

much loved, with Grace, how happy it would have made her ; to know that her son had never forgotten her early teachings, nor ever would do."

When on his bended knees before the Throne of Grace, that night, his new-found friends were mingled with his petitions.

The next day was spent very happily. They all went to church together, and it made Grace happy to know he was there ; and afterwards they had quiet enjoyment at home. The day was spent like other Christmas days, with a difference on this occasion—they had only one guest, instead of a number, as in former years—but the presence of this one favoured guest seemed to have brought happiness and merriment into their midst ; and even Aunt Jane laid aside her grumbling for the time being, to enter into the enjoyment of a conversation with the son of an old and esteemed friend. England and England's doings formed a pleasant theme, and she never tired of it. Mr. Watson had a happy way of adapting himself to his company ; all enjoyed his society, and when, at the end of the evening, he rose to take his leave,