

MISSIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

EAST RIVER STATION.

Floating Church of our Saviour

AT THE FOOT OF PIKE STREET.

Services on Sunday at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M.

MISSION AND READING ROOM, 34 PIKE STREET.

Lecture on Friday Evening.

Rev. ROBERT J. WALKER, { *Minister in Charge,*
Residence, 34 Pike Street.

NORTH RIVER STATION.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

No. 341 WEST STREET.

Services on Sunday at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M.

Rev. THOMAS A. HYLAND, *Minister in Charge.*

AT MISSION HOUSE, No. 90 BARROW STREET.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

Services on the Dock,

On Sundays at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

MISSION ROOM, No. 7 COENTIES SLIP.

Rev. ISAAC MAGUIRE, { *Minister in Charge,*
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A House under Christian influence, neat and orderly, with a well supplied table.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK,

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Prayer for Seamen.

O God! the Creator of heaven and earth, who hath promised that the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those whose business is upon the mighty waters; and, amid the dangers to which they are exposed, and the temptations by which they are surrounded to forget Thee and Thy Holy Word, to neglect Thy Sabbaths and Thy Ordinances, may Thy Holy Spirit admonish, direct and lead them into a knowledge of Thy Truth and an obedience to Thy Commandment. Be pleased to bless the efforts which, in accordance with Thy will Thy people make for their salvation. Especially grant Thy blessing upon the Word of Truth, ministered to them, whether on land or on water; and gather them from all their wanderings into Thy blessed fold, to be partakers of Thine eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Form of Request.

I give and bequeath to the "PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, the sum of _____ Dollars, for the purposes of said Society.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the Society was held April 26, 1886, being Monday, in Easter week, in the Sunday School Room of Trinity Chapel, John Davenport, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair. The Annual Reports of the Board of Managers, of the Treasurer, and of the Missionaries of the Society were presented and accepted, and ordered to be published.

Afterwards the Officers and Managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

The time for holding the Anniversary Services of the Society was referred to the new Board of Managers.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN
IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

The close of another year, the forty-second of the Society's existence, brings with it the usual review of the labors done and the consideration of the future wants of the mission.

The following reports with their full details tell the story of the former, but the results of the work, the help to the wayfarer, the home influence to the wanderer, the sense of a father's love and a brother's comradeship awaiting the sailor, who during most of his life has nothing permanent in home or affection, these can only be realized by those who believe in the evidence of things unseen, the substance of things hoped for.

The reports will show that in all possible ways there has been the faithful effort to give these things to the sailor. The constant habit of his life teaches him that nothing is lasting, everything is shifting and changing like the wind, and to such a one the five friendly harbors which the mission provides are as restful to his soul as the quiet waters of the port to his tempest-tossed ship.

In the present time of depression to our mercantile marine, there is great danger that the needs of the sailor will be forgotten by those who willingly give money to carry the help

of religion to such as have it not. One reads so often in the daily papers that we have no longer a marine, that the request for subscriptions comes to many with surprise. They have forgotten that while the American sailor is no longer regarded with pride by many of his countrymen, he still toils upon the sea and comes ashore to rest and must be met by kind friends or fall as ever before among evil companions and bad influences.

At such a time as this, therefore, it becomes proper to remind the Church and its members that the labor of love still goes on, and that the hands of those who work among the seamen must be provided with gifts. That this great navy, native and foreign, depends upon such help as Christian people can give them through the various missions.

In last year's report the appeal was made for funds to extend the buildings belonging to the West Side Mission. This has been answered and thanks to the gift of a deceased friend, the necessary addition will be provided. It is for the current income that the Society now asks for increased aid. Lately, a new work has been begun in Brooklyn, where there is a successful mission carried on for the past year, making fresh demands for means and energies. The Treasurer's account shows an increase of expenditures therefrom, for which in the future we hope to look to the Brooklyn churches and our friends there; but our receipts, owing to dull times and other natural causes, have not been up to our expectation, so that we have been obliged to encroach upon our investment some \$2,500 for the year. It is with increased cause that the Society asks its friends not to forget its wants that its labors may not be curtailed. Nearly one third of the sea-going vessels are now brought to Brooklyn wharves, and there are new centres growing about this port of New York which promise plenty of work for years to come. The Mission asks its friends, therefore, with continued earnestness, to remember the sailor in this great harbor of the world.

During the year we have lost from among our most faithful workers, Mr. D. Colden Murray, who for eight years had made evident his deep and earnest interest in the welfare of seamen.

