

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, 31 Pike Street.*

NORTH RIVER STATION.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

No. 365 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 Sunday at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.,

MISSION ROOM, No. 7 COENTIES SLIP.

REV. ISAAC MAGUIRE, } *Minister in Charge,*
 } *Residence over the Mission Room.*

New Sailors' Home,

No. 338 PEARL STREET,

Mr. EDWARD RODE, *Superintendent.*

A House under Christian influence, neat and orderly, with a well supplied table.

Lectures by the Missionaries of the Board on Wednesday Evening.

THIRTY-SEVENTH 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 18, 1881, in the Sunday-School Room of Trinity Chapel, E. M. DUNCAN, 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-seventh Anniversary of the Mission was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, on Sunday evening, May 22, 1881, Rev. W. F. WATKINS, D. D., Rector of the Church, presiding. Rev. Messrs. WALKER and MAGUIRE, conducted the evening service. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by Rev. T. A. HYLAND, and addresses were made by the Rev. ARTHUR BROOKS, Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, JR., D. D., Rev. W. F. WATKINS, D. D., and the Right Rev. CHARLES C. PENICK, D. D., of Cape Palmas, Africa, after which a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

THIRTY-SEVENTH 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 again demands of the Managers a report upon the trust committed to them, and it is with unfeigned gratitude to "the Author and Finisher of every good work" that we recognize in its events fresh proofs of His acceptance and blessing on the work of this society. So far as its means permitted the society has earnestly pursued its special object of trying to promote the moral and religious welfare of seamen.

Its methods have not differed from those of former years, except in increased efficiency, resulting from habit and experience. We barely mention them, not wishing to forestall the fuller reports of the Missionaries hereto appended, and for which we beg the thoughtful consideration which they justly deserve. Our missionaries, aided by their colporteurs, seek out the sailor on his arrival, and welcome him to the chapels of our Saviour and of the Holy Comforter, as to places of worship specially provided for them and where they may feel at home. At the Coenties Slip Station, similar invitations and welcome are extended to the sailors and boatmen in that vicinity. At each of these three stations, are established comfortable reading rooms, where sailors may spend their leisure hours in rational enjoyment of

books and papers, or in correspondence, materials for which are gratuitously furnished.

At these, also weekly lectures, with prayer, are conducted by the Missionaries, all tending to bring the latter into closer relations with their visitors, and to increase their influence for good by manifestation of sincere personal interest in their behalf.

In particular, the Missionaries take occasion 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. Besides their immediate work for seamen, the accompanying reports show that our chapels do much other missionary work in their respective neighborhoods, which greatly stand in need of such influences.

At each there is a Sunday school, with a large and increasing attendance, where the children of sailors and others receive religious instruction, which they would not be likely to obtain otherwise. The Industrial School for Girls, at No. 34 Pike Street, is doing valuable work, and is largely maintained through the pecuniary and personal efforts of a wealthy Christian lady, whose devotion to this and like beneficent works claims our grateful appreciation, while respect for her desire to do good unobtrusively forbids us to mention her name. The New Sailors' Home, in Franklin Square, continues under the superintendence of Mr. Rode, and offers to seamen, while on shore, a respectable and quiet home, brightened by efforts for the spiritual and temporal benefit of its guests, which the latter seem very cordially to appreciate.

The Society has endeavored to supply every seaman with a Bible or Testament and a Prayer book, distributing, also, such other religious and miscellaneous reading matter as seemed judicious and within its means to supply.

For kind assistance in this department our renewed acknowledgements are due to

The New York Bible and Common Prayer-book Society.

The Church Book Society.

The Evangelical Knowledge Society.

The Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning.

The New York Bible Society.

The American Tract Society.

The Protestant Episcopal Tract Society.

It has also encouraged seamen to deposit in savings banks, for the use of their families or their own future needs, considerable sums of money, which otherwise would probably have been spent with the usual improvident profuseness of their class.

