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THIRTY-EIGHTH 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 to forget Thee and Thy Holy Word, to neglect Thy Sabbaths and Thy Ordinances, by which they are surrounded, may Thy Holy Spirit admonish, direct and lead them into a knowledge of Thy Truth and an obedience to Thy Commandments. 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 Bequest.

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 ANNUAL MEETING of the Society was held on Easter Monday, April 10, 1882, in the Sunday School Room of Trinity Chapel, HENRY ROGERS, Esq., in the chair, at which were presented the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and the Reports of the Treasurer and the Missionaries of the Society. The Reports were accepted and ordered to be published, and an abstract of the same was ordered to be read at the Anniversary Services of the Society.

Afterwards the officers and managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

The Thirty eighth Anniversary of the Mission was held in the Church of the Holy Spirit, New York, on Sunday evening, May 7, 1882, the Rev. Charles H. Hall, D.D., rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, and one of the clerical Vice-Presidents, presiding.

The Rev. Edmund Guilbert, D.D., Rector of the Church, and the Rev. Messrs. Walker, Maguire and Hyland (Missionaries of the Society) conducted the service.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by Mr. A. F. Warburton, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. D. Parker Morgan, Assistant Minister of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, after which a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

In reviewing the work of another year, your Board has occasion to express devout thankfulness for the continuance of Divine favor upon the operations of this Society.

Little that is new can be added in our Annual Report. The figures, always an inadequate showing of good accomplished, remain much the same; the usual discouragements and difficulties have to be met and overcome; indifference, where we have a right to expect sympathy and support, too often weakens our hands. But, in the midst of all, the close of our thirty-eighth year beholds a substantial progress; the original aim—that of bringing the sailor to Christ—steadily kept in view; a quiet, persistent effort to win him from vicious habits and evil influences, rewarded by many cheering evidences of reform.

Without anticipating the fuller reports of the Missionaries, to which thoughtful consideration is invited, we would refer briefly to the work of the several agencies under our control.

As stated last year, the sailor is sought out, on his arrival, and welcomed to the Chapels of "Our Saviour" and "The Holy Comforter," as to places of worship specially provided for him,

and where he may feel at home. At Coenties Slip Station, similar invitations and welcome are extended to the sailors and boatmen in that vicinity. Comfortable reading rooms are established at each of these three stations, where sailors may spend their leisure hours in rational enjoyment of books and papers, or in correspondence, materials for which are gratuitously furnished. Weekly lectures, with prayer, conducted there by the Missionaries, tend to bring the latter into closer relations with their visitors, and to increase their influence for good by manifestations of sincere personal interest in their behalf. In particular, occasion is taken to press the claims of temperance upon a class specially tempted to indulgence in drink when released from the toils and discipline of their voyage.

The "Temperance Society of the Floating Church" has done a remarkable work in reclaiming and saving the men of the sea, of whom 4,126 are members. "Many of these" (writes Rev. Mr. Walker, whose faithful ministry for over twenty years in that locality has been so signally blessed), "were formerly drunkards, and are now respectable, careful men."

At the North River, also, under charge of Rev. Mr. Hyland—whose efforts on behalf of seamen are untiring—there are gratifying accounts of the good done in the Temperance cause, among seamen and longshoremen, making many a home cheery and happy, that before was wretched and miserable.

Similar good results are being accomplished at Coenties Slip Mission, where Rev. Mr. Maguire labors persistently, in faith, under many discouragements. "There is not much to note (he modestly reports) in the monotonous work that goes on from week to week; but we trust enduring good has been accomplished. Our noble, simple and scriptural services, are duly read, and the story of the Cross told, from Sunday to Sunday; the sailors and boatmen are often visited on their return from the docks, and the seeds of Gospel truth are sown and impressed on their minds as far as human agency admits."

Nor are the labors of the missionaries confined to the immediate work for seamen. At each chapel there is a Sunday School. That at the "Floating Church" has been established for years,

and grows in interest and numbers. Two years ago there was no Sunday School at the "Church of the Holy Comforter." That organized there has greatly prospered, under an efficient corps of teachers, there being now eighty-four scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of fifty-three. An Industrial School is much needed here. The Industrial School for girls, at 34 Pike Street, still largely maintained through the pecuniary and personal efforts of the same Christian lady who has been its friend from the beginning, continues to do valuable work. We trust that He who "holdeth the minds of men," will raise up such another friend for the North River Station.

