

## THE CALENDAR.

## MINOR HOLY DAYS OF NOVEMBER.

[Continued from last year].

13. *S. Britius, Bishop*, was an inmate of the religious house presided over by S. Martin (Bishop of Tours, died 379), but gave much offence by his irregularity of conduct. S. Martin, however, seeing in him the germ of good, ordained him deacon and priest, and foretold that he would one day succeed him in the See of Tours. Before the death of S. Martin a crisis came about in the spiritual life of Britius. Having been severely rebuked by his master he reviled him in return, but soon repented, and bitterly lamented his former evil ways. On the death of S. Martin he was elected to succeed him, but his former sins were visited on him, for he was grossly slandered, and banished from his See for seven years. He then returned and remained in quiet possession for seven years more. He died 444, and was buried near to S. Martin in a chapel which he himself had built over the tomb of his spiritual father. He is represented as a Bishop with a child in his arms, or with burning coals in his hands, or chasuble, in allusion to the belief that he was the first to undergo the Fiery Ordeal which afterwards became so general among northern nations.

15. *S. Muchutus, Bishop*, known also as S. Malo (a Welshman), was baptized and educated by the Irish Abbot of a monastery in the valley of Llan Carvan, where he was born. During the civil commotions of the age he fled into Brittany, and there led an ascetic life in an Island,

whence he used to go and preach to the pagans on the mainland. About A.D. 541 he was appointed Bishop of Aleth, but was driven by persecution to take refuge in Aquitaine. In his old age he was enabled to visit his people again, and give them his blessing. He died A.D. 564 while on his way to visit S. Leontius, Archbishop of Saintes, who had befriended him in his exile. The town of S. Malo is named from his body having once rested there. He is represented as a Bishop with a child at his feet.

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### Proposed University for the Northwest.

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After the short paragraph that appeared in our last issue was written and sent to the press, we were glad to see a letter from Judge Wetmore, read at the meeting at Regina, which coincided with the opinion we had already expressed as to the prematurity of the proposal, though on other grounds Judge Wetmore justly commented on the probable lack of sufficient young men in the Territories who would be willing and able to take a University course for some time to come. If the chief object of the authors of the scheme is, as it seems to be, to secure a grant of land from the Government, it would surely be wiser policy on the part of the Government to set apart a certain amount of land for the purposes of higher education in the Territories when the population is ripe for it, as it must eventually be needed, rather than to force the Territories to found a University when the proper materials for it are not to be found and its degrees