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## THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST.

For the Christian Banner.

Near Jordan's hallowed wave

A mighty prophet stood:

A mightier than the prophet, said,  
"Baptize me in the flood."

The prophet, to his Lord, replied,

I need that rite from thee—

How is it that the Son of God

For this should come to me?

"It does become us well, in this  
All righteousness fulfil."

The prophet then obeyed, and did  
According to his will.

And as he from the river rose,

The Holy Spirit came

In dove-like form with radiant  
wings

Of uncreated flame.

And, "This is my Beloved Son,

In him I am well pleased!"—

Was heard;—and John a record  
bore,

And then his mission ceased.

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Were here to man made known;

'Twas at the baptism of our Lord  
The full-orbed Godhead shone.

And unto these Eternal Names,

Believers we baptize,

And from the wave, at Christ's  
command,

They press to reach the prize!

W. A. STEPHENS.

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