

festival of St. Alban, a Christian martyr, which Greek word signifies a witness," and is thus given to one who felt the religious belief to which he testified to be of such importance that rather than deny it he suffered even a cruel death. He is described as a young officer of the Roman army

emperor, from A.D. 255 this 500, and as having sheltered a Christian priest he was converted to that religion, and whom he enabled to escape. While St. Alban was still a catachu-