# POETRY.

#### Thy Will be Jone.

By is a short and simple prayer; But 'tie the Christian's stay, Through every varied scene of care, Until bis dying day. As through the wilderness Calmiy he wanders ou, Ble proper in every time of strife, le still "Thy will be done !"

When in his happy infant years He treads 'midst theraless flowers, When pass any his emiles and teers Like April ours and showers: What is the peaper he murmers forth ! Father, thy will be done."

When the bright summer-sky of time. Cloudless, is o'er him spread; When love's bright wreath is in its prime. With not one blossom dead: Whilst o'er his hopes and prospects fair, No mist of wee hath gone; Still he repeats his first taught prayer-"Father, thy will be done."

But when his sun no longer beams, And love's sweet flowers decay; When all hope's rainbow-coloured dreams Are eadly ewept away; As a flower bent beneath the storm Still fragrently breethes on; So when dark clouds life's heaven deform. He prays,- "Thy will be done !"

And when the winter of his age Sheds o'er his locks its snows; When he can feel his pilgrimage Fact drawing to a close : Then, as he finds his strength decline, This is his prayer alone: " To thee my spirit I resign-

Father ! thy will be done !"

## BIOGRAPHY.

### Memoir of Flavilla D. Collin, Second Daughter of Capt. P. Coffin. BT HER PATHER.

The subject of this Memoir was born in Barrington, on the 16th of July, 1832. From childhood she mamfested an amiable disposition, and a deveted attention to the wishes of her parents, whe, possessing the fear of God themselves, assiduously sought to train I felt it to be my mournful duty to acquaint her up in the nurture and admenition of the her with the fact. She received the intelli-Lord. Her demeaneur toward her relatives

began more especially to spring up, and pro- the family, saying that "I and her mother duce its fruits, when she had arrived at must give her up, or it would make it harder about thirteen years of age. At this time, for her." She also solemnly charged each conscious of her need of renewing grace, having been deeply convinced by the Holy Spirit of her sinful and perilous state, she, while much ado about me when I am gone." She attending a series of meetings appointed by was then asked, if she had any message for whilst his heart was impervious to every reprethe Rev. J. McMurray, the then Superintendent of the Barrington Circuit, in which "give my love to all the members of the especial prayer was offered up in behalf of Class I left, and tell them I am gone to penitents, obtained the pardoning mercy of Heaven." She asked us to sing that hymn, God, by which she could rejoice in God her Saviour.

From this time dates her religious experience. She then, though young in years, became deeply and decidedly pious, and maintained her devotedness to God, amid the various temptations to which she was exposed, to the end of her life.

From the time she experienced the blessed change of heart which I have just mentioned, she joined the Wesleyan Church, and was placed under the watchful care and religious instruction of Mrs. Sarah Coffin, as her Class Leader; to whose plous and judicious counsels she was greatly indebted, under God, for her subsequent stability and progress in the divine life. And here I may add, she was always considered a consistent member of the Church to which in judgment and affection she was united, manifesting much humility, and esteeming herself a sinner saved by grace. Her motto was "on-ward and upward." She loved the people of God, and felt a strong desire for the sal-

has done all things well.

year, my daughter joined the Friday after. About five minutes before she expired, tained "redemption through the blood of One gentle sigh told us, she was gone—Christ, the forgiveness of sins," but that she was growing in grace and in the know-in Heaven for ever. ledge of our Lord and Savieur Jesus Christ. rejoice, and will rejoice in the assurance that to come! she is with the enraptured multitude before If it w the throne, as another trophy of redeeming

Quite early in autumn last, she appeared somewhat indisposed, and continued so, until January of the present year, but as she was able occasionally to walk out, we did not apprehend any especial danger. Even up to the time of one week only before her decease, neither her friends nor herself, had an idea that her sickness was unto death.

At this time, whilst meditating on the designs of God in permitting this affliction to befall her, she said to a friend,—"I know what the Lord has sent this sickness for Just before I was taken ill, I was so tempted -tempted to cease serving God-to give up attending the means of grace—and oh! how the temptation followed me to leave off meeting in Class. To enable me to conquer this temptation, my Heavenly Father, has seen fit to afflict me: how, if I get well, I will strive to love Him more and serve him better than I have ever done: but if I die, I believe He will take me to Heaven." Thus there is reason to believe this affliction was sanctified, and was working for her spiritual good.

