cell to the chapel. His sanctity drew many disciples to him. He flourished in the fourth century. See Theodoret Philoth. c. 4. Item Hist. Eccles. 1. 4. c. 28.

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ST. TIMOTHY, B. AND M

See Tillemont, T. 2. p. 142.

ST. TIMOTHY, the beloved disciple of St. Paul, was of Lycaonia, and probably of the city of Lystra. His father was a Gentile, but his mother Eunice was a Jewess. She with Lois his grandmother,