

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

FOR SEAMEN,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

READ AT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY,

May 8, 1859.

TOGETHER WITH THE

MISSIONARIES' AND TREASURERS' REPORTS.

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1859.

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 was held on Easter Monday, April 25th, 1859; at which the Reports of the Board of Managers, Missionaries, Treasurer and Superintendent of the "New Sailors' Home," were presented, and the Officers and Managers of the Society for the ensuing year were chosen.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSION was celebrated at St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square, on Sunday evening, May 8, 1859—the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the Church, presiding. Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Benjamin S. Huntington, Missionary in charge of the "Church of our Saviour;" the Lesson being read by the Rev. Joseph M. Waite, Missionary in charge of the "Church of the Holy Comforter." The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel Cooke, D. D., Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, N. Y., and a Vice-President of the Society. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by Mr. F. W. Welchman, and a collection made in aid of the funds of the Mission.

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 amidst 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 the 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.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE Board of Managers OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN, IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

Presented at their Annual Meeting, April 25, 1859.

To the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York:

BROUGHT, in the good Providence of God, to this Fifteenth Anniversary of our Mission, the Board of Managers are again called upon, by the Constitution of the Society, to present their Annual Report. In proceeding to comply with this requirement, the Board deem it alike their duty and privilege, first of all, to acknowledge, with gratitude, the continued mercy of their Heavenly Father. To HIM, therefore, "from whom all good things do come," be glory and thanksgiving, as well for the unity of spirit that has

prevailed in our deliberations, as for the measure of success that has been vouchsafed to our efforts.

Prominent among the events of the past year, is the lamented decease of our late Senior Missionary, who departed this life on the morning of the 28th of January last, after an illness of only a few days. In testimony of their appreciation of his worth, the Board of Managers, at their first subsequent meeting, ordered the following minute to be placed on their records:

"It having pleased Almighty God to call from his earthly labors the Rev. B. C. C. Parker, a Missionary of this Society in charge of the Floating Church of our Saviour, after sixteen years' service in that station, the Board of Managers, deploring the loss which has thus befallen the Mission and themselves, adopt the following resolutions, and direct that a copy of these proceedings be furnished to the family of the deceased, and that the same be published in the Church papers:

"*Resolved*, That in the death of the Rev. B. C. C. Parker, this Society has lost a faithful Missionary, whose long ministry among seamen had given him great knowledge of their character, and a strong hold on their respect and confidence; and the sudden termination of his missionary work has taken place at a time when he was pursuing it with fresh and increasing zeal, and ardent hopes of its greater prosperity and success.

"*Resolved*, That in our departed Missionary, the sailors found a sympathizing friend, to whom they might resort for advice and aid in trouble and need; and a spiritual guide who providently secured the means of supplying them with religious reading when at sea; and, by a devout example, guided them in worship, and who preached to them the gracious message of the Gospel plainly, faithfully and kindly, as became a servant of the Redeemer of Souls.

"*Resolved*, That while we cannot, with unaided vision, look upon this sad event otherwise than as a bereavement and a ca-

lamity, yet we trust all the concerns of this Mission to the superior wisdom of the Great Head of the Church, who never forsakes His own work of grace to man, and who will never let this Mission fail; and we bow in submission to His heavenly will, imploring His blessing upon this Society, and His consolation to the afflicted family of our departed friend."

The vacancy created by the death of Mr. Parker has, on the eve of this Report, been filled by the unanimous election of the Rev. Benjamin S. Huntington, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Provisional Bishop having signified his approval of the action of the Board, it is expected that Mr. Huntington will assume the charge of the East River Station without delay.

Soon after our last Anniversary, the Rev. Mr. Remington tendered his resignation, as "Missionary at Large," to take effect on the 1st of August ensuing. The Board having accepted said resignation, proceeded, at once, to the appointment of a successor, and, with entire unanimity, nominated the Rev. Robert J. Walker, at the time Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn. This nomination having been confirmed by the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Walker immediately entered upon his duties, which he has since been discharging to the satisfaction of the Board, and with a prospect of much usefulness to the Mission. He has officiated twice on every Lord's Day, with a single exception, on some one or other of the numerous barges lying in the vicinity of Coenties Slip, and has been occupied during the week in visiting the New York, Brooklyn and Staten Island hospitals,

offering, to the sick seamen there gathered, the consolations of our holy religion, and seeking to guide them in the ways of righteousness and peace. The experience of each year tends to confirm the judgment of the Board, as to the great value of these out-door ministrations for reaching a class of men not easily brought within the Sanctuary.

The two Floating Chapels have been opened for divine worship twice on each Sunday, and on some of the principal Holy-days. During Whitsun-week, the "Church of the Holy Comforter" was opened every evening for prayer, preaching and addresses—several of the clergy taking part in the exercises. At the close of two of the services, two seamen, who had been for a long while of doubtful mind, but whose hearts had now become soft, through the Gospel, presented themselves for baptism; and, after due examination, were received, by that sacrament, into the number of God's children. The same chapel has also been opened on Friday evenings, during the season of Lent; on which occasions, the Missionary in charge, the Rev. Mr. Waite, has delivered a series of lectures on the parable of "the Prodigal Son."

Since the death of Mr. Parker, the supply of services, at the "Church of our Saviour," has been left with the Superintending Committee of that Chapel, and various clergymen have officiated there.

For the customary statistics, connected with each station, we beg, in the present instance, to refer those interested to the accompanying Reports of our Missionaries.

The "Sailors' Home," No. 338 Pearl street, remains in the same excellent hands mentioned in our last Report, and is conducted with the same anxious care for the material comfort and moral benefit of its inmates. Morning and evening, the sacrifice of prayer and praise is daily offered; and on Wednesday evenings, there is a religious service, including a lecture by the Missionaries, in rotation. The Board regard the Home as an important and indispensable auxiliary to the Mission, in its aim to ameliorate and exalt the condition and character of seamen. The following details, furnished by the Keeper, will give some idea of the usefulness of such an institution, and of the wholesome influence it may be expected to exert:—"The number of seamen in the Home, at date of last report, was 25; there have entered since, 958—making a total of 983 in the house during the year. Of these, 922 have gone to sea or to their friends; 26 have left for parts unknown; 13 have been expelled for bad conduct; 8 have been taken to the hospital; and 14 remain in the house at present. Of the number who have entered, 27, when received, were destitute, but were subsequently provided for; 37, during their stay, became members of Protestant Churches; and many others, under the regulations of the Home and by kind persuasion, have been led to abandon the vice of intemperance. Money to the amount of \$5,027 has been deposited by, or for, them in savings banks, or sent to their friends."

The distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books, Tracts, and other religious volumes, to seamen about leaving

port, has been continued through the year, with the usually gratifying results. The power of this instrumentality for favorably impressing many, whose opportunities of attendance upon a living ministry are few and irregular, can scarcely be overrated. We are indebted, for liberal supplies, to the "New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society," the "Protestant Episcopal Tract Society," the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge," the "New York Bible Society," the "American Tract Society," and others.

