

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER I.

HISTORY OF THE BAPTISMAL CONTRO- VERSY.

SECTION 1.

DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THE SUBJECT IN THE EARLY
AGES OF THE CHURCH.

Introductory Remarks, 1—The heresy of Valentinus, 4—
Tertullian's opinion, 5—Short sketch of his life, 6—Cha-
racter of the first controversy, 9.

SECTION 2.

THE CARTHAGINIAN CONTROVERSY.

Carried on between Stephen Bishop of Rome, and Cyprian
Bishop of Carthage, 9—A council convened at Carthage,
10—Its decision, 10—Opinions on either side of the con-
troversy, 11—The administration of baptism to infants, 12
—Cyprian's views on that subject, 13—General remarks on
the nature and subject of this controversy, 14—Evident in-
ference, 16.

SECTION 3.

THE PETRO-BRUSSIAN CONTROVERSY.

Policy of the Vatican towards the latter end of the tenth cen-
tury, 17—Religious errors taught in the south of France, 19
—Peter de Bruis, a Roman Catholic Priest, executed at St.
Giles, in Languedoc, 20—Henry his disciple, 21—St. Ber-
nard's character of him, 21—Arnold of Brescia, 22—Petro-
brussians in England, 22—Their treatment by Henry II. 22
Very little known about the arguments adduced on either
side, 23.