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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Missionary Society for Seamen*

IN THE

CITY AND PORT OF NEW-YORK.

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## REPORT.

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THE Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New-York, in presenting their Third Annual Report, are constrained to appeal to the liberality of the church to relieve them from present pecuniary embarrassment, and to place them in a position for future enlarged and permanent usefulness. During the last year the Board, in compliance with a resolution of the Society, adopted at the annual meeting in 1845, have had built a second Floating Chapel, capable of accommodating about 500 persons, and finished and furnished in a manner suited to the holy purposes for which it is intended. It has been called "The Church of the Holy Comforter," and is moored at the foot of Dey-street, on the North River. This chapel was opened for Divine Service on Sunday, the 11th day of October last, on which occasion the Rev. Mr. Parker, the Missionary of the Society, officiated; since that time Divine Service has been regularly performed there twice on every Sunday, by several of the clergy of this city and Brooklyn, for whose kind assistance the Board desire to make their most grateful acknowledgments. The Board are called upon to record with gratitude a well-timed donation of five hundred dollars towards the erection of the new chapel, by the same unknown individual whose liberal

gift of one thousand dollars for the same object was referred to in the last annual report. Heaven's record of good deeds will sustain a lasting impression of true charity such as this.

The Board have also received from the Messrs. Appletons one hundred Prayer Books, and from the New-York Bible and Prayer Book Society a liberal supply of Bibles and Prayer Books for the use of this chapel. The attendance at each service is good, the congregation being for the most part composed of seamen and boatmen, and their families. The respectful and attentive demeanour of all present, and the satisfaction evinced at this result of our labours, give assurance that these labours have not been in vain.

The heavy disbursements occasioned by the erection of this chapel have not only exhausted the building fund of the Society, but have likewise encumbered them with a debt, on this account, of thirteen hundred and forty dollars and seventy-one cents, which, by a resolution of the Board, must be entirely liquidated before the chapel can be consecrated by the Bishop; the propriety of this resolution, the Board trust, will not be called in question. The house dedicated to the worship of the Most High, and solemnly set apart for this object in the manner provided by the church, should not be exposed to the uncongenial visit of the creditor, or subject to the process of the law. It remains for the members of this Society and the church to determine how long this beautiful temple of the Lord, with its minister and people, shall be deprived of this holy ordinance.

The completion of the new chapel has rendered indispensable the appointment of a second missionary. The Board have, with great unanimity, invited the Rev.

D. V. M. Johnston to this station, who has accepted the appointment, and partially commenced his labours on the Sunday before Easter. The universal approbation with which this selection has been received is an earnest that the qualifications of the incumbent eminently fit him for the duties he is called upon to perform.

The pecuniary condition of the Society, and the means of punctually defraying all their obligations, have engaged the earnest attention of the Board of Managers. The Treasurer's Report for the past year exhibits a deficiency in the general fund, in addition to the debt due for the erection of the new chapel, of \$558<sup>36</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. It is estimated by the Treasurer that the expenses of the Board for the next year will amount to \$3,400. The Board purpose to realize this sum from the following sources:

The corporation of Trinity Church have granted	
an annual stipend of . . . . .	\$500
The boxes in the chapels will average, . . . . .	200

The Board hope to obtain the full number of one thousand annual subscribers, at two dollars each, as urged in their last annual report. This, with the collections in the churches, as recommended by the canon, will, it is believed, furnish ample funds to meet all the ordinary expenses of the Society.