By these varied means, the Society has faithfully striven to discharge the duty assigned it by the Church, and while, owing to the short time which sailors spend in port, its mission is largely one of faith, sowing, without knowing what the harvest will be, or where gathered, we are permitted to see enough results to encourage renewed and increased efforts. Under our by-laws, there are appointed, besides the Standing Committees for the year, Monthly Visiting Committees for each station, from the Managers in rotation. By these visitations the Managers become better acquainted with the Missionaries and their work, aid and encourage the Missionaries, and are themselves strengthened in interest and zeal.

Scarcely any of the Sunday services have been without the presence of one or more members of the Board, and the full attendance and lively interest at the meetings of the Managers, we think greatly due to this personal contact with the work and enjoyment of the hearty worship at our chapels.

The increasing importance of the North River Station, of which the chapel of the Holy Comforter is the centre, made the Managers desirous to obtain a permanent site on West Street, owned by the Society, and where a suitable and attractive chapel would better arrest the notice of sailors—at same time that the entire work of the station might be collected at one point by having there also the Reading room and the residence of the Missionary. They accordingly purchased in December last a property near the southerly corner of West Houston Street, forming an L, with a frontage of 25 feet on West Street and 55 feet on West Houston Street, at a cost of \$29,000. There are

three small houses on Houston Street, the most easterly of which can readily be adapted for the residence of the Missionary, while on the rest of the property it is proposed to build a chapel with Sunday School and Reading room attached that will fitly accommodate the work of the Society at this point. The buildings on the newly-purchased property are leased at a rent which pays a fair interest on the cost, and for the present we retain the chapel of the Holy Comforter in its old location—the hired room at No. 365 West Street.

We earnestly appeal to the liberality of the Church for funds to enable the erection of the proposed new buildings in a manner worthy of the purpose for which they are designed.

The increasing number of steamship lines which are crowding the North River piers, makes this a very interesting point of our work—their sailors contributing largely to the attendance at our chapel—and we think it important that the chapel and its accessories should present an appearance of fitness and permanence that will attract and attach them to the Mission.

By the Treasurer's report, it will be seen that although the affairs of the Society have been managed with the most careful economy, it has again been necessary to borrow from the Permanent Fund to supply the deficiency in the Disposable Fund. This constant embarrassment for money sadly hampers the work of the Society, and but for what we see of its beneficent operations, might well discourage the Managers. Although named by Diocesan Canon as one of the objects for which an annual collection is to be taken in each congregation in the city, but few so contribute, and private contributions do not keep pace with the opportunities and necessities of the Mission.

It is the Church's work! and although we are its willing servants, and honored by the charge of it, we can do no more than the means provided us will compass.

During the past winter two of the Vice-Presidents of the Society have been taken from it—by the departure of Right Rev. J. A. Paddock, D.D., to enter upon his Episcopate of Washington Territory, and by the lamented death of Rev. E. A. Wash-

burn, D.D.—one but transferred to a higher field of labor in the Church on earth, the other passing on into the rest that remaineth after faithful service here, and to an eternal reward. The Society loses in both, old and tried friends, wise counsellors and earnest advocates. May the Lord of the harvest graciously send other laborers into this portion of His vineyard who shall worthily supply their vacant places.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH
OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1881.

