

or pathway had been made in the snow, and he hesitated about letting his boy follow him. But the soft, fleecy snow looked so tempting, so pearly white, that he concluded to walk after him. He took short strides through the untrodden snow. When, suddenly remembering his little boy, he paused, looked back for him, and exclaimed :

"Well, my son, don't you find it hard work to walk in this deep snow?"

"Oh! no," said the boy, "I'm coming; for, father, *I step in all your tracks.*"

True enough, the dear child was planting his tiny feet just where the parent's foot had trodden. The child's reply startled the father, as he reflected that thus would his child keep pace with him, and follow in his tracks through life. He was not a friend to Jesus, not a man of prayer, and not a Christian; and well might he pause and tremble, as he thought of his child, ever striving to step in all his tracks, onward, onward, through life's mysterious mazes and myths, toward eternity! The little boy's reply brought that strong, stubborn-hearted man to think, when even the preached Word of God had made no impression upon him. Finally he repented, and sought and found peace in believing in Christ. We believe he is now making such tracks through life that at some day that son may be proud to say,

"FATHER, I STEP IN ALL YOUR TRACKS."—*Selected.*

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RETURNING from a council the other day, I overheard a discussion between my delegate, Deacon Grumbold and Deacon Webfut, of the Baptist Church at Riverside. Of course the topic was immersion, and it was introduced by Webfut remarking that his pastor Mr. Jordan, had baptized five persons the previous Sunday. Deacon Grumbold, who will never be outdone if he can help it, quietly replied that pastor Cyril baptized on that day, *nine* persons.

"Well, I hope he did it in the Scriptural method."

"Certainly; our pastor always does according to Scripture."

"Well, now, Brother Grumbold, what is your idea of the Scriptural method?"

"Oh, I got my notion of it from the first case of baptism on record."

"What was that? Not Philip and the eunuch?"

"Oh, no; it was centuries before that. I mean the Israelites when they were baptized in the Red Sea."

"Well, brother, that was a clear case of immersion. They were, as Paul says, all baptized in the cloud and in the sea."

"You are satisfied, Brother Webfut, that they were really *baptized*?"

"Certainly; the apostle says they were, and tells how it was done."

"Well, then, I have just one question to ask. Did they get their feet wet?"

"They were *immersed*, that is plain enough. As Paul says, they were under the cloud and passed through the sea, and were all baptized in the cloud and in the sea; if that wasn't immersion, what was it?"