The Board desire at this time to invite attention more particularly to the proposed number of annual subscribers. They regret to be compelled to state, that during the year that has just closed, but few, very few, names have been added to the list: there are but two hundred and fifty-eight in all. We have about fifty organized congregations in this city and Brooklyn, and not less

than twenty-five thousand attending members. It surely cannot be considered unreasonable or extravagant, to expect that out of this number one thousand should enrol themselves members of this Society. There never has been a time when a society for the benefit of seamen could present with a better grace, or in a more imposing manner, their claims to the sympathy, benevolence and prayers of the christian community than the present! A gracious Providence has seen fit to fill *our* barns and store-houses to overflowing, whilst others of the human family are dying by thousands in want and wretchedness. Prosperity and abundance are every where around us. The commerce of the world is ours. Wealth is pouring into our land by every vessel that crosses the ocean. The merchant, the ship builder, the mechanic and the tradesman are thriving, and the poor seaman, whose toil and exposure contribute so largely to all this prosperity, asks for aid, that he may worship in his own holy *consecrated* temple the God who has thus favoured our land and blessed us. Can we render a more acceptable tribute of our gratitude, than by a prompt, cordial, liberal compliance with such an appeal? The Board of Managers, in the name of the seamen of the city and port of New-York, solicit but a very small portion of the wealth that their labours are daily bringing to our shores.

It may be asked, how have the Board discharged the trusts confided to them? The answer is, in the establishment of churches and providing spiritual guides and friends to seamen.

*Free Churches*, in which they and their wives and their children can worship without money or restraint, where the sacraments and ordinances of the church are admin-

istered, in which fervent prayers are offered up for the safety of such as are exposed to the dangers of the *great deep*, and sincere thanksgivings rendered for safe return from sea. The sailor has learned to love his church, which has been to him the means of inestimable blessings.

The Society has also furnished *seamen* with *friends and ministers*, who give them sound advice, and supply them with good books to guide them when in their lonely way; in sickness or distress they are visited and comforted, and in the hour of death they receive the hopes and consolations of religion. The report of the Society's Missionary in charge of the chapel of "Our Saviour," for the last year, furnishes the most gratifying assurance of the blessings seamen enjoy, by means of his labours amongst them. During the last year, thirteen persons have been added to the number of communicants. Thirty-two have received the holy sacrament of baptism, most of them infants of sailors, and five adult seamen. Twelve were confirmed by the Bishop on the 21st of March, and at least fifteen more are preparing for that holy rite. In addition to this, each seaman, if disposed, is supplied with a Bible, Prayer Book and other religious works before going to sea.

The Board invite the attention of all who feel an interest in this Society, to a careful perusal of the report of their most faithful missionary.

Such is the condition of the Society, and such the proceedings of the Board during the year that has just closed; they are well aware that much more might have been effected; they submit that what they have done, will justify further contributions to discharge their present embarrassing debts, and the required number of annual subscribers, to enable them to sustain their two Floating

Chapels; and they earnestly solicit also, the prayers of the church, that they may be enabled to fulfil a portion of the solemn responsibility they have assumed. With these they are prepared to enter upon a new year with increased exertions; and they cannot doubt that whilst their labours are conducted in humble dependence upon the great Head of the Church, they will continue to be crowned with success.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW-YORK, in account current with J. DAVENPORT, Treasurer, from 13th April, 1846, to 3d April, 1847.

Dr.

To paid Rev. B. C. C. Parker, on acct. of salary, .....  
 " " " " " amount collected .....  
 " " for Books, .....  
 " " Jas. G. Rowe, sexton of E. R. Chapel, to 1st January, 1847, .....  
 " " Chas. Hemborg, sexton of N. R. Chapel, to 27th February, 1847, .....  
 " " J. Moran, wharfage for E. R. Chapel, to 1st November, 1847, .....  
 " " Hart's Basin wharfage, for N. R. Chapel, to 1st February, 1847, .....  
 " " organist of E. R. Chapel, to 16th Sept. 1846, .....  
 " " Howard Ins. Co. prem. for ins. of N. R. Chapel on \$3000, to 12th June, 1847, .....  
 " " Howard Ins. Co. prem. for ins. of E. R. Chapel on \$2000, to 27th Feb., 1848, .....  
 " " printing Annual and other Reports, Bill Heads, &c., .....  
 " " for Coal for the two Chapels, .....  
 " " J. Cooke, for attendance on the Board of Managers at St. Clement's Church, .....  
 " " " " " E. R. Chapel, .....  
 " " Blank Book for Treasurer, .....  
 " " R. Still, for music books, Sec. E. R. Chapel, special approx. 29th March, 1847, .....  
 Balance on hand, .....

