DAILY CRESCENT.

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.—BY J. G. SAXE.

"Ah! well I mind me of a child,
A glorious, happy child,
Who came to the cottage door, to church,
Each Sunday morning,
And knelt her down reverently,
And prettily prayed.
"And oft, when church was done, I marked
That little maiden, near
Thy pleasant spot, with sunbeck in hand,
As you are sitting here.
She read the Story of the Cross,
And wept with good shame.

"Years rolled away—and I beheld
The child to woman grown;
Her cheek was fair, and her eye
With brighter lustre shone;
But childhood's truth and innocence
Were still the maiden's own.

"I never sing a merier song,
Than when, a happy bride,
She chanted beneath the sacred porch,
A noble youth beside,
And plighted him her maiden troth,
Her husband to be—

"I never tolled a deeper knell,
Than when, in after years,
They bid her to the churchyard bear,
Where this love ended, sorrow—
(The very grave, my boy, that you
Are waiting now with tears!)

"*It is thy mother!* gentle boy,
That claims this tale of mine—
Thou art a flower, whose first birth
Bestowed the parent vine!
A precious flower (one set, my child—
Thou art the same) to WATCH FOR THINE!

"One, on the second mother's urn,
She gives thee, mortal, birth;
And on the Saviour's, when in death,
He gave HIS life for earth!
Go! love, and live as our hope
Thy life's unending worth!"

The lay ended, as from a dream,
And, startled, I awoke;
Beneath me, save at his feet,
His mother's lowly mound,
And by its side that sainted child
Had sunken in the ground!

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