The Chapels, while built specially for seamen, prove a means of grace to many residing in these portions of our city, who would otherwise be deprived of the opportunity of attending Divine Worship.

The Society endeavors to supply every seaman, attending the chapels or reading rooms, with a Bible, or a Testament, and a Prayer Book, distributing also such other religious and miscellaneous reading matter as seems judicious and within its means. For kind assistance in this department our acknowledgments are due to the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, the Evangelical Knowledge Society, the Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning, the New York Bible Society, the American Tract Society, and the Protestant Episcopal Tract Society.

It has also encouraged seamen to deposit in saving banks, for the use of their friends, or their own future needs, considerable sums of money, which would, otherwise, probably have been squandered.

In this respect, and in proving generally our good will to the sailor, our interest in his welfare, much has been done, during past years, by the New Sailors' Home, Franklin Square. Of late, however, there has been a marked decrease of seamen in port. A careful investigation shows the number sojourning at the different Sailors' Homes and boarding houses on the East side, for the past twelve months, is only about one-third of what it was in former years. The Society's "Home" has suffered a

decrease of boarders, in common with other houses of the same description; and the Board has had, in consequence, the sale of the house under consideration.

Notwithstanding the urgent needs of the Mission, prudential reasons dictate a postponement of the work of building the new "Church of the Holy Comforter" and Reading Room, on the lots purchased at Houston and West Streets, until larger means are assured. Any delay is, however, to be deplored. The religious interest is increasing, and the congregation and Sunday School both require better accommodation. We need a church building. The sailors in port are nearly all foreigners, who have been accustomed to see imposing church edifices, and such a building would attract to the services vastly more than the present "upper room." The reading room ought to be near the church, and on the river front. Then, the tunnel, which it will take several years to complete, under the Hudson River, is opposite the present chapel, and the amount of steam employed makes a noise that interrupts the services.

Our Treasurer, in his report, again points to the fact that, with the most careful economy, it has become necessary, owing to the failure of several parishes to make contributions, and the falling off in individual subscriptions, to borrow from a small fund laid aside for building a new chapel, to supply the deficiency in the Disposable Fund. This constant embarrassment for money sadly hampers the work of the Society, and the question confronts us: Must this important agency stand still? or, will the church—whose work it is—provide adequate means to meet the vast and increasing opportunities this great port affords of bringing "glad tidings" to the men of the sea?

Many pleas have been made for the sailor: the debt which commercial cities owe these men, who are the "common carriers" of the world; the reproach and damage which, in their unconverted state, they inflict upon the cause of Christianity in foreign lands; the power for good which, sanctified, they exert. But the great claim of the sailor—the same that brought the Saviour down to guilty man—is *his need of us*; a need of *help from without*. This help he needs, as he may be, compared with others,

peculiarly destitute, weak and tempted. *As a class*, sea-faring men do not, practically cannot, help themselves as other men can and do. As a class, they are cut off from ordinary ties, helps, safeguards, sources of relief and rescue. As a class, they become accustomed to have another think for, command and care for them, so that when they leave the ship in port, the boarding house keeper, shipping master, or land shark—under some other name, easily steps into the place of captain, and controls them. Verily, as we watch and study sea-faring men, we see but one hope—help from without. Help from within, with any response of the man himself, through any vigorous, permanent exertion of his own will, has seemed hopeless.

Who, then, is to help him? Who, but the Church of Christ? And, as has been often shown, no branch of that Church seems so well fitted to attract and hold the sailor, by the beauty and order of its services, as our own. A great opportunity, a wide field, "already white unto the harvest," opens before us. Pray God to touch the hearts of His people, that means may be more liberally provided, and laborers—qualified and earnest laborers—sent to the work.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH
OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1882.

