

The solemnity with which they were received, was extraordinary; and they were honoured by miracles, as St. Gregory relates. One of these was a miraculous cure wrought on a lame soldier, the truth of which he attests from his own knowledge, both of the fact and the person, who published it every where. He adds "I buried the bodies of my parents by the relics of these holy martyrs, that in the resurrection they may rise with the encouragers of their faith; I know they have great power with God of which I have clear proof and undoubted testimonies." St. Gaudentius, bishop of Brescia, writes in his sermon on these martyrs: "God gave me a share of these venerable relics, and granted me to found this church in their honour." He says that the two wives of St. Basil, both abbesses, gave them to him as he passed by Cæsarea in a journey to Jerusalem; which venerable treasure they had received from their uncle. Portions of their relics were also carried to Constantinople, and there honoured with great veneration as Sozomen and Procoßius have recorded at large, with an account of several visions and miracles which attended the veneration paid to them in that city.

## Spiritual Maxims for August.

*From St. Vincent of Paul.*

1.

Let us often have recourse to the love of our own abjections, as an assured refuge against the continual movements of our unhappy inclination to pride.

2.

He whom God has called to serve his neighbour, in a state approved of by the church, should not aspire after a more retired kind of life, on the plea of preserving his virtue more securely from the dangers which threaten it, because, there is no state in which a man is more free from temptation, than that in which God has placed him, and if he do not preserve his virtue there he will preserve it no where.

3.

When God afflicts a soul with desolation on desolation, and trouble on trouble, it is a proof that he has great designs upon her.

4.

It is most difficult to reform an ecclesiastic, if he have once contracted any vicious habit.

5.

Resolutions that are founded after mature deliberation and good advice, are so agreeable to the Divine Majesty, that we should reject as a temptation, anything that would prevent us from following them.

6.

A superior should excuse with compassion and indulgence, faults committed by inferiors, through inadvertence or human frailty, even if they be in matters of importance; he should reflect that God permits such things, to humble the guilty, or to furnish others with opportunities of merit, or for some other motive, which surpasses the good which the success of the thing commanded would have procured.