

one was more astonished than the culprit at the consequence of his action, and, to do him justice, I must say he had the saving grace to look somewhat embarrassed. The buoy was rescued with some trouble, and I venture to think that this particular "meddlesome man" was partially cured of his failing.

These few reflections and recollections I have set down as they occurred to me, without any particular regard to the order in which they come, but I trust the friends who honour me by perusing these humble pages will pardon all shortcomings. Some people make a journal of their doings on shipboard with the idea that, on reaching London or any other great city to which they may be bound, they have only to announce the fact that they have such a document, to