

" like David they almost exceeded. May the Lord  
 " be ever with you and your tender hearted amiable  
 " and hopeful Companions. — 129. ~~47~~

With respect to honest Tooi, I beg leave to mention one  
 of his exploits which he told me some time since.  
 It happened during the first trip he had on board a  
 South Sea Whaler. The ship was laying at Anchor  
 in a bay, and had dispatched all her boats to an  
 Island at a considerable distance to catch seals, and  
 did not expect their return for several weeks. They  
 had a favourite Newfoundland Dog belonging to the Ship  
 who one night leaped overboard and swam on shore, and  
 after remaining a time, he came down to the beach  
 and made piteous howling to be taken on board.  
 But they had no boat. Tooi and the Captain set  
 about constructing one, of hoops and seal skins, and when  
 finished, the former volunteered his service to fetch off  
 the poor Animal. He padded himself on shore very  
 well, and got his freight on board, and the Endeavour  
 would have succeeded had the Dog remained still:  
 instead of which he got his feet upon the Gunnel  
 of the frail bark which capsized her in a moment.  
 The tide was drifting them with great rapidity  
 towards the Ship — The Captain and people on board  
 were anxiously on the look out and when near enough  
 threw out a log line, which Tooi laid hold of, but the  
 tide was running so strong, that it broke ere they  
 could get our young hero on board. Good swimmer as  
 he was, it was impossible for him to bear up against  
 such a tide. The only probability of saving his life was  
 by swimming to a point of land about 3 or 4 Miles  
 off in the Bay to which the Tide was drifting him.