

built, in the account of the foundation of Peterburgh, which was begun by Peada, son of Penda, about the year 655, and finished in 660 by his brother Wolphere, assisted by his other brother Ethelred, and his sisters Kunneberga and Kineswithe, under the care of Saxulph, the first abbot. St. Edburge seems to have made her religious profession at Dormundescastre; at least she was buried, and her relics kept there with veneration, till, with those of her three sisters, they were translated to Peterburgh, two miles distant. Balger, a monk, conveyed them with part of the relics of St. Oswald into Flanders, about the year 1040, and deposited them in the abbey of Berg St. Winox, probably by the authority of Hardecnute, king of England, who was son of Emma, had lived some time in Flanders in his youth, and perhaps contracted an intimacy with Balger at Bruges. The relics of St. Oswald, St. Idaberge, and St. Lewin were lost in a great fire at the abbey of Berg St. Winox in 1558. Yet an inscription there informs us that some of their dust still remains in the tomb. See Bolland. Henschenius, and Papebroke, t. 4. Junij, p. 29.

ST. BAIN, BISHOP OF TEROUANNE.

(NOW ST. OMER), AND ABBOT OF ST. VANDRILLE'S.

He was fifth bishop of that see, to which he was promoted before the middle of the seventh century. Merville, where St. Mauront had built his monastery of Breüil, being in the diocess of Terouanne, St. Bain translated thence the body of St. Amatus, to the church which St. Maurout had lately built at Douay.(1) When SS. Luglius and Luglianus, two Irish hermits, had been murdered by highwaymen in this diocess, St. Bain buried them with great honour in the chapel of his castle at Lilleres, where they are honoured as patrons of the town on the 23d of October. Solitude, "which nourishes prayer as a mother does her child," as St. John Damascen says, being always the ruling inclination of our saint, he resigned his bishopric, and retiring to the abbey of Fontenelle or St. Vandrille's, in Normandy, put on the monastic habit, as he was already possessed perfectly of the spirit, and some time after

(1) Bucelin, *Annal. Gallo-Flandrie*, l. 2, p. 87.

was chosen the fifth abbot of that house from St. Wandrille, in 701. Out of his great devotion to the relics of the saints, he translated the bodies of St. Wandrille, Ansbert, and Wolfgar or Wulfran, out of the chapel of St. Paul, built by St. Wandrille for the burial-place, into the great church of St. Peter, in which the monks celebrated the divine mysteries. Pepin, duke of the French, having founded or considerably augmented the abbey of Fleury, now called St. Bennet's on the Loire, situated nine leagues above Orleans, he committed the same to the direction of St. Bain, in 706. The saint died about the year 711, and is honoured on the 20th of June at St. Wandrille's, and in the Gallican Martyrologies. See the Chronicle of Fontenelle, the lessons for his festival, Papebroke more exact than Mabillon, whom he corrects, t. 4. Junij, p. 27.

JUNE XXI.

ST. ALOYSIUS OR LEWIS GONZAGA, CONFESSOR.

From his life, written in the most authentic manner by F. Ceparius, his master of novices. See also other memoirs collected by Janning the Bollandist Junij, t. 4, p. 847, ad p. 1169, and his life in French by F. Orleans

A. D. 1591.

ALOYSIUS GONZAGA was son of Ferdinand Gonzaga, prince of the holy empire, and marquis of Castiglione, removed in the third degree of kindred from the duke of Mantua. His mother was Martha Tana Santena, daughter of Tanus Santena, lord of Cherry, in Piedmont. She was lady of honour to Isabel, the wife of Philip II. of Spain, in whose court the marquis Gonzaga also lived in great favour. When she understood this nobleman had asked her in marriage both of the king and queen, and of her friends in Italy, being a lady of remarkable piety, she spent her time in fasting and prayer in order to learn the will of heaven, and to draw down upon herself the divine blessing. The marriage was solemnized in the most devout manner, the parties at the same time performing their devotions for the jubilee. When they left the court and returned into Italy, the marquis was declared chamberlain to his majesty,