

THE SOWER.

THE FAITHFUL SERVANT.

James was an honest servant, trusty, true,
Having his master's interest aye in view,
He ne'er was disobedient, but he did,
And that right willingly, what he was bid.
In duty's path most steadily he trod
As one who truly knew the fear of God.
When Sunday came then James with pious care
Dressed in his best would to the kirk repair,
And list the sermon in decorous wise
As if an angel spake from yonder skies ;
And when the bread and wine were passed around
Be sure that there his placid face was found.
We children loved him and would often pay
His cot a visit on the "Sabbath" day :
I think e'en now I see his hoary head,
The "big ha Bible" ope' before him spread.
With aspect meek like to a child of grace
A pleasant smile upon his sober face ;
I think I list his jokes and hear him tell
Queer pawky tales which always pleased us well.
Thus honestly, and free from wrath or strife,
James led a blameless and religious life.
Liked and respected both by old and young,
His blameless life on every neighbor's tongue,
Surely when death drew nigh, one such as he
From wild despair should be completely free,
"A well spent life," and "God is merciful,"