The attendance of seamen at the Floating Church has not been quite so large during the past as in the preceding year. The great increase of commerce requires the services of all the sailors who can be obtained. In former years these hardy men would frequently remain on shore for weeks, unable to procure a vessel. Now they are often re-shipped on the day of their arrival, consequently the sailors' homes and boarding houses have but few inmates. The largest establishment of the kind in this city, with accommodation for 250 boarders, had, on a recent Sunday, only 16 seamen in the house. The mariners of various grades who attend the Floating Church are chiefly drawn from steamers and sailing craft moored in the East River, between Corlear's Hook and the South Ferry on this side, and from Hunter's Point and the Erie Basin on the Brooklyn side. Every Sunday seamen come from long distances to worship God and to listen to the comfortable Gospel of Christ in the beautiful little sanctuary that raises its modest roof amidst the great ships and transatlantic steamers that lie at pier 40, East River. If their numbers have not been quite as large as in recent years, their admirable attention and devout department in the House of God, have compensated for the slight falling off in attendance. Many a tempest-beaten mariner, with his bronzed features and rough hands, has been melted to tears when praying devoutly, or singing lustily, or listening attentively in the little church, that is called by the name of our Saviour. Many a seaman has sailed away upon the boundless deep, who will nevermore see the light-house of Sandy Hook, but who carries in his soul a light from Heaven, kindled from the torch which is held aloft each Sabbath in the Floating Church. Many a seaman, deeply moved by the recollection of the dear Saviour's pitying love, has kneeled down in humble adoration and received for the first time, the emblems of His broken body and shed blood, and resolved in His strength to walk from henceforth in obedience to His commands. We shall never again look upon the faces of some of these wandering sons of ocean, till we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive His blessing for what we have done and suffered for Him on earth. On the afternoon of the 3d Sunday in Lent, our venerable diocesan, laid his hands on the heads of 22 persons in the Floating Church, who assumed the vows made for them in baptism. Ten of these

persons were adults, and all, so far as could be ascertained, were well prepared to receive the Apostolic rite. Some other seamen who were equally well prepared, had sailed away with the ships to which they were attached, before the appointed day. The number of families, or parts of families, who reside on shore and are connected with the "Church of our Saviour," has increased during the past year, from 60 to about 115. The heads of many of these families obtain their subsistence from the sea, being employed about the shipping in various capacities. These people reside in several wards in this city and Bro' klyn, which imposes a great amount of labor on the writer, and his faithful lay assistant, as some of them are always indisposed, or require assistance in various ways. It is a happy peculiarity of the Floating Church, that nearly all the adults who regularly attend its services, are truly devout communicants, and more than two hundred seamen when in this port on the days when the Lord's Supper is administered within its consecrated walls, devoutly partake of that sacred ordinance. It is seldom, however, that we have more than ten or twelve of these pious seamen communing on the same day. Through the generous liberality of some friends of the Mission, the writer has been enabled to assist a number of worthy persons in seasons of poverty or sickness. The sum of \$247.50 has been expended in this way. On Christmas Day, several families were provided with a substantial dinner, through the kindness of the same gracious lady who originated and supports the sewing school for girls. This school has been, and is yet, productive of a large amount of usefulness. About forty bright, intelligent girls are carefully instructed in various branches of needle-work, and all the garments which their fingers make are presented to them at Easter, when the school closes for the season.

The Sunday School connected with the Floating Church is in a very flourishing condition, and is accomplishing an excellent work. It is truly one of the best conducted little schools in the city, and is the source of much gratification to your missionary, who now superintends the school himself. Eleven of the persons recently confirmed have been, or are now, scholars in the school. The roll contains the names of 105 children, who attend with great punctuality. We are also favored with a corps of pious, faithful teachers—numbering 14—who take the greatest interest in the welfare of their scholars.

The Guild of the Floating Church has prospered, financially and otherwise, during the past year. Several new members have been added, and the funds have increased to \$317. The sick members are cared for, and those who die are decently interred.

Through the instrumentality of the "Floating Church Temperance Society," an immense amount of good has been accomplished. It is marvellous how God has blessed our efforts to reclaim and save the hapless inebriate. The Society now numbers 3,277 members, of whom 2,768 are seamen of various grades. At a recent meeting of the Society, a well dressed man arose, and

spoke as follows: "Eight years ago, I came into this room, a worthless vagabond, not worth five cents, and from what I heard I was induced to take the pledge, and I have kept it honestly. Becoming a sober man, I soon got a berth as second officer, then I was promoted to first officer, and now I am captain of the brig." Many other sea faring men have, from time to time, related similar joyous experiences. If the Floating Church had performed no other work for God than redeeming so large a number of seamen from the miseries of an intemperate life, it surely deserves to be kept afloat, so long as the East River rises and falls with each advancing or receding tide. Through the liberality of a generous friend of the Mission, several libraries—each consisting of about 36 volumes—have been placed on board sea-going vessels. The officers and crews have access to these books, which are all of an excellent character. Another kind friend—who is a member of the Board—has recently presented the church with 200 prayer books, of clear type, for the use of the congregation. The visitors to the reading-room, at 34 Pike Street, have not been so numerous as in former years, in consequence of the diminished number of seamen in the homes and boarding houses.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1881.

