

MAITLAND.

On the 21st June 1803 Rev. Alex Dick was ordained over the congregation of Douglas. His labours were arduous scattered over a district of country 40 miles in length. Eighty-two years have now passed away since Mr. Dick was settled and his ordination was the first held in the Maritime Provinces. Many changes have taken place in the history of Presbyterianism in that portion of Hants County. What comprised the congregation of Douglas now forms five congregations and five different ministers have been ordained at Maitland since Mr. Dick's death.

His successor was the Rev. J. T. S. Crowe who was ordained in 1816 and during his ministry the Maitland congregations celebrated his Jubilee on the 3rd October 1856. On the 11th Sept. 1869 he passed to his rest aged 85 and in the 55th year of his ministry. About three years after his settlement the communion roll was nearly doubled and in 1833 a Methodist circuit was formed. In 1856 a new congregation was erected over which Rev. John Currie was ordained in 1857. At this time the weekly offering system was adopted and in one year the contributions rose from \$12 up to \$360. The stream of liberty increased rapidly and has ever continued to flow abundantly. Under the zealous pastorates of the younger men Revs. L. G. McNeil and T. C. Jack the same steady growth has been witnessed. Though the bounds of the congregation have of late been lessened a good deal yet there are now almost as many communicants as there were 40 years ago when it was 22 miles long.

Eighty-two years has wrought many changes and impresses many important lessons.—Com.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

PICTOU PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 7th inst.

There was present, besides the Moderator, Mr. A. McL. Sinclair, Messrs. D. B. Blair, A. McLean, E. A. McCurdy, J. F. Forbes, R. Cumming, E. Scott, A. M. McLeod and J. L. George, Ministers, and D. McDonald and G. W. Underwood, ruling elders.

Rev. A. Brown was also present as a corresponding member.

There was not much business of public interest.

Mr. J. F. Forbes was elected moder-

ator, and Mr. E. A. McCurdy Clerk for the ensuing year.

Moderation in a Call was granted to the congregation of Knox Church, Pictou, and Mr. Scott was appointed to moderate on the 20th inst., at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Nelson having declined the Call from Stellarton, it was set aside.

As no reports were received from the congregations of Green Hall and West River, relating to their action on the proposed union with Salt Springs, and as no commissioners appeared, it is expected that reports will be received and commissioners heard at the adjourned meeting on the 28th inst.

Agreed to hold the next regular meeting at Antigonish on the first Tuesday of September, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and also to hold an adjourned meeting, in the meantime, in the Lecture Room of the United Church, New Glasgow, on the 28th inst., at 9 30 o'clock, A. M.

E. A. McCURDY, Clerk.

HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in Chalmers Church on Tuesday, June 23rd.

The meeting was held to receive the report of Rev. E. McNab relative to moderation in a call at Windsor. Mr. McNab reported that the call came out in favor of Rev. T. A. Nelson, and that it was not only cordial and unanimous, but enthusiastic. Of 185 names on the roll 188 signed the call—those not subscribing being out of reach. The adherents also subscribed promptly and in unusually large numbers. Messrs. Blanchard and Douglas appeared as Commissioners to support the call, and their statements were wholly satisfactory to the Presbytery. The call was sustained and placed in Mr. Nelson's hands and accepted by him. His induction was appointed to take place on Tuesday, July 14th, 7.30 p. m., Dr. Burns to preach, Mr. Simpson to address the minister, and Mr. McPherson the people.

THE MODE OF BAPTISM.

Roswell D. Kitchcock D. D., President of Union Theological Seminary, New York, in the course of his class lectures, touches upon this subject in the following words:

I should be quite willing to let the matter rest on two passages; Matt. x. 2, Mark vii. 3, 4. In speaking of the Jew-