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"Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters."

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To the Memory
OF
MY BELOVED WIFE,
WHO,
BEYOND THE SEA,

IS

"WITH CHRIST, WHICH IS FAR BETTER,"

I Dedicate this Book.

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LAND AHEAD!!

“About midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country; and sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.”—ACTS xxvii. 27-28.

THE cry of “Land Ahead!!” may not always produce exactly similar emotions, even on board the same ship. The feelings of the voyager when he hears that shout will depend very much upon circumstances. To the storm-worn sailor, when the land is the headland of the haven to which he is bound, and where he expects to meet with loved ones from whom he has long been severed, that cry is as music to his soul; but to the felon, who, apprehended in a foreign land, is on his way to judgment and to death, the tidings are as the death-knell to his heart. And there is all that difference in the feelings by which men are moved as they find themselves drawing near to the eternal world. To some it is as going home, while to others it is as going to appear before an insulted Judge.

But for the most part, none of us feel as we should in the prospect of this landing. Many still die who, though they are “without God in the world,” yet “have no bands in their death;” while not a few of God’s own children, “through fear of death,” are “all their lifetime subject to bondage.”