

lvi. 8: "Put thou my tears into thy bottle." The practice was once universal, as is proved by the tear-bottles which are found in almost every ancient tomb, for the ancients buried them with their dead as a

their face with it when mourning. This custom was prohibited to the Israelites. (Deut. xiv. 1.)

Among the Egyptians for over two thousand years the custom of embalming the dead was observed.



TOMB OF ST. JAMES AND OF ZACHARIAH

proof of their affection." We have in our possession such a tear vessel brought from the Catacombs at Rome. The women in Egypt still permit the nail of their little finger to grow long that they may scratch

This was effected by the use of natron, bitumen, balms and spices, and strong antiseptics. The bodies were interred in the rock-hewn tombs which honeycomb the cliffs of the Nile or burrow beneath the