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## Poetry.

### SONNET.

FLOWERS have language—every perfumed cup  
Upturned, with dew-drops trembling on its brim,  
When the gay lark, warbling her matin hymn,  
Leaves her low nest, and soars exulting up  
To cloud built palaces in summer skies :  
And when their heads are droop'd at sultry noon,  
Or leaves close folded 'neath the placid moon,  
While stars watch o'er them with their myriad eyes :  
Flowers have language—to the heart they speak—  
Why trust ye not your Heavenly Father's care,  
O ye of soul so faint, and faith so weak,  
Are ye less valued than the lilies fair ?  
God robes in beauty flowers that turn to dust,  
Ye are immortal—why his love distrust ?

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## Biographical.

### BRIEF MEMOIR OF NEIL CAMPBELL.

*Late of Port Mutton, Queen's County, N. S.*

BY THE REV. W. SMITH.

NEIL CAMPBELL was born in the year 1760, in the  
isle of Lewis, Ross Shire, North Britain, of pious pa-  
rents who brought him up in the fear of God. Some  
time previous to the first American war, his parents  
removed to America, and when hostilities commenced,  
their son, the subject of this memoir, enlisted into  
the British Legion, commanded by Lord Cathcart.  
While thus engaged, he experienced some gracious  
deliverances while in circumstances of imminent dan-  
ger, to which in after life he frequently adverted with  
devout expressions of gratitude. At the termination  
of the war, the soldiers were brought to Nova Scotia  
and discharged; and land having been granted to him  
in Port Mutton, he settled there, and in the year 1790  
was married to a young woman of amiable disposi-  
tion, with whom he lived very happily until her death.  
Some years after his marriage, the people belonging  
to the settlement began publicly to worship God on  
the Sabbath, commencing their service with singing  
and prayer, after which they read one of Wesley's  
sermons, and concluded as they commenced; and  
sometimes they were visited by the Wesleyan Minis-  
ters, among whom the names of Linsford, Jessop,  
&c., were gratefully remembered by the subject of  
this memoir.

It was while hearing read Mr. Wesley's sermon on  
the "Almost Christian," that he first became aroused  
to enquiry respecting salvation; and on the following  
Sabbath he was deeply convinced of sin, under the

reading of another sermon of the same venerable au-  
thor, from "Awake thou that sleepest, arise from the  
dead, and Christ shall give thee life." Being, howe-  
ver, of a very reserved disposition, he did not open  
his mind to any one, until Mr. Francis Newton went  
to the place, preaching the kingdom of God with  
power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, whose  
heart-searching discourse and engaging manner so  
wrought upon our friend, that he was constrained to  
tell him all his heart.

Upon this Mr. Newton gave him suitable advice,  
and urged the necessity of being earnestly engaged,  
and the danger of becoming gospel-hardened; and the  
Lord greatly blessed these judicious remarks to his  
spiritual profit.

A revival of religion having about this time been  
experienced in Liverpool, wherein many found joy  
and peace in believing, some of them, being filled  
with love to Christ and poor perishing sinners, visited  
the destitute settlements along the shore, in order to  
bear their humble testimony to the power of saving  
grace.

Nor were their humble zealous efforts in vain. The  
people who had previously been awakened by the  
faithful word were encouraged, and among these was  
our brother Campbell, who after very severe and pro-  
tracted mental sufferings, was blessed with the most  
cheering discoveries of God's abounding grace to the  
chief of sinners, and with full assurance of his perso-  
nal interest in it. He received his ticket of admission  
into the Wesleyan Methodist Society in the month of  
August, 1796, from the Rev. Mr. Mann—at that time  
and to his death a faithful and laborious Minister of  
the Wesleyan connexion. In the latter part of the  
summer it pleased God to remove his wife—who had  
also become a partaker of saving grace—to her hea-  
venly home: a bereavement this, which he bore with  
becoming fortitude and pious resignation.

Having a small family, and being deeply solicitous  
for their welfare, he, in the course of the year ensu-  
ing, again entered into the marriage state, with her  
who is now his sorrowing widow.

He was a man of prayer, ever sanctifying the bless-  
ings of Providence by a conscientious adherence to the  
duty of family worship; and blessed be God, his  
prayers were heard, and his offerings in behalf of his  
household received. Three of his children died before  
him, and left very encouraging evidences of having  
become the subjects of saving grace, and heirs of ever-  
lasting life. His second son was brought to a saving  
acquaintance with God under the faithful ministry of

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