

CHAPTER XX.

BAPTISM AND THE COVENANT.

Recent studies concerning God's covenant dealings with men have led to three conclusions, which, as far as the writer is concerned, have placed the Shorter Catechism view of baptism upon the broadest possible foundation.

I.—GOD HAS ALWAYS DEALT WITH MAN BY MEANS OF COVENANT.

Bible students will promptly recall the covenant made with Adam, the covenant of sacrifice established immediately after the fall, and holding clear through to Christ's own day; and the peculiar covenant with Abraham, adding, for the peculiar people, both privileges and responsibilities, to the simple covenant of sacrifice. These, along with the new covenant secured by the