

possesses a portion of their relics brought from Syria in the crusades : as does the cathedral of St. Vitus at Prague, by the gift of the Emperor Charles IV., in 1354. See Tillemont, t. 5, p. 491.

SS. MARCELLUS AND APULEIUS, MM. AT ROME.

FAMOUS in ancient Martyrologies, honoured with a mass in Pope Gelasius's Sacramentary published by Cardinal Thomasius. The Emperor Lewis II, in 872, received their relics from the pope, which his wife Angilberga bestowed on the nunnery which she founded at Placentia in Italy, in which city these martyrs are honoured with singular devotion.

ST. JUSTINA OF PADUA, V. M.

SHE suffered at Padua in the persecution of Dioclesian, about the year 304, or, according to some, in that of Nero. Fortunatus ranks her among the most illustrious holy virgins, whose sanctity and triumph have adorned and edified the church, saying that her name makes Padua illustrious, as Euphemia Chalcedon, and Eulalia the city Emerita. And in his poem on the life of St. Martin, he bids those who visit Padua, there to kiss the sacred sepulchre of the blessed Justina, on the walls of which they will see the actions of St. Martin represented in figures or paintings.(1) A church was built at Padua, in her honour, about the middle of the fifth age, by Opilio, prefect of the prætorium, who was consul in 453.(2) Her precious remains, concealed in the irruption of Attila, who destroyed Aquileia and Padua in the middle of the fifth century, were found in 1177, and are kept with great veneration in the famous church which bears her name. It was most elegantly and sumptuously rebuilt in 1501, and, with the adjoining Benedictin monastery, (to which it belongs,) is one of the most finished models of building of that nature in the world. A reformation of the Benedictin Order was settled in this house in 1417, which was propagated in many parts of Italy under the name of the Congregation of St. Justina of Padua. The great monastery

(1) Fortunatus Carm. 4, l. 8, et l. 4, de vita S. Martini, sub finem.

(2) Ughelli, t. 5, p. 398. Cavacius, l. 1, de Cœnobio Patavino S. Justinæ. Sertorius Ursatus de Rebus Patavinis. Muratori, &c.