

AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

There are those who may take exception to this little pamphlet being issued over the *nom de plume* it bears; they may claim that the views it advocates forfeit the right of the author to the name Presbyterian. I trust such is not the case. I have maintained the name on the pamphlet because I love my Church, and believe that there is within her fold room for those who may differ with her on this question of Baptism, since the difference rises from a desire to be loyal to the teaching of the Bible, even at the expense of disagreement with her standards. My Church has always stood for the authority of God's Word; its commendation rather than condemnation must therefore rest upon those who bow to what they conscientiously believe to be its teaching. What follows this is written in no controversial or combative spirit; but with that diffidence and humility becoming one who is young in Christian experience and without the learning resulting from a course in a theological seminary. My Bible, and I humbly believe, God's Holy Spirit, have been my only teachers in the study of this question. If what I have written does not commend itself to my readers as being in harmony with the Word, let them forget it. My purpose and