

of, the existence of infant "baptism" or infant "sprinkling" during the first hundred years of Christianity.

*Third.* That it cannot be proved that the Christian Church approved or practised infant "baptism" or infant "sprinkling" during the second hundred years of Christianity.

*Fourth.* That Cyprian's Council at Carthage A. D. 253, that represented only the most corrupt section of the Church, was the first authoritative body that decreed that infants might be "baptized" (not sprinkled).

*Fifth.* That that decree of Cyprian's Council, established the custom to "baptize" infants, in opposition to the revealed will of God, and contrary to the practise of the Apostles. That they did not cite one single verse from the New Testament in the support of their "institution."

*Sixth.* That though the early christians allowed aspersion to be a substitute in cases of sickness and approaching death, they did not regard it as the equivalent of "Baptism."

*Seventh.* That not till the year 1311 (at the Council of Ravenna) was the sprinkling of infants sanctioned by the Bishops as being an equivalent to "Baptism."

*Eighth.* That the whole of the Presbyterian Church, narrowly escaped being Baptists, by a majority of ONE.

Thus I prove to you that "*Infant sprinkling*" is *not a Divine institution*, but a *human tradition*. And the man has not yet arisen who has proved the contrary. It is strange with all their hatred to popery, the evangelical denominations *will not give up this relic of that system*. But the fact that every year *witnesses a decrease* in the number of infants presented to the pastors to be "christened," and the fact that in the United States especially, thousands of members of the pedo-baptist churches have been immersed, and would not unite with those churches unless their pastors immersed them in true apostolic fashion, (In Mount Vernon, my last charge, the Congregational Minister borrowed both my baptistery and my baptizing suit, to immerse two ladies who refused to join his church unless he immersed them), assures me that slowly, but surely the old musty *tradition of infant sprinkling* is being supplanted by the *pure Word of God*.

And moreover the fact that to-day there are on this continent over *three millions* of members in the Baptist churches, to