

Father," answered the pilot. "And," he added, "I will go aloft myself."

He did so, but soon returned to the deck and reported that there was nothing whatever to be seen.

Thereupon, Xavier said to the captain: "I am certain that the boat is coming! I beg of you to take in your sails, so that she may overtake us!"

The order was given, and the vessel dropped her sails and remained stationary for a long time; but the passengers became weary of the delay and, with loud cries, called upon the captain to set sail again. Father Xavier, thereupon, bowed his head and burst into tears.

—Then, addressing the passengers, he said: "Have patience, I beseech you, for the boat is coming!" And, raising his streaming eyes to heaven, he exclaimed: "Jesus, my Lord and my God! I beg of you, by the sufferings of your holy passion, to have pity on these poor souls, who are striving to reach us amid so many perils!"

After this prayer, he closed his eyes and remained, with his head bowed down and resting upon the yard perfectly motionless and without uttering a single word, so that the people thought he had fallen asleep.

Suddenly, a young child who stood at the foot of the mainmast, cried-out: "The boat! the boat! a miracle! a miracle!" At this wonderful news, every soul on board rushed on deck to see the marvellous sight of the rescued long-boat. And, in very truth, there was the long lost boat, with every man of her crew safe and sound. Shouts of joy and delight filled the air, and every eye was wet with tears of gratitude to Almighty God and to the holy apostle, to whom they were indebted for so great a prodigy; all hearts were delirious with joy and delight.

The boat came to a stand, of itself, along side of the ship, and, notwithstanding that the sea was violently agitated, the little craft never moved in the slightest way while her human cargo of fifteen were getting on board the "San Miguel." The boat was entirely uninjured and had no appearance of having suffered from the violence of the storm.

After the first outburst of joy had subsided, the rescued people were eagerly questioned by their comrades of the ship.