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WEDNESDAY, JOLY 6, 1887.

THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF

It was our privilege to attend this succitation, for the first time after many are. It scarcely seemed possible that scatters years have passed since we were to present at one of its sessions. How the ne files! What emphasis the gliding are give to the injunction, "Work while day lasts, the night cometh when to me one work."

The Association held its sessions this

man on work."

The Association held its seesions, this year, at Centerville, Garleton County. It is the garden of the county, which is the finest agricultural part of New Brunswich. The land on hill-top and side and in walleys is all alike, good. This year has been especially favorable to the growth of vegetation. The deep shows of the winter pre-tected the grass, and the frequent and timely raise have assured the rankest and most luxurious growth to grass, clover and grain. The fields, variegated with the rich green of the grass, the red of the clover, the rains have assured for rand aurious growth to grass, clover and The fields, variegated with the rich of the grass, the red of the clover, the of the butteres; and the white of its, are a eight to see. The prospects

The letters did not give a favorance showing as to the work and results of the year. The forty-two churches sending letter report 101 baptisms, a total gain of 84, a total loss of 62, a net gain of but 15. As a brother said during the reading of the letters, this should cause deep searchings of heart in the churches that have been unblest. It is to be hoped that foundations have been laid for future growth. There is enough to lead to humiliation and reconsecration. Look at the result in another way. There are 5620 members reported a the churches of this Association. This means that there is but one soul saved to represent the christian effort of every 56 church members. There is only an average of one and one-half to each church of the Association. Not half of the churches have any addition. May the Lord vind upon his churches a great trawail for souls. There are very many feeble and struggling churches in this Association, and this accounts partly for the poor showing.

On I needed very enough Bro A Cohoon presched an earmost and practical sermon Wednesday morning, Dr. Hopper, in the absence of the appointed preacle er, delivered with all the preacher's old force and magnetism. It was voted to be sublished in the Massences and Nustron. We hope our readers may have it to read.

Wednesday afternoon the circular letter

inform Bro. Coy, through their sec-retary that the doctrine of instantaneous sanctification is at variance with our belief as Baptists, and that if he is still determised to preach the same— thereby unsetting the faith of some, and cunsing discord—this Association, at its east annual session will be compelled, though painful the duty be, to withdraw from him our fellowship, by causing his name to be erased from our list of minuters. Signed, G. O. Garas.

G. O. GATES.
J. E. BLEAKNEY.
C. HENDERSON.

At the platform missionary meeting, Bro. Cohoon was the first speaker.

It is our first duty to care for our weak churches. The irst requisition is to supply them with a preached gospel. His heart has saddened as he thought of the many pastorless churches. To conomnize working force, the H.M. Board seeks to group the churches, so as to make a pastile. Some churches and some ministers oppose churches and some ministers opposed great success. Sixteen fields have been platigled in the properties of the following resolution are was moved by Br. Sanders and seconded by Rev. H.Foshay, and supported by Rev. H.Foshay, and supported by Rev. H.Foshay, and supported by Rev. E. J. Grant and J. F. Kempton, viz.: "That fields which cannot hope to become self-sustaining, because Christ desires the poor to have the gospel preaches to them. Besides, they are the best feeders to our city churches, and give the best men for ministers.

Nineteen new interests have been plaited since "19, and several of these have become self-sustaining. Many other facts and principles were stated.

Bro. Cohoon was followed by Rev. G. O. Gates and C. Goodspeed. The oppressive warmth detracted from the power of the meeting somewhat; but the people listended interest, and lasting good must have been done.

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cortian welcome of the body.

The customery voice of thanks were then
passed, and on motion after prayer, by the
moderator, the association adjourned, to
meet with the church in Gaspersaux on
the first Thursday after the 20th of June,
1888

Thus ended one of the pleasantest gatherings of the Central Association. The tone of the meetings was spiritual. There was not a ripple of discord. The brethren seemed anxious to promote each others weal and the prosperity of the kingdom of our Lord. The prayer meetings were seasons of refreshing. Truly can it be said, "It was good to be there."

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THE WEEK.

The jub lee celebration has so absorbed attention in England, that it is hard to turn to other things. In the House of Commons, the leader of the government having threatened cloture, the Irish members at once withdrew. The report stage was thus reached on the Crimes Bill on Thursday instead of Monday. Gladatone was expected to rally his forces yesterday, for the final stand against the Bill. The Land Bill is being hurried through the Lords, modified to meet the wishes of Hartington and the Unionists. Sir George Trevelyan has finally broken with the Unionists and has taken his stand with the Gladatonians. This latter party have gained a seat. Where their candidativas defeated at the last election by a majority of 288, he has been elected by a majority of 747. This seems to show a change of sentiment in favor of Glad tone. The Porte, pressed by the Freuch and Russians to refuse to ratify the convention in respect to Egypt, and by the British government to assent to it, has had a few days graated to consider the matter further. The Dominion parliament is prorogued. Attention; scalled, by some of the paper, to the fact that the cost of the government of the Dominion, general and local, amounts to \$1,398,637. We should be very well governed for this sum.

There is very little of interest to chronicle this week.

practiced by the apoetles and their immediate aucoessors, the New Testament and all other church historians being witnessee.

3. Because Judson's translation follows the precedents established by versions of the best repute, both ancient and modern, made by men who acted without bias before any question had arisen about baptism, and with a single purpose to express the real meaning of pic Greet exat. The Peschito Syriac, the o'deat translation of the New Testament make from the Greek, and, by the common consent of recholars, the best of the early versions, was made in the latter part of the first century or early in the econd, and translates baptize immerse. The same is true of the Copitic and the Ethiopic made in the third or fourth century. The accient Ara in and the latter Arabin tran lations, that of Salvat and that of the Propaganda, render the wurst in the same way. Latther's G-runan version, the Dutch, the Swe-dish, the Duchs, the Duch, the Swe-dish, the Duchs, the Presion translation of the New Testaments to immerse. Even Henry Martyo's Persion translation of the New Yashung hy dipping. The cally other method of treating the Greek word for the part of the propaganda president propaganda instances can be found in which the word has been translated so as to describe the real action performed in Pedobaptist churones. 'So far as the authority' of precedent goes, Dr. Judson's translation is justified by a large preponderance of translations from the Greek into other languages.

4. Because the rule which you have adopted is invidious to the extent of positive injustice, in that it discriminates, not against a novel and unsuthorized readering of the word baptize and its cognates, but against a novel and unsuthorized readering of the word baptize and its cognates, but against a novel and unsuthorized readering of the word baptize and its cognates, but against a novel and unsuthorized readering of the word baptize and its cognates, but against a novel and unsuthorized readering of the word baptize and its cognat of the American's and the character have any delicions. May the distribute have any delicions. May the desired fast upon the character have any delicions. May the desired full upon the character have any desired full upon the character in the character have any desired. The character have any desired full upon the character have any desired full the full have been desired. The character have any desired full the full have been desired for the character have any desired full the full have been desired for the character have any desired full the proper full full the present have any desired in the character have any desired full the proper full full the present have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired full full the present have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in the character of the county of the character have any desired in county of the character have any desired in the character have any desired in the charac

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