The writer can hardly remember the time when so few seamen were in this port, and their services in such great demand as during the past twelve months. He has visited many of the sailors' homes and boarding houses on the east side of the city, and conversed with the landlords, and all have told the same story, that their business once so flourishing, is now in a very depressed condition. Commerce has greatly revived within a few years, and sometimes an adequate supply of seamen cannot be obtained to man the ships which are ready to depart for distant ports. The result of this great and increasing demand for the services of seamen has been a decrease in the attendance at all the sailor's churches and Bethels, five in number, on the east side of the port. In former years when some hundreds of seafaring men could be found on shore, on any given Sunday, the attendance of these hardy men at the services held in the Floating Church, averaged a hundred or more for each Lord's day. Throughout the year which has now terminated, the average attendance has been 64: and the greater part of these men have been obtained from foreign vessels, moored on both sides of the East River. Although there has been this decrease in the aggregate attendance of seamen at the Church of Our Saviour, yet we have seen at the services nearly as many *individual* sailors as in any former year. In the years that are past, seafaring men would frequently remain on shore for several consecutive weeks, waiting for some man to hire them; now, they remain in port for only a few days, and frequently only a few hours: consequently, so far as seamen are concerned we have an entirely new congregation on each Lord's day. Natives of nearly every maritime country on the face of the globe, including Russians and Egyptians, have found their way to the beautiful little sanctuary at the foot of Pike Street, which appeals in mute eloquence to every seaman who passes by, to enter its doors and worship the Lord God of their fathers. The aggregate attendance of the men of the sea at the services held in the Floating Church during the past year, has been 3,260; not indeed so large as in recent years, yet enough to encourage our hearts, and stimulate us to increased effort for the future. Many of these seamen, natives of far off lands, have been greatly and we trust permanently benefitted by their devout attendance at the Floating Church: and not a few have signified their intention to serve God for the remainder of their lives, and to abstain from all that might offend Him, and grieve His Holy Spirit. And there are some of these toilers on

the sea, who could only understand a few words of our mother tongue, and very touching it was to witness swarthy men from some sunny clime, striving to catch a little of the speaker's meaning, and then, after service, pathetically holding out their hands to receive the "Word of life," which they had never handled before; and all were supplied, with the whole, or a part of the sacred writings, every man in his own tongue: even those who came from the banks of the Nile, from the mysterious land of the Sphinx, and the Pyramids. The names of more than two hundred seamen, are recorded in the list of communicants, but owing to the nature of their occupation, we have seldom more than eight or ten of their number present at the same service, when the Divine ordinance is administered.

"The Floating Church Temperance Society" is performing what may be termed, without any exaggeration, a truly wonderful and blessed work. Hundreds of seamen, who were once very intemperate men, and miserable wrecks of humanity, have been rescued from the lowest depths of degradation, through its instrumentality, and are now praising God for their happy escape from their self-inflicted bondage. A large proportion of these emancipated men are now masters and officers of some of the finest ships that sail the sea. At the weekly meetings, which are held at 34 Pike Street, these saved men occasionally address the audience, and with hearts overflowing with gratitude to God, relate how they have been rescued body and soul, by their connection with the Floating Church, and its temperance society. The members of the society now number 4,748, of which number 4,512 are seamen.

Connected with the church is a very interesting Sunday School, numbering about 100 children. A larger attendance might be secured, if it were possible to obtain more competent teachers. In this deteriorated part of the city, almost entirely deserted by American families, it is not possible to procure an adequate supply of pious, intelligent teachers. We have happily a few such, but we greatly need a few more.

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, from 3 to 10 o'clock. From the causes before assigned, this room has not been so much frequented by seamen as in former years. Yet we have had a sufficient number of visitors, to render its permanency a matter of necessity. The writer was much affected, on some bleak and stormy nights during the past winter to discover in the reading room several seamen who had walked from 61st Street, on the North River, to enjoy the comfort and advantages of the Pike Street Mission House. These men had been familiar with it for some years, and had spent many cheerful and profitable hours within its walls; but the ships to which they belong, now moor in the Hudson, close to the grain elevators, to receive cargoes of grain for the European markets. The sewing school for girls, numbering about 30, is a most useful and interesting adjunct of the East River station.

