

from this foul taint, no 'not even the infant of one day old.' Yes, 'we were at one time darkness, but now Light in the Lord.' We should therefore chaunt our grateful and affectionate Alleluias to Him 'who called us out of darkness into his admirable light,' and remember the solemn promises we made to God on the day of our Baptism, when in presence of his angels, and of his Church on earth, we renounced the devil with all his works and pomps. On that memorable occasion the Prince of darkness was expelled from our hearts and 'the charity of God poured abroad into them by his Holy Spirit dwelling within us.' The minister of the Church said, by her authority, to Satan. 'Depart, unclean spirit from this creature of God, and give place to the Holy Ghost, the comforter.' Woe to the unhappy Christian who shall contradict this blessed exorcism, and expel the Holy Spirit from his heart, to make room for the Devil! For, when we consent to grievous sin, we invert the language of the Church, we change her benediction into a curse, we 'contristate the Holy Spirit' and we say to that consoling spirit if not in words, at least in our actions; Depart, thou spirit of holiness, purity, and truth, and give place to Satan the 'Father of lies' the 'murderer from the beginning,' the foul demon of uncleanness and sin. Oh what a dreadful malediction falls on the sinner's devoted head when he thus expels the

Holy Ghost, and introduces the Prince of darkness!

Let us therefore renew at this solemn season our Baptismal vows. Let us ratify the solemn promises made in our name by our sponsors at the sacred font. Let us profess our undying attachment to our holy faith, and value that precious gift of God, 'without which it is impossible to please Him' more than all the treasures of the world. Let us offer our hearty and unfeigned thanksgiving to Him who called us out of his pure mercy to the knowledge of this saving faith in preference to so many millions who are still buried in the darkness of error. Let us resolve by every means which pure charity and enlightened zeal will furnish us, to propagate that heavenly faith, and to extend on earth the spiritual kingdom of Christ. Let us say from the fervour and sincerity of our whole hearts,

I RENOUNCE THE DEVIL, WITH ALL HIS WORKS AND POMPS.

### Blessing of the Baptismal Font on Holy Saturday.

We imagine we shall render an acceptable service to some of our country readers by publishing in English from the Missale Romanum the solemn benediction of the Font of Baptism which was performed by the Bishop on last