\$1,333 10  
 New-York, 3d April, 1847.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing account, and find it to be correct, showing a balance due to the Society this day of \$30 57.

E. L.

J. DAVENPORT, Treasurer.

H. MERRIS, JR., }  
 W. S. THOMAS, } Auditing Committee.

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DISPOSABLE FUND.  
 \$337 15 By balance of cash from late Treasurer, 13th April, 1846, .....  
 " " donations from Grace Church, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Taylor, .....  
 " " " St. George's Church, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Dr. Tyng, .....  
 " " " St. Thomas' Church, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Whitehouse, .....  
 " " " Christ Church, Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Stone, .....  
 " " " Emanuel Church, Brooklyn, Rev. F. Vinton, .....  
 " " " Zion Ch., N. Y., Rev. R. Cox, .....  
 " " " St. Peter's Church, N. Y., Rev. Dr. Smith, .....  
 " " collection at St. Paul's, N. Y., 23th March, 1847, after sermon by the Rev. E. Vinton, .....  
 " " appropriation from Trinity Church, N. Y., for Missionary, 6 months, to 1st Nov., 1846, .....  
 " " collections at the E. R. Chapel, for books, .....  
 " " " " " " " for the Mission, .....  
 " " " " " N. R. Chapel, .....  
 " " annual subscriptions paid for 1845 and 1846, .....  
 " " donations from sundry individuals, .....  
 " " " " " from the crew of the ship "Rainbow," for books, by O. Cammann, .....  
 " " " " " " " .....  
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 20 57  
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J. DAVENPORT, Treasurer.

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## PERMANENT FUND.

To paid Jarvis Johnson, on ac't of building contract, \$2,100 00	By bal. of cash, 13th April, 1846, from late treasurer, \$663 26
" " C. C. Fenwick, for painting N. R. Chapel, 392 00	" " donation from " A. Protestant Episcopalian, through T. N. Stanford, Esq., Grace Church, N. Y., through Rev. Doct. Taylor, 500 00
" " Tablets, &c., 93 37	" " Ascension Church, N. Y., through Rev. G. T. Bodell, 251 00
" " Geo. Jardine, on ac't of Organ, 1st pay't., 100 00	" " Calvary Church, N. Y., through Rev. S. L. Southard, 182 65
" " Abner Stephenson, for glass and glazing, 109 75	" " R. B. Miaturn, Esq., 150 00
" " Jos. A. Kiley, for upholstery work, 61 04	" " Joseph Sands, Esq., 100 00
" " Sundry bills for furniture and books for desk and chancel, 58 50	" " J. F. Bitterworth, Esq., 100 00
" " Thompson & Co., for carpentering, 41 04	" " W. H. Aspinwall, Esq., 100 00
" " W. H. Hoekman, wharfage of boats at the foot of 9th Street, 70 00	" " Emanuel Church, Brooklyn, Rev. Francis Vinton, 60 12
" " Sundry bills for ballast, steam towing, labour, whitewashing, boats, flags, &c., 119 33	" " G. T. Fox, Esq., Cambridge, Eng. 50 00
" " Balance on hand, carried to credit of new ac't., 25 06	" " Miss Elizabeth Terrill, 50 00
	" " Walter R. Jones, Esq., 25 00
	" " Messrs. Fox and Livingston, 25 00
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	" " W. A. Spencer, Esq., 50 00
	" " Capt. J. T. Martin, \$15, James A. Brown, Esq., \$15, 30 00
	" " St. Peter's Church, N. Y., Rev. H. Smith, 13 91
	" " Sundry individuals, 494 19
	" " Loan from a member of the Board of Managers, 200 00

New-York, 3d April, 1847.