The Board feel greatly relieved in being able to report, that they have reached the termination of the year free from debt, so far as the current expenses of the Mission are concerned. Our receipts for the "Disposable Fund," (including \$750, on account of the legacy of the late Miss Anna Kinsey, previously reported,) amount to \$7,821.93; and our disbursements from the same have been \$6,914.77—leaving on hand \$907.16. A recent survey of the condition of the North River Chapel, has revealed the necessity of immediate repairs to such extent as will involve a considerable outlay. In the "Permanent Fund," there is a balance of \$1104.04 on deposit with the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company, which we hope may, at no distant future, be sufficiently increased through the offerings of friends of the cause, as to permit us to cancel the existing mortgage of \$7000 on the "Sailor's Home." While thankful, at present, for the comparatively comfortable state of our finances, the Board think it

but right to add, that this has only been attained through extraordinary efforts—by means of loans on the part of Members of the Board—the generous aid rendered, in our extremity, by some of the Marine Insurance Companies—and by collections, during the winter, after special services, in two of our City Parishes, and one in Brooklyn. During the greater part of the year, the condition of the Treasury has been such, as to occasion much concern. Month after month, the Board have been unable to meet the salaries of their Missionaries, when due; and, at length, as the only alternative to save them from further embarrassment, they have felt constrained to restore those salaries to \$1200,—being the rate formerly established, but which, about two years ago, had been increased one-third, owing to the enhanced cost of living. It was with extreme reluctance the Board consented to adopt a course so unwelcome to their own feelings; but it must be remembered, that we are merely the dispensers of the gifts of others, and that our scale of expenditure must, necessarily, conform to their measure of liberality. Shall the year we are about to enter present, at its close, a like record of straitened means, and of consequent struggle for mere subsistence? Or will they who are "partakers of the heavenly calling," having "freely received," so "freely give," as to impel the Board to new and enlarged undertakings for the spiritual welfare of "those whose business is upon the mighty waters"? We respectfully submit the question for serious consideration and answer, by

all who profess to be the servants and disciples of the Crucified One. "*Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet, for your sakes, He became poor, that ye, through His poverty, might be rich.*"

In this connection, the Board cannot omit to acknowledge a contribution of \$125 from their faithful friends, the Sunday-school Teachers of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, who, for several years, have thus kindly borne this Mission in remembrance. We have, also, received a donation of \$50 from the Sunday-school of St. Peter's Church, in this city, for the purchase of Prayer-books for gratuitous distribution by the Missionary at Large. The Board hail, with peculiar pleasure, this manifestation of interest in their work, by the children of the Church. The sympathy and co-operation of the young have been enlisted, and most wisely, in behalf of other enterprises of Christian benevolence. Why, then, should not *this* Mission also find a place in their thoughts and affections?

The Board have thus presented a brief outline of the *operations* of the Mission, during the twelve months last past; of its *fruits*, they would speak with becoming diffidence; "for neither is he that planteth anything; neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase." The Board are glad, however, in the belief, that "the comfortable Gospel of Christ" has been truly preached by the Missionaries of the Society; and they humbly trust that, in the case of some, at least, it may be found, "through the mighty

power of the Holy Ghost," to have been "truly received, and truly followed to the breaking down the kingdom of Sin, Satan and Death." Several incidents of great interest have been communicated to the Board, by the Missionaries, affording gracious tokens of the Divine favor. One of these, which was first brought to our notice by the Missionary at Large, in the month of November, we venture to transfer to this Report, not doubting that you will rejoice with us in every triumph of grace, through the agency of this Mission. Alluding to his visits at the hospitals, as opening a large and hopeful field of labor, the Missionary proceeds to state: "In one of the wards of the Brooklyn Hospital lies, stretched upon a pallet, racked with pain, and suffering great distress of mind, a man of noble countenance, and fine intellect. He was formerly attached to a steamboat, in the capacity of engineer. A Londoner by birth, he is without a friend or relation on this side the Atlantic, to console him in his sickness. So soon as I saw him, I felt persuaded that he was no ordinary person. I went near and joined myself to him, as Philip did to the Ethiopian eunuch; but, alas! how different was my reception. He sulkily, and almost uncivilly, replied to my questions; and appeared altogether unwilling to hold any intercourse with me. I soon discovered that his heart was full of rebellion against God, and dislike towards mankind. He was evidently a misanthrope; and, I feared, an Infidel, also. Week after week, I approached his bed, longing to be made the instrument of doing him good. But so cold and

repulsive was his manner, I felt quite disheartened, and almost despaired. I resolved, at last, to try the effect of simple kindness. I ceased to speak on the subject of religion, which was so distasteful to him; but, every week, I took my seat beside him, inquired affectionately concerning his health, told him the news of the day, and drew him into conversation upon indifferent topics. By little and little, his stiffness began to relax; he seemed gratified by my attention to him; and, after a while, opened his mind, so far as to tell me something of the history of his life. I then presented him with some books and tracts, and took my leave. This course I pursued for some weeks. One day, I quietly approached him, and sat down upon the little wooden stool beside his bed. It was evident that some change had come over him. He looked at me pleasantly, and gently pressed my hand. Now, thought I, is the time to deliver my Master's message to this dying sinner. I opened my mouth, and God filled it with words, convincing and to the point. For half an hour, or so, this man listened with amazement, with hope, and with almost joy, to the story of redeeming love. His whole mind and soul seemed absorbed. At length, the fountain was opened; the right chord had been touched; and, lo! the hardened sinner wept at the thought that Christ had died for him. 'Sir,' said he, after a few moments, 'I have not been in church since I was a little boy in London, and how can I expect to be saved? I have never paid any attention to religion, and is it not, now, too late?' I assured him of the

willingness of Christ to save every repenting sinner, who would flee to him for mercy. 'Yes, sir,' he replied, 'I now remember, one of the books you gave me says so.' A few days subsequently, I had another conversation with him. He is, I believe, most anxious now to escape the wrath to come, yet fears that his sins are past forgiveness. 'Oh! sir,' said he, as I was about taking my departure, 'my heart is, still, so hard.' 'Look to Jesus,' I answered, 'and he will give you a new heart, and put a right spirit within you.'" In his report to the Board, in March last, the Missionary, again alluding to this interesting case, remarks: "I wish it were possible to convey the members of this Board to the bed-side of the poor engineer, to whose condition I have referred on a former occasion. How would their hearts be comforted, and their hands be strengthened—as mine have been—in beholding the deep repentance, the earnest faith, the holy joy of this redeemed sinner, snatched, indeed, as a brand from the burning. I wish they could listen to the outpourings of his soul in thankfulness to God for sending your Missionary to arouse him from his sleep of spiritual death. As I sat beside his bed, the other evening, he said:— 'My last hour is almost come; I thought I should have died last night, and I longed so much to see you, once more, before I left the world. I had just sent a messenger for you; but, thank God! you are come. I have been a very great sinner, but I trust I am pardoned, for Christ's sake. I have composed a little prayer, which I have lately repeated every

morning. I would like you to hear it, that I may know whether I pray aright.