Services held in the Floating Church.....	112
Services held in the Mission House, New Sailors' Home, and elsewhere.....	95
Total services for the year.....	207
Average attendance for each Sunday.....	290
Average attendance of seamen at the church for each Sunday.....	89
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Religious Books, Papers, Tracts, &c., in the church.....	1,220
Number of Communicants, including 204 seamen.....	305
Number of Communion Services held in the church.....	15
Baptisms—Adults, 1; Children, 21. Total.....	22
Confirmed by the Bishop of New York, including 10 adults.....	22
Marriages.....	16
Burials.....	16
Sunday School Teachers and Scholars.....	119
Members of the Floating Church Temperance Society, including 2,768 seamen.....	3,277
New members received during the year, including 155 seamen.....	163
Communion Offerings, \$96 55; Poor Box, \$45.95; Box for Books, \$21.42. Total.....	\$163.92
Number of visits made to the Reading Room, 34 Pike Street.....	4,645
New Communicants received during the year, including 37 seamen.....	61
Number of visits paid to vessels during the year by lay assistant.....	3,782
Number of visits paid to seamen's boarding houses.....	3,156
Number of seamen supplied with packages of reading matter (at the Mission House) before going to sea.....	421
BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.	
Bibles.....	67
Testaments, in ten languages.....	501
Prayer Books.....	621
Miscellaneous Books, in nine languages.....	504
Tracts, Religious Papers, Pamphlets, Magazines, &c., about.....	4,000

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, *Easter Monday*, 1881.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1881.

By the favor of God, the labors of your Missionary at the North River Station; have been greatly blessed during the past year. Larger numbers have attended the services of the Church than for years before, and the attention and devotion of the congregations have showed a marked improvement. Our number of communicants has nearly doubled, about one hundred seamen have signed the temperance pledge, over five hundred have asked the prayers of the Church, and many have resolved to live holy lives.

The work among the children of seamen, and others who live in the vicinity of the Chapel, has, by the blessing of God, succeeded beyond our anticipations. It was said that we could not establish a Sunday school in that neighborhood. Some thought the Chapel was too near the water, and others said that nearly all the children thereabouts were of Roman Catholic parentage. We determined, however, to give it a trial. The Lord sent us four for a beginning. This number gradually increased, until now we carry on our register seventy names, with an average attendance of forty scholars and seven teachers. But for this school many of these children would be without any religious instruction. We firmly believe that the Scriptural knowledge imparted to these children will, by the grace of God, be the means of saving many of them in future years from profligate lives, and, instead of being a burden and scourge to society, they will be a blessing. The old maxim—"an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,"—applies well to this kind of work. Rather than spend all our time in picking up the fallen and mangled, is it not better to devote a portion of it to keep them from falling by imparting to them moral and religious principles in youth? When a camel in the East is staggering beneath its load, one man may steady it, but if it once falls, it will take a dozen men, and much time, to get it on its feet again. So is it with mankind. It is far wiser and more economical to help them in youth to walk uprightly than after they become of age and fall, to set them morally on their feet again. We regard the Sunday school of this Mission as one of its most important auxiliaries for good. From it we hope to see many gathered into the

Church militant, to be ultimately numbered with the Church triumphant. Since our organization, three of the Saviour's lambs—members of this school—have been "gathered with His arm," and He now "carries them in His bosom." They are not, for God took them.

The Reading-room continues to prove a blessing to seamen. Here they can pass a pleasant hour in reading American and European papers, and in playing innocent games. The facility afforded them of corresponding with friends and relatives, without charge for material, is largely made use of, especially immediately preceding the Christmas and Easter holidays, when their affection for friends far distant is ardent and practical. Every Thursday evening this Reading-room is converted into a little chapel, where the regular evening service of the Church is held, followed by a lecture. The attendance at these services has been remarkably good. We have a seating capacity for about forty persons. Frequently every seat is occupied, and on one occasion we had one hundred and three present, when they had to be seated in the hall and on the stairs.

