

duced. What was Tertullian's reply? "Those who minister baptism, know very well that it is not to be rashly given." Quintilla had quoted the passage "Give to him that asketh." And Tertullian rejoins; "Give to him that asketh," every one hath a right to it, as a thing of alms! Nay, say rather: "Give not that which is holy to the dogs; cast not your pearls before swine; lay hands suddenly on no man; be not partaker of other men's sins." As the lady had reminded him of Jesus' words, "*Suffer little children to come unto Me,*" he answers: "Why is it necessary that *Sponsors*, as well, should be brought into peril, who themselves by death, *may abandon their promises*, or be deceived by a growth of a corrupt disposition? The Lord indeed says, *do not hinder them from coming to Me. Let them come when they are of ripe years, let them come when they understand, when they are taught whither they are coming, let them be made christians when they know Christ.*"

Pedo-baptists are welcome to all the encouragement they can get from the first of the Latin Fathers, Tertullian.

Origen who lived in this century, has been appealed to by Pedo-baptists as favouring infant baptism; but it must be remembered that we have nothing of his writings to refer to. He died about A. D. 254, and we have nothing to refer to but translations of his writings made nearly 200 years after his death, by a monk named Rufinus who lived in the 5th century. And this monk of Aquilea is candid enough to acknowledge, that the translation may be considered as much his own, as Origen's. In this view agree four great Pedo-baptist historians; Dupin, Erasmus, Wall, and Neander.

"During this century there were few crimes of which Africans were not guilty. Church affairs became so disorderly, and the fiery trials of Christians were so fierce, that not a few lapsed into heathenism. The pious, in order to rescue children from murderous practices of the heathens, *were in the habit of purchasing them*, thus saving their lives and importing them into christian localities. *The children thus rescued, could not partake of the charitable gifts of the church without baptism.*

Cyprian Bishop of Carthage, was written to by Fidus, an