In conclusion, the managers wish to bear testimony to the earnest and efficient labors of the Society's staff.

The clergymen in charge, the Rev. R. J. Walker, at the floating Chapel of Our Saviour, the Rev. T. A. Hyland, at the

Chapel of the Holy Comforter, the Rev. Isaac Maguire, at the Coenties Slip Station, the Rev. William Huckel, at the Erie Basin Station, Brooklyn, and Mr. Edward Rode, the Superintendent of the Sailors' Home in Franklin Square, have given faithful and untiring attention to their work, as their reports and results will show. The Society's interests are the object of their faithful devotion.

The thanks of the Society are again due to the New York Bible Society, the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, the Church Book Society, the Evangelical Knowledge Society, and to other donors for valuable gifts of books, tracts and papers. The distribution of these among the seamen is a prominent feature of the Mission and is productive of the greatest satisfaction and good.

EXTRACT FROM 25TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIETY.

"This is a mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the City and Port of New York, embracing Long Island, the shores of New Jersey, Staten Island and Westchester County on the line of the river, east and west, and as yet all its movements are confined to the lower part of the city proper. Give but the means and soon in other places, on both banks of the Hudson and East River will be heard through this Mission the services of our Church in its ministrations and invitations to men of the sea and the rivers who now never enter the places of usual worship."

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF STATION AT ERIE BASIN,
BROOKLYN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1886.

Since June last, when this station was established, the work has gone on continuously under the supervision of your Committee, ably assisted by Rev. Wm. Huckel as preacher and Mr. J. Sullivan as colporteur. Had there been a regularly appointed Missionary of the Society in charge, the preparation of this report would have been entrusted to him; the duty, therefore, devolves upon us who, by virtue of our familiarity with the field, are enabled to report advisedly. The gradually increasing importance of this work is evident on every side. At first there was but little to encourage us. Services were attended by only a few. Now, however, service is well attended, sometimes as many as seventy-five being present and most of them sailors and boatmen; many who would not hear a word of the Gospel while in port now readily embrace every opportunity offered them. This section of the city is largely a Missionary one and the Committee have carefully avoided any interference with other Mission organizations whether in connection with our own Church or otherwise, deeming it very important that a work among the sailors and boatmen should be confined to that class and at the same time, without refusing to minister to any one voluntarily claiming it. The more importance is attached to this field of labor, not only because there is no other one in Brooklyn supported by our own denomination, but also because experience has proved to us that no better location could have been selected owing to the number of vessels of all classes congregated in this vicinity. Again, it is at a distance far removed from the busy centre of life and its consequent influences either for good or for evil.

Our Board of Managers have cheerfully assumed the responsibility of the support of this work at an expenditure of about fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and for this reason we hesitate to recommend the immediate establishment of a regular Chapel and the appointment of a Missionary whose entire services shall be at our disposal as it would involve a greater outlay. We still look for a favorable result from the appeal recently made to the Diocese with the consent and approval of the Bishop of Long

Island, in which event we shall be enabled to prosecute these labors more efficiently, and even entertain the establishment of other stations on the river front.

Our acknowledgements are especially due to those of the clergy and laity of Brooklyn who already by their presence and substantial aid have encouraged us to feel that sooner or later, we may look to the Diocese at large for valuable assistance. We beg to thank the societies and individuals who have sent us very valuable donations of books, tracts and papers for distribution, also the managers of the Brooklyn Hospital and the Long Island College Hospital who have kindly cared for the sick to whom we have had occasion to minister.

This Bethel has within the short space of less than a year become an "institution" in this section and we may venture to assert that with the Divine Blessing its usefulness has already become recognized by those to whose spiritual welfare its efforts are directed.

The statistics for the year are as follows:

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| Services held on each Sunday afternoon. | |
| Reading Room open daily from 3 to 6 P. M. | |
| Total number present at all Sunday services..... | 1,294 |
| Average number present at Sunday services..... | 36 |
| Total number of sailors and boatmen at Sunday services..... | 784 |
| Visits to reading room..... | 823 |
| Number of visits to vessels, including canal boats, by colporteur..... | 4,235 |
| Number of Bibles distributed..... | 27 |
| Number of other books distributed..... | 502 |
| Number of papers and tracts distributed, estimated..... | 12,000 |

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. MESSENGER, }
H. E. KUMMEL, } *Committee.*
ALBERT JOURNEAY. }

Brooklyn, April 10th, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH
OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1886.

