

tian perfection. His excellent maxims, relating to the most tender and universal fraternal charity, meekness, the love of silence and retiredness, and a constant attention to the divine presence, were handed down to posterity as sacred oracles. St. Munde died in a happy old age in 962. See King, *Hunter the Dominican*, *De Viris Illustr. Scotiae*, &c.

ST. RUADHAN, ABBOT.

THIS saint was born in the western part of Leinster. Having built the monastery of Lothraen, he assembled in it one hundred and fifty fervent monks, with whom he divided his time, between the exercises of prayer and manual labour, which he also sanctified by prayer. He was advanced to the episcopal dignity, and was called one of the twelve apostles of Ireland. He died in 584. See the Register of Kilkenny, and Colgan, in MSS.

APRIL XVI.

EIGHTEEN MARTYRS OF SARAGOSSA,

AND ST. ENCRATIS, OR ENGRATIA, V. M.

From Prudentius de Cor. hymn. 4. See Vassens Belga in Chron. Hisp. *Breviarium Eboense a Resendio recognitum*. an. 1569.

A. D. 304.

ST. OPTATUS, and seventeen other holy men,* received the crown of martyrdom on the same day, at Saragossa, under the cruel governor Dacian, in the persecution of Dioclesian, in 304. Two others, Caius and Crementius, died of their torments after a second conflict, as Prudentius relates.

The same venerable author describes, in no less elegant verse, the triumph of St. Encratis, or Engratia, Virgin. She was a native of Portugal. Her father had promised her in marriage to a man of quality in Rousillon: but, fearing the dangers, and

* Their names, according to Prudentius, are: Optatus, Lupercus, Martial, Successus, Urban, Quintilian, Julius, Publius, Fronto, Felix, Cecilianus, Evotius, Primitivus, Apodemus, and four others of the name Saturninus.