The night before she died, being informed by the family Physician, that she was failing fast, and might not outlive the night. and friends was ever affectionate and kind. | well—then I shall go to Heaven." During enter upon subjects so gloomy as those connec-The good seed seem in ther tender mind that might, she took an affectionate leave of ted with eternal realities, nor would be suffer her friends in Barrington: she replied, sentation. His minister was informed of his sit- we shall not do it now. If you are not like the

> " Tune, tune, your harps ; Your harps, ye Saints in glory All is well." &c.

Though she was not expected to live until the morning, she continued during the next day and nearly all the following night. Sometimes she would lose her speech and hearing. and, after a little time, they would return. Then she would look around, and exclaim-Oh-I thought I was gone-why do His chariot wheels so long delay." She said, she did not suffer pain, but felt great weariness.

At one time, having been speechless fully an hour, a friend who stood beside her couch, repeated aloud the words.-

"O happy day that fix'd my choice"-

To our great surprise, she caught the sound. and with a strong voice, and animated countenance, added-

" On thee, my Saviour, and my God! Well may this glowing heart rejoice, And tell its raptures all abroad."

Religion had taught her how to live, and now Standing one day by the bed-side gazing upon Ministers should take them under their especial vation of those who had "not yet her Savi it was teaching her how to die. To her that form that was soon to mingle with its native patronage. The results will richly reward these

to this City; and no one, who then witnes- clothes with the greatest composure, requestsed my daughter's healthful appearance, ing that they might be very plain. This could have supposed, that in a few short may appear to some as a trifling thing, but months, she would fall a victim of that fatal it shows that she was entirely delivered from scourge of our race-consumption. But so it the fear of death, so natural to the human was. God's thoughts are not as our thoughts, mind, through the grace of her Bedeemer. nor his ways as our ways; in this, as well as We have great reason to praise God for in other dispensations of his Providence, he thus smoothing the passage of our dear daughter to the tomb, and opening to her On the 21st of July of the last mentioned view a bright prospect of heavenly glory.

noon class, in which she continued faithfully being asked, "Is Jesus still precious to you?" to meet, as long as her health permitted her she distinctly answered, "O, yes." At twento enjoy this excellent and useful means of ty minutes after one o'clock, on the morning grace. Her religious experience, stated there of the 81st of January in this year, without from time to time, gave pleasing and satis-factory evidence, that, she had not only eb-ate, and much-leved, daughter ceased to live!

I would take this opportunity of express-Her almost constant expression of gratitude ing my gratitude to the Leader of the Class to her Heavenly Father, for having called in which my daughter was favoured to meet, her to seek his face and favour while young, for all the care she manifested for her durwill not seen be forgotten by some of her ing health, and the kind attentions she, with associates in the Class-Meeting. They will other pieus friends, shewed her during meditate with pleasing emotions on the wis- her affliction. May the Lord abundantly redom of her early choice, whilst they do now ward her, and them, in this life and the life

If it would not be deemed improper, I would recommend to the youth, in whose hands this brief memoir, may providentially come, to seek now, in early life, that religi on which was the comfort and support of my departed daughter in her dying moments, and which enabled her to leave that testimony of her acceptance with God, which has consoled the hearts of her afflicted parents, and which will constitute a subject of thanksgiving, around which the fondest remembrances of our beloved child, will ever cluster.

