[From "Dunvarlich" a hundred pound prize essay, recently published by the Scottish Temperance League. The truin at the beginning of the extract, has just left Perti to Glas-

in the bright red glare of the fur- chance. Away, then, and away. mace fire, stood Blacklock and Campbell. Blacklock shovelled in a quanrity of coals, and slamed the iron

"It's like we'll hae a scowry night," he said as he looked up into the dark, portentons sky. " Like enough," said Campbell,

suffenly. Campbell had had another test of ed spirits.

be "Gin of God" at Perth, and was "There, there she is !" burst from the "Gift of God" at Perth, and was more unavailing attempt: to get up shining far ahead upon the line. a conversation, Blacklock drew furof the sliding seats under the storm ness. board; resigning hintself, we may to attend to the engine.

eviot without stopping. They stopped at Dunning, where three or four people, muffled well up to protect themselves from the night air, were waiting for the train. They stopped "Ha! what's that? Did you see again at Anchterarder, where the trast with the darkness, of the night. Here they shunted on to the down line, a little beyond the station, till the night Mail for the west should

The mail came up, about five min- now rapidly nearing. utes after, sharp upon its time; stopped for a minute to take in the bags; and then, with an impatient snort. passed on in the darkness. Campbell and Blacklock thereupon prepared to resident to their proper line. They put on the steam and reversed the engine; but there was a slight incline on the spot; the train was heavy and they could not get it to move. After one or two attempts, Campbell—speaking with a thick voice, for he was half stupid with drink, ordered Blacklock to get a crowbar and put it to the wheel to give the engine a start.

"Will Sinclair have one?" said Blacklock, jerking his thamb toward an engine they had passed on the siding nearly opposite the platform.

He had better go and see. Campbell singgishly continued his attempts to start his engine; while glancing up as he passed, at the winwas one in the shed. As he said so, he looked carelessly round toward the train which Blacklock had just left, and saw that it had got a start already, but was moving in the wrong direction. He continued watching it for a few seconds, expecting to see it stop and come back; but still it kept moving away and away.

"Hello! what does the fellow mean?" he cried, jumping to his feet. "He's going off on the downline!" Blacklock looked, and turned white as death. The awful truth flashed upon him. Campbell was drunk, and did not know what he was about. In an instant, leaping from Sinclair's engine, Blacklock ran swiftly along the line in pursuit of the retrenting train. It was hopeless. A full head of steam was on. The train was quickening its pace every moment. The heads that had been popping out from some of the carriage windows to see wint the cause of detention was, were drawn in, and the windows pulled up again, under the impression, no doubt, that the train was again on its way. The guard in the break, as soon as he found that the train was actually setting off on the wrong line, began to make his way hurriedly from carriage to carriage toward the engine, but missed his feeting, and fell heavily to the ground. Before he had re-covered from the stunning effects of

the train was off.

The other guard had been standing on the platform, with the station-master, waiting till the train should come back alongside. The moment they stw it was moving away on the wrong track, they eried to the pointsman, and the guard rushed out upon the

the fall, and got upon his feet again,

The pointsman shouted, waved the red hump, rangual turned on the distance danger signal, which faced north, so that Campbell could see it. No affection was paid to these sig-nals; and away the long train went, thundering into the darkness.

Blacklock ran madly along the line, in the desperate hope that he might overtake the frain, and in his agony trying to God to stop it. But the red lights along the line were growing smaller and smaller, and hope was gone. Blacklock stood for a moment like one bereft of his senses; and then, starting, ran back.

Sinchie stood in his engine, awaiting him. the ducks.

"Oh yes off! My God!" he cried in agony, "what are we to do?" Singlair plucked out his watch, and instantly an expression of horror came

The night express from the South is coming on that line, ' he said, hurriedly. 'She is due, here in sixteen minates. She must be passing Blackford how.'

Aghast with horror, Blacklock staggered and covered his face with his bands. "Suddenly a thought flashed into his brain. He chucked Sinelair's

He sprang upon the engine. For-tunately, steam was already up. They backed the engine, got the up-line. only paused to pass one word with the station-master, and then away they dushed full-speed into the wild dark

The other engine and train had got the start of them, by nearly two miles. If the express was true to her time, there was no hope. In five or six minutes there would be a collision. But if the express was in the least behind, there was still a desperate

On they went with thundering crank and grinding steel. The tender quivered and rocked; the ground, lit by the glare of the engine lamps, swept like lightening under them. There was a terrible voice in the quick, clanking wheels—"Life or death!— life or death!—life or death!" The telegraph poles flew past like frighten-

thrusually morese, and more inclined the lips of both men together, as to sleep than talk. After one or two they caught sight of two red lights

