

heard with breathless attention, and produced, we believe, a deep impression. The reading of the pastoral over, Mr. Dickie was then by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and inducted into the pastorate of Sheet Harbor congregation. Suitable addresses were delivered, first to the newly ordained minister by Mr. Simpson, and secondly to the congregation by Mr. Glendinning. Rev. R. Sedgwick and the Moderator also tendered a few words of counsel and encouragement. After singing and prayer the solemn and impressive services were brought to a close. Retiring, the congregation welcomed the young pastor in the usual manner, and the Treasurer handed him the first quarter of his year's salary in advance.

From all that we could see and hear, we believe that Mr. Dickie's settlement in Sheet Harbour is most satisfactory and harmonious. He is received all along the Eastern Shore with open arms, and by the blessing of God on his labours we doubt not that he will be instrumental in furthering the cause of religion in that outlying section of our Zion. The people of Sheet Harbour remember with gratitude the labours of the late Rev. John Sprott, who supplied them with the means of grace for years when there was no one to care for them; and also, the labours of some of the older members of the Halifax Presbytery, not to say anything about the services of their late pastor, Rev. James Waddell. By these servants of Christ good has already been done, but may we not hope that now having secured the services of a young, a diligent, an energetic and a loved minister, the cause of Presbyterianism will flourish in Sheet Harbour and vicinity, as it has not done heretofore. We believe the day is not far distant when our church will have several good congregations on the Eastern Shore. In the meantime, however, they should receive all the sympathy and aid that the Presbytery can afford to give them.

OBITUARIES.

The Late Rev. Thomas S. Crowe.

The pioneers of our Church, the strong, brave, good men who bore the burden and heat of the day for the past generations, will long be held in loving remembrance. The name of Thomas S. Crowe is a household word in the north-eastern section of the county of Hants. Parents will tell their children of him as they saw him in his prime; and the children will tell of him to their children. He died, as our readers will remember, on the 11th of September, 1869, in the 83rd year of his age. He re-

tained the vigour of his mind and body to an unusually advanced period of life. We have heard some of his most intelligent hearers say that the sermons preached by him within the past six years would bear comparison for vigour of thought and expression, for earnestness and spirituality, with any that he had preached in his prime.

He was the father of the Presbytery of Truro, and of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces. He was called to Maitland in 1815, and was settled there in 1816. There were at that time but nineteen Presbyterian ministers in Nova Scotia, and Mr. Crowe was among the youngest of them. Mr. Sprott was an old minister, but Mr. Crowe was ordained three years before him. Of those nineteen not one is living to-day; Mr. Crowe himself having long survived his compeers. He often referred with deep emotion to the fact of his being left behind, the last of the family of brothers and sisters whom he had left in Scotland, the last of a list of ministers in concert with whom his life was spent while in its prime; and when he was called away his name stood at the top of a list of ministers six times as numerous as the list at the bottom of which his name was put when he entered the ministry fifty-five years ago. But while he felt keenly that he had no early friend or fellow-student to take him by the hand, yet he was always conscious of the companionship of the "Friend that sticketh closer than a brother," and who in age as well as in youth is ever by the side of all who love Him.

During the first two years of his ministry the membership of the Church nearly doubled, there being a decided revival of true religion. His congregation embraced the field now occupied by five Presbyterian charges. There were in it then but three elders and about fifty communicants. Five years ago, at his "Jubilee," he stated that up to that date he had baptized upwards of 2,280, at least 200 of whom were adults.—He had admitted over 500 to the communion. He had dispensed the Lord's Supper nearly 200 times.

There were three great eras of success in Mr. Crowe's ministry. The first was immediately after his settlement. The second was about seventeen years afterwards, when a season of formality and deadness on the part of the people was followed by much activity in the service of the Lord and anxiety for the salvation of their souls. The third era of activity succeeded the division of the congregation about twenty years ago, when the liberality of the people in the cause of Missions increased thirty fold.

Mr. Crowe's "Jubilee" was celebrated on the 3rd October, 1865. Ministers and other friends gathered in from great distances. The services of the day were of the most