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Being an attempt to lead the plain Christian into the Scripture doctrine and practice of Baptism.

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PREFACE.

THE author of the following tract was brought up a Pedobaptist, but in consequence of reading the arguments on the Baptist side he hesitated. He searched anew the New Testament as impartially as he could, and with a fear lest his early prejudice for infant baptism might mislead him. Still however he hesitated, for there he could not see a clear foundation for either side. There he could not see a command for or an example of infant baptism so plain as to satisfy him; nor could he find satisfactory evidence for or against immersion, but still he thought that all light on God's baptism should be expected from searching, not heathen authors, but God's own word. Providence having led him to notice Paul's phrases "doctrines of baptism," in Hebrews vi., and "divers baptisms," as the words sh'uld be rendered in Hebrews ix., he was and is persuaded that he found a clew to guide him unto the truth. Paul sent him to Moses. To Moses he went, and among his baptisms he found one which, as he believes, the prophets foretell shall continue till the end of time. Building the instructions of the New Testament upon this foundation, he is satisfied that the sprinkling of infants with clean water is an ordinance of God.

He has a great regard and a strong feeling of sympathy for his Baptist brethren; but for the direction of his mind to views of baptism differing from theirs he accounts himself bound to be thankful. His best wishes for them is, that laying aside as far as possible the prejudice on their side, they may attentively hear Moses and the prophets on this subject as well as the New Testament.

Reflecting on the "divers baptisms" (Heb. ix. 10) of the Old Testament, and on the "one baptism" (Eph. iv. 5) of the New, it struck him as extremely probable that the latter should be found among the former. He re-