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"ALL THY CHILDREN SHALL BE TAUGHT OF THE LORD."

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## THE CABIN BOY.

The following true story of a Sabbath School boy, is a beautiful illustration of the saying of Solomon, that "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."—Prov. xxii. 1. Our young readers may learn from the history of this boy, the great value of that early piety and good character which may be acquired by a diligent attention to the instructions given them in the Sabbath School.—We wish every boy and girl to read ~~it~~ It is taken from the ~~Guardian~~ *Guardian*, for April.

A poor widow had become very miserable since the death of her husband. She was full of painful anxiety, and was very often suffering for want of food, and endured great hardships. Her only son had just left school, and was so unhappy at the state to which his poor mother was reduced, that he

went about everywhere, seeing what he could do to help her. "We must not die of hunger," said he one day: "let me go to sea; perhaps I may be able to earn something for you." His poor mother at last gave way to his entreaties; but it cost her a great deal to let him go, and almost broke her heart. The young boy went to the nearest seaport, to see if he could get put on board a merchant-vessel. He asked a great many Captains to take him; but it was all in vain. After spending many days in going from one to the other, weary and sad, he thought he must return to his poor mother; but the thought of being a burden to her made him desperately miserable. Just then he thought he saw another Captain looking at him. John (that was the boy's name) went up to him directly, and said, "Please, Sir, don't you want a cabin-boy?" "I'm looking out for one here," said the Captain. "O, then, dear Sir, do take me!" "Show me your testimonials." "No one knows me here, Sir: if I were in my own parish, I could easily