

fant was taken to the church and placed on the altar of the Blessed Virgin, whilst the father and the friends who had accompanied him implored Mary to obtain life and health for this child of so many hopes and prayers. Their supplications seemed not to be heeded, and with resigned but sorrowful hearts they bore the little burden away. They returned the next day, however, and put the child up on the altar, having first hung around its neck the holy Scapular. Then, at this shrine of Mary they implored our merciful mother to obtain life for their little one. Their supplications were still unheeded, and again sorrowing, but with resignation, they left the place, intending to return on the following day. The child was laid at the feet of the Blessed Mother, once more they put the Scapular on it, and a solemn Mass in honor of our Lady of Mount Carmel was intoned. When the priest came to these words in the preface, "*Cum quibus et nostris precis, et admitti jubens deprecamur,*" the eyes of the infant opened and were full of light, the lips became moist and life-like, the little limbs grew flexible, so that after the Mass was finished some of the friends hastily took it home and held it by the fire in hopes of a more speedy circulation of the blood. The very reverse was the result, and they were not slow to take it back to the altar of Mary. Wonderful to relate, the body which had grown rigid close by the fire relaxed, a lovely roseate hue tinted its cheeks, and again its eyes unclosed. Eleven days elapsed, and still the baptism was deferred, although unequivocal signs of life were not wanting. Meanwhile the parents promised that the child should be dedicated most specially to the Blessed virgin, and the pastor consulted priests and physicians, who decided that it could and should be baptised. Upon his return from Douai, therefore, upon the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Dec. 3, having found it resplendent with infantile beauty, he caused the *Salve Regina* to be intoned, the bells to be rung, and then, with all possible solemnity, administered the Sacrament of Baptism to the infant.

The eyes still continued open and bright, the lips moist and rosy, and the flexibility of the limbs showed that the little subject of the miracle was still alive. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed, and the *Te Deum*

intoned in token of thanksgiving to God. When all was over the signs of life gradually disappeared, the face grew livid, the limbs rigid - one convulsive movement - and all was still. In three days unmistakable evidences of decay having appeared, the child was buried. The truth of the miraculous occurrence was subjected to a most rigorous examination, according to the rules laid down by the Council of Trent. The University of Douai, in concert with professors of medicine, anatomy and surgery, having judicially examined the witnesses, and carefully verified the facts and attendant circumstances, declared that it was something supernatural, and had been effected through the power of God. They declared that the ordinary forces of nature had nothing whatsoever to do with restoring that little life, and preserving it for the Sacrament of Baptism. - FR. DANIEL, OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. *Spiculi Carmelitani, Part III.*

THE SCAPULAR AFTER DEATH.

It has frequently happened that Scapulars have been found perfectly preserved even amid the withering blight of the grave. God permits that it should be so for the honor and glory of His Divine Mother. The instances are innumerable, but amongst the many the following example will be sufficient. Towards the middle of the last century a devout client of Mary directed that after death her Scapular should not be removed, *as she desired to be buried with it*, a practice which we recommend to all faithful children of the Blessed Virgin.

Seventeen years later her grave was opened to receive the remains of her husband, and there, amid the dust and decay of the tomb, the Holy Scapular was found in a state of perfect preservation, even as it was when, during life, its devout wearer loved and venerated it, as the livery of Our Lady.

PETITIONS.

THE following intentions are recommended to the pious prayers of our charitable readers: Sick persons, 7; children, 4; insane persons, 4; safe delivery, 2; careless Catholics, 2; peace in one family; temporal favors, 3; special favors, 2; our students and novices; the progress of the Review and the Hospice; the spiritual and temporal welfare of our benefactors.