On the morning of each Saturday throughout the winter these happy little ones were instructed in the mysteries of needle work by a skillful woman. This industrial school is accomplishing much good, and supplies a want which was long felt. The entire expense is borne by a Christian lady, in whose benevolent mind originated the conception of the sewing school. The Guild of the Floating Church has pursued its tenor of usefulness throughout the year. Financially it has proved a great success. While all the sick members have been assisted, the bank book shows to the credit of the Guild, the handsome sum of \$366.⁸⁵/₁₀₀. Recently, several new members have been received. All the sick and indigent members of the congregation have been visited and relieved. Much suffering has been mitigated by the money which has been judiciously expended in this way.

Through the kindness of the gentleman who is so warm and generous a friend of the Floating Church, several libraries—each consisting of about 40 volumes—have been placed on board different ships, in charge of a pious Captain or Officer, who loans them to the crew when disposed to read.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1882.

Services held in the Floating Church.....	103
Services held in the Mission House, New Sailor's Home and elsewhere.....	85
Total Services for the Year.....	188
Average attendance for each Sunday.....	244
Average attendance of Seamen at the Church for each Sunday.....	64
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Religious Books, Tracts &c., in the Church.....	710
Number of Communicants, including 214 Seamen.....	361
Number of Communion Services held in the Church.....	13
Baptisms.....	18
Marriages.....	24
Burials.....	14
Sunday School Teachers, and Scholars.....	110
Members of the Floating Church Temperance Society, including 4512 Seamen.....	4748
New Members received during the year, including 145 Seamen.....	158
Communion offerings \$78.91; Poor box \$34.48; Box for Books \$14.29; Donation for books \$20; do. anonymous \$15; do. for indigent women \$5; for Sunday School \$5; for flowers for Easter \$10; Total.....	\$182.63
Number of visits made to the Reading Room, 34 Pike Street.....	4,017
New communicants received during the year, including 10 Seamen.....	26
Number of visits paid to vessels during the year, by lay assistant.....	3,655
Number of visits paid to Seamen's boarding houses.....	3,914
Number of Seamen supplied with packages of reading matter (at the Mission House) before going to sea.....	376

BOOKS &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles.....	34
Testaments in ten languages.....	326
Prayer Books.....	302
Miscellaneous Books in nine languages.....	410
Tracts, Religious Papers, Pamphlets, Magazines &c., about.....	4,000

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, *Easter Monday*, 1882.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1882.

Another year of labor for the moral and spiritual welfare of seamen has rolled around. As I look over the record it has made I see much for which to thank God and take courage. It is impossible to judge of the amount of good done by the figures given below. They do not show the tear of penitence that has glistened in many an eye, nor the heart of gratitude that is often indicated by a shake of the hand, sometimes by letter, but most frequently by vocal utterance.

The following extracts from letters and sayings of sailors and others who attended religious services at the Mission during the past year, show in some measure, how those services have been appreciated, and that God's Holy Spirit is working with power:

A sailor writes from Charleston, S. C., April, 1881:

"I write to let you know how I have gotten along since I was in your Chapel some three months ago, where I was greatly blessed. Since I saw you I was nearly lost on Hatteras, afterwards I was frozen in for three weeks, and now for 26 days in March, we have been drifting about without a foremast, fore and main topmast and jibboom gone, and leaking so badly we had to throw overboard 150 bags of phosphate. I gave myself up for lost two or three times, but thanks be to God we made Charleston Harbor. I am quite sick from exposure and hardship, and will have to remain here for a week or more. I wish you would send me some papers to read. Anything that has God's Word in it."

Another sailor, who found work in Paterson, N. J., writes:

"I arrived here yesterday morning. I have secured good accommodations. I cannot express to you my grateful thanks sufficiently for the many kindnesses for which I am indebted to you. I trust you will be rewarded by a Power above. Within the past week God has worked in my heart a complete change. I feel like a new man. A weight of oppression and heaviness has been lifted off my mind and I feel that I am a new man in Christ Jesus."

Another writes from Glasgow, Feb. 28th, 1882 :

"I reached this port in safety in the Steamship 'State of Nevada,' and I feel glad that I am able to tell you I have been appointed one of the Deputy Harbor Masters of this port. Here I enjoy the privilege of attending divine worship on the Lord's Day. I will never while I live forget the many sweet, calm moments of spiritual blessedness I have experienced in the little Bethel on West Street."

