

"On that peaceful shore  
Where pilgrims meet to part no more."

"You have weathered many a storm in your passage, mother; but now God is dealing very graciously with you by causing the winds to cease, and by giving you a calm at the end of your voyage."

"God has always dealt graciously with me, my son; but this last expression of his kindness, in permitting me to see you before I die, is so unexpected, that it is like a miracle wrought in answer to prayer."

"O, mother!" replied the sailor, weeping as he spoke, "your prayers have been the means of my salvation, and I am thankful that your life has been spared till I could tell you of it."

She listened with devout composure to the account of his conversion, and at last, taking his hand, she pressed it to her dying lips, and said, "Yes, thou art a faithful God! and as it hath pleased thee to bring back my long-lost child, and adopt him into thy family, I will say, 'Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.'—*Day Star.*

#### THE USEFUL SCHOLAR.

"I recently visited," says a gentleman in America, in 1828, "a well-conducted Sabbath school, consisting of nearly 200 children, seated on circular forms. The director gave out a hymn, which was sung by the children. He then told them he would introduce to them four new scholars, who were arranged before the desk, and their names were mentioned. The superintendent read the rules of the school, which were printed on a card, and were very simple and appropriate, and explained them to the scholars then to be received.—He then prayed for each one of them, after which the following verse was sung by the children, who were seated:

"We welcome you to this dear place,  
Where kind instruction's given;  
And hope that you may see the face  
Of Jesus Christ in heaven."

"I do not remember all the rules on the little card, but the last was, 'I must get as many children to go to the Sabbath school as I can.' This rule will not be forgotten, from an interesting circumstance which the superintendent stated, of a little boy whose name was Samuel. He always made it a practice to invite every child he met, who did not belong to the Sabbath school to attend. He one day found a little boy, who was so lame that he could not walk, and asked him if he would not be glad to attend a Sabbath-school. The boy replied, 'Yes; but I am so lame that I cannot walk: my father is dead, and my brother is gone to sea, and I have nobody to carry me.' 'Oh, I will carry you!' said Samuel: 'I will come for you every Sabbath, and bring you home again. I should like to do it. I'll carry you on my back; you are not very heavy, and I had a good deal rather do it than not.' And every Sabbath morning, Samuel was seen carrying the lame boy on his back to the school. Now, if all Sabbath school children had the same disposition as little Samuel, how few idle children should we see in the streets on the Sabbath."

#### PLEASING INCIDENT.

On the 16th April last, a boy named John Gibson, while proceeding to school, found, on the streets of Gorbals, a purse containing £28 in gold, which he at once handed to his teacher, Mr. Thomson, Norfolk Lane. The teacher, on his part in due course, gave the purse and money over to the Superintendent of Police of the Southern District. At first no inquiry was made after it, and as the day was that on which the "City of Glasgow" steamer sailed, and the purse was found on the line of route to that ship, it was believed that the gold must have been dropped by a passenger previous to embarking. Advertisements were, however, inserted in the newspapers, and in due course a person called at the Police Office, on the part of a widow lady in Dublin, who had sold off her furniture in Glas-