

ST. ALICE, OR ADELAIDE, V. ABBESS.

SHE was daughter of Megendose, count of Guelders, and governed the nunnery of Bellich on the Rhine, near Bonn, (now a church of canonesses,) but died in 1015, abbess of our Lady's in Cologne, both monasteries having been founded by her father. Her festival, with an octave, is kept at Bellich, or Vilich, where the nunnery which she instituted, of the order of St. Bennet, is now converted into a church of canonesses. See her life in Surius and Bollandus; also Miræus, in *Fastis Belgicis*, &c.

ST. ABRAAMIUS,

BISHOP OF ARBELA, M.

THIS city, after the fall of Ninive, was long the capital of Adiabene, in Assyria, and was one bishopric with Hazza, anciently called Adiab. Arbela, now called Irbil, was famous for the victory of Alexander; but received far greater lustre from the martyrdom of St. Abraamius, its bishop, who sealed his faith with his blood, after having suffered horrible torments, which were inflicted by order of an arch magian, in the fifth year of King Sapor's persecution, that is, of Christ 348. See Sozomen, . 2. c. 12. and the Greek *Menæa* and *Synaxary*.

FEBRUARY VI.

ST. DOROTHY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.

See St. Aldhelm, Ado, Usuard, &c. in Bollandus, p. 771.

ST. ALDHELM relates from her acts, (1) that Fabricius, the governor of Cæsarea, in Cappadocia, inflicted on her most cruel torments, because she refused to marry, or to adore idols: that she converted two apostate women sent to seduce her: and that being condemned to be beheaded, she converted one Theophilus, by sending him certain fruits and flowers miraculously obtained

(1) L. de Laud. Virgin. c. 25.

in 8vo. 1643. See them in Sirmond's works, t. 2. and *Bibl. Patr.* His close manner of confuting the Arians in some of his letters, makes us regret the loss of many other works, which he wrote against them.