

per part of the edifice is an altar, styled "*delle Pedate*" (i. e., of the foot-prints), whereat is venerated a stone which is said to bear the impression of St. Christina's feet. Her name occurs in the Roman Martyrology for July 24, whe. here is an unusually long notice of her sufferings, which were very horrible : "Having broken up the gold and silver idols of her pagan father in order to feed the poor, she was scourged, tortured in a variety of ways, and finally cast into the lake, with a great stone attached to her. Being rescued by an angel, she, under another judge, suffered with constancy still greater torments. She was kept in a burning furnace for five days, exposed to serpents, had tongue cut out, and at length finished her course of martyrdom shot to death by arrows." Her death occurred A. D. 295, and many Italian painters have immortalized her sufferings in their works. She was one of the patrons of the Venetian Republic.

A TROUBLED DOUBTER.

This priest Peter, to whom God chose to manifest his power and presence in the Holy Eucharist, is described by the oldest records as a man of piety and virtue, but the victim of temptation as regards belief in the Real Presence. How far he was at fault in this respect it is not for us to say. Perhaps it would be more correct to describe him as tormented by scruples, since he seems to have constantly offered up the Holy Sacrifice, which he would hardly have done had he been sinful, incredulous. May we not devoutly conclude, from the great miracle worked by God's mercy in his behalf, that, whether careless or not in resisting temptations, he was yet an object of pity and of love to Him who deigned to prove his identity before an unbelieving Thomas, and by so doing comfort the other apostles. So, in like manner, did God not only open the eyes of this good priest, but also has left on record an astounding prodigy for the pious contemplation of Catholics.

THE MIRACLE

It happened, then, on a certain day, towards the latter part of the year 1263, that this Bohemian priest was celebrating Mass at the altar in the Church of St. Chris-