The attendance of seamen at the Floating Church of Our Saviour during the past year has been about the same as in the previous one, and we cannot anticipate any increase until a radical change is effected in the laws which govern commerce. An United States official has recently informed the writer that the number of seamen visiting this port, had decreased 75 per cent. in the last 25 years. Nor is this all. The majority of seamen who temporarily sojourn at the Sailors' Home and boarding houses are Germans or Scandinavians. Your Missionary found on one occasion, 80 sailors in the large home in Cherry Street; one of these was an American and two were Englishmen. All the rest were natives of continental Europe. A Scandinavian place of worship has been established in Monroe Street near Market, and several Finns, Norwegians and Swedes who formerly participated in our services, now repair there on the Lord's day. The congregations during the Winter and Spring months were largely composed of the officers and crews of transient English steamships which had passed through the Suez Canal, laden with tea from China and Japan. In some of these vessels, we ascertained that the hands were nearly all Malays or Chinese. The only Europeans on board were the master, officers and engineers. So that every thing considered, we have as large a representation of seamen at the services as could be reasonably expected. A very encouraging feature of our work is the great interest manifested by these hardy men in the devotional exercises and the subsequent discourse. The little church has often resounded with the voices of sailors responding in the prayers and singing the praises of God with the deepest fervor, and not a few of them have returned to their ships or boarding-houses with minds deeply impressed by the solemn truths which they have listened to so attentively, and these impressions have been deepened by the perusal of the excellent books which were presented to them, the gift of a generous and considerate member of the Board. The church records contain the names of some hundreds

of pious seamen who have communed in the Floating Church, but many of them we shall never see again until we meet them at the bar of God. Some, we suppose, have died from natural causes, others, alas! have perished at sea, while others again, may never revisit this port. We know not whose names to retain or erase from the list of our sailor communicants. An ancient mariner, after an absence of 28 years, revisited the church to worship God and to return thanks for His preservation of him in all his wanderings round the globe. He remembered the pier where the church was moored and the Rev. Mr. Parker who officiated.

Your missionary has sorrowfully said adieu to the last American family who was connected with the Church of our Saviour, and he only knows of four families of native birth, who are now residents of the Seventh Ward. This ward is now inhabited almost exclusively by Polish Jews, Germans, and Irish Roman Catholics. The Right Rev'd the Assistant Bishop, visited the Floating Church on Sunday, April 26th and confirmed 17 persons, including natives of Poland, Finland, Sweden, Germany, the East and West Indies. The Floating Church Temperance Society continues to be a great and practical blessing to the men of the sea. While some have lapsed, hundreds have remained steadfast in their determination to steer clear of the intoxicating cup. We have ocular demonstration of the great utility of this Society. One of its members whom we had not seen in 12 years, recently entered the reading-room, a happy man and the possessor of a large sum of money which he had saved. Numerous letters have been received from foreign lands expressing the gratitude of the writers for the benefits they had received from their connection with the Church and its temperance society.

The reading-room in the basement of the Mission House, 34 Pike Street, has been open every week day, afternoon and evening, throughout the year. It has afforded much comfort and mental refreshment to the thousands of seamen who have visited it. They have read, conversed, played checkers and written letters to their friends and fully appreciate the kindness which provided them with such a pleasant resort.

The Sunday School is admirably conducted. There are 98 teachers and scholars connected with it. Two members of the Guild have died. Their remains were decently interred. Several seamen have been received into St. Luke's Hospital by the recommendation of the writer. They were kindly and skillfully treated. These men were not eligible for admission to the U. S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island, not being citizens and not having paid the required dues. Your Missionary has frequently visited hospitals in New York and vicinity since last Easter, ministering to the spiritual wants of the inmates.

The Society's Home in Franklin Square, is a sure haven of refuge to the mariners who enter its hospitable doors. Kind treatment, excellent food, religious instruction, tender care if indisposed, are the characteristics of this house.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1886.