“THE PRAYER OF THE DYING ENGINEER WHO HAD NOT PRAYED FOR THIRTY YEARS.

“*God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be merciful to me a sinner! God be with me, through this day and for evermore. Amen. Blessed be God for preserving me through the past night; oh! may He keep me from sin and danger this day. God give me faith in Christ, and salvation through Him, and forgive me all my sins for His sake. Bless my children, my sisters, my brothers, and preserve us all now and forever. Amen.*”

The voice that had become accustomed, thus simply, yet fervently, to lift itself in supplication, is since hushed, for he of whom we have been speaking has been summoned hence. We have the comforting assurance that he died having “a good hope through grace,” — being reconciled unto God by Jesus Christ. Of the last days of his earthly course, the Missionary at Large thus speaks, in his monthly Report, bearing date the 12th of April: “J. P., the engineer, whose happy conversion has already been mentioned, has gone home to heaven. It was, I think, on the day succeeding the last meeting of the Board that I administered to this humble believer the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Seldom have I witnessed such joy and thankfulness as were exhibited by him at the time of receiving the sacred emblems.

He lingered for about a week, and it was my privilege to visit him nearly every day. ‘Oh!’ said he to me one day, ‘I never knew, till now, what peace and happiness meant. This is the happiest moment of my life; I feel that God has forgiven me my sins, and I am willing to depart.’ On another occasion, he exclaimed: ‘What sufferings did Christ endure for sinners!’ He exhorted an old sailor in the adjoining bed to repent and turn to God. ‘Pray, sir,’ said he to me, ‘go and talk to him; he is on the wrong track, just as I was when you first came to visit me.’ He seemed exceedingly solicitous that all the patients in the ward should know of Christ and His salvation. At last, one afternoon about four o’clock, the messenger of Death stood beside his bed. The nurse and patients gathered around him. After struggling for some moments, he beckoned one of the nurses to approach, and with feeble voice said: ‘Give my love to the Minister.’ He then closed his eyes, and almost immediately his spirit went peacefully to its rest. Appropriate funeral services were held at the hospital, and were attended by the superintendent and several of the patients. I accompanied his remains to the grave, and committed them to the earth in the Society’s burial plot at the Cemetery of the Evergreens, in the sure hope of his resurrection to eternal life.”

Friends and Brethren: We are persuaded that other conquests for the Cross of Christ have been achieved by this Mission; “for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to

the pulling down of strongholds." Yet, could we present but this single trophy to the honor of Emmanuel's Name, would you regard us as having "labored in vain, and spent our strength for nought"? or, in respect to your contributions to this cause, would you be disposed to ask "to what purpose is this waste?" Not such, we think, would be the Master's judgment; for He hath said: "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" He hath also assured us, "That there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over *one* sinner that repenteth." Oh! the happiness of being permitted to be instrumental in rescuing an immortal spirit from the ruins of sin and corruption, and fitting it to shine forever in the Redeemer's diadem! Can we be indifferent to the privilege and obligation? Will *you* not then continue to cherish this Mission to Seamen, and aid in its blessed design of publishing to them the glad tidings of salvation? We desire your sympathy, your alms, and your prayers; shall we seek them in vain?

"AS EVERY MAN HATH RECEIVED THE GIFT, EVEN SO MINISTER THE SAME ONE TO ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD."

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REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

FLOATING CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

This is the Third Annual Report of the Missionary having present charge of the Church of the Holy Comforter, situated at the foot of Laight street, North River; though the Mission itself has been in operation ten years.

In summing up the various items which constitute official labor for the last twelve months, the missionary would respectfully state to the Board of Managers, that the Mission is in about as favorable condition as recorded statistics show it to have been at any period since its creation. The stated attendance at the services in the chapel on Sundays, exceeds in numbers that of years gone by, while the deepest interest is manifested by the audience in general, and particularly by the class whose eternal salvation we hold specially in view. There is much, as all acquainted with this portion of the Mission to seamen are aware of, which renders it a laborious field of endeavor. It is with *boatmen* and *bargemen*, a class very difficult to reach, that we, in a great measure, have to do. The short trips which these men are accustomed to make, tend to keep the carnal heart continually in contact with the worst influences; and this begets that ossification of heart and cold steeliness of view which renders moral suasion an almost insuperable work. Yet, by the blessing of God, your Missionary is able to say he has not labored in vain. The Omnific Spirit has accompanied the Word. Men, with tears in their eyes, have confessed their sins, and turned unto the Lord.

In January last, on the third Sunday after the Epiphany, the ordinance of Confirmation was administered in the chapel by the Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter, when 11 adult persons ratified their baptismal vows. Among the number was a gentleman, who, a few months before, had been attached to one of our clipper ships, as chief mate, but who, becoming, in a measure, dissatisfied with an occupation upon the deep, had withdrawn from it, and taken the

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post of clerk in one of the first collecting-houses of the city. When your Missionary first met him at the chapel, his mind was in that confused state respecting the things of religion, which proves that man must agonize in the affairs of salvation. But God was good, grace conquered, and the baptized soul looked with new eyes upon the dealings of the Infinite. With the power of the new life, and in the strength of the Master, our converted friend set himself to labor for Christ, in a Mission Sabbath-school, in one of the lower wards. Here he still continues to teach, retaining his connection with the chapel. In addition to Sunday-school duty, he has nearly every week visited the receiving ship North Carolina, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and distributed thousands of pages of Tracts, besides religious papers and books. Thus does the seed we cast, with a free hand, multiply itself; the bread upon the waters comes back to witness to God's preserving care.

The regular services at the chapel have been on Sunday morning and afternoon, with the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in each month, and on Christmas Day. The principal Holydays have been observed with appropriate exercises. On Wednesday evenings, the Missionary has either lectured at the New Home in Franklin Square, or at the Colored Sailors' Boarding-House of Mr. A. Lyon, in Vandewater street.

Your Missionary, during the past year, has baptized 34, admitted 14 to the communion, married five couples, attended 9 funerals. He has distributed at the chapel and abroad 60 Bibles, 180 Testaments, 105 Prayer-Books, some 90,000 pages of Tracts, and a large number of religious and entertaining books. In three several instances, supplies have come from individuals who feel great interest in this Christian work. Our own "Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society," "Tract Society," "Evangelical Knowledge Society," and the "New York Bible Society," and "American Tract Society," have kindly answered the request the Missionary has made, from time to time, for printed matter. A check for \$20 was received from "S. C." for the poor; also, for the same purpose, \$10 worth of garments from the Industrial Association, connected with the Church of the Ascension, New York, all of which were duly acknowledged, and distributed.

