

They make for the steamer, and as each new-comer is handed down into the cabin, the anxiety of those who are eagerly looking for some loved one is great indeed, and the greetings, when such are met with, are very earnest. For the third time the boat reaches the stranded ship, and brings away the remaining passengers. The cabin of the steamer is full of women and children, in every stage of exhaustion and excitement. They are very thankful to God for the full answers vouchsafed to the earnest prayers of the last night.

The steamer, heavily freighted with the rescued emigrants, makes the best of her way towards Ramsgate.

The rumour spreads that the steamer and life-boat have been away all night, and are every minute expected to round the point and appear in sight. The throng on the pier increases, for long there has been an anxious look-out astward for the appearance of the returning steamer, and great is the feeling of gladness and deep the murmur of satisfaction as the gallant "Aid" appears, with her flags flying at the life-boat's masthead, telling the glad tale of successful effort. From the pier the crowd looks down upon the multitude on board, and knows that they are just snatched from the jaws of death, and a thrill of wonder and gladness passes through them all, with that half-formed sense of fear which a realisation of danger recently escaped either by ourselves or others always gives. The crowd waves, and shouts, and hurrahs, and gives every sign of glad welcome and deep congratulation; and as the steamer sweeps round the pier-head, the pale up-turned faces of one hundred rescued men, women, and children smile back a glad acknowledgment of the hearty welcome so warmly given. It is a scene almost overpowering in the deep feeling it produces.

The emigrants land, they toil weakly up the steps to the pier, all bearing signs of the scene of danger and hardship through which they have passed. Some are barely clothed, some have blankets wrapped round them, and all are weary and worn, and faint with cold and wet and long suspense. There are some aged women among them who had been unwilling to be left behind when those most dear to them were about to seek their fortunes abroad; others had been sent for by their friends, and to them