Another feature of this Mission is its temperance work. As already stated, about one hundred signed the temperance pledge in the past year. We consider this a most important branch of our labor. In many instances, men must be converted from intemperance before they can be converted to God. With an efficient helper, we believe great good might be done in temperance reform among the sailors and boatmen on the North River.

Before concluding, your Missionary at the North River Station, desires to express his heartfelt thanks to the many friends who have enabled him, in the past year, not only to supply seamen with religious books, but also to relieve the pressing wants of many destitute persons, several of whom were seamen. In one case, the shipwrecked crew of a Newfoundland brig, all of whom had families depending upon them. The benefactions of these friends have also enabled him to assist in bringing the family of a seaman from Norway, and to provide presents at Christmas and Easter for the children of the Sunday school, and also to take them on an excursion to the Central Park last summer. To these generous and loving hearts we give our grateful thank—to God we give all the glory for the good accomplished through their liberality.

The following are the statistics for the year :

STATISTICS

OF THE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

Number of Services in the Church on Sundays.....	104
Number of Services in the Church on other days.....	14
Number of Services at the Mission House.....	38
Number of Services at the "Home,".....	18
Number of Services at other places.....	10

Number of Communion Services.....	13
Total Number of Services.....	197
Average attendance at the Church on Sundays.....	108
Average attendance at the Mission House.....	30
Aggregate attendance at all the Services.....	6,756
Average attendance of Seamen each Sunday.....	42
Average number remaining for books.....	24
Aggregate number remaining for books.....	1,248
Number attending the Reading Room.....	2,641
Number who signed Temperance Pledge.....	93
Baptisms (adults, 4; infants, 9).....	13
Marriage.....	4
Funerals.....	22
Communicants.....	35
Books distributed in seven languages: Bibles, 35; Testaments, 105; Prayer Books, 286; Miscellaneous books, 822. Total.....	1,248
Pages of Tracts.....	15,000
OFFERINGS: Communion Alms, \$25.45; for the Poor, \$41.53; for Books, \$26.97; by Friends, for special purposes, \$20.35; for the N. Y. Bible Society, \$7.25; St. Luke's Hospital, \$5.22; N. Y. Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, \$3—(these last three items are included in the offerings for books); for the Sunday School, \$97.25. Total.....	\$400.75
Number of Visits to Vessels by Colporteur.....	3,016
Number of Visits to Vessels by Sexton.....	636

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. HYLAND.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, April 12, 1881.

REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF COENTIES SLIP STATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1881.

The missionary in charge of the out-door station, in presenting his present annual report, desires, with resigned spirit and devoutest thanksgiving, to acknowledge the mercy and favor of God continued to himself during the past year. He, by the good and wise providence of the Almighty has been caused to pass through the deep waters of sorrow and affliction,* so that the past year to him can never be forgotten. Family sickness, anxious, lonely nights of darkest gloom have severely wounded his soul, and diminished all anticipated joys of his future pathway over life's journey, and yet with most grateful praise he is constrained to confess that the Lord has afforded him grace and strength for the occasions, and raised up for him in the hours of deepest need sympathizing Christian friends far beyond his deserts and expectations. Our Heavenly Father, in the most bitter cup served to our lips, knows how to sweeten the draught by commingling his mercy and grace.

Looking over the working of the Mission during the past year, the retrospect is one of light and shade; partly cheering, and in part discouraging. While from the diminished attendance at Divine service during the year now ended, contrasted with that of other years, a shadow of disappointment creeps over the mind, yet there is considerable to make the heart glad, from the manifest increase in the number of those who have kept away from haunts of vice and degradation, and have regularly resorted to the reading-room, attracted there by the number of books, periodicals, and newspapers provided for their use. This may appear a small matter, but it is sufficient to make the Christian rejoice.

