

reira ka titiro ki mua, a, na tenei kua marama ia i te mahara ake ko ko ia i te Ariki. Kahore he hopohopo, kahore he wehi a P—, kua roa ke hoki tona matau ko ia ho tangata hara kua whakaorangia e te atawhai mo nga toto maringi o te Reme. He takiwa whakamautau tenei mona, otira na te atawhai o tona Atua kai-whakaora a ia i whakakaha, a, na te mahara ake ki tenei ka kaha ia ki tenei mate.

I te mea kua tae te wai ki te mangui i te kore ngoi, pouiri te po, wiri i te maeke, kua pau te kaha, kua he nga mahara ka mea ia, kia panga atu ona karewa kia we ia te mate. Ka puta ake ano he whakaaro mana, o—na hatana tera whakaaro. Ka huri ano nga whakaaro, ki te Atua a ka mea ia, me he whakaaro ta te Atua ki te pupuru i a ia ki konei, kaha uoa atu ia ki te kawae mai i te ora—kei konei, titiro konewhanewha atu nga kanohi, ka kite i te poti kua tae mai ki a ia. I te matatu tonu te kai hoo, a, na te Atua i whakaanga atu te poti ki a ia, hohoro tonu ta ratou hopu i a ia a kua riro ora atu ia ki runga ki te poti. Mei kore ia kua paremo, kua tata hoki ia te kawae e te roma ki tetahi wahi au nui koreira tino mate ai. Hohoro tonu te hoe ki uta, a na te rongoatanga, ka ora ratou.

Paku ana te rongo o te tauritanga me te ratou ora ake, me te panuitanga ko a te ratapu iho na P— te kauwhau, ka hui waho katoa mai, nga mea i tata, nga mea o tawhiti. Na te mea kahore ano ia i ata ora, me te mamae hoki ki tana tamaiti mate, rapurapu ana ia ki tetahi kupu mana. Rapu atu ana ia ki te Atua, a, ka puta uakaha atu i ona ngutu te kupu. Mehemea nei he reo mai no te po, pehi ana nga kupu ki etahi, maringi ana nga roimata, i te whakarongo atu ki tana whakapukitanga i nga korero tawhito o ta te Atua aroha whakanuihara, me te tono atu ki a ratou kia whakaaro ki o ratou wairua.

Ka titiro atu ia ki nga Tamariki ka mea atu—“E te whanau, mehemea ko akuanei koutou mate ai, kohea ru koutou? Kua takataka koutou kia tika ai ta koutou ta ki te aroaro o te Atua? Kua tahuri atu koutou ki a Ia? Kua whakawhanau houtia koutou? Kua horeia koutou ki nga toto o

fellows drifting along at no great distance off. It was but the work of a few moments to pull out and rescue them from their perilous position. Two of them were on the very eve of exhaustion, and Jamie had perished. Was there any possibility of finding P—, or had he also succumbed? The hope of saving him was faint; still they could but try. So on they rowed, till at last they had the joy of finding him some five miles from where the boat sank. A few more moments and it would have been too late.

For two long hours P— had found himself carried farther and farther away, with nothing around him but sea and fog, and only two small buoys to keep him afloat. Eternity stared him in the face. There seemed no hope unless by the direct intervention of God. The past came crowding upon his mind, and then the future, the bright future of being for ever with the Lord. No doubt or fear filled his breast, for P— had long known what it was to be a sinner saved by grace, washed in the precious blood of the Lamb. Yet it was a testing moment, but the grace of his Saviour God sustained him, and the knowledge of His wondrous love kept him during that terrible ordeal.

At last, being nearly to the mouth in the water, surrounded by darkness, shivering with cold, strength gone, and senses failing, the thought pressed upon him to quit hold of the buoys, and end the struggle. But life is dear, and he felt afterwards that it was the suggestion of Satan. Lifting up his heart again to God, he thought if He meant to keep him here. He would find means even then to save him, and looking round, in a half unconscious state, he saw a boat apparently about to run right over him. But all were keeping a sharp lookout, and through the Lord's infinite mercy they had steered straight to him. In another second or two loving hands had laid hold of him, and he was hauled safely into the boat. He was rescued at the last moment from a watery grave, for he was on the eve of drifting into a part of the current where the waters ran with such violence that he must have succumbed from sheer