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## SAUL'S CONVERSION.

SENT to thy gates, thou beauteous light,  
Death dims the scene thou wouldst unfold;  
His banner waves o'er yonder height,  
And flings its shadow on the wold.

Proud Saul is there!—his warlike bands—  
Ah knowest thou whither they are bent?  
Those swords which gleam in wrathful hands,  
Bespeak at once, his dark intent.

And Pharpar stream in sorrow flows,  
All troubled 'neath his vengeful ire;  
Her crystal waters fed the rose,  
That withers in his glance of fire.

Frail flowret, take thy ruddy hue,  
He lifts not now the foot of pride:  
Struck to the earth, yon lightnings blue  
Burn round, the foe on Hermon's side.

Saw ye that glory beaming down,  
That swift-winged flash of liquid light:  
Hid in its haze, the rising sun  
Shut his dim eye, and failed the sight.

Heaven drops the veil—the Son of God  
Bonds o'er his throne with open face—  
A mortal's eye hath pierced the cloud!  
A mortal's ear hath heard his voice!

With eagle glance, the muse ascends—  
Breathless she seeks the dizzy track—  
Rend, rend the veil, ye angel hands,  
But no, still hold the vision back!

Again the sun, with milder ray,  
Glow's round the chief, but wrapt in night,  
In vain he opens his viewless eye,  
Veil'd with "the glory of that light."

Lo! there he sheathes his blood-stained sword,  
And trembling, hastens to conceal;  
For ah, that burning glance pursu'd—  
That tender voice upraised still.

The tear is in his darkon'd eye,  
Gently his faded cheek it bathes;  
Silent, confused, he passes by,  
Nor threatening now, nor slaughter breathes.

Scattered no more—no more afraid—  
The tender flocks, like tender fow'rs,  
Shall flourish 'neath the olive shade,  
In pasturo green, and soft with showers.

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## PERSISTENCE.

PERSISTENCE may be defined a fixedness of purpose in whatever we undertake. It is necessary to the successful performance of every duty in life. Among the various lessons of wisdom, imparted by the works of nature, that of perseverance is not the least impressive. We see an acorn thrown upon the ground. In a short time there springs up a tender shoot which, though it encounters tempests that threaten to tear it from its resting place, still remains, and becomes firmer and firmer after each succeeding storm, until, by and by, it assumes the form of a majestic oak. See the insect Ant toiling from morning until night, to erect an abode to shelter it from the winter's blast, with no other means of assistance than its mouth, in which it carries but a single grain of sand; still it perseveres, and, in a few months forms mounds of considerable size. By persevering application the little coral forms large Islands in the Ocean. But for perseverance many who have acquired high reputation in life, would have remained in obscurity. Many, by persevering minds, have risen from the deepest penury, to wealth and honour. What was it that led Columbus to persist in his application to the Queen of Spain, for means to assist him in the pursuit he had determined to undertake? Had he not persevered, the country we now inhabit would still be in possession of the red man of the forest; and in place of castles, churches, and pleasure grounds, there would be Indian wigwams and war fields; instead of villages and cultivated farms, boundless forests would still remain.

What raised Dr. Herschel from a poor cottager's son, to be one of the most celebrated astronomers? It was persevering application. What was it that elevated Captain Cook from an humble peasant to become celebrated as the most scientific navigator ever known? It was his perseverance in the various pur-