

days on earth may be cheered and comforted by Him who has been the Guide of his youth, and that, at last, when he closes his eyes on the objects of time it may only be to open them in a blissful eternity.

A portion of the 121st Psalm was then sung; and the Session constituted by prayer from the Rev. Samuel Johnson, and the following address read to Mr. Craig's respected father.

"We, your brethren, in Session beg leave to tender to you our sentiments of respect and esteem, and to express our gratitude to your Divine Master; for so long sparing your useful life among us. "The beauty of old men is the grey head." Your locks are now hoary, with the frosts of four-score and ten years. Of these fifty have been spent, in the faithful discharge of the duties of an elder, in the Church of Christ.— And whether the field of your labor hath been the Harvey Settlement, or the Scottish Church, Wooler in your Father Land, he assured that your labors have been highly acceptable.

It is with pleasure, that we refer to the testimonials which you received from your former brethren, in your native land, when you went forth from them, to sojourn in this, the land of your adoption; and to the honorable testimony which they bore through the public press, not only of your usefulness as an elder, but of your many other kind offices to the Church, especially your faithfulness as a Sabbath-school teacher, your gift of sacred music, which rendered your services as a preacher truly valuable; your great punctuality in these duties, and the cheerfulness with which they were performed, were such as to cause "your praise to be in all the churches."

As a ruler, your counsel hath been tendered, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. At the Lord's Supper, your assistance hath ever been cheerfully given, and your christian deportment such, as to cause your brethren in Christ to feel, that fellowship with you was the communion of saints. Your diligence in visiting the sick and praying over them; your skill in directing to the means of restoring the health of the body, as well as your happy mode of leading them, for strength and consolation, to the great Physician of souls, hath made you an ever welcome guest in the chamber of affliction. At the prayer meeting, whether as an assistant

to your pastor, or in stirring up the people, not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, when so far as a regularly ordained ministry was concerned, we had silent Sabbaths and shut Temple doors, your labors have been most valuable.

We have much pleasure also in noticing the kindness of God to you and your family. Though in a holy and wise Providence, you have witnessed in tears, first the removal of one and then a second object of your choice; yet among your children, you ever have and still do, sit in the centre of a family circle; your children's children have been brought up upon your knees, and taught from your own lips to fear the Lord; you have thus an earnest of the faithfulness of him who promised, "I will be a God unto thee and to thy seed forever."

In expressing our gratitude to your Divine Master for so long sparing your useful life, and in bearing testimony to your faithfulness, we beg that you would accept of this Holy Bible. On it you will find the inscription,

*"Presented to Mr. Thomas Craigs,"*

In commemoration of his completing the fiftieth year of his eldership, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren in Session, and members of the congregation.

In it you will find ample provision for the remainder of your pilgrimage thro' time, and a sure ground of hope for eternity.

May the Lord bless you, and crown you with the reward of a faithful servant. May goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life, and may you dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Signed in the name and on behalf of the Session. SAMUEL JOHNSON,  
*Moderator.*

Harvey Settlement,  
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To this address Mr. Craigs answered verbally. His exact words cannot be remembered, the substance will be found in the following sketch. He thanked the Session for their handsome present. The Bible is the best of books. He briefly sketched his history, which he regarded as consisting of several steps. First youth. He was early taught the fear of God. He referred to his feelings, when he first entered the