JOSEPH M. WAITE.

April 19th, 1859.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY AT LARGE.

SINCE the date of my appointment, (June 8, 1858,) I have officiated every Sunday, in the open air, at the foot of Coenties Slip. The attendance at these services has, of course, been somewhat regulated by the weather. On pleasant days, the congregations have been quite large, frequently numbering 200, or 250 persons—a considerable proportion of whom have usually been seafaring men, or boatmen. The orderly and devout demeanor of these promiscuous assemblages, the readiness with which they have joined in the exercises, and listened to the preached Word, and the effect which that Word has produced on the minds of some of the hearers, have greatly encouraged your Missionary in the performance of his arduous duties. Of the many thousands who, during the year, have thus offered to them the Bread of Life, but few, probably, would ever hear the offer in any other way; for our congregations are mainly composed of those who systematically neglect the worship of God. Every Sunday brings with it a new congregation. A few familiar countenances are recognized; but the large majority of the hearers are total strangers. Those who were with us on the last Lord's Day are now far away at sea, or pursuing their course along the rivers and canals of the interior. Thus, "a great door and effectual is opened unto us," and the Lord Himself seems to have provided a grand opportunity for preaching the Gospel to them that are without, and for sowing broadcast the seed which, watered by His Spirit, may bear fruit unto everlasting life.

Your Missionary has been assured, by the police officers of the district, that a marked and salutary effect has been produced on the character of the entire neighborhood, since the introduction of these open-air services. Their occupation, on Sundays, is now almost gone; we appear to be better conservators of the peace than the officers of the law.

At the close of the afternoon service, the sailors and boatmen who intend to leave the city during the week, are invited to accompany

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your Missionary to the room, No. 31 Coenties Slip, to receive books and papers for the voyage, and to listen to a parting word of advice. On one occasion, 75 followed him to the room; and on others, from 25 to 50 have come there.

A considerable portion of the time of your Missionary has been devoted to visiting the different hospitals. The number of seamen, boatmen, engineers, etc., confined in these institutions, by illness or accident, during each year, is much greater than generally supposed. He has conversed with more than eight hundred of this class, and has supplied them with tracts, and other religious publications, which have been eagerly received and carefully read. It hath pleased the Almighty to signally bless the efforts of your Missionary in this important department of his work.

Your Missionary is also in the habit of visiting, during the week, the various shipping in port, and the sailors' boarding-houses; and on every Wednesday evening, he holds a service at one or other of the latter.

Your Missionary has distributed 53 Bibles, and 306 Testaments, in various languages; 278 Prayer Books; 1,046 miscellaneous volumes; upwards of 40,000 pages of tracts; and about 7,000 religious papers and magazines.*

APRIL 19, 1859.

ROBERT J. WALKER.

* The Statistics of this Station, for the interval since the last Annual Report of Rev. E. F. Remington, late Missionary at Large, and the appointment of Rev. Mr. Walker, are as follows: Baptisms—7; Books distributed—150 Testaments, 100 Prayer Books, and 25,742 pages of Tracts.

SPECIAL FUND.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York, in account with
 F. W. WELCHMAN, Treasurer, from April 5, 1858, to April 25, 1859.

<p>Dr.</p> <p>To amount paid Evangelical Knowledge Society for Prayer Books, per Rev. R. J. Walker.....</p> <p>“ Drafts of Superintending Committee of Sailors’ Home, against fund for relief of sick and destitute seamen.....</p> <p>“ Balances forward—viz: For keeping plot at Cemetery of the Evergreens in order.....</p> <p>Of Miss Ann Jay’s legacy for books.....</p> <p>Of fund for relief of sick and destitute seamen..</p>	<p>Cr.</p> <p>By balance of Miss Ann Jay’s legacy for purchase of books, per last Report.....</p> <p>“ Donation from Sunday-school of St. Peter’s Church, N. Y., for Prayer Books for gratuitous distribution by Missionary at Large.....</p> <p>“ Donation from Christ Church, Bay Ridge, L. I., for Prayer Books for distribution by Missionary at Large.....</p> <p>“ Balance for relief of sick and destitute seamen, per last Report.....</p> <p>“ Amount transferred from “Permanent Fund,” by order of Board of Managers.....</p> <p>“ Donation from a Lady, per T. P. Cummings.....</p> <p>“ Balance for keeping plot at Cemetery of the Evergreens in order, per last Report.....</p>
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Audited and found correct. Balance at Credit, Three Hundred and Twenty-six 14-100 Dollars.
 JAS. M. BROWN, }
 JOHN H. EARLE, } Committee.

DISPOSABLE FUND.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York, in account with F. W. WELCHMAN, Treasurer, from April 5, 1858, to April 25, 1859.

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“ Rev. J. M. Waite, salary from April 1, 1858, to April 1, 1859.....	1,600 00
“ Rev. E. F. Remington, salary from April 1, 1858, to August 11, 1858....	577 78
“ Rev. Robt. J. Walker, salary from May 21, 1858, to April 1, 1859.....	1,033 33
“ for expenses of Anniversary, 1858....	1 00
“ for printing Fourteenth Annual Report.....	65 00
“ for wharfage for Church of the Holy Comforter 1 year, to Feb. 1, 1859....	600 00
“ for rent of room at Coenties Slip, for use of Missionary at Large for 1 year—Feb. 1, 1858, to Feb. 1, 1859.	150 00
“ Howard Ins. Co., premium on \$3,000 on Church of the Holy Comforter, for 1 year.....	75 00
“ on \$2,500, on Church of Our Saviour, for 1 year.....	62 50
“ Sextons of the two churches, salary from April 1, 1858, to April 1, 1859.	660 00
“ W. C. Shannon, salary for leading singing for 1 year, to April 1, 1859, at services by Missionary at Large.	100 00
To am't paid Organists of the two churches for 1 year.....	\$200 00
“ for circulars, advertising and stationery.....	34 73
“ for opening room for meetings.....	14 00
“ for sundry bills for the Church of Our Saviour, for incidental expenses and repairs.....	79 57
“ sundry bills for the Church of the Holy Comforter, for incidental expenses and repairs.....	135 12
“ for incidental expenses at services by Missionary at Large.....	88 40
“ clergymen for officiating at “Church of Our Saviour,” since decease of Rev. B. C. C. Parker.....	105 00
To Balance carried to new account.....	907 16
\$7,821 93	
	By balance per last report..... \$45 54
	“ collection at Anniversary held in Calvary Church, April 18th, 1858, after Sermon by Rev. Edward Y. Higbee, D. D..... 208 00
	“ collection Grace Church, N. Y..... 300 00
	“ do. Christ Church, N. Y..... 77 14
	“ do. St. Peter's Church, N. Y..... 115 01
	“ do. St. Luke's Church, N. Y..... 45 31
	“ do. St. Bartholomew's Church, N. Y.: April, 1858.....\$318 38 March, 1859..... 367 00
	685 38
	“ do. Christ Church, Brooklyn..... 72 64
	“ do. St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn..... 153 29
	“ do. St. Thomas's Church, N. Y..... 206 75
	“ do. St. George's Church, N. Y..... 109 33
	“ do. Trinity Church, N. Y..... 36 64
	“ do. St. John's Chapel, N. Y..... 27 78
	“ do. Trinity Chapel, N. Y..... 88 00
	“ do. St. Paul's Chapel, N. Y..... 84 09
	“ do. Calvary Church, N. Y..... 305 00
	“ do. St. James's Church, N. Y..... 57 00
	“ do. Church of the Ascension, N. Y.: May, 1858.....\$271 84 April, 1859..... 339 67
	611 51
	By collection, Church of the Incarnation, N. Y.... \$100 00
	“ do. Church of the Redeemer, N. Y..... 8 09
	“ do. Church of the Holy Communion, N. Y..... 150 00
	“ do. Christ Church, Bay Ridge, L. I..... 19 71
	“ amount received from N. B. Morse, Executor of the late Miss Anna Kinsey, on account of legacy of \$1,000..... 750 00
	“ Sunday-school Teachers of St. Bartholomew's Church, N. Y., from Jan., 1858, to Jan., 1859. 125 00
	“ Trinity Church, N. Y., Stipend from Feb. 1, 1858, to Feb. 1, 1859..... 800 00
	“ special collection at Missionary Meeting in St. Peter's Church, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1858..... 131 95
	“ special collection in Trinity Chapel, N. Y., Feb. 13, 1859, after Sermon by Rev. W. F. Morgan, D. D..... 173 16
	“ special collection in St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, March 27, 1859, after Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bedell..... 181 11
	“ sundry donations, per list annexed..... 562 00
	“ “ annual subscriptions, per list annexed.. 1,592 50
	\$7,821 93
	1859. April 25. By balance..... 907 16

