## COMMANDER JAMIE.

There lived in a Scotch village a very little boy, Jamie by name, who set his heart on being a sailor. His mother loved him very dearly, and the thought of giving him up grieved her exceedingly; but he showed such an anxiety to go and see the distant countries which he had read about that she finally consented. As the boy left home the good woman said to him: "Wherever you are, Jamie, whether on sea or land, never forget to acknowledge your God. Promise me that you will kneel down every night and morning, and say your prayers, no matter whether the sailors laugh at you or not."

"Mother, I promise you I will," said Jamie, and soon he was on shipboard bound for India.

They had a good captain, and some of the sailors were religious men, no one laughed at the boy when he kneeled down to pray.

On the return voyage, things were not quite so pleasant. Some of the sailors having run away, their places were supplied by others, and one of these proved a very bad fellow. When he saw little Jamie kneeling down to say his prayers this wicked sailor went up to him, and, giving him a sound box on the ear, said in a very decided tone, "None of that here, sir."

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Another seaman who saw this, although he swore sometimes, was indignant that the child shoud be so cruelly treated, and told the bully to come up on deck and he would give him a thrashing. The challenge was accepted, and the well deserved heating was duly bestowed. Both then returned to the cabin, and the swearing man said, " Now, Jamie, say your prayers, and if he dares to touch you I will give him another dressing."

like to have any one say his prayers or to do right in any way, so he put it into the little boy's mind that it was quite unnecessary for him to be creating such a disturbance in the ship when it could be easily avoided, if he would only say his prayers quietly in his hammock so that nobody would observe it. Now, see how little he gained by this cowardly proceeding. The moment that the friendly sailor saw Jamie get into the hammock without first kneeling down to pray, he hurried to the spot and dragged him out by the neck, he said :

I am going to fight for you, and you not say your prayers, you young rascal?"

During the whole voyage back to London this reckless, profane sailor watched over the boy as if he had been his father, and every night saw that he kneeled down and said his prayers. Jamie soon began to be industrious, and during his spare time studied his books. He learned all about ropes and rigging, and when he became old enough, about taking latitude and longitude.

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