

Blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth.

Psalm lxxv. 4.

A RAILWAY HERO.

ON November, 1882, a train left Jersey City with 620 passengers. While the train was dashing along at the rate of thirty-five to forty miles an hour, the furnace-door blew open and the flames leaped out with such suddenness and force that the engineer, Joe Sieg, and the fireman

were driven from their posts. In a few minutes the forward car took fire, spreading horror and consternation through the hearts of the passengers, as they saw the flames increasing in intensity, and heard the crackling of the burning car. Their doom seemed inevitable. As the horror of their situation gradually

crept over them, the brave engine-driver, without the slightest hesitation, rushed through the blinding smoke and rapidly accumulating flames, and succeeded in stopping the train. The poor fellow was badly burned, and to lessen his agony, climbed in despair into the water tank, where the fireman found him with his clothes burnt from his back, and his whole body terribly

scorched by the remorseless flames. Shortly after they had carried his charred body to the hospital, the poor fellow passed away amid much agony, having thus heroically laid down his own life to save the lives of his fellows.

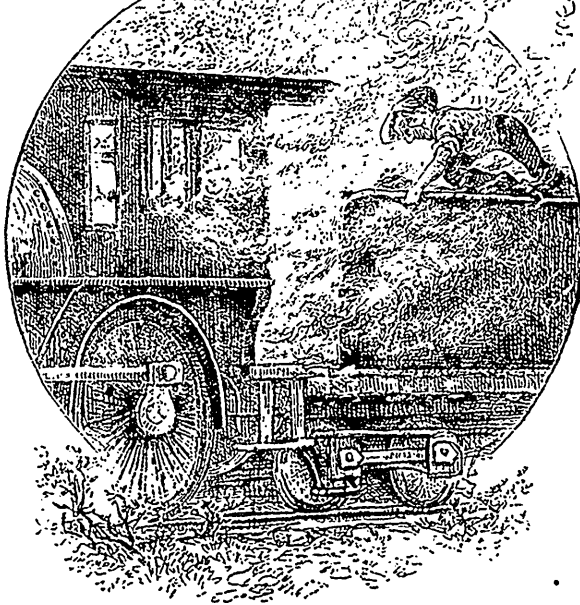
Beloved reader, does not this incident of modern heroism remind you of *One* who sacrificed His own life to save a world from a more terrible and fearful

doom than that of a burning train, and who suffered a more cruel and excruciating death than the brave Joseph Seig? for He hung on Calvary's cross, suffering the dire wrath and the hiding of His Father's face, crying, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" But why was He suffering there? Why was He hang-

ing on that accursed tree? Why was He dying such a cruel death? Did He deserve it? No. Was it for His own sins? No. Who was it for then? Why, for a sinner such as you, dear reader; for "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly."

Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.—Gal. ii. 20.

BRAVE JOE SIEG



The Lord knoweth them that are His.

2 Tim. ii. 9.