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| Services held in the Floating Church..... | 114 |
| Temperance Meetings and Week Day Services..... | 119 |
| Communion Services, (including 5 in private)..... | 20 |
| Total number of service..... | 253 |
| Aggregate attendance at the Church..... | 9,652 |
| Aggregate attendance of seamen at the Church..... | 3,317 |
| Aggregate attendance at the Temperance Meetings and Week Day Services—2,096 being seamen..... | 4,428 |
| Grand total for all services, including 5,413 seamen..... | 14,050 |
| Number of seamen supplied with books..... | 1,192 |
| Number of visits made to Reading-Room..... | 5,083 |
| Number of Sunday School scholars and teachers..... | 99 |
| Number of names on the list of communicants, (including 301 seamen)..... | 421 |
| Number of names on the list of communicants, (including 14 seamen)..... | 38 |
| New communicants, (including 14 seamen)..... | 5,740 |
| Aggregate number of persons who have signed the pledge..... | 253 |
| New members received during the year, (including 246 seamen)..... | 14 |
| Baptisms..... | 6 |
| Marriages..... | 10 |
| Burials..... | 10 |
| Communion offerings, \$71.99; Poor Box, \$26.55; Boxes for Books \$9.93; Donations for the Poor, \$15; St. Luke's Hospital, \$10.04. Total, \$133.51 | |
| Number of visits made to vessels by lay assistant..... | 3,364 |
| Number of visits made to Seamen's boarding houses..... | 4,346 |
| Seamen supplied with packages of religious papers, &c. at 34 Pike Street..... | 507 |
| Books distributed, in ten languages: Bibles, 73; Testaments, 305; Prayer Books, 242; Miscellaneous, 860. Total..... | 1,480 |
| Tracts, Religious Papers, Pamphlets, Magazines, &c., about..... | 8,500 |

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

Easter Monday, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1886.

By the kind Providence of God, another year of labor for the moral and spiritual improvement of seamen has been successfully carried on and completed. The religious services held in the Chapel, especially on the Lord's Day, have been marked by steadiness in numbers and attention. The heartiness with which the men have answered the responses and joined in the singing is especially noticeable; and many, according to their own statements, have been blessed by the services and the ministry of the Word. They have, as a result of the religious services, in many cases, confessed sorrow for sin and a trust in Christ for salvation. The number who asked to be prayed for was very large, running up into the hundreds; and often through the week when conversing with the men, have they earnestly asked an interest in my prayers.

In addition to the Sunday services there is a week day service every Thursday evening, when many seamen who were not in port on the previous Sunday, availed themselves of the privilege of worshipping God and receiving religious instruction. Your Missionary has also held religious services in turn at the New Sailors' Home. Here he has generally found an orderly and attentive, though small congregation of hardy mariners. I believe the services held at the Home, have been productive of much good. Many a seaman has blessed God for the words of comfort and of life which he has heard there from the Missionaries of this Society.

Next to the services of the Church, the Reading Room is the most attractive feature of this Mission. More than 10,000 men enjoyed its privileges during the past year. It is a great blessing to tired and weary seamen, and greatly do they enjoy and appreciate its advantages. Here they are supplied with the current literature, both domestic and foreign, and with good books and innocent games. They are also supplied with stationery, free of charge. Frequently, the first thing a sailor does on entering the Reading Room is to write to loved ones far away,

and thus convey to them the cheering tidings of his safe arrival in port. Often has your Missionary performed that service for them. Having the name and location of the Mission printed on the paper and envelopes is a great advantage. Not only does it serve to make the Mission known abroad, but it often helps relatives and friends to make inquiries after missing seamen and youths who have run away from home. Scarcely a week passes that your Missionary does not receive a letter from some foreign country—chiefly England—making inquiry for some missing sailor. It is no little comfort to those afflicted friends across the ocean to hear from your Missionary, although, in many cases, he is unable to give any satisfactory information concerning those for whom inquiry is made. The Reading Room is doing a good work. It is a veritable haven of rest for weary seamen, and a protection against the perils which ever beset the sailor in a populous city. It is to him a safeguard against the seas of temptation and the greater seas of vice, which, once he enters port, surround him on all sides.

The Sunday School has been carried on as heretofore and has been the means of great good to the children of the neighborhood. Some of the children come from the canal boats and tug boats that are moored near the Mission. They are very irregular in their attendance as these boats are constantly changing their location, but we are glad to have them attend and receive instruction if only for a single session. These children enjoy the Sunday School and are much pleased with the papers and cards which they receive, and are invariably respectful to their teachers. The principal obstacle encountered in this work is to find efficient Sunday School teachers. Comparatively few have a desire to go into a poor neighborhood to teach the illiterate and lowly, and very few have the necessary qualifications. In this great city, there are noble examples of devotion and consecration to Christ and his service, men and women "who count not their lives dear unto themselves," but what are they among so many. What are they among the vast multitude who live in the lower wards of this great city, who have the worst examples set them, and the impurest sentiments constantly uttered in their hearing. I have received valuable assistance in this work during the past year from Mr. R. D. Whittle, a Christian gentleman of large experience and extended knowledge. He is at present the Superintendent of the School, and he is highly respected and appreciated for his loving labors and valuable instructions. I desire also to place on record my devout gratitude to others who have assisted me in this holy work, and who, at great sacrifice, have labored with me cheerfully and constantly.