Said a young man on board the "Celtic": "I will have occasion to remember the Mission as long as I live. It was the birth-place of my soul."

Said a sailor on board the Guion Steamship "Wisconsin": "The Prayer Book I received at the Mission I have used constantly in prayer to God."

Another said: "Since I heard you quote the lines

'Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all,'

every sound I hear seems to say to me

'Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.'"

Another said: "If a man had asked me a few years ago if I had been to church I would have laughed at him. Now I cannot stay away, and I have resolved to do what good I can while in this world."

Another said: "Formerly I did not believe much in religion; now I do."

Another said: "I thank God I came to church, for you turned the tide for me to-day."

Did space permit, other extracts of a cognate character might be given. These, however, suffice to show the effect of the services of the church, and that God's Holy Spirit does not strive in vain with the men of the sea.

The temperance work among seamen has been greatly blessed. There is no labor which your Missionary performs that brings him such immediate and visible results. Ninety-seven persons—nearly all seamen—signed the temperance pledge at the Mission during the past twelve months. Some for a short, others for a long period. The person signing designates the time. I was much amused with the frankness of an old sailor a few Sundays since. When I asked him: "For how long will you sign?" he replied: "I guess six months is as long as I can stand it." Sailors are noted for the importance they attach to their word. A large proportion of them consider their word sacred, and hence they are particular as to the length of time for which they obligate themselves. Two men—heads of families—have been reformed the past year. The one a longshoreman, with a family of three, the other a steamboat ticket agent with a family of six. These families are now happy. Where formerly there was squalor and misery, now there is thrift and comfort. If the temperance work

of this Mission had accomplished nothing more than the reformation of these two men, it would amply compensate for all the trouble and cost expended in this department of labor.

The Sunday School attached to this Mission is doing a good work. We have 87 scholars and teachers on the roll, and an average attendance of 53. Many of these children would have no religious instruction whatever were it not for this school. I have a most efficient corps of teachers, who are training the children thoroughly in the principles of our holy religion. I have not been able to secure a competent Superintendent, and so have had to discharge that duty myself. There ought to be a fund to provide poor children who attend this Sunday School with shoes and other necessary articles of wearing apparel, and there ought also to be in connection with this Mission an industrial school to teach poor girls to sew and make their own clothing. If some benevolent lady would undertake such a labor of love, she would confer a great blessing on the children of the poor in the vicinity of the Chapel.

Before closing this Report your Missionary desires to acknowledge, with thanks, the pecuniary assistance he has received for the poor from members of the Board and others. As the Missionary has no Poor Fund at his disposal, he is compelled to trust to the loving hearts and generous hands of the friends of seamen.

I desire, also, gratefully to acknowledge the hitherto unflinching thoughtfulness and liberality of the friends of the Mission in providing books, papers, and magazines for sailors about to leave port. These gifts have helped many a sailor, when far at sea, to pass away an otherwise lonely hour, and often have they served to point him to that haven of safety where, his toils and labors ended, he hopes at last to rest in peace with Him

"Who came to calm the tempest-tossed,
To seek the wandering and to save the lost."

Number of Services in the Church on Sundays.....	104
Number of Services in the Church on other days.....	22
Number of Services at the Mission House.....	36
Number of Services at the Home.....	18
Number of Services at other places.....	14
Number of Communion Services.....	20
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Total Number of Services.....	214
Average attendance at the Church on Sundays.....	105
Average attendance at the Mission House.....	31
Aggregate attendance at all the Services.....	6,886
Average attendance of Seamen each Sunday.....	41
Average number remaining for books.....	23
Aggregate number remaining for books.....	1,196
Number attending the Reading Room.....	2,646
Number who signed Temperance Pledge.....	97
Sunday School Scholars and Teachers.....	87