Audited and found correct. Balance at credit of Disposable Fund, Nine Hundred and Seven 16-100 Dollars.

JAS. M. BROWN, }
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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 F. W. WELCHMAN, Treasurer, from April 5, 1858, to April 25, 1859.

Dr.	Cr.
To Interest on Bond and Mortgage for \$7,000 on Sailors' Home, 338 Pearl street, from Jan. 10, 1858, to April 10, 1859.....	\$612 50
" Taxes on Sailors' Home, for 1858.....	171 18
" Insurance do. 1 year.....	31 50
" do. on furniture at Sailors' Home for 1 year.....	5 40
" Gillespie & Martling's bill of repairs on Sailors' Home.....	140 52
" Corporation assessment for paving Franklin Square.....	153 50
" amount transferred to "Special Fund," by order of the Board of Managers.....	161 61
" balance carried to new account.....	1,104 04
	\$2,380 25
By balance per last report.....	\$1,843 64
" amount received for rent of Sailors' Home, 338 Pearl street, 10 months.....	375 00
" Interest collected of N. Y. Life Insurance and Trust Co., on deposit.....	161 61
	\$2,380 25
By balance.....	\$1,104 04

Audited and found correct. Balance at Credit, One Thousand One Hundred and Four 4-100 Dollars.

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Astor, John J.,
Astor, Mrs. John J., Jr.,
Austin, David,
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Banks, Mark,
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Babcock, S. D.,
Bedell, Rev. G. T., D. D.,
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Betts, Wm, M.,
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Bogert, Henry K.,
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Booth, Otis W.,
Brooks, John,
Buckingham, Mrs. P., Po'keepsie,
Bulkley, J. S.,
Brunson, Ed. W.,
Burritt, George H.,
Burdett, C. P.,
Camp, Hugh N.,
Carner, Charles W.,
Cambreleng, S.,
Crane, Theodore,
Clarke, John C. C.,
Chastelain, Ponvert & Co.,
Chauncey, Henry Jr.,
Couch, Wm.,
Cosgrove (Charles) & Son,
Cotheal, W.,
Congdon, Charles,
Cushman, D. A.,
Davenport, John,
De Rham, H. C.,

De Peyster, J. Watts,
De Forest, W. W.,
De Peyster, Susan M. C.,
De Coppet, L.,
Demill & Co.,
Dominick, J. W.,
Douglass, Charles,
Doras, D.,
Douglass, —,
Dutilh, Eugene,
Duer, Denning,
Edgar, James A.,
Edwards, Alfred,
Earle, John H.,
Ferrars, Mrs.,
Field, Hickson W.,
Fish, Hamilton,
Graves, E. Boonen,
Greene, Joseph W.,
Griswold, George,
†Griswold, John,
Gillilan, E. H.,
Goodridge, S. W., Jr.,
Gould, G. S.,
Hale, Josiah L.,
†Hastings, George,
Hammersley, J. W.,
†Halsey, Rev. Charles H.,
Halsey, Mrs. Charles H.,
Herrick, Miss Laura,
Henry, Joshua J.,
Heard, Wm.,
†Howland, S. S.,
Hoffman, P. V.,
Houghton, E. L.,
Houghton, Mrs. E. L.,
Holdard & Co.,
Hoppin, Hamilton,
Irwin, Richard,
†Jay, Miss,
Jardine, George,
Jee, Carner & Co.,
†Jones, S. T.,

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Kingsford, John J.,
Kirkland, Chas. P.,
Kipling, Richard,
King, W. L.,
Kemble, Wm.,
Kearney, P., U. S. A.,
†Kermit, Robert,
Lawrence, Joseph,
Laight, Mrs. Henry,
Langdon, Mrs.,
Lawrence, R.,
Lathrop, W. K.,
Laight, Mrs. E. Watts,
Lewin, Robert,
Lorillard, Miss,
Loder, Benjamin,
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Merrill, H.,
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Morewood, J. R.,
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Newman, W. H.,
Nicholson, John,
Oelrichs & Co.,
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Palmer, W. B.,
Platt, Clayton T.,
Parkin, W. W.,
Peet, F. T.,
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Prime, Edward,
Pott, James,
Randolph, Franklin F.,
Renwick, H. B.,
Reese, Jacob,
Roosevelt, C. V. S.,
Romaine, Worthington,
Roosevelt, Samuel,
Roach, P. R.,
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Ruckel, John H.,
Ruckel, Miss Elizabeth,

Sampson, Joseph,
†Starr, N.,
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Sprague, Edgar S.,
Sanford, J. S.,
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Spencer, W. A.,
Steers, George and James,
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Sill, Richard,
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Stillman, Allen & Co.,
Siffken & Ironside,
Sutton, E. B.,
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Stuyvesant, Mrs. Helen,
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Stuyvesant, Mrs. Peter G.,
Suydam, Mrs. J.,
Tracy, Chas.,
Tracy, Frederic,
Tinson, F.,
Tooker, Jas. S.,
Tomes, Francis,
Thomas, W. W.,
Trowbridge, F. H.,
Thomas, Geo. F.,
Thomas, W.,
Toby, Saml. T., Jr.,
Tompkins, E. H.,
†Tucker, F. C.,
Tucker, Cooper & Co.,
Van Ness, C. W.,
Van Wagenen, R. D.,
Vandervoort, Chas.,
Van Bokkelin, S. D. C.,
Watts, Anna,
Walker, Joseph,
Ward, Elizur,
Wetmore, Prosper M.,
Welchman, F. W.,
Winthrop, B. R.,
Wilmerding, W. E.,
Willard, G.,
Wiley, Rev. F. S.,
Whitehouse, Edward,
Whitney & Morris,
Wheatley, James H.,
Young, E. M.