A special feature of this Mission is the temperance work. From our efforts in this cause much good has resulted; many have been reformed and some saved from a drunkard's grave. During the year, 138 men signed the pledge. Some for a limited

period, others for life. The number of seamen throughout the world who are total abstainers is very large. In the English navy the number is computed at 10,000, and in the English merchant service, 50,000 would be a low estimate. During the past year at the various mission stations of the Church of England, 42,387 seamen signed the temperance pledge. This instrumentality, the world over, is doing a vast amount of good. When a sailor becomes a total abstainer he is saved from many snares and vices into which he might otherwise fall, and instead of being a terror to the community, and a man to be shunned, he is an object of interest, and often capable of high moral and spiritual improvement. Many a sailor dates the beginning of his Christian life from the day he signed the temperance pledge, and some confess that this step led them to examine the claims of Christianity and to adopt its precepts.

Another feature of this Mission, which has been a means of great good, is the distribution of religious literature. Books are given to seamen every Sunday after the second service. These books have proved most valuable helps to seamen. Some have so prized them on account of benefit derived from them, that they have kept them as treasures for years. Wisely has it been said, "he who puts a good book into the hands of another is setting in motion an influence the extent and duration of which cannot be estimated. A good book is a teacher that requires no outfit, no money for travelling expenses, no salary, is not affected by climate, is never sick, and consequently, has no druggist's nor doctor's bills to pay, and by reason of age, experiences no diminution of physical or mental activity. Books can go and stay where it is not possible for missionaries to live." This eulogy is by no means too highly drawn. Good literature is an immense power, and must take rank next to the preaching of the Gospel, as a means for the evangelization of the world. Good books have comforted and cheered many a seaman as he climbed the mountains of the deep, and not unfrequently have they encouraged him to emulate others who, under like circumstances, have risen to eminence and great usefulness. They have often done more. They have often shown the seamen, as well as others, that in the sight of God they were great sinners and that they had a great Saviour, and often has this knowledge, by the Divine blessing, led to faith in Christ and the saving of the soul. The means to purchase the books that have been given to seamen at this Station, have been contributed by a member of this Board. To him are due, and are hereby tendered, my sincerest thanks for this token of his unflinching kindness to that class whose home is on the mighty waters, and who, most of their life, by reason of their occupation, are debarred the privilege of hearing the Gospel preached.

My best thanks are also tendered to those who have contributed papers and magazines for seamen, and to others who have enabled me, by their liberality, to relieve the wants and necessities of poor widows and destitute children of seamen, boatmen and others.

The following are the statistics for the year :

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| Number of Services in the Church on Sundays..... | 104 |
| “ “ “ on other days..... | 46 |
| “ “ at the “Home” and other places..... | 40 |
| “ of Communion Services..... | 17 |
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| Total Number of Services..... | 207 |
| Number attending the Sunday Services..... | 5,787 |
| “ “ Week-day Services..... | 1,200 |
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| Total attendance..... | 6,987 |
| Number of Seamen attending Services..... | 2,047 |
| “ “ receiving books..... | 1,205 |
| “ “ attending Reading Room..... | 10,638 |
| “ “ signing Temperance Pledge..... | 138 |
| “ “ Pledge to live a Christian Life..... | 20 |
| “ of Sunday Scholars and Teachers..... | 90 |
| Baptisms..... | 11 |
| Marriages..... | 17 |
| Funerals..... | 12 |
| Communicants..... | 50 |
| Books distributed in seven languages: Bibles, 20; Testaments, 110; Prayer Books, 169, Miscellaneous, 906. Total..... | 1,205 |
| Pages of Tracts..... | 13,924 |
| Packages of Reading given to Sailors before going to sea..... | 500 |
| Number of visits to Vessels by Colporteur..... | 2,448 |
| “ “ “ Sexton..... | 1,981 |
| OFFERINGS: Communion Alms, \$53.61; Poor Box \$25.33; Box for Books, \$11.29; Church Temperance Society, \$11.11; St Luke's Hospital, \$10; Washington Mission, \$30; N. Y. Bible Society, \$7. Total..... | \$128.34 |

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. HYLAND.

Tuesday before Easter,
April 20, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF COENTIES SLIP STATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1886.

