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of all the size committed terbre its recop-tion, it also remits all the purishment due to sin, so that a person dying immediately after baptism goes straight to heaven. Baptism makes us children of God and of the Church. It is very properly called regeneration. By it we are incorporated with Oar Lord as members with their head. By baptism God adopts us as His children, and makes us heirs of His king-dom, coheirs with His Divine S.n. It infuses in the scul faith, hope and charity. St. Cyprian, speaking of the effects of baptism in himself, says : "When the vivilying waters of baptism fell upon my head I became a new man; what appeared doubtful now became evident; old habits which I believed impossible for me to overcome were

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is placed upon our souls. We may be guilty of great crimes, we may even apostatize, but we will never lose that royal stamp. It will always show that we belong to Christ, that He has applied the merits of His passion and death to our souls, and adopted us as His broth-ers. If we go to heaven this character will be a mark of bonor; if we are lost, it will always remind us of our ingrati tude. There comes to my mind the story of a great martyr who was saved from apostasy by the thought of this character received in baptism. On account of some brave action he was about to be promoted to a very account of some brave action he was about to be promoted to a very high rank in the army, but somebody reported to the general that the person be was about to honor had become a Christian. He was allowed three hours to decide whether he should receive the honor or be put to death. The Bishop who baptized him took him to the sacred font and said: "Choose, now, between the char-acter of a Christian, the decorstion of Christ, and the empty honor of an earthly prince." A few hours later this brave soldier received the martyr's erown. Brothree, no matter how great temptation may be, no matter how en-tiong the human reward (fired, never forget that you are marked with His seal. Prefer Him to all the world, and He Himself will be your reward. Another Item.

TENDERNESS.

Tenderness of heart is a precious gift, and is the source of gentle pity. In sick-ners, in sorrow, in poverty, under perse-cution, or under a cloud of shame, the tenderness that would relieve the pain or obtain the bitter feeling is valued beyond all. If there is a sympathetic feeling in the breast, it will move in response to words of gaulte tenderness. I have seen the reward of tenderness in the trickling tear when the heart was too full for utter-ance. How many blesings fall upon a tatter. They are breathed unseen and are known only to God and the angels. The because it reminds Him of His gentles Son. Blessings on a tender heart. I have set a simple and humble virtue, but it had the heart of a woma." Tenderness is but a simple and humble virtue, but it hour a hold upon our affections as the lowing violet that strewed our infant pathet in the days that were innocent. THE TENDERNESS OF GHIST.

lowly violet that strewed our infant paths in the days that were innocent. THE TENDERNESS OF CHEIST. Our Switcur mourned over Jerusalem, the one chosen city of the Lord. We read (St. Luke xix, 41): "And when He came near he beheld the city and wept over it Sadly He asid, "If then hadat known in this thy day, the things that are for thy peace; but now they are hidden from thine spee." As his eyes glanced over temple and tower of the beloved city, He murmured in his grief. (St. Matt, xiii, S7): "How often would I have gathered together thy children, as the hen gathering her chickens, under her wings, and thou wouldst not ?" He said it more in sor row then in anger. It was the Good Shepherd that givered for His fick. Who can fathom the intensity of that mild and gentle One mourning in sacred grief over His people who would not hear ? Was it a grief bordering on the infinite, a super-human sorrow, an almost divine de-pair for those that "would not ?" We know that this tender heart loved us unto death, but, my, friends, how much more He. that this tender heart loved us unto death, but, my, friends, how much more He loved us—how far beyond we kuow not O grand and besutiful passion so divine and yet so human ! O rare devotion of the Son of God ! O tenderness surpassing all, have ye touched our hearts !

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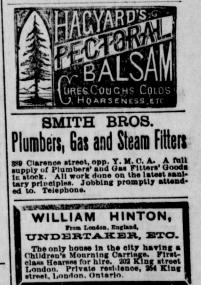
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