"On-on, for God's sake on!" ther into shelter, and sat down on one cried Blacklock, with frightful eager-

They dashed with a shattering roar suppose, to pleasant thoughts of Jenny, and feeling happy at her being so near him. Campbell remained standing sullenly on the footpath ingrapidly on the train ahead. There is attend to the curific was still a hope—a desperate hope. They past Forgandenny and Fort- They dashed, with another roar,

"Ha! what's that? Did you see that?" cried Sinchir, suddenly, as station lights looked cheery by con- his eyes caught sight for an instant, of a spectral form that flashed across the rails almost at the engine wheel.

"On-on!" Blacklock almost screamed never turning his eyes from the red lights ahead, which they Were

Just as the long train crossed the Bridge of Beath, they dashed along Now or never. The awful

crisis lad come. The parliamentary train was thundreing along the parallel rails at the velocity of nearly thirty miles an hour; and as Sinelair and Blacklock passed carriage after carriage, they could see, in the dusky light of the lamps within, the dim rows of passengers, many of them asleep, and all unconscious that they were on the wrong line; bowling, quick and fast, into the jaws of death.

Great God! what a picture of human kind was that, if one had a moment to think of it.

Blacklock's breath was short and gasping. The perspiration was standing in great beads upon his brow. As he passed the carriage where poor Blacklock went back to Sinchir's, Jenny was, he bent over and glared glancing up as he passed, at the windows of the carriage where Jenny was, in hopes of seeing her face and getting a smile. He told Sinclair what he dashed—Blacklock and Sinclair—thunwanted. Sinclair who was reading a dering along side by side with the river at my feet, and a vast range of newspaper by the light of an oil lamp, other train, till they came abreast of woods, and I see pasture grounds and vinewagels and cattle and shown first. had no crowbar, but thought there the engine. Campbell was there, but vineyards, and cattle and sheep feedapparently stupified or asleep, sitting ing in the green fields, and many on the seat under the stormboard, with his head hanging down nearly to his

> pitch of his voice; Sinclair blew the whistle; but Campbell either did not hear, or was too far gone to pay heed. Let's dash ahead, and signal the scene as this?" Well, then

express to stop," cried Sinciair, excitedly.

He pulled out his watch and stooped to see the time. Eight minutes to that you form no judgement of the

lock, clutching Sinclair's arm con-

Par ahead, along the line, two points of light like the eyes of a basilisk had glided into view, and were fast dilating and growing brighter and fiercer, as the iron monster from the South came on through the darkness at the rate of a mile a minute. Already the thunder of its approach was distinctly perceptible. Scarcely a mile separated the two trains. In thirty seconds they would be together! Sinclair's engine was still bowling

on, alongside the other. "I'll jump across," cried Blacklock, suddenly. "Dash on—you—and sig-nal the express."

hold him back, Blacklock was at the side of the engine, had crouched low aid made a desperate spring. He assured that his brother was not at alighted upon the footboard of the other tender. He staggered for a that finally he was carried through moment; but recovering his balance every room in the house, and his eyes instantly, he sprang forward to the searched each room hopefully and engine, shut off the steam, and put on the break. It was all the brave fellow could do. Now for life—for life! He seized Campbell. He dragged him to the side of the engine to leap off. Ah, too late! The huge train was still rolling on, when the express with its flying plume, and its great irids, magnifying into two great unexpected. The angel of death cames orbs of white flame, came on through the dakraes like a thunderbolt and in a moment had dashed upon them.

the huge carriages of both trains came on like successive explosions, and in death.

leaping madly over one another, piled up and up into a hideons quivering mountain of agony and death. Some, toppling over, rolled a side into the darkness; and a thousand shrieks rang wildly up into the shuddering air

Chrancens - A nent clean, frests aired, sweet, cheerful, well-arranged house exerts a moral influence over its inmates, and makes the members of a family peaceful and considerate of each other's feelings and happiness. The connection is obvious between the state of nind this produces, and respect for others, and for this e higher duties and

of rind this protects, and restrict for the lighter duties and others, and for the higher duties and other higher duties and for the higher duties

KNOWN BY HIS WORKS.

which borders on the Rhine there is a the following for the consideration of noble castle which, as you travel on the society; the western bank of the river, you may see lifting its ancient towers on the other side, above the grove trees which are as old as itself."

About forty years ago there lived million vine grows and memders in that cast'e a noble gentleman, who through that ere fence into another we shall cill the Baron. The Baron comfort to his father, but a blessing to all who lived on his father's land.