Evangelistic work amongst the sailors and boatmen whose business and inclination draw them within the influence of the Mission, has been prosecuted with unvarying steadiness and singleness of purpose during the Missionary year which has just closed. All the means and instrumentalities which time and experience have approved for the moral and spiritual benefit of those who follow the waters for a livelihood, are in successful operation. Never was the work of this station of the Seamen's Society in a more healthful or encouraging condition. All the religious services which were held in the open air and within doors were attended last year by large and generally devout and attentive congregations. The precepts and practices of the Gospel were urged upon all who were present, as far as the ability of the Missionary would allow, and many were the gratifying reports of the results of his work which he received from time to time, from those who were present and participated in these services.

The services which are held in the open air throughout the Summer and Fall, have always formed the most important and interesting feature of the work of this station of the Society. At the sixty services which were held on Pier 6, East River, last year, there was an aggregate attendance of nearly five thousand persons. It is safe to say that among this large number may be found men of every race and every quarter of the globe.

The large majority, however, were English speaking seamen and boatmen and their families, who are drawn from the ships, canal boats and various other crafts which are used in the commerce of the port. Those not familiar with this part of the city and who are not acquainted with the work of the Seamen's Society, can form but a vague conception of the aspect and character of the audiences which assemble on the pier at the out door services. They are in marked contrast to the ideas entertained of a regular church congregation. Many of them turn out from the vessels and come on to the pier without shoes or coat or vest, their pants rolled up to their knees, but it makes no matter. If neither naked nor clothed, then they don't live

up to the fashions of society. They adapt their costumes to the temperature of the weather, supremely indifferent to the opinions which those of more refinement and taste may form of their appearance. They often enjoy their pipe while following the missionary through the tract which we use in the service. Sometimes a son of Neptune, top heavy from too much drink aboard, comes rolling along and wishes to be heard and seen. He is generally easily subdued, and if not induced to go on his way, sits down on the string piece of the pier, or on one of the benches under the tent, and "takes the Gospel as he takes his liquor, without regard to form or ceremony." From this short statement we can easily imagine the character of the audience and the disturbance and interruption to which the Missionary is often subjected in preaching the Gospel in the open air. Nevertheless, he is free to say that these audiences on the whole, are orderly and respectful, and show their appreciation of God's Word by the attention which they give to the reading and preaching of the same. We endeavor to sow the seed beside all waters, and leave the results with Him who hath promised that His word shall not return unto Him void.

The services which were held in doors every Sunday morning and afternoon since the out-door services were suspended late last Fall, were attended by unusually large congregations. The Mission Room was often crowded by sailors, boatmen and their families. On every such occasion, the presence and power of God's Spirit was manifested by the looks and voices of men and women, and by the heartiness and sincerity with which they joined in the responses. This is the more remarkable when we consider that nearly all of them are unfamiliar with our form of Public Prayer, and that the idea of the worship of God as formulated by our church, is a thing outside of the theory and practice of the denominations of Christians in which the greater number of them were born and brought up. One thousand seven hundred of these people were present at the services during the time named. This is the largest number of attendants that has been reported for any similar period in the history of this station. It is devoutly to be wished, that it may be the earnest of a still larger and more successful work in the future. Many of the vessels in which these people have their homes were moved away from the slip to other parts of the harbor to unload their cargoes or take freight aboard, but the change of location rarely prevented their attendance at the Mission-room on Sunday afternoon. Hoboken, Jersey City and Brooklyn were often represented at the same time, by pious boatmen and their families. Thus, we see indisputable evidence of God's blessing on our work, the wisdom that devised the plan upon which it is carried out, and the sure and steady attachment of the hearers to our forms of worship.

There were present at the informal services since last annual report eleven hundred persons, nearly all adults. These services are held in the mission-room on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

evenings, for eight months of the year; they are well attended by those who cannot conveniently get away at other hours of the day. Household and other duties detain them aboard the ships and boats, but in the evening when the day's work is ended they are free, and wend their way to our room to join with others, in Prayer and Praise to our common Father and God. When the meeting is dismissed they return to their homes feeling better in mind and body for the part they had taken, or the instruction which they received from the exhortations and the addresses delivered by others.

The Reading-room was largely patronized since last annual report by sailors and boatmen. At no time since it was opened has its utility been so evident as in the past year. Over eleven thousand visits were made to it within this time. Hundreds of letters were written by sailors and boatmen to relatives and friends in the United States and foreign countries. Everything that is needed to make it attractive, comfortable and instructive, has been supplied by the Board of Managers. It is well lighted and heated in winter. A library containing several hundred choice books, is open and free to all who have a desire for reading and study. Forty secular and religious journals are made the medium of imparting information and instruction upon every subject that is interesting to men's temporal and spiritual welfare. These papers are donated by the respective publishers of the daily and religious press, to whom we offer our sincere thanks for their liberality in contributing to this important part of our work.