Average attendance at Sunday School	53
Baptisms (adults, 2; infants, 10)	12
Marriages	16
Funerals	17
Communicants	36
Number of Visits to Vessels by Colporteur	3,026
Number of Visits to Vessels by Sexton	688
Books distributed in seven languages: Bibles, 23; Testaments, 152; Prayer Books, 301; Miscellaneous Books, 720..... Total,	1,196
Pages of Tracts	1,500
OFFERINGS: Communion Alms, \$65.84; Box for Books, \$17.94; Box for Poor, \$32.28; Special Donations by Friends for Christmas, Easter and Sunday School Festivals, and for Dinners for Poor Families, &c., \$205.84; N. Y. Bible Society, \$7.45; Baby Shelter, \$4.44; Church Mission to Deaf Mutes, \$9.19; Church Building Commission, \$6.10; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, \$7.80; Church Temperance Society, \$5.70; St. Luke's Hospital, \$6.18; Sunday School purposes, \$20. Total.....	\$388 75

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. HYLAND.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, April 4, 1882.

REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF COENTIES SLIP STATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1882.

Your Missionary in presenting this his tenth Annual Report to the Board of Managers, is happy in being enabled to say that he has conducted all the services, both on Sundays and week days regularly throughout the year; that he has preached the Gospel with great pleasure to himself, and it is to be hoped with profit to his hearers in the open-air on the pier when the season permitted, and in the Mission Room when the weather was less favorable.

Looking over the past year and comparing it with the previous one, your Missionary will gladly confess that the work of the out-door station has been encouraging. When standing at the entrance of the year now closed, and surveying the one then expiring, a cloud seemed to hang over the future. The congregations were small compared with those of former years, the number of sailors and boatmen found in the city were annually decreasing, the likelihood that shipping on the old plan would be displaced by steamers and steamships, needing but few sailors, all tended to darken the hopes then entertained of the year's work.

Although the canals were not thrown open for trade until late last Spring, and the lower part of the city where the open-air station is located, contains no sailor's boarding-houses, and the number of sailors and boatmen in the city during the past year was less than at any other time in twenty years, still there was no perceptible falling off in the aggregate attendance at the various services, while the deportment, order, interest and attention of the hearers have been very good. In thus presenting to the Board of Managers a synopsis of the work of the out-door station, with the hopes and discouragements attendant thereon, your Missionary would further desire to place before the friends of the "Seamen's Society" who may chance to look over the Annual Report, a more minute detail of the various instrumentalities we use in bringing the blessings of salvation within the reach of

those who, by their habits of life and migratory calling, are debarred from the benign blessings and privileges which surround on all sides those who are living on land. The first and most important of these is the preaching of the Gospel in the open-air every Sunday morning and afternoon, from about the 1st of March to the 1st of December, where on any fine morning when other circumstances are propitious, it is no uncommon thing to see from one to two hundred sailors, boatmen and the families of the latter seated under the shelter of our tent and reclining on the adjoining boats, attentively following the Missionary through the service tract which we invariably use in these services, and then devoutly listening to the Word of God while it is expounded to them by the writer. After the benediction all are then invited to the Mission Room, and those who accept the invitation are supplied with a variety of religious papers and tracts, which they rarely fail to read and peruse during the intermission. The same order is observed in the afternoon with this addition, that every sailor and boatman who comes to the room is supplied with a copy of the New Testament or the Book of Common Prayer. Those who have either or both these, receive a book on some moral or religious subject; while the captains of vessels who ask for a Bible, always receive one for the use of the cabin. Therefore, we may truly say, without exaggeration, that from the open-air station the sound of the gospel goes forth into all lands and the Word of God unto the ends of the world. The next most important part of the work at Coenties Slip is the services which are held in the mission-room. When the season is far advanced, and the cold and severity of the weather compels us to stay in doors, these services, of course, are not so largely attended as are the services on the pier; but they never fail to draw out the most earnest efforts of the missionary in urging the claims of God upon those present, and the spiritual peace and happiness that are sure to follow from submission to His will. The Missionary can truly say, from his personal knowledge, that God has owned and blessed this part of the work also.

