

Our God...is able to deliver us.
Dan. iii. 17.



SAILOR JIM AND THE COMPASS.

WHEN Tom the sailor-boy and his father came into port, another sailor boy came off the vessel with them. He was called "Jim, the Swallow boy" (the name of his ship).

"Now, boys, I'll tell you," said Jim, one day, "We got lost at sea once. We couldn't tell where we were going to for a long while."

"Got lost!" cried Frank Gill, "I should think you would. How do you ever know where you are going, Jim?"

"Come, tell us, Jim," said two or three of the boys.

"Did you ever see a compass, boys?"

"A compass! what is that?"

"Now, boys, I'll sit down on this log and show you a compass, such as we use at sea." The boys came round and looked. "Does this keep you from being lost at sea, Jim?"

"Yes; and I'll show you how. This card is divided into thirty-two points.

Now begin here at the North, and count them round. Then look at this little needle. If it is ever so dark or stormy, it points right to the North, and this shows us how to sail. There is a magnet or loadstone which gives the needle power to do this; and it always does it where it has a fair chance. We put this box, with the compass in it, on board ship, where the man can see it who stands at the helm to steer; and by looking at the needle, he knows which way to guide the ship.

"Now, hurrah for the compass, boys, and for every boy who steers right! To steer right, is to go just the way the Bible tells us. This makes good boys, brave boys, great men, and happy men!"

A WORD TO THE YOUNG.

IF you perceive that anything in your ways makes your parents unhappy, you ought to have no peace until you have corrected it; and if you find yourself indifferent or insensible to their will and wishes, depend upon it yours is a carnal, disobedient, ungrateful heart. If you love them, keep their commandments, otherwise love is a mere word in the mouth, or a notion in the fancy, but not a ruling principle in the heart. They know much of the world, you very little; trust them, therefore, when they differ from you, and refuse compliance with your desire. They watch over you for good, and are entitled to great deference and cheerful obedience. You may easily shorten the lives of affectionate and conscientious parents by misconduct, bad tempers, and alienation from their injunctions. Let not this sin be laid to your charge.

—Leigh Richmond.

Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not.
—Luke xviii. 16.

He that...seeketh good procureth favour.
Prov. xi. 27.