

of Padua, because he was stationed there for some years before his death, and it was revealed to him that he should die in Padua.

The ceremony of his canonization was completed in Spoleto, Italy ; and in the same moment a marvellous thing happened in Lisbon, Portugal ; all the bells of the city rang out a joyous peal, without any human agency ; they were undoubtedly rang by angels.

The feast of Saint Anthony is still kept with great devotion in Padua. From Venice, Bologna, and all the country round crowds come pouring into Padua from the earliest dawn of the June morning. The Cathedral is gorgeously decorated, and Masses, and Benedictions are celebrated until 1, p. m. Should the feast fall on Friday, permission to use meat is posted up on the church doors, so that the day may be a day of enjoyment unclouded by fasting or penance.

In Venice the devotion to St. Anthony is so great, that the day is kept as a general holiday, just the same as in Padua ; all stores and banks being closed.

Thirty years after the death of the Saint a magnificent Cathedral in his honor was completed in Padua. In order to remove the sacred relics, the coffin was opened in presence of the Archbishop ; the body was but dust with the exception of the tongue, which was in perfect preservation.

St. Bonaventure who was present as General of the Order exclaimed in a transport : " O blessed tongue ! which never ceased to praise God, and labored unceasingly to make others praise him ! Your merit is now made manifest to the world, and you have been rewarded by him who created you for such glorious work ! "

To this day that tongue that never spoke idle words remains uncorrupted, and can be seen at the cathedral under a crystal covering.