Services were held by the Missionary in his turn, in the New Sailors Home during the past year. There was always a large proportion of the boarders present at the service, and a goodly number always joined in the singing. The Home affords a safe and secure retreat for the sailor after his long and perilous voyage. There is no other Sailor's Boarding-House in the city that can compare with it. Every inmate feels the influence of the religious atmosphere which surrounds him. Hundreds of men were housed and cared for last year, and not one of these suffered wrong or robbery, as is often the case in Sailor's Boarding-houses of the ordinary type. They have been watched over and advised to do always that which is best for their own welfare, and in the case of those who came to the home sick, they were attended to with the greatest care and tenderness until they recovered, or were removed to the hospital. Many a poor sailor while battling with the winds and waves of the Atlantic, has been cheered by the hope of the rest and refreshment which await him in the New Sailor's Home, should he be spared to reach the Port of New York.

The distribution of books on Sunday afternoon at the close of the service is another part of the work of this station which should not be overlooked. The annexed statistics will show the degree to which this is carried on. Nearly two thousand men,

women and children, who live the greater part of the year on the water, were supplied with Bibles, Testaments and miscellaneous books since last annual report.

The following are the statistics :

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| Services in the open air on Sundays..... | 60 |
| " in the Mission room on Sunday mornings and afternoons..... | 50 |
| " on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings..... | 68 |
| " elsewhere about..... | 25 |
| " elsewhere about..... | 203 |
| Total services for the year..... | 4,788 |
| Present at the open-air Services..... | 80 |
| Average attendance at each Service..... | 1,685 |
| Present at the Indoor Services..... | 34 |
| Average attendance at each Service..... | 1,062 |
| Attendance at the Prayer-meetings..... | 1,954 |
| Sailors, boatmen and their families supplied with books..... | 11,456 |
| Visits made to the Reading room since last annual report..... | 11,456 |

BIBLES, TESTAMENTS, PRAYER BOOKS, &C., DISTRIBUTED.

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| Bibles in various languages..... | 56 |
| Testaments "..... | 56 |
| Prayer-Books..... | 50 |
| Sailors' Manuals of Devotion..... | 125 |
| Miscellaneous books in several languages..... | 1,700 |
| Pages of Tracts, Religious Papers, &c..... | 30,925 |
| Magazines..... | 265 |
| Service Tracts, about..... | 1,000 |

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, April 20th, 1886.

NEW YORK, April 8th, 1886.

To the Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York.

The Superintendent of the New Sailors' Home reports the number of men in the Home, March 31st, 1885, fourteen (14); entered the Home from March 31st, 1885, to April 1st, 1886, five hundred and fifty-one (551); total for the year, five hundred and sixty-five (565).

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| Gone to sea and friends..... | 548 |
| April 1st, in the Home..... | 17 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 565 |

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| Money received from seamen and returned to them, from March 31st, 1885, to April 1st, 1886..... | \$10,736 39 |
| Sent home to friends..... | 880 50 |
| Deposited in bank..... | 175 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD RODE.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York,
in account with HENRY P. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

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| 1875-6. To Paid Jas. Pott & Co. for Books..... | \$10 00 |
| " Dodd, Mead & Co. "..... | 116 98 |
| " T. Whittaker..... | 126 00 |
| " American Tract Society, books..... | 35 78 |
| " Ship Library No. 8369, on "Star of China"..... | 20 00 |
| " T. P. Cummings for Bibles..... | 2 50 |
| " Harper Brothers for Books..... | 3 06 |
| " G. F. Nesbitt for Worship Tracts..... | 50 00 |
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| | \$364 32 |
| 1886. Jan'y 12. Deposited with United States Trust Co..... | 50,000 00 |
| April 23. To balance to new account..... | 249 57 |
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| | \$50,613 89 |

Securities examined and accounts audited and found correct.

R. S. HOLT, }
 E. M. DUNCAN, } *Auditing Committee.*

NEW YORK, April 23, 1886.

