

The American war was a perfect "godsend" to the manufacturers of Forfar; one having been heard muttering to himself that though formerly they were making sovereigns in "gowpenfus," they were now making them in "hat-fies." There is considerable wealth accumulated about the town; though brisker times would now be a welcome blessing.

We have required to cramp ourselves very much in this notice, on account of our limited space; though we had ample material for much interesting writing and reading. But we conclude it by hoping that the town will keep up, even in these dull times, the high financial character and sterling business honour which the Rev. Mr Bruce ascribed to it at the close of last century:— "It has been observed, to the honour of the Merchants of Forfar, by the people from a distance who have had long and extensive dealings in this country, that there is no town in Angus, where they find fewer bankruptcies and more punctual payments."

These sketches of the development of the past in the present of Strathmore have taught us by experience how to work on in the living movement of true progress. May we so work now that, when the time comes that we cannot work, we can look on our country and our lives with this gladdened retrospect:—

"Oh! through the twilight of autumn's years,
How sweet the back-look on our first youth-world!"

THE END.