

twenty-ninth anniversary of her husband's ordination, seventy-one years ago. She left the residue of their property to the Synod. Mrs. Dick was usually a home keeper while Mr. Dick was off on boat or horse-back or on foot on parish duty, but the old folks used to say that when he went Noel-wards on horse-back the horse often carried two, Mrs. Dick sitting on a "pallankin" behind his reverence. Noel-wards she went to die, at the home of his faithful successor in the pastorate of the lower congregation, Rev. Thomas S. Crowe.

For three years and a half following Mr. Dick's death his huge congregation had only irregular supply. Rev. Hugh Graham of Stewiacke, Rev. John Brown, of Londonderry, and Rev. Dr. McGregor, of East River, Pictou, did what they could for the pastorless people. A ragged period this very largely was in more ways than one especially because of the war between Great Britain and the United States. In 1815 Rev. Thomas Stuart Crowe arrived, one of the results it would appear of the devoted life of his predecessor in the ministry here. In Mr. Crowe's early life his home congregation was that of Pathstrine, of which Mr. Dick had been a member, and whose people were because of Mr. Dick's letters especially interested in Nova Scotia missions. In God's providence he became Mr. Dick's successor in his pastorate, and married Mr. Dick's adopted daughter.

Mr. Crowe was born in the Parish of Dunning, Perthshire, in the year 1786. He began the study of theology in the year 1809, and in the year 1815 was licensed and missioned to Nova Scotia, arriving here "in potato-digging time in the year of the mice." On the 24th of September he was called to the pastorate of the congregation of Maitland and Noel, to which call he gave his formal acceptance before Presbytery on the 13th day of July, 1816, and was ordained and inducted on the 16th of October by the Presbytery of Pictou, Rev. Mr. Brown presiding. At his ordination members of the Burgher Presbytery of Truro, it is said, took part along with their Anti-burgher brethren of Pictou. There was no Burgher's oath to take in Nova Scotia, but they who had different opinions about the taking of it in the Old Land, were for some time kept apart here because of these different opinions. The same month the eloquent Rev. Robert Blackwood was ordained