

to an hour. The people stood up to pray and remained seated while singing. The singing was led by Mr. Jas. Paterson, the precentor, as the leader was called, who stood up before the people to "raise" the tune.

In 1890 Mr. Craw resigned the charge of this congregation owing to failing strength, since for thirty-three years he had faithfully ministered to his people, always bringing with him an atmosphere of cheerfulness and kindness. Presbytery desired to unite Elmvale and Knox into one charge, feeling that thus a strong congregation might assist a weak one. Rev. Mr. Craw resigned in September, 1890, and the pulpit on the following Sunday was declared vacant. In January of the next year the first movement seems to have been started for the union of Elmvale and Knox. Hillsdale resented this move and requested Elmvale to endeavor to remain as before. This was agreed upon at a general meeting of the congregation held on Jan. 15th. Nevertheless, in June of the same year, the matter again came up and a committee was appointed to meet with a committee from Knox to make arrangements for a union of the two congregations. The arrangements were satisfactorily made and during this year the services were conducted by applicants for the vacancy. For over three years the charge was vacant and some one hundred and eighteen applicants had been heard. Two or three times a call was extended but was not accepted. Finally, a call was extended to Rev. Mr. McCulloch, and was accepted in the early part of the year 1894.

Rev. Mr. McCulloch, though not very strong, was a very active and energetic minister, full of zeal for the Master's cause. Though he did not remain long, yet his work will be remembered while life lasts by those who knew him. Under his pastorate the