The numerous excursion trips down the Bay and elsewhere, every Sunday during the summer, and the facilities these pleasure trips offer to the unemployed boatmen by their cheapness for indulging in sinful amusements, have had also a telling effect upon the open-air services. Many who would otherwise attend the reading and preaching of God's Word, are allured by the passing steamers, and others with their families take advantage

* Death of his wife, and dangerous illness of a daughter.

of the day of rest and holy convocation, to enjoy the sin of Sabbath desecration. The length and severity of the past winter, the number of boats frozen in the canals—all these causes combined with others of a minor character, have reduced the attendance at the various religious services to a very low figure, and in the estimation of some, may lead to the conclusion that the work was a failure, or else the results were not sufficient to justify the expenditure of time and means bestowed. However this may be, your Missionary is free to say that he cannot so look upon it.

When we consider that sailors and boatmen are men of like passions with others, how difficult it is to get them within the sound of the Gospel, that more than six thousand persons were brought within hearing of God's Word last year, of whom at least three-fourths were those for whose spiritual benefit our Society was originally founded; that more than two thousand two hundred Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, and other religious books of a miscellaneous character, were given to those who personally applied for them at the Mission room, together with a large amount of other religious reading matter; that over ten thousand visits were made to the Reading-room within the same period, and all this without subsidiary inducements of any description except those already referred to, viz., the preaching of the Gospel and the supply of books, papers, etc.; I think that in view of these facts, we cannot justly conclude that our labor has been in vain, nor the funds laid out in its support misapplied. God will do his work—let us do our work, "and in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

The following are the statistics since last annual report :

Services in the open air on Sunday	66
" in the Mission room on Sunday mornings and afternoons	42
" on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings	92
" elsewhere	18
Total Services for the year	218
Present at the Open-air Services	4,580
Average attendance at each service	70
Present at the Services in the room on Sunday morning and afternoon	585
Average attendance at each service	14
Attendance at the Evening Services for nine months	1,228
Number of Visits to the Reading-room	10,396
Seamen, Boatmen and boatmen's Children supplied with Books	2,000

BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles, English, German, French and Italian	157
Testaments in various languages	20
Prayer Books	90
Sailor's Manuals	120
Miscellaneous Books	1,613
Magazines, Reviews, &c.	237
Religious Papers	4,794
Pages of Tracts	5,880
Service Tracts	1,000

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, April 12, 1881.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1881.

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, April 1, 1880, Fifteen..... 15
Entered the Home from April 1, 1880, to April 1, 1881, Six hundred
and Twenty..... \$20

Total for the year, Six hundred and Thirty-five.....

635

Gone to sea and friends.....

626

In the Home April 1, 1881.....

9

Money received from seamen and returned to them, from April 1,

1880, to April 1, 1881.....

\$19,298 70

Deposited in the bank by seamen.....

630 00

Sent home to friends.....

1,813 75

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD RODE

Mr. Rode calls attention to the unusual small number of men who have occupied the home the past year. It is smaller than for many years, a large number of seamen having sought permanent work on shore after completing voyage.

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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1880.	
March 28.—Te balance from last year.....	\$117 53
" paid American Seamen's Friend Society—for Ship's Libraries, viz.:	
Schooner Java, for St. Domingo....	\$20 00
Schooner Chieftain, for Jamaica....	20 00
Schooner Adelaide, for Jamaica....	20 00
Bark Medford, for Gibraltar.....	20 00
Bark Sir Hubert Maxwell, for Natal	20 00
Schooner Bella Etta, for Aligne....	20 00
	120 00
To paid for Books:	
American Tract Society.....	239 70
J. R. Funk & Co.....	57 37
American Book Exchange.....	51 25
T. Whittaker.....	50 00
New York Bible Society.....	12 25
	410 57
1881.	
April 18.—To Balance to new account.....	99 64
	<u>\$747 74</u>

1880.	
By Interest on "Rhinelander Fund," \$5,000.....	\$250 00
" "Davenport Fund." \$1,733 33.....	\$30 00
" and Adjustment of Arrsarages....	205 75
	235 75
" at Bank.....	24 24
By Donation, C. V.....	200 00
" T. A. H.....	20 00
	220 00
By Collections in boxes, for Books.....	
" North River Station.....	7 25
" Coenties Slip Station.....	10 50
	17 75
	<u>\$747 74</u>

1881.
April 18.—By Balance from old account..... \$99 64

Audited and found correct,

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New York, April 18, 1881.

