

tized in the *second* century? The principal christian writers of that century were Justin Martyr, Athenagoras, Theophilus of Antioch, Tatian, Minucius Felix, Irenæus, and Clement of Alexandria. And in all their writings there is only one man's that Pedit-baptists care to appeal to, in which they think they can see infant baptism. Justin Martyr lived about A. D. 140 or 150, and here is one passage he wrote, which Pedit-baptists like so much. "As many as are persuaded and *do believe* that those things which are taught and spoken by us are true, and engaged to live accordingly, are instructed to pray.....and are then led to a place where there is water." Instead of commenting on that extract myself, I quote what a German Theologian of Halle, Dr. Johann Semler, says. "From Justin Martyr's description of baptism, we learn that it was *administered only to adults*. He says we were (corporeally) born without our will..... but in *baptism* are to have *choice, knowledge, &c.* *This we learned from the Apostles.*" From Semisch's "Life and times of Justin Martyr," we read "whenever Justin Martyr refers to baptism, *adults* appear as the objects to whom the sacred rite is administered. *Of infant baptism he knows nothing.* The traces of it, which some persons believe they have detected in his writings are *groundless fancies, artificially produced.*" Here is another passage from Justin Martyr, in which Pedit-baptists think they see infant baptism. "Several persons among us of 60 or 70 years old..... *discipled to Christ from their childhood*, continue uncorrupted." Observe "*child-hood*," not from *infancy*. Last Sabbath Morning I baptized two girls, who if they remain steady in the faith till they are 60 or 70 it will be said of them that they "*were discipled to Christ from Child-hood.*"

Can we find infant baptism in the *third* century? Here is the fairest statement that can be made out from history up to Tertullian's day. The idea that *baptism* was essential to salvation, having obtained currency, Quintilla, a wealthy lady wrote to Tertullian, suggesting that if her *offspring* asked for baptism, they ought to have it.—a suggestion plainly implying that at the time she wrote, "*child baptism*" *did not prevail*. Hers is the *first proposal on record*, that it should be intro-