

An. Christi,
355.
The Life of
St Hillarie
Pictavius.



S. HILLARIE PICTAVIUS

Fortunatus de
vita S. Hillarii
ante eius opera.

Saint Hillarie Bishop of Poitiers, was borne in the Countrey of Aquitaine, ninety miles distant from the British Ocean, nobly and generously descended, and his naturall gifts so improved by education, that hee became a worthy Champion in defence of Christian Religion.

For although Saint Paul say, that *not many wise, many noble according to the flesh*, yet when they that are noble by birth receive Christ and the faith of Christ, they prove singular instruments of Gods glory, and the good of his Church; accordingly did this blessed Father shine to posteritie, by the manifold naturall endow-