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### PEDOBAPTIST LOGIC—AGAIN.

MR. EDITOR :—In my former article I offered one or two thoughts on the *stronghold* of infant baptism. I will attend to a few of the REASONS for the practice. First, the giving of a christian name.

I speak of this first, not that it is regarded by the intelligent of first importance—but that with the many it is the first reason offered when interrogated on the subject ; which at once reveals its importance in this mammoth system of error : that argument being of most importance, which produces most important results, we cannot pass over it.

But who has or can tell us the origin of the practice of naming the candidate in baptism ? Did the apostles ? Did they change the name of the Gentile converts, or baptize their heathen name into a true, christian cognomen ? Or did they change the name of a Jewish convert, when they baptized him ? Answer, you that know. But the new testament being absolutely silent on that subject, and having never read the apocryphia. I must confess my ignorance, unless it is like infant baptism itself, falls back on the Jewish rite of circumcision,—in which the child was named, and that name recorded in the book of their generations. Or else that the yoke of the papal church might be riveted, and the tortures of the inquisition certainly succeed their apostacy. And to this latter I rather suppose we may look for the origin of naming the candidate. But Protestants will not readily admit it,—then the other must be their authority : and this pulls another straw from beneath their cob-house system. The want of evidence that the disciples named their candidates, most certainly proves that they did not know that baptism came in the room of circumcision.

As a specimen of the superstition existing on this subject—a pious woman once asked me “ How their names could be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, if they had never been named ? ”

Doubtless it is of importance that the saints have a name—the Lord would not know what to call his children if they were not