† Deceased.

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DONATIONS.

"B" per William Cotheal.....	\$2 00
All Angels' Church, N. Y.	2 00
Church of the Transfiguration, N. Y.	10 00
Rev. S. R. Johnson, D. D.	10 00
"D" per E. M. Duncan	5 00
Misses Rogers, Chelsea Female Institute (per Rev. A. B. Beach, D. D.)	41 45
Miss Elizabeth Ruckel.....	1 00
John McRae.....	2 00
John T. Terry.....	5 00
F. H. Trowbridge.....	3 00
W. W. Thomas.....	50 00
John Nicholson.....	50 00
J. Hutchinson.....	2 00
James L. Dawes.....	5 00
"Three little Girls," per Jacob Reese.....	2 55
St. Mark's Church, N. Y., from monthly offerings.....	3 00
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, N. Y.	100 00
New York Mutual Insurance Company.....	100 00
Sun Mutual Insurance Company, N. Y.	100 00
Several Ladies, per Floyd Smith, Jr.	12 00
Sunday School of Christ Church, N. Y., to constitute Mr. James H. Wheatley a Life Member.....	15 00
"G. M. T." per Thomas C. Butler	3 00
C. Hartwell, Boston.....	2 00
A Lady of the Church of the Holy Communion, N. Y., per James Warren.....	10 00
H. H. Butterworth.....	1 00
A few members of St. Thomas' Church, N. Y., to constitute Rev. Dr. Morgan, a Life Member.....	25 00

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Alsop, Miss C. P. 1858	\$2 00	Cooper, William B. ..	
Alsop, J. W.	5 00	1857 & '58	\$10 00
Aspinwall, W. H.	5 00	Caine, Miss Elizabeth	1 00
Atkinson, John P.	5 00	Chauncey, Henry.... 1858	5 00
Adams, Wm.	5 00	Coddington, T. B.	15 00
Adams, John T.	5 00	Carmer, C. W.	5 00
Aspinwall, J. S.	5 00	Curtis, Cyrus.....	5 00
Aspinwall, John L.	5 00	Cambreleng, S.	5 00
Ambler, John G., Dr.	5 00	Craig, Mrs. H. S.	2 00
Astor, J. J. 1859	5 00	Cunningham, J. B.	5 00
		Cummings, T. P.	5 00
Bleecker, W. P. 1858	2 00	Caswell, John..... 1859	10 00
Barton, Wm.	2 00	Camp, H. N.	5 00
Babcock, S. D.	25 00	Collins, Geo. C.	5 00
Bininger, A.	5 00	Chisolm, Wm. E.	5 00
Betts, John S.	2 00	Coulter, Samuel.....	5 00
Brown, James M.	25 00	Chichester, Mrs.	3 00
Bedell, Rev. G. T.,		Carson, John.....	5 00
D. D.	20 00	Coffin, P. C.	1 00
Battelle, Mrs. Lewis F.	2 00	Cornell, S. M. 1858	2 00
Bogert, Henry K.	5 00	Cowenhoven, Miss M. R. 1859	5 00
Briggs, Capt. George	5 00	Curtis, Joseph..... 1858	2 00
Babcock, Mrs. J. C.	2 00	Chauncey, Henry, Jr. 1859	20 00
Bleecker, Augustus..	2 50	Creemer, Mrs. F. W. 1858	5 00
Brown, Wm. H.	5 00		
Booth, W. T. 1859	5 00	Downer, F. W. 1858 & '59	10 00
Butler, H. V.	5 00	Davison, Thos. 1858	5 00
Barnes, Walter.....	5 00	Dubois, C.	2 00
Benjamin, W. M.	5 00	Dutilh, Eugene.....	5 00
Barns, B. C.	1 00	Delafield, Dr. Edw'd.	5 00
Bainbridge, Miss.	1 00	Davenport, John....	5 00
Burdett, Charles P. 1858	5 00	Davidson, W. J.	5 00
Brown, Stewart....	5 00	Davis, Sam'l. 1859	5 00
Barber, Mrs. Thomas		Douglas, Wm.	5 00
S. 1859	1 00	Delafield, Mrs. Jos.	3 00
Brooks, John.....	20 00	Delaney, John.....	10 00
Brewer, H. O.	5 00		
Barney, Hiram. 1858 & '59	10 00	Edgar, James A. 1858	20 00
Ballou, William B. ..		1858 & '59	25 00
1858 & '59	4 00	Eyre, Henry..... 1859	25 00
Butterworth, H. H.		Earle, John H.	25 00
1857 & '58	4 00	Easton, Chas. A.	5 00
		Easton, Charles.....	5 00
Caldwell, S. B. 1858	5 00	Emmett, R. 1857 & '58	4 00
Curtis, William V.		Elliot, H. H. 1858 & '59	10 00
1857 & '58	4 00		
Cooper, Joseph M. 1859	2 00	Freeborn, Wm. A. 1858	3 00

