

frozen, and for light there was nothing but the glare from the coals in the open fireplace and two candles on the mantelpiece. In the absence of the minister, Mr. Smith conducted the service. He opened the meeting by reading the whole of the seventy-second psalm, and then asked us to join in singing it, without specifying the number of verses to be sung, or making any sign of calling a halt when ten or a dozen of them had been sung. I was leading the singing that night, and I shall never forget the puzzled expression on the faces of the late comers, when we waded through the whole of the psalm with no instrument to help us in sustaining the pitch. I had to stop once or twice to get the key-note, but Mr. Smith gave no sign at the halting places until the whole had been accomplished."

Mr. William Kerr, of Linclive farm, near Linwood, was one of the oldest of the elders at the centenary celebration of the church, and has only lately been withdrawn to enjoy his reward at a ripe old age. I remember the occasion of his being chosen to the eldership. As one who knew him well has told me: "He was one of the most loveable of Christian men I ever knew,—a confirmed optimist. If a bad harvest excited growling among his neighbours against the clerk of the weather, he was always sure to refer to the good harvests of previous years. His last days on earth were, in their record, a fitting illustration, in the