The next in order, and not less effectual than the others, are the prayer meetings, which are held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. To many of those who in a measure are excluded from the outside world our mission room on these evenings is like a light shining in darkness. One boat captain, not long ago, said it was like an oasis in the desert. Often and often the Missionary has had the pleasure of hearing pious boatmen thank God for the privileges so freely and fully afforded them at Coenties Slip. Nearly twelve hundred persons were present at these meetings in nine months. We hope by God's blessing to continue them in the future, and that as in the past they will be productive of blessings to the souls of men, and bring glory to God.

As the Reading-room was intended to be a place of rest for those desirous of spending their hours of leisure in the enlargement of their knowledge, as well as where they might be guarded from the beer and liquor saloons in the slip, it has well answered the object it was designed to meet. A number of truckmen and other transient visitors to the slip are attracted by its good supply of papers, secular and religious, as well as by the books found in the library. Many in this way brought to the Mission-room become acquainted with the Missionary, and are after a time easily approached with the Gospel, and go away, after some conversation, impressed with its precepts. Ten years have now passed since your Missionary had the honor of being appointed to the Coenties Slip Station, by the "Board of Managers." During this period he has been many times subjected to taunts and jeers, and been threatened with personal violence, by the enemies of morality and religion. A kind Providence still preserves me, and I am now as strong in mind and body as when first appointed to the arduous and trying work of open air preaching. Being conscious that I am set for the defense of the Gospel, and that I am engaged in a cause that cannot fail, I have no fear for the future, because He that is with me is greater than those who are against me.

The following are the statistics since last annual report :

Services in the open air on Sundays.....	72
“ in Mission room Sundays.....	30
“ on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.....	90
“ elsewhere, about.....	20
Total Services for the year.....	212
Present at the Open-air Services.....	4,450
Present at the In-door Services.....	467
Average attendance at each Out-door Service.....	62
Average attendance at each In-door Service.....	16
Attendance at the Evening Prayer Meetings.....	1,155
Total attendance at all the services.....	6,072
Number of Visits to the Reading room.....	9,026
Seamen, Boatmen and Boatmen's Children supplied with books.....	1,950

BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles, English, French, German and Italian.....	94
Testaments in various languages.....	225
Sailor's Manuals.....	46
Prayer Books.....	50
Pilgrim's Progress.....	149
Miscellaneous Books.....	1,029
Religious Papers, pages of.....	60,287
Tracts, pages of.....	6,840
Pamphlets, pages of.....	1,950
Journals, Magazines.....	159

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, April 4th, 1882.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1882.

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 :

Seamen this year have been very scarce, and we have had a
fewer number of boarders in the Home than any previous year
since the present Superintendent has had charge.

The arrivals in the Home have been on an average fifty per
month.

Money received from seamen and returned to them from April 1,
1881, to April 1, 1882..... \$14,963 14
Deposited in the bank by seamen..... 1,235 00
Sent home to friends..... 2,619 10

More baggage has been left in care of the Superintendent than
in any previous year, and which is stored free of charge.

We have three men employed to assist seamen in procuring
vessels, and any other business they may have, and which is
done without any expense to the men so assisted.

It is with pleasure that I can state that our meetings are very
well attended, except during the heat of the summer, and almost
daily there is one or more who come to the Superintendent for
advice and counsel on religious matters, with a determination to
change their mode of life, and do better, and very often make a
public declaration of their faith in Christ, and it is with great
pleasure that I see many of them return and adhere to their good
resolutions.

The Superintendent would also express his gratitude to Rev.
Robert J. Walker, Rev. Isaac Maguire, and Rev. T. A. Hyland, for
their efficient aid rendered in the Wednesday meetings, by their
well-timed and interesting remarks, which had an excellent
effect on their hearers.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD RODE.

SPECIAL 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.

1881.
To paid—Geo. F. Nesbitt & Co., printing Service
Tracts..... \$50 00
T. Whittaker, for Books..... \$93 38
Dodd, Mead & Co., for Books..... 50 00
Am. Tract Society, "..... 108 00
W. O. Bourne, "..... 70 00
Ships' Libraries: Brig "Osceola"..... 20 00
U.S. Ship "Lancaster"..... 40 00
Steamer "Dorset"..... 20 00
Expended for Prayer Books, by Rev. Mr.
Walker..... 190 00
1882.
April 10. To Balance to new account..... 132 50
\$703 88

1881.

