

titude when the old ground was the scene of Sabbath privilege, and at which many whom he baptized, trained, married and admitted to the fellowship of the Church, have since often looked as they thought of scenes long gone by, and perhaps whispered to themselves, "Let me die the death of the righteous," &c.

After a considerable period, which from Mr. Waddel's condition, might almost be called a vacancy, a call was given first to the Rev. Robt. Blackwood, and then to a Probationer. For reasons immaterial to our present purposes, both were unsuccessful. In the year 1838, your present Pastor was called, preaching his first sermon on the 11th of September, just 32 years ago last Sabbath, and was settled on the 14th of February, 1839. Then, the congregation was comparatively small, and the church a mile from the centre of population. From ordinary increase of the population, and influx of strangers from without, and from the dilapidated condition of the church, it was deemed necessary to erect a new church and place it in the village, as the most central spot; and hence, about 17 years ago, the existing building was erected.

From the causes already mentioned, together with increasing Provincial prosperity, the house was soon found to be too small, and 20 feet were added to it, and to-day there is a lack of adequate accommodation. In 1838 the number of houses in and about Truro village was 48 or 50; to-day nearly, if not over 300. Some years ago it was found necessary to set off Old Barns—now Clifton—as a separate congregation, and to-day the propriety and success of the movement, though once called in question, is too evident for doubt. Recently, action has been taken to divide the congregation anew, by the erection of the Eastern part into a separate charge, and in the course of a few years, if the future be like the past in progress, it will be both self-sustaining and important. If we can call duty an honor, this congregation has the honor of the first Bible Society in British America, founded during Mr. Waddel's ministry, in 1840, and of the first Bible Class, and first Missionary Concert for Prayer, at least in the Presbyterian Church. The communion roll in 1838 numbered 179. Of these only 68 survive.

At present the congregation extends from Clifton on the west to Kemptown and Riversdale on the east, and from Onslow Mountain on the north to Logan's on the Old Stewiacke Road, and Johnston's Crossing on the south. It numbers about 260 families, comprising, say 1300 souls. The 'Communicants' Roll contains over 500 names, for God has greatly blessed us, and is blessing us still, like the 100 year A.oe, causing us, in this one hundredth year, to

rejoice and blossom as the rose. Of the Elders at my settlement, all but one, our venerable Father, Mr. Kent, have passed away: the father of the Session and Congregation, a man whose character I need not eulogise. Of the second election of Elders, three only are alive, and of these one only, Mr. D. W. Archibald, is now among us. The others are Dr. Waddel, son of my predecessor, now of St. John, N. B., and Samuel J. Archibald, of Musquodoboit. Of the present session, I need not speak, excepting to say that they are worthy of the entire confidence of the congregation.

During a ministry of 32 years, I have married 405 couples; baptized 726 persons, and of these during the last year about 90—a striking proof of the hold of the good old way on the congregation; and in those 32 years I have buried 513.

Farther I need not speak of myself, excepting to say that while life remains, I shall never forget, or fail to feel deeply grateful for, many substantial tokens of kindness, and especially for deep sympathy when providences were dark. May God return this a thousand fold!

Before this Congregation, from its position, its character, its ability, its by-past efforts, and I trust I may say its piety, there lies a future of influence second to none in the Church, in its bearing upon the intellectual, social, moral and religious condition of the land. Though your Pastor—and it may seem like boasting—I unhesitatingly say this to lead you to think how God has blessed you, and what you may yet become and do, if true to your grand old Presbyterian principles—if walking in the good old way, taking good heed to the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ—maintaining sternly and decidedly the purity and discipline of the House of your God; strengthening the hands and encouraging the heart of your Pastor, and holding up the hands of your Elders. Tolerate nothing in your sanctuary but what is clearly the mind of God—no time serving, no expediency, no novelties, no cowardice, no divisions. Stand together, and together stand by the Faith once delivered to the saints, and what has been done will be little compared with what, by God's blessing on the willing hearts and hands of Brethren dwelling in unity, you will be able to do. And that God may bless and prosper you a thousand-fold, make you a praise in His Church and a Glory to His name; and that your children may be as olive plants round about your tables—your houses the abodes of righteousness and peace—little streams that go to swell the volume and increase the power of the River of our God; and that to those who come after, you may