

ST. SENAN, B. C.

HE was born in the country of Hy-Conalls in Ireland, in the latter part of the fifth century, was a disciple of the abbots Cassidus and Natal, or Naal: then travelled for spiritual improvement to Rome, and thence into Britain. In this kingdom he contracted a close friendship with St. David. After his return he founded many churches in Ireland, and a great monastery in Inis-Cathaig, an island lying at the mouth of the river Shannon, which he governed, and in which he continued to reside after he was advanced to the episcopal dignity. The abbots, his successors for several centuries, were all bishops, till this great diocese was divided into three, namely of Limerick, Killaloe, and Ardfert. St. Senan died on the same day and year with St. David; but was honoured in the Irish church on the 8th of March. A town in Cornwall bears the name of St. Senan. See his acts in Colgan, p. 602.

ST. PSALMOD, OR SAUMAY, ANCHORET.

HE was born in Ireland, and, retiring into France, led an eremitical life at Limousin, where he acquired great reputation for his sanctity and miracles. He died about 589. See the Martyrology of Evreux.

MARCH IX.

ST. FRANCES, WIDOW.

FOUNDESS OF THE COLLATINES.

Abridged from her life by her confessor, Canon. Mattiotti; and that by Magdalen Dell'Anguillara, superioress of the Oblates, or Collatines. Helyot, Hist. des Ordr. Mon. t. 6. p. 208.

A.D. 1440.

ST. FRANCES was born at Rome in 1384. Her parents, Paul de Buxo and Jacobella Rofredeschi, were both of illustrious families. She imbibed early sentiments of piety, and such was her love of purity from her tender age, that she would not suffer her own father to touch even her hands unless covered. She had always