April 18. By Balance of old account..... \$99 64
" Interest on Investments..... \$200 00
Rhineclauder Fund, \$5,000..... 84 24
Davenport Fund, \$1,733.33..... 284 24
" Donation, Anonymous..... 20 00
" " C. V..... 300 00

Cr.

1882.
April 10.

Andited and found correct.
(Signed) HENRY A. OAKLEY, } Auditing
JAS. STILLMAN, } Committee.

1882.

April 10. By Balance..... \$703 88
E. & O. E. } \$132 50

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DISPOSABLE 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.

Cr.

1881.		
April 16.	To Balance from last year.....	\$41 25
	To paid the current year:	
	Three missionaries and supply.....	\$4,830 00
	Three colporteurs.....	1,590 00
	Two sextons.....	1,140 00
		7,560 00
	Expenses of Anniversary, Printing, Advertising, and Commission, including printing Annual Report.....	285 38
	Expenses of East River Chapel, including music.....	436 60
	Expenses of North River Chapel, including music.....	351 78
	Expenses at Coenties Slip Station.....	143 09
	Expenses at Mission House, 34 Pike Street.....	123 95

1882.		
	By Legacy from the Executors of the Estate of the late John T. Adams.....	\$500 00
	By Collections in Churches, viz.:	
	Trinity Church Stipend.....	\$800 00
	" " Collection.....	29 94
	" Chapel ".....	84 38
	St. Paul's Chapel ".....	17 00
	St. John's " ".....	18 92
	St. Augustine's " ".....	12 02
	St. Chrysostom's " ".....	8 17
		\$970 43
	St. Bartholomew.....	726 00
	Incarnation.....	284 52
	St. Thomas's.....	236 09
	Holy Trinity (Anniversary).....	227 01
	Grace.....	215 59
	St. George's.....	83 12
	Holy Communion.....	75 00

Expenses at Mission House, 90 Barrow Street.....	122 78		
		1,178 20	

Annunciation.....	17 43		
St. Michael's.....	16 12		
All Angels.....	5 10		
St. Mary's.....	5 00		
Du St. Esprit.....	5 00		
St. Mary's (Brooklyn).....	\$48 16		
St. John Evangelist (Barrytown).....	6 43		
		54 61	

			2,921 02
By Sundry Donations, as per list.....			3,537 00
" " Subscribers ".....			675 50
" Loan from Permanent Fund.....			1,400 00
April 10. By Balance to new account.....			31 31
			\$9,064 83

April 10. To Balance..... 31 31

Audited and found correct.

HENRY A. OAKLEY, }
JAMES STILLMAN, } *Auditors.*

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NEW YORK, April 10, 1882.

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.

1881.	April 18.—To Balance.....	\$25 04
	" " To Paid Rent.....	3,212 50
	" " " Insurance.....	316 75
	" " " Repairs East River Chapel.....	\$116 93
	" " " Coenties Slip Station.....	61 74
	" " " 34 Pike Street.....	355 70
	" " " 80 Barrow Street.....	27 25
	" " " Sailors' Home.....	150 00
	" " " West Honston Street.....	362 52
	" " " Cemetery Lots.....	95 82
	" " " Loan to Disposable Fund.....	1,170 05
		1,400 00

1882.	April 10. To Balance.....	\$6,134 34
	Audited and found correct.....	\$55 31

		\$6,134 34

HENRY A. OAKLEY, } *Auditing Committee.*
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 New York April 10, 1882.

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1881.

By Income from Sailors' Home, Offices Coen-	
ties Slip, and property in West Street	
and West Honston Street, purchased	
for North River Chapel.....	\$3,358 81
" " " from Investments.....	610 22
" " " Donation Mr. and Miss Ferguson to	
Building Fund, North River Chapel.....	100 00
" " " Invested Fund, April 18, 1881.....	13,000 00
" " " Withdrawn from Trust Company.....	2,000 00
" " " Balance Invested in New York City Bonds,	
Michigan Central R.R. Bonds, and De-	
posits in Trust Company and Bank.....	11,000 00
" " " Balance to New Account.....	55 31

	\$6,134 34

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