

tively little is expended in gratuitous distribution at home, nearly all our contributions would have been still devoted to aid the Pedobaptists in the field of foreign distribution, in regard to which we are excluded from co-operation. It was, therefore, deemed necessary to form a new Society, in connexion with the American and Foreign Bible Society, from which we can conveniently obtain, (for a trifling amount, which will hardly impoverish the country,) a small supply of Bibles and Testaments, for the accommodation of our friends, and for gratuitous distribution among the indigent. This appeared, also, to be the only way in which we could undeniably demonstrate, that the Baptists have made no alteration in the authorized English Translation of the Bible.

Though it is obviously of primary importance with reference to the subject of discussion, to ascertain the meaning of the word *baptizo*, since on this single point alone must necessarily depend the decision relative to the correctness of the translation of it by Baptist Missionaries, and the propriety of the course pursued by them and their supporters, yet the speakers seemed to think this quite foreign to the object of the Meetings. I noticed, however, that, though they several times referred to it, with manifest reluctance, in the course of nine hours occupied in speaking, not one of them adventured to deny that it signifies *to immerse*, nor to affirm that it signifies *to sprinkle*.*

* If, as is evident, no word can be found in any language that signifies both *to immerse* and *to sprinkle*, does not the admission that *baptizo* signifies *to immerse*, necessarily include the admission, that it cannot signify *to sprinkle*? If any person not acquainted with philology, should suggest, that such generic words as *wet*, &c. signify both, I reply, (and surely no one will deny it, on examination,) that they signify neither. In the very nature of things, a word that denotes one mode cannot denote a different mode. For instance, *renitire*, *to sprinkle*, never means *to immerse*. So neither does *baptizo*, *to immerse*, ever mean *to sprinkle*.