

with their pretty though eternal symphonies. A hundred times one may hear them play the same pieces, and they are always listened to with pleasure, so industrious are they to vary their harmony. In these various ways the day passed, and it terminated religiously by the evening prayer in the chapel of the Catholic camp, according to the every day custom. On the next day I had the consolation to hear many competent persons say that all had passed off very well. A European, expressing the opinion of several others, said; "What a splendid result you have obtained! It is astonishing to see how much you have done in thus forming these young people!" As to ourselves, without thinking of the past or of the joy of the present, we are solely occupied with the future, and we ask of God, with all our heart, the perseverance of these children, whom we have brought up in His name and for His glory, Thanks to the aid of the Holy Childhood, thanks to the pious liberality of its associates.

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SAINT PALLADIUS, B. C.

Apostle of the Scots.

The name of Palladius shows this saint to have been a Roman, and most authors agree that he was deacon of the church of Rome. At least St. Prosper in his chronicle informs us, that when Agricola, a noted Pelagian, had corrupted the the churches of Britain with the insinuation of that pestilential heresy, pope Celestine, at the instance of Palladius the deacon, in 429, sent thither St. Germanus, bishop of Auxerre, in quality of his legate, who, having ejected the heretics, brought back the Britons to the Catholic faith. The concern of Palladius for these islands stopped not here; for it seems not to be doubted, but it was the same person of whom St. Prosper again speaks, when he afterwards says, that in 431 pope Celestin sent Palladius, the first bishop, to the Scots then believing in Christ. From the lives of SS. Albeus, Declan, Ibar, and Kiaran Saigir, Usher shows that these four saints preached separately in pifferent parts of Ireland, which was their native country before the mission of St. Patrick. St. Ibar had been converted to the faith in Britain; the other