The undersigned have examined this account, and compared it with the vouchers exhibited by the Treasurer, and find it to be correct.

New-York, April 5, 1847.

\$3,170 14

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ANNUAL REPORT  
TO THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS,  
OF  
Rev. B. C. C. PARKER, Missionary,  
IN CHARGE OF THE  
FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

My labours the past year, in connection with the floating Church of our Saviour, have been replete with the deepest interest. I have seen many cases of decided conversion, by the instrumentality of God's Spirit in the field of my duties. I have had opportunities from time to time, to watch the development of a radical change of character in these persons, and to observe their progress in the religious life; and have been cheered by the most encouraging indications, that godliness has taken a deeper hold of their affections, as they have gone forth to battle with temptation. In some cases, at my own request, I have obtained from sailors their private journal, kept while at sea, and have been delighted to perceive from entries on many pages, that their duty to God has been often in their thoughts, and their regard for their Saviour, a prominent feature in the subject of their meditations.

The number of sailors who have been regular attendants at the chapel, has been very manifestly augmented during the last year; and I have seen at least one thousand who occasionally attend there while in port.

The fact is doubtless kept in mind by the friends of the mission, that sailors are generally but a week or two on shore at one time; often they have no opportunity of attending God's worship, even one Sunday, before they are again on the deep; many of these I have seen during the week. Our congregation is constantly a changing one; and many, in one way or other, come under the influences of

this mission, who are seldom seen at church. Persons just into port, from long voyages at sea, every Sunday return thanks to Almighty God in his house, for their merciful preservation in the dangers to which they have been exposed, and many request the prayers of the congregation when about to leave our shores.

With a deep sense of responsibility, from the very limited occasions on which they can have spoken to them the words of eternal life, I have often addressed them as if they were hearing their last sermon on earth. The spirit of God has manifestly touched the hearts of many in that house of prayer; and not unfrequently, both after the services and in visiting me at my residence, where my wife engages with them as freely, in religious conversation, as I am permitted to do myself, we receive the most cheering evidences of this fact, and that it has been good for them to be there.

It has been my unvarying practice, every Sunday afternoon, to give to the sailors who expect to leave the port before our next service, a religious book to read on their voyage, which has been obtained by their own contributions, in a box at the door for that purpose, and the contributions of others worshipping with them in our chapel.

It is gratifying to me to be able to state, that often in these conversations, do they refer to the good which these books have done their souls. Sometimes it has been a Bible; at another time the Prayer Book, or the Sailors' Manual of Devotion; at other times an interesting biographical narrative, Pilgrim's Progress, Baxter's Call, or some other impressive work, calculated to encourage the timid, to alarm the careless, or help on his way the seeker of light and grace and mercy.

To such an extent has this distribution been made, through the liberality of those who feel interested in the religious welfare of seamen, since the services at our chapel were commenced, that these books have been carried, and have been the guide and companion of sailors pent up for months together in our ships, to every navigable latitude and longitude on our globe.

I have heard of them in the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Indian Oceans; in the Baltic, the Mediterranean and the China Seas; among the far distant islands of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, and in the whale ships penetrating the most unfrequented portions of the globe.

The monthly abstracts from my journal, have placed before the Board of Managers many thrilling incidents connected with the field of

my labours, in which the benefits of the mission have been seen; incidents, which, by that subtle thread that unites the moral interests of man here on earth with the realities of eternity, must extend in their effects to another world.

25 Persons have been added to the communion; 32 have been baptized; most of these have been infants of sailors; but among the number 5 were adults, one of whom was a lieutenant in the navy, now commanding a public vessel; 16 funerals have been attended; 13 marriages have been solemnized; 13 persons were presented to Bishop De Lancey for confirmation, at the chapel, on the 21st of March, 1847, and at least 15 more are preparing for that holy rite, on another occasion, which, at my request, he has kindly consented to bring within the time of his visit to the city in June next.

B. C. C. PARKER.

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