

where was the deposit made? No city of this part of the Roman Empire ever claimed the honor of possessing it entire, except the city of Apt. This is therefore a fact recognized and admitted. this is also our starting-point. But before all, it is necessary to observe, with M. de Remerville, who had studied the question and had examined it with deep and minute care, verified the documents, consulted the works able to enlighten him, that all particles of the relics of the Saint, preserved in certain churches of Europe, are apocryphal, if they do not come from our city. Some of them have titles verifying the fact, others possess portions of the bones which were not found here any more when the inventory was made, which must constitute a sufficient proof of their authenticity."

The same facts are consigned in the office of the breviary granted to the church of Apt. We translate the following from the lessons of the second nocturn.

"The holy Church of Apt has always venerated the body of Saint Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which, according to an ancient tradition, the early faithful brought into this city. The Blessed Auspicius, wishing to preserve it from the profanations of war and persecution, buried it carefully in a subterranean crypt. It remained there unknown several centuries after the death of those who possessed the secret of the sacred deposit, and until the arrival of King Charles at Apt, towards the Easter-festivals, after his victory over the Saracens and the pacification of Provence. The prince having then caused the church to be consecrated anew, to cleanse it from the abomination of unclean worship, in the middle of the solemnity, whilst an immense concourse of faithful, of all ranks of the city, was paying to the Most High a just tribute of praise in thanksgiving for such an unexpected favor, the Lord, hearkening to the prayer of the pious city, discovered by a striking miracle the treasure which it unconsciously possessed.