It happened on one occasion that, the young man being from home, there came a French gentleman to see the Baron. As this gentleman came into the castle, he began to talk of his Heavenly Father in terms that chilled 'ar watermillion so homologated and the old man's blood, on which the promulgated, belong?-to the man Baron reproved him, saying :

"Are you not afraid of offending God who reigns above, by speaking in such a manner?"

The gentleman said he knew nothing about God, that he had never seen

The Baron did not notice at this time what the gentleman said, but the watermillion vine that meandered next morning ne took occasion, first, to show him a beautiful picture that from that 'ar watermillion seed that hung on the wall.

"My son drew that picture," said the "Then your son is a clever man,"

replied the gentleman. the garden, and showd him many beautifurflowers and plants.

"Who has the ordering of this gar-den?" asked the gentleman. "My son," said the Baron; "he knows every plant, I may say, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop on the wall."

"Indeed," said the gentleman; "I shall think very highly of him soon." The Baron took him into the village Have just received a large and well select- Washington, and Its Public Buildand showed him a small, neat cottage, where his son had established a school, and where he had caused all poor chil- HARD WARE, dren who had Jost their parents to be received and nourished at his own ex-

The children in this school house looked so happy and innocent that the French gentfeman was very much pleased, and when they returned to the castle he said to the Baron :

What a happy man you are to have such a good son?" "How do you know that I have a

good son." "Because I have seen his works, and I know he must be clever and good, if he has done all that you have shown to me."

"But you have never seen him." "No but I know him very well, because I judge him of his works." "You do; and now please draw near to this window and tell me what you

observe hence." "Why, I see the sun traveling through the sky and shedding its glories over one of the greatest countries in the world; and I behold a mighty

" And do you see nothing pleasant or lovely or cheerful in an that is Blacklock shouted and velled at the spread out before you?" "Do you think that I want common sense, or that I have lost the use of my

eyes, my friend, that I should not be

able to relish the charms of such a

"Well, then, if you are able to judge of my son's good character by seeing his good works, how does it happen eleven. The express was two min-utes belind her three already. There wasn't a moment to lose.
"O! here she comes!" cried Black"O! here she comes!" cried Black"O! my good friend, again say that you know not God, unless you have not the use of your senses."

> A TOUCHING STORY .- The Bath Times tells the following pathetic in-

Two beautiful little boys (twins) aged about three years, of a remarkable loving disposition and usually precocious for their age, were each attacked with the scarlet fever and in a short time one of them died,

The other one, after wrestling with the diseases for a long time, rallied, and no doubts were entertained of his In a moment, before Sinclair could that he had only gone away on a short visit, he would not be satisfied unless longingly.

Having made the tour of the house and the weeping attendant saw the dying child clasp his little hands, and in a moment had dashed upon them.

The shock was terrific. The engines see—I see!" "See what?" said the watcher. "I see, I see Albert," and then, with a smile, he closed his eyes

AN INCIDENT.—The other evening two hales walking up Himole street past the Academy of Music, with an air and manner that indicated that they were searching for some one. Near the saloon door was a little boy whom one of them recognized as her son, and questioned: "Oh, Charley, do you know where your papa is?"
"Why, of course, Ma," was the answer, "he's in here playing marbles, and last get such a greatibing one." A harried dive into the billard room followed, the sound of female voices, pitched in a high key, was heard, a sheepish looking man emerged, and a family party took up the march for home.

Kossuth is reported to have despaired of the cause of human freedom in Europe, and to talk of returning to this country to die here. because it is the only country where liberty has been from first to last preserved in its perfection.

A DISTRESSING CONUNDRUM.—The New Orleans Pionyune tells of a young. In that beautiful part of Germany ambitions debater who propounded

"Eff"r man plants a watermillion seed next to his fence and this 'ere watermillion seed sprout: up into a watermillion vine, and that 'ere waterman's lot adjacent; and in that other million vine sprouted from that 'ere watermillion seed and meandered thro' that 'ar fence into this 'cre other man's lot adjacent, tharin consolidates and homologates into a watermillion, the question, feller citizens and ladies, is: To which of these 'ere men did that CAN BE MADE who planted that ere watermillion seed meandered thro' that 'ar fence into this 'ere man's lot so adjacent and thar so consolidated into a watermillion; or to the man who owned this 'ere lot so adjacent, whar was so promulgated the watermillion vine that so exerggitated from that 'ar thro' this 'ere fence and so sprouted that 'ere man thar planted?

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