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Fowler, J. V.....	1858	\$2 00	Hatch, Davis.....	1859	\$5 00
Foster, F. G.....	"	25 00	Holmes, Luke.....	"	5 00
Fisher, Henry.....	"	5 00	Heard, Wm.....	"	10 00
Fisher, Henry, Mrs..	"	5 00	Hunter, Marcus....	"	5 00
Ford, Henry W.....	"	2 00	Hopkinson, Henry..	"	5 00
Freeman, M. M.....	"	5 00	Halsey, J. B.....	"	5 00
Foster, J. P. G.....	1859	5 00	Henry, Joshua J....	"	25 00
Foulke, Joseph.....	"	5 00	Heard, Mrs. Maria..	"	5 00
Foster & Stephenson,	"	5 00	Heard, Mrs. John S..	"	5 00
Fearing, Henry S... "	"	5 00	Heard, Dr. John S..	"	5 00
			Harris, John.....	"	5 00
			Harvey, Mrs. Jacob.	1858	2 00
Guion, William H..	1859	2 00			
Graves, E. B.....	1858	5 00	Ivey, Henry.....	1859	5 00
Guion, Clement.1858 & '59	4 00		Irving, Mrs. Gabriel		
Gillespie, G. D. H...1858	4 00		F.....	1858	5 00
Greig, Alex. M.....	"	5 00	Jenkins, Henry T...1859	2 00	
Gillilan, H. E.....1859	5 00		Jarvis, George A....	"	5 00
Gibbes, Mrs. Thos... "	"	3 00	Johnston, Mrs. F. U.,	"	5 00
Gay, J. W.....	"	5 00	Johnston, Mrs. F. U.,		
Gillilan, E. H.....	"	25 00	Jr.....	"	5 00
Goff, Robt. H.....	1858	2 00			
Hughes, Jasper W... "			King, A. W.....	1858	2 00
	1858 & '59	5 00	Kummell, Henry....	"	2 00
Halsey, John.....	1858	2 00	Kearney, P. R.....	"	5 00
Halsey, Charles....	"	2 00	Konig, Fred'k.....1859	5 00	
Halsey, Wm.....	"	2 00	King, Mrs. Charles..	"	5 00
Hopkins, Sam'l.....	"	15 00	Knight, Joseph....	"	5 00
Hanford, P.....	"	2 00	King, John A., Jr...1858	5 00	
Hathaway, B. J....	"	5 00			
Hopkins, R. H.....	"	2 00	Livingston, Henry B.1858	5 00	
Hazelton, F.....	"	2 00	Livingston, Schuyler.	"	3 00
Haggerty, Ogden... "	"	2 00	Ludlum, N. S.....	"	2 00
Hyslop, Robert....	"	2 00	Luqueer, Lea.....	1849	5 00
Haight, Edw'd....	1858	5 00	Lossing, B. J.....	1857	2 00
Hoffman, Alfred W..	1859	2 00	Lex, Jacob H.1858 & '59	5 00	
Howard, Mrs. E. W..	1858	5 00	Leupp, Chas. M....	1857	5 00
Hendrickson, George			Laight, Mrs. Henry..		
R.....	"	5 00			
Henderson, John... "	"	5 00	Lottfimer, Wm.....1858 & '59	20 00	
Hone, Miss K.....	"	3 00	Lee, W. P.....	1859	5 00
Huffington, J.....	1859	2 00	Lummis, W. M.....	"	3 00
Hicks, Mrs. Esther..	"	10 00	Lydig, Mrs. P. M... "	"	2 00
Hall, Wm. H.....	1858	5 00			
Hobart, Dayton....	"	2 00	Muller, F. B.....	1858	5 00
Hoffman, L. M.....	1859	5 00	Maxwell, J. T. B....	"	2 00
Hoffman, Mrs. L. M. "	"	5 00	Messenger, Thos....	"	5 00
Hoffman, Wm. O....	"	5 00	Martin, B. H.....	"	2 00
Hewitt, A. S.....	"	5 00	Many, Francis.....	"	2 00
Hamilton, M. W....	"	5 00			

Mayhew, G. A.....	1858	\$2 00	Romaine, W. R... "	1858	\$2 00
Maurice, John R....	"	2 00	ton.....		2 00
McDonald, A. B....	"	2 00	Rudderow, John... "	"	2 00
Mitchill, C. G.....	"	5 00	Richards, E. H.....	"	2 00
Macfarland, Thos M.	"	2 00	Rhineland, Wm. C. "	"	5 00
Morris, Peter.....	"	2 00	Ruckel, J. H.....	"	5 00
Meigs, H., Jr.....	"	5 00	Renwick, H. B.....	"	25 00
Mellwaine, T. R....	"	5 00	Rogers, Henry.....	"	2 00
Morris, Lewis.....	"	5 00	Routh, Chas. R. A... "	"	2 00
McDonald, A. L. Jr..	"	2 00	Routh, Fred. R....	"	2 00
Marshall, H. P....	"	5 00	Routh, S. D.....	"	2 00
Meyer, Miss A. C... "	"	2 00	Routh, H. D. B....	"	2 00
Moore, C. C.....	"	2 00	Remsen, Mrs. D....	"	2 00
Morgan, George D..	1859	5 00	Reese, Jacob.....	"	5 00
Moore, W. C.....	"	5 00	Roome Walter.....	"	5 00
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Minton, Mrs. Charles.	"	5 00	Ruckel, Miss Jessie.	"	2 00
Mellwaine, Mrs. T. R.	"	2 00	Ruckel, Miss Frances		
Mellwaine, Mrs. R. A.	"	2 00	A.....	"	2 00
Messenger, H.....	"	5 00	Rogers, George P..	1859	5 00
Morrison, Hector... "			Richards, Mrs. E. H.	"	2 00
	1857 & '58	2 00	Rowland, C. N. S... "	"	5 00
			Rogers, Mrs. J. P....	"	5 00
Nelson, Wm.....	1858	5 00	Rogers, Benj. T....	"	1 00
Nicholson, J.....	"	5 00	Ritter, Richard....	"	2 00
Neilson, Mrs. John, Jr.	"	20 00	Ritter, J. P.....	"	2 00
Neilson, Miss Mary M.	"	2 00	Russell, Archibald..1858	20 00	
Nicholson, M. T....	"	2 00	Routh, H. L.....	"	2 00
			Rowe, Thomas.....1859	5 00	
Oakley, Cornelius..	"	5 00			
Ogden, T. W.....	"	2 50	Story & Stevens... "		
Ogden, Capt. Hen. W.1859	5 00			1858 & '59	10 00
Ogden, Dr. Benj....	"	5 00	Smith, Chas. D., M.D.1859	5 00	
			Seaman, G. C. T....1858	5 00	
Potter, C. N...1857 & '58	10 00		Smith, Wm. Alex'r.. "	"	25 00
Pritchard, Philip...1859	5 00		Sands, A. B.....	"	5 00
Poole, William....	1857	2 00	Satterthwaite, T. B. "	"	5 00
Parkin, Mrs. W. W..	1858	5 00	Seymour, W. N....	"	5 00
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Pott, Francis.....	1859	5 00	Suffern, Miss.....	1858	3 00
			Smith, Floyd, Jr...1859	2 00	
Quintard, Edward H.1859	5 00		Smith, Miss.....	"	3 00
Quintard & Whitney. 1858	5 00		Strong, Geo. T. 1858 & '59	10 00	

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Taylor, James O.	" 2 00	Welchman, F. W.	" 5 00
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A Brief Memorial

OF THE LATE

REV. BENJAMIN C. C. PARKER,

MISSIONARY TO SEAMEN.

[From a Sermon by the Rev. BENJAMIN C. CUTLER, D. D., Rector of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, preached by request of the Board of Managers of the "Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York."]

