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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

[We are at length enabled to present to our friends the first Number of the third volume of the *CANADA BAPTIST MAGAZINE*. If any apology were required for the delay, it might be sufficient to refer to the removal of its former Editor to the Upper Province, and the difficulty of finding a competent individual to fill his place; as well as to the inadequate support that has hitherto been afforded to the work. Although the publication has been attended with considerable pecuniary loss to the *Baptist Missionary Society*, the Committee felt unwilling to give it up, from a conviction that it had subserved, in some measure, the interests of the Redeemer's cause in these Provinces, and that its discontinuance would be generally regretted. Arrangements have accordingly been made for the publication of the third volume; but in order to ensure permanent success to the enterprise, it will be necessary that our Brethren give it their prompt and steady support. The present Editor may be allowed to say, that he has reluctantly assumed the labour and responsibility of conducting the work; and that while he will neglect no effort on his part to render the Magazine interesting, he feels he has a claim on the energetic and steadfast co-operation of his literary friends.]

THE BAPTISTS, as a denomination, or distinct section of the Church of Christ, lay claim to a high antiquity. In so far as the ordinance of baptism is concerned, they profess to be the followers of those churches which in Judæa were first in Christ Jesus. They differ from Pædobaptists in this important particular, that they administer the ordinance to none but such as are capable of giving a reason of the hope that is in them, and of being added to a Christian church on the same day on which they are baptized. Acts ii. 41.

In bringing the subject of baptism thus prominently forward, it must not be understood that the Editor is

throwing down the gauntlet to those who think differently on this part of the Saviour's revealed will; and he should be grieved were any persons to infer from it that he intended to prostitute his pages to the purposes of polemical contention. That which he deems to be Divine Truth, he trusts he shall always be ready to defend, to the best of his ability, when lawfully called to it; but he hopes to render the Magazine contributory to much higher ends than that of controversy—namely, “the instruction of the young disciple, the edification of the more advanced Christian, and the profit of all.”

It is a distinguishing tenet of the