

seasons shall be, is preposterous. Coming events do not always cast their shadows.

CHEMIST.—The world is becoming wiser every year, and if we go on in discovery at the rate we have been doing for the last fifty years, who knows but we may be able to tell wonders about the weather, disease, coming events, and about those things which are a mystery now. Look at the recent investigation in chemical analysis by means of the investigation of a ray of light falling upon the spectrum through a prism. The atmospheres of distant worlds have been examined by it, and have been found to contain gases like our own. A few years ago, by means of spectrum analysis, a planet, or shall we say a world, was discovered to be on fire!! Knowledge is extending its wings and every year is mounting to a loftier altitude and taking nobler flights.

SANDIE.—Ay, Chemist, and ye might put telegraphs in your list, for now I am tauld it sends news frae ayont the sea and thro' the sea. As to the machines, I aye think the simpler they are the better. Tak' for example a churn. It has been patented by scores. Ane has had paddles gaen like the wheels o' a steamer, anither has a twist like a screw, and what wi' belts, and cranks, and coggs and levers, would a' most mak' butter by settin' doon the cream in sight o' the kiruin' machine; but, mind ye, after a' there's naething like the good up and down stick o' oor gran'-mither's gin ye want to see gude butter. It needs time to mak' it weel, and no fantangel will hurry it. It's just the same wi' reapin' machines. If they hae o'ur mony fixins, they do verra weel, it may be, whare the corn is stan'in up fine; but whan its a' ravelled, like it was last year, its the single ane that 'ill come oot o' the field wi' the best character. It's difficulty that tries machines as weel as men. There's a middle in the sea, and there's a middle in new-fangled notions, and whare that is there may be something useful. The gude Book says, "Man has sought out many inventions." It may be a prophecy of a' the new inventions.

DOMINIE.—Do you know, Sandie, that the Bible prophesied of railroads?

SANDIE.—Ye shouldna' mak' fun o' the Bible, Dominic. Isna' he makin' fun, Mr. Chairman?

DOMINIE.—Such is not my intention, and if you will turn to Nahum, Chap. II., verse 4, you will find it says, "The chariots shall rage in the streets; they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches; they shall run like lightnings."

MAN IN BLACK.—That is a remarkable passage, but it was intended to represent those armies that went against Nineveh. You should be careful how you quote scripture. I have heard lately very good men, preaching, quote scripture in fragments and without any reference to the context, thus giving partial views of doctrine, and in this way teaching error. One wheel gives a very poor idea of the mechanism of a beautiful machine. One spot of ground conveys but a partial glimpse of a glorious landscape. One star is an object of admiration and wonder, but what is that to the majesty and grandeur of all "the