Halifax, August, 1849.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

### Encouragement to Sabbath School Teachers. Some time ago an acquaintance of the writer

was suddenly taken ill. Medical aid was called in, when the disease was pronounced dangerous. The pain increased, and the patient's scrength gradually declined, so that he was unable to sup-Whilst in this situation, a kind friend called in casionally listened to the faithful preaching of deavours in all things to please them. the gospel, called upon him, who met with similar treatment. These visits were repeated, but in vain; a deaf ear was turned to every word, enfeebled state. Death seemed to have settled his opposition to practical godliness, that all his not quenched."-Sunday School Guardian. remaining energies were summoned into action to repulse enquiries of this nature. Although his own minister, he would not permit him to offer the accents of prayer to that God before whom he was destined shortly to appear, and realize for himself the unknown mysteries of the invisible world. All hopes were now given up that any serious impression would be made upon his mind before death had closed the scene.-Great was the anxiety of his triends respecting ture. A gentleman inquired :his eternal welfare, and many were the prayers that were uttered that the Lord would in his mercy devise some means whereby he would become effectually awakened to a knowledge of Martha, and kept back on purpose." his danger. But all attempts appeared fruitless. The heavens appeared as brass, and the moment of dissolution was quickly advancing. How mysterious are the ways of the Lord, it is with honour preferring one another." truth declared that "they are past finding out."

One of his own boys, a lad of about fourteen years of age, a Sunday school scholar, ventured tions have important claims on the attention of the to introduce the subject to his beloved parent, Church at the present day. They are her nurin such a manner as arrested his attention. series, to which she must nowlook for accessions death appeared to have no sting-the grave dust, he pointedly put the question, "Father, utmost care.

In the spring of 1848, the family removed no terror. She conversed about her grave- how are you prepared for eternity?" The father raised his sunken eyes; he looked upon his boy. A dead silence reigned; both were speechicss. At last the father addressed the boy "Di you ever pray for me?" "Yes, father, I do."

was the reply. "Then pray now," rejoined the father. The boy knelt down, and with fervency directed his supplications to his beavenly Pa-ther, that he would grant to his earthly parent the divine influences of his Holy Spirit, and when he should see fit to remove him from this life, he might be admitted into that rest which God has prepared for all whose hearts have been changed by grace. When the boy arose from his knees, the father appeared to have enjoyed the devotion. He then requested that all his family should be gathered together in his room. Surrounded by his domestic circle, he again desired the boy to engage in prayer. Thus was a Sunday scholar engaged in this heavenly exercise in the presence of both his parents, and brothers, and sisters, nearly twenty years older than himself. Shortly afterwards the father breathed

Sunday school teacher;—fancy if you can when you enter upon your next Sabbath day's work, that you see this delightful spectacle. Believe that what the Lord has done for one he may do for any or all. The power of the Almighty is not weaker than it ever was, nor is his grace less effectual. The deficiency is not in God, but in ourselves. - English Periodical.

#### The Good Sabbath School Scholar.

The good scholar is one who is early in his seat at the Sabbath School. And if he be present a few minutes before the opening of the School he does not spend the time in trifling, whispering, or playing with rude boys or girls You will see him looking over his lessons, refreshing his memory, so that he may be able to say his lessons correctly when required to de so hy his teacher. He endeavours to sing the praises of God when the hymn is given out by he Superintendent, and he quietly kneels down and joins the teacher in praying to the Author of all good. He does not whisper to his companion; nor does he spend the time of prayer in looking about him or thinking of his sports or his plays. During School hours he is attentive to the directions of his instructor and is delighted while listening to his excellent counsels. Often will his heart be lifted up in prayer that God may seal the instruction upon his mind. Obedient to his superiors, kind and gentle to his schoolfellows, he is beloved by teachers and scholars; and above all, he is beloved by his God.

Retiring from School he proceeds home ward

quietly, thinking of all he has heard and resolving to profit by the lessons he has received. He port himself even to walk across the room.— knows it is the Sabbath and that it would be Without some speedy and unexpected change, which will be rooming and playing by the way it was obvious that his life would not last long, when going home from the Sabbath School. He loves the Sabbath, for it is God's day-the day to see him, expecting to have some conversation | which the Lord especially claims for himself. with him of a religious character, and to draw The good scholar, therefore, keeps holy the Lord's his attention to the important change which ap- day. He reads good books, attends Church, lispeared shortly to be his lot. But to his great | tens to the good advice of his parents and friends surprise, although there had existed a strong and on retiring to bed he commends himself by friendship between them, and life was fast ebb- prayer to the watch-care of the Great God who And, then, during the days of the week he

remembers the lessons he learned on the Sabhim to engage in prayer whilst in his presence. bath; and strives to practice what he then learn-After this a member of the church assembling at ed. He refrains from the company of idle and the place of worship where he had for years oc- wicked companions, obeys his parents, and en-

