Houths' Department.

Up the Ladder; or, Striving and Thriving. CHAPTER RIV.

THE PARTED SHIP. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help time of trouble."

Here we will leave him, while we give a brief account of the youth named Frank, who first in-troduced him on board the Josephine; and who, notwithstanding Alfred's disgrace, took every op-portunity to prove to him that he was his real friend.

Frank, or Francis Greyson, was the son of a gentleman residing near the large city which was the birthplace of Alfred. He was rather a sickly boy, and caused his parents great anxiety least he ld never live to reach maturity. His mother and a brother who was a seaman, a noble, Chrisian man, an ornament to the profession he had hosen. When on shore this gentleman made his home with his sister. It was not strange, therefore, that, hearing his uncle's lively descriptions of the sea, and having constantly before his view-hung as it was between the front windows of his mother's parlor—a picture of the Sea-shell the vessel which his uncle commanded, that he, uld conceive a desire to accompany him on a

To this Mrs. Greyson at first absolutely refused her consent, but finally yielded to her brother's solicitations, and the advice of their family physician that a voyage round the world would do nore for the strong physical development of the

boy than a whole case of medicine.

I have not space to describe any of the incidents of the voyage, except one which occurred near its close. It is enough for our present purpose to say that Frank shipped as cabin-boy ut pay, and therefore was not subjected to the hard work required of Alfred. By his prompt and cheerful obedience to orders, and his readiness to lend a hand to any one in need of his services, he rendered himself a favorite with all on board. From the captain in his office to the boy-of-all-work, each one was pleased with the

opportunity to do Frank a kind turn.

Every morning and evening when the weather would admit, all hands, except those absolutely necessary for steering the ship, were called to gether to hear the beautiful service of the Episopal Church, and often during the day the noble boy might be seen relieving the tedious watch of the sailor by reading to him the word of God. On the Sea-shell, an oath or impure word was

mished as severely as any other breach of the rules of the ship, and the captain had more than once appealed to the sailors, by their affection for the beautiful boy, who was the pride of the whole crew, to help him keep his promise to his whole crew, to help him keep his promise to his dister. This was, that Frank, by the blessing of God, should be returned to her as pure in heart variety of any establishment in the Lower Provinces. and life as he left her. There was not an honest ar on board but would have felt the blush of me burn his rough cheek to have Frank hear from his lips a word that could defile his ear.

The voyage had been a successful one, and already the seamen began to feel the breezes of home fan their cheeks, when on a dark and tempestuous night, the awful cry of "Ship ahoy! right upon us!" sounded loud and fearful through the roaring of the tempest. The shock came so suddenly that before the officers could give any orders the bowsprit passed over the bulwarks, tearing through shrouds and rigging. The vessel had parted, and the ship's company were either linging to the broken pieces of their vessel or thrown into the water. Fortunately for them aid was soon at hand. The ship Josephine, which had been the cause of this dreadful disaster, threw over buoys, her coops and ropes, and let down boats, to rescue the poor drowning sailors; but as they were so near home, they, of course, preferred being taken on board other boats, which carried them to vessels lying in the harbor, rom which they safely reached the shore.

The noise and tumult in both vessels was be-

yond description. In the midst of all the horror and confusion caused by this dreadful accident, nothing distressed the captain more than the loss of his nephew. Uniformly calm and self-possessed, he seemed now almost beside himself with ear and grief as one company after another reached the ship, and no one could give the least information with regard to Frank. He tried to ealize the truth of what his mates and others told him so hopefully, that probably Frank had been picked up by some other vessel, but there was a heart-sinking fear which predominated above all other emotions, and that was, that his lovely boy lay at the bottom of the sea.

How should he ever dare to convey to the

other such sorrowful tidings! How could he eet her anxious inquiries, "Oh, where is my

He reached the shore, no longer hailed with light as his native soil. He forgot that in one oment the savings of his lifetime had been engulphed by the treacherous waves. He forgot everything in his wild searchings for his boy; and at last was forced to carry bitter, bitter sor row and anguish to the hearts waiting with buoyant expectation for the coming of their

In the meantime Frank was not dead. When he felt the terrible crash which rent the vessel asunder, with one bound he sprang from the rted ship on board the Josephine, which caused he fatal catastrophe.

It was not until the sun was several hours

that Captain Mouroe, who commanded the sel bound to Calcutta, discovered a boy ming over the side of the ship, weeping bit-

He approached him quickly, inquiring, "What the matter, my lad; and how did you come on pard the Josephine?"

Frank narrated his wonderful escape from the

arted vessel, and then was led on to give an ac-ent of himself and the bitter disappointment had experienced in being obliged to go to sea They will think I am dead!" exclaimed the

by, in a passion of grief; and my uncle, if he alive, will blame himself that he persuaded other to let me go with him." "What is your uncle's name?" asked the sym-

ising captain. His name is James Taylor. The com

"Ah! why, he is one of my dearest friends!"

Do you think he was drowned?" Oh no! he was picked up and carried on

Frank began to cry again.

The is a misfortune, certainly," said the good m, his eyes becoming dewy with sympathizing m; "but we will try to make it as easy for m as we can. In the first place, you must write a ter to your parents, which I will enclose in one my owners, that it may be delivered with due to and have them ready for the first vessel which I am sorry to say, though, it is an understance incumstance to speak vessels in the itude to which we are going; and therefore many not be disappointed if we do not have opportunity to send home until near the end

ing wife; but the influence of worldly cares had gradually dissipated whatever seriousness he might once have had, though he still entertained

a great respect for religion.

The first thing that particularly interested himin Frank was observing the soothing effect which prayer had upon him. During the early part of the voyage, the boy would often give way to bursts of irrepressible sorrow that he could not have seen his parents and sister before going again on so long a voyage. In vain his friend tried to soothe him by promises of presents they would purchase in Calcutta for the absent ones nis tears would flow like a river. At length he would go into his little cabin, next to the captain's, and pour out his griefs before his sympathizing Saviour. In a few minutes he would return, with a calm, serious air, certainly, but with his sorrow quite subdued.

On one occasion, Captain Monroe, curious to know the searct of such an influence, followed the boy and listened at the door of his room. It was a touching picture: the child upon his knees, wrestling with his heavenly Father for more submission to his holy will, for the cheerful acquiescence in his lot, which should prove him to be following the example of him who drank, without murmuring, the cup of sorrow to the dregs; for grace to live so humbly that all who saw him might be won to his Saviour; for the dear ones who were mourning his loss at home. The officer also appeared, wiping the fast-flowing tears, at the half-open door,

Frank was not slow to notice the change in the captain's deportment; and his sorrow for himself decreased as he began to plead with God for a blessing upon his friend.

Nor was it long before the answer came. One day Captain Monroe called Frank into his cabin and said, "I have found out why you were subjected to so bitter a disappointment. God sent von to me, as a means of leading me to a knowledge of my Saviour's love."

"I was sure," answered the boy, in his simple, trusting manner, "that God did it for the best; and that was why I tried so hard to say, 'Thy will be done.'

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