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## Original Poetry.

### TO MY BIBLE.

O, long neglected—darkly read—  
Sealed to me, prayerless and dead—  
My heavenly Chart to Zion found—  
My Star and Compass, homeward bound !

What freshness in thy leaves I trace !  
What glory in their forms of grace !  
Thy buds—thy blossoms—fruit sublime !  
Predestined ere the birth of Time,  
To heal the nations under ban,  
By faith and love to God in man :—  
Even Angels to thy shade repair  
And life's eternal clusters share !

God give me hence to read in thee,  
Most holy book his mystery :  
To mark—to learn—to understand—  
Each tittle of his last command.  
Oh ! let me in the word he spoke,  
The spirit and the life partake ;  
'Till all He is and all thou art,  
Be sanctified within my heart !

So shall I savingly proclaim,  
The peace that flows without a name :—  
As ye prevailed with you prevail,  
And shout when heaven and earth shall fall !

Toronto, Dec. 11, 1839.

A. J. WILLIAMS.

## Biographical.

### MEMOIR OF MRS. SARAH DAVISON, OF HORTON.

THE Bible informs us that the memory of the just is blessed, and that the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance—expressions which seem to intimate the duty of placing on permanent record, the piety, zeal, and steadfastness of those who, through faith and patience, now inherit the promises.

Should you think the following brief Memoir calculated to answer this important end, its early insertion in your valuable publication will greatly oblige many of your readers.

Mrs. Sarah Davison, whose maiden name was Martin, was a native of Horton, in this Province, and at an early period of life gave unequivocal evidence of a work of the Holy Spirit upon her heart. She enjoyed the blessings of a religious education and the godly example of her pious parents, by which she profited much.

When about sixteen or seventeen years of age, she was called to sustain the irreparable loss of the death of her excellent mother,—a loss which none can fully judge of but those who have been placed in

similar circumstances. The event, however, was mercifully overruled to her benefit, by calling forth those energies of mind which she manifested when called to take upon herself the charge of her younger sisters, and of training them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Her father, feeling it his duty to preach the Gospel in the surrounding villages, was necessarily much from home; but so deeply impressed was the mind of our young friend with the importance of family religion, that she undertook to officiate at the family altar in his absence, and the benefits she derived from these exercises induced her ever after to place a high estimation on the duty of family worship.

About this time, she united herself with the Baptist Church at Horton, but when certain changes took place in the terms of admitting members to that Church, to which she could not conscientiously agree, she considered her union with them eventually dissolved. For many years following she was not identified with any section of the visible Church of Christ, which no doubt was a very great spiritual loss to her. Although it is believed she never "cast away her confidence, which hath great recompense of reward," yet it is evident she deeply felt for some years the necessity of a closer walk with God, and of more intimate communion with his people.

Mrs. Davison, with her husband, occasionally attended the Wesleyan Ministry, at Lower Horton, but the Chapel being five miles from their residence, and the preaching in it only every second or third Sabbath, it may be reasonably inferred, that these opportunities could not frequently occur. It was, however, the means of making her acquainted with some pious members of the Society, with whom she took sweet counsel on the things of God as often as opportunity offered.

The doctrines taught by the Wesleyans met the hearty approval of Mr. and Mrs. Davison, and being anxious for a more intimate union with the people of God, they gave a most pressing invitation to the ministers on the Circuit, to preach regularly at their house. It was some time, however, before their offer could be acceded to, in consequence of the number of places already on the plan of labours. At length their prayers and desires were complied with, and our late brother, the Rev. R. Crane, had the honour of commencing regular preaching in the house of our late sister.

This was an event of great spiritual joy to Mrs. Davison, and she often referred to it as the commencement of a new era in her christian course, and