Dear little Reader, are you a good Sabbath School scholar? Do you discover any likeness to yourself in the description we have just given? uation, when he promptly attended him. Being good scholar in every particular, try and become introduced into the room, he found him in a very so. Every body loves a good child. God loves a good child-a bad one he cannot so love; and upon his countenance. On being interrogated then when good children die they go to heaven, as to the state of his mind, and what were his but wicked ones, when they die go to hell views respecting the safety of hie soul; such was " where their worm never dies and their fire is

## The Way to Win.

At one of the anniversaries, of a Sabbath School in London, two little girls presented themselves to receive a prize, one of whom had recited one verse more than the other, both having learned several thousand verses of Scrip-

" Ann, couldn't you have learned one verse more, and thus have kept up with Martha? "Yes, sir, the child replied, " but I loved "And was there any of these verses you have

learned, that taught you this lesson? "There was, sir," she answered blushing. "In

SABBATH SCHOOL CLAIMS .- These Institu-

## **EDUCATION**

The Bible and Religious Inst Public Schools of New From the Eighth Report of the Board of Educati

> We cannot conclude this repo ring to a subject of vital interest prosperity of all our institutions to the welfare, also, of all the Commonwealth. We refer to th cultivating the moral and religious intellectual faculties of our chile quent and careful perusal of the

It is gratifying to the Board to nounce that, so far as there was 1 ing a change in regard to the use our schools, the change which h within the last few years is a fav one of the early Reports of the careful inquiry on his part, the fuicated to the Board and the p Bible was then used in almost al ther as a devotional or as a read there were exceptions. From i ver, which have been made by during the present year, (1844,) that, of 308 cities and towns in wealth, it is used in the schools a regular reading-book, prescribe committees; and, that, in the towns, it is used, either as a read the exercises of devotion. From maining towns, no answers were in the schools of three towns only to be used at all.

By the direction of the Board daily use, in all the Normal Scho commencement, and it is believed used, in like manner, in all our

While we rejoice at the char taken place, in this respect, the is a single institution of learning. home of the Pilgrims, where the ble is excluded from the minds of a ground of serious apprehension While the Christian world is

such a variety of religious sects. pected that their jealousies would sectarian instruction, or by the books of a denominational chara deed, as well in the present state nion, as of the eractments of e that teacher would act strangely tion of his duty, who should after such a well-understood and bene of the laws. But the Bible has sectarian character. All Chr gard it as the text-book of their thers brought it with them, as the trimony, and bequrathed it to us inheritance. They imbued their its spirit. They founded our Go its principles; and, to render th permanent, they established the the Common School, as a nurser

It is, also, worthy of remark. Legislatures have guarded, sedu tually, our Common Schools, places for sectarian instion, they same time, provided for the inyouth, both in the schools and in stitutions of the youth, both in th the other institutions of learning, of the principles of the Christian 7th sec of the 23rd chap, of th tutes, enjoins it, as a duty, upon ors of youth, that they shall impr minds, "the principles of pie other virtues, which are the basis constitution is founded, and that endeavour to lead their pupils to standing of the tendency of the ed virtues, to preserve and perfe tion, and secure the blessings of as to promote their future happi to point out to them the evil tene posite vices.

It is difficult to perceive, how be accomplished, without a frequ the pages of the sacred volume, difficult to imagine what objectio to the study of a book, which is 1 ladium of our liberties, but the also, of our most cherished hope

If it is said, by the use of th schools, a wrong interpretation i the teacher, to any of its passage an obvious one, that this would manner of instruction, provided and not in the use of the Bible may be further replied, that ever guarded against. The spirit of posed to it; and public opinion, stronger than the law, would, at the attempt of any teacher, to viof conscience, by giving to his 1 instruction. It will be recollected mon Schools are under the charg chosen by the people, who have cribe the books, and to direct th the amount of religious instruction