

thority for such meetings, have been universally admitted. It is not pretended that there has never been any thing amiss in the mode of conducting them. We cannot even say, that they have never been perverted into instruments or occasions of evil. It does not, however, come within the range of this brief Sketch, to enter into these details, nor to defend every thing connected with Associations, as they have been conducted even by our own denomination. The "infallibility of the Church," is no part of our creed, as Baptists. It is enough that we believe in the infallibility of her Head, and that we honestly endeavour to obey him in all things; resting our hopes of acceptance in his sight, on the blood of the Everlasting Covenant alone.

### **Origin of the N. S. Baptist Association.**

THE designation of our present meeting as a Jubilee, intimates that the first regular session of this body, was held fifty years ago. This was at Granville, in the year 1800. It will not, however, be imagined, that a movement among the churches, of so much consequence, was devised, arranged and regularly organized, in one day. Much previous thought, discussion and planning, would be unavoidable. Several previous meetings of the ministers had been held, and the one which took place in June, 1799, had almost assumed the form of regular organization. We would like to go back and look in upon that meeting, and compare it with the present. Seven plain, farmer-like looking men are assembled, and they have come from New Brunswick, as well as from the different parts of Nova Scotia. They are all comparatively young in years, and younger still in their experience of ecclesiastical affairs. And not more than one, if even one, has ever attended an Association in his life. They have met in a small, old-looking meeting-house, situated in a thinly settled neighbourhood, and used occasionally for a court-house, a false floor being spread over the gallery for that purpose, where the Judge's bench, Jury box, &c. &c. occupied a temporary locality above the pulpit, during the process of civil trials; then