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.

1880.	
Mch. 28. To Balance from last year.....	\$769 81
To paid—Three Missionaries and Supply, 13 months.....	\$5,325 00
“ Three Colporteurs.....	1,503 33
“ Two Sextons.....	1,235 00
“ Expenses of Anniversary, Printing, Advertising, and Commission in- cluding Printing Annual Report..	330 75
	8,394 08
“ Expenses of East River Chapel, in- cluding music.....	448 16
“ Expenses of North River Chapel, in- cluding rent and music.....	894 12
“ Expenses at Coenties Slip Station...	86 81
“ “ “ 34 Pike Street.....	121 57
“ “ “ 90 Barrow Street.....	125 68
	1,676 34

1880.	
By Receipts from Churches:	
Trinity Church Stipend.....	\$800 00
“ “ Collection.....	20 46
“ Chapel “.....	60 32
St. John's “ “.....	9 92
St. Augustine Chapel “.....	24 15
St. Chrysostom “.....	6 64
	921 49
St. Bartholomew's Collection.....	823 50
Calvary “ 1880.	354 00
“ 1881.	246 00
	600 00
St. Thomas “ 1880.	210 18
“ 1881.	281 10
	491 28
St. George's “ 1880.	121 07
“ 1881.	200 79
	321 86
Incarnation “.....	190 62
St. Mark's “.....	164 05
Christ Church “ Anniversary.	102 16

Holy Communion “.....	75 00
St. Michael “.....	30 35
Holy Apostles “.....	23 66
Holy Trinity, Harlem.....	15 00
Annunciation.....	5 54
St. Mary's.....	5 00
Du St. Esprit.....	2 50
Memorial Chapel Ascension.....	2 00
All Angels.....	1 00
	3,775 01
St. Mary's, Brooklyn.....	73 47
St. Peter's, “.....	26 08
	99 55
St. John Evangelist, Barrytown.....	10 92
By Sundry Donations, as per list.....	4,622 00
“ “ Subscriptions, “.....	691 50
“ “ Loan from Permanent Fund.....	1,600 00
April 18. By balance to new account.....	41 25
	\$10,840 23

1881. April 18. To balance from old account \$41 25

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NEW YORK, April 18, 1881.

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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.

1880.	To Paid Rent, 7 Coenties Slip.....	\$2,337 50
"	" " 90 Barrow Street.....	850 00
"	Repairs, viz.:	\$3,187 50
	Sailor's Home.....	59 75
	East River Chapel.....	248 88
	North River Chapel.....	110 13
	Coenties Slip.....	332 61
	34 Pike Street.....	61 69
	90 Barrow Street.....	18 29
	Insurance.....	821 35
	Lots on West Houston Street.....	234 20
	Deposit in Trust Co.....	25,347 70
	Loan to Disposable Fund.....	1,000 00
	Organ for Sailor's Home.....	80 00
		\$35,270 75

1881.

April 18, To Balance from old account..... 25 04

Audited and found correct,

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NEW YORK, APRIL 18, 1881.

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Cr.

1880.	By Balance from last year.....	\$ 82 81
March 28,	" Donation Miss M. B. Tousey.....	100 00
"	" Sale of Securities:	
	Pittsburg and Fort Wayne..	\$10,000 00
	Morris and Essex.....	10,000 00
	Michigan Central.....	3,000 00
	City Bond paid off.....	3,000 00
	Premiums on above.....	26,000 00
	" Interest on Investments.....	5,307 10
	" Rent.....	\$1,804 69
	" Balance to new account.....	1,951 11
		3,758 80
		25 00
		\$35,270 75

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