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| 1885. April 6. By Balance reported..... | \$329 65 |
| " " Interest on Rhinelauder Fund..... | \$200 00 |
| " " Interest on Davenport Fund..... | 84 24 |
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| | 284 24 |
| 1886. Jan'y 12. Legacy by W. H. Vanderbilt to build chapel in West Houston Street... | 50,000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| April 23. By Balance..... | \$50,613 89 |
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| | \$249 57 |

E. & O. E.
 HENRY P. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

DISPOSABLE FUND.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York, in account
 DR. with HENRY P. MARSHALL, Treasurer. CR.

To account paid as follows:

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| Three missionaries and supply..... | \$4,830 07 | |
| Three sextons and labor..... | 1,755 00 | |
| Three colporteurs..... | 1,199 96 | \$7,784 96 |
| Cost of Brooklyn Station, including Clerical service..... | 1,139 58 | |
| Printing Annual Report..... | 89 50 | |
| Other Printing, Stationery etc..... | 132 35 | 221 85 |
| Expenses of East River Chapel in- cluding music..... | 437 41 | |
| Expenses of North River Chapel, in- cluding music..... | 482 95 | |
| Expenses of Coenties Slip Station, in- cluding music and Tent..... | 216 03 | |

April 2, By Balance..... \$127 44

Receipts from Churches, viz.:

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| Trinity Church Stipend..... | \$800 00 | |
| Collections..... | 28 97 | |
| Chapel..... | 42 27 | |
| St. John's Chapel..... | 14 28 | |
| St. Paul's Chapel..... | 10 00 | |
| St. Augustine's Chapel.. | 9 20 | \$904 72 |
| St. Bartholomew's Church..... | 854 14 | |
| St. Thomas Church..... | 349 54 | |
| St. George Church..... | 188 66 | |
| Church of the Incarnation..... | 185 20 | |
| Calvary Church..... | 100 64 | |
| Grace Church..... | \$89 02 | |
| " Chapel..... | 13 22 | 102 24 |
| At Anniversary Service..... | 43 91 | |
| St. Michael's Church..... | 23 64 | |

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Expenses of Reading Room, 34 Pike
Street..... 116 44 1,252 83

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| | \$10,399 22 | |
| April 23, To Balance..... | 125 56 | |

Audited and found correct,

R. S. HOLT,
E. M. DUNCAN, } *Auditing Committee.*
NEW YORK, April 23, 1886.

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| Church of the Holy Apostles..... | 21 73 | |
| " " Transfiguration..... | 15 00 | |
| " " Annunciation..... | 15 86 | |
| Memorial Chapel of Ascension Church.... | 3 00 | |
| Church of St. Mary the Virgin..... | 5 00 | |
| Eglise du St. Esprit..... | 5 00 | |
| St. Mary's Church Brooklyn, \$40.61, \$47.03— | 87 69 | 2,905 97 |
| Loan from Permanent Fund..... | 2,500 00 | |
| Legacy of Sarah M. Edson..... | 1,000 00 | |
| Donations as per list..... | 3,112 75 | |
| Annual Subscribers..... | 627 50 | |

Balance to new account..... \$10,273 66

125 56

\$10,399 22

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E. & O. E.
HENRY P. MARSHALL, Treasurer,
April 23, 1886.

PERMANENT FUND.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York,
in account with HENRY P. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

DR.

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| To paid rent and repairs for account of | |
| North River Station..... | \$1,671 75 |
| Repairs on East River Chapel and bulkhead..... | 649 78 |
| Rent and repairs Coenties Slip Station..... | 2,515 17 |
| Repairs at 34 Pike St..... | 37 93 |
| Care of Cemetery..... | 20 00 |
| Insurance on E. River Chapel, on 34 Pike St., 338 Pearl St, and lots on East Houston St. | 535 68 |
| Loan paid..... | 2,000 00 |
| Loan to Disposable Fund..... | 2,500 00 |
| | 9,930 31 |
| April 23. To balance to new account: | |
| Investments..... | \$34,000 00 |
| Cash..... | 37 52 |
| | 24 |

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| 1885. | |
| April 6. By Balance from old account cash | \$5 37 |
| Investments..... | 19,000 00 |
| | \$19,005 37 |
| " Rent from offices at Mission House, Coenties Slip..... | 842 74 |
| " " Sailors' Home..... | 500 00 |
| " " Houston Street houses..... | 1,710 00 |
| " Interest from investments and from the Sarah Burr estate..... | 1,909 82 |
| | 4,962 56 |
| " Legacy of Sarah Burr..... | 10,000 00 |

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| April 23. By Balance cash..... | \$33,967 83 |
| | \$37 52 |

New York, April 23, 1886.
 Securities examined and accounts audited and found correct.

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