The Rev. Benjamin Clarke Cutler Parker was the son of the Rt. Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts, and of Anne Cutler, his wife. He was born in Boston, June 6, 1796, and baptized in Trinity Church, of which his father was the Rector. He was, in early youth, distinguished for a thirst for knowledge. Reading was his favorite occupation; and, strange to say, solid reading, and not light literature, was his preference, or his pride. He early acquired—and that by his own exertions—such a knowledge of the French language, that, when he became a minister, he could preach in it. Winter was his literary summer. He would rise at three in the morning and repair to a room he had hired, build a fire and read for hours, before he proceeded to business. Even in his master's store, he secured a small office over the counting-room; and, when

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not wanted, was to be found there with his books. At this time, Mr. Parker had no perceptible interest in religion; he was *in* the world, and he was *of* it. His intention was to fight his way up to distinction; and, at the same time, to indulge all the devices and desires of his corrupt heart. But, it would appear, that God had another object in view in his creation; and, when the time came, it was accomplished. The conversion of Mr. P. took place at nineteen years of age; the account of it, as given by himself, was remarkable. It was on Sunday. He had attended Trinity Church in the morning, and heard the Rector (Dr. Gardiner) preach, but without the slightest impression being made upon him. Coming out of church, he rambled through the streets, and, at last, entered a noted confectioner's shop, where young men assembled. He had taken but a few steps on the floor, before the words crossed his mind like lightning: "What doest thou here? Is this a place for a man just from the house of God?" Instantly, he turned and left the store. Reflection crowded on reflection; conscience, like a scorpion, stung him to the quick. He kept on walking; the street he was in, like one in Damascus, was straight; and, running through the city, passed over a long neck of land into the country. On he walked; and, as he walked, he resolved he would never turn back, until he could bring his mind to reform and turn to God. The die, at length, was cast! The resolution was made, and he returned to the city. A year before this, some one had put into his hands a biography of

the Rev. Mr. Spencer, who was drowned in England—a most interesting and affecting volume, which he read. To this book, he now had resort; and, while reading its pages, was called upon by a friend, who, upon ascertaining the character of the book, took Mr. P. by the hand, and expressed his surprise and delight; but not a word was said in reply. Soon, however, the tears began to fall from eyes unused to weep; and the first, and only words that were heard, were: "I am a sinner!" Mr. P. lived 44 years after that memorable Sunday, which was the turning-point in his life; and from which, most certainly, may be dated his conversion from the open service of Satan, to the service of God's Church. To the Rev. Mr. Eaton, at the time Rector of Christ Church, Boston, Mr. Parker had recourse for religious counsel; and, from him, he received that which was indispensable to his establishment in the faith. One of the first fruits of Mr. P.'s piety, was his earnest labors in the Sunday-school. He soon became superintendent of one established by Rev. Mr. Eaton, and exerted himself to persuade other young men to join him in that heavenly charity. Having now, himself, abandoned the pleasures of the fashionable world; and having, by his persuasion and example, induced a near relative and constant companion to join him in a total renunciation of worldly amusements—both these young men united in publishing, in 1817, an English work, entitled: "Biddulph's Dialogues on the Inconsistency of a Profession of Religion with the Pleasures of the World."

Mr. Parker, not having any taste for commercial life, resolved to abandon secular pursuits, and go into the ministry of the Church. The decision was promptly made and bravely persisted in. For about two years he pursued his preparatory studies under Dr. T. S. J. Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston. In 1818, he entered Harvard College, at which renowned seat of learning his father and elder brother had graduated. He was of respectable standing in a class of sixty members; and obtained the "Bowdoin Prize" for composition, by a well-written essay on the character of Dr. Johnson. But his manly habits—much matured before his connection with college—inclined him more to preparation for active usefulness in his future profession, than to any competition for rank among his fellow-students. While in college he adopted the practice of opening the small vacant Episcopal Churches in the surrounding region, and reading the service and a sermon to the congregations there gathered. He thus pursued a course of theological reading of important service to him. He graduated in 1822. He was ordained by Bishop Griswold in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, R. I., May 17, 1826, at thirty years of age. For some time he kept a classical school for females in Boston, and then entered on his professional career. He officiated in Christ Church, Gardiner, Me.; Trinity Church, Lenox, Mass.; St. James's Church, Woodstock, Vt., and St. George's Church, Flushing, N. Y. In 1842, he was appointed Seamen's Chaplain in the Port of New York, by the "P. E.

Church Missionary Society for Seamen." When the "Floating Church of our Saviour" was built, he became its first pastor, and there he remained until the day of his death (January 28, 1859). In 1833, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to a lady of Boston, eminent for piety and intellect, and who survives him. The circumstance which first drew his attention to seamen has been published by himself. His journey from Boston to the General Convention of our Church in 1841, was by water, in a small sailing packet. This vessel, with others, was driven by contrary winds into a place called "Tarpaulin Cove," twelve miles from Gay Head, east end of Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Parker, writing at the time of this incident in his life, says: "We reached this place about thirty hours after leaving Boston; but here we have been detained ever since by intensely thick fogs and head winds. We are in the midst of nearly fifty sail of vessels bound to the South. Yesterday (Sunday) was one of the most interesting days I ever spent. Finding we must still be detained here, I obtained permission to hold a religious meeting on shore, in the kitchen of a public house, into which opened two larger rooms. I had agreed on Saturday evening with the captain of a vessel near us, to send his boat round among the vessels early next morning, and inform the officers and crews that there would be religious service on shore at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the following morning there was almost a gale of wind, nevertheless these hardy fellows were true to their word. At 8 o'clock I saw them on the

top of mountain waves, floating like sea-gulls, going to the windward of the vessel, and passing the word about our meeting. At the time appointed we went on shore, and were soon followed by a great number of boats. The rooms were well filled; 150 persons were present; such a congregation has seldom met together. I preached twice, and appointed another meeting for the evening. It seemed as if the good Providence of God had detained us for the very purpose of holding this meeting. The poor sailors wept like children; and at the close of the service the poor fellows lingered, unwilling to separate from us. We continued there, notwithstanding the darkness and fog were so thick that I was more than once apprehensive we might not soon find our vessels. On board, I found some of our own crew affected. We had reading of the Scriptures every night in the cabin, with explanations by me and prayers, which sometimes lasted an hour and a half. I feel thankful for the opportunity I have been permitted to enjoy here." It was this occurrence which directed Mr. Parker's mind to this neglected field; and while in New York he conferred with a few of the resident clergy, and with some excellent laymen, and the enterprise was commenced. In this mission he labored upwards of sixteen years, both in preaching the Gospel on the Sabbath, and in promoting the welfare of seamen by advice and assistance. A few days before his death, Mr. Parker gave the following testimony to the value of books amongst the sons of the ocean: "The opinion of many seafaring men

that the preaching of the Gospel to sailors on shore, would be rendered doubly efficient by their possession of religious books in their chests while at sea, and especially in the absence of religious services on board, has impelled me to make earnest exertions to give them the Bible, books of devotion and tracts, on leaving our port. In the prosecution of this most interesting and important work, I have since 1844 personally put into the hands of seamen at the church, after divine service on Sunday afternoons, the large number of 70,000 bound volumes of religious publication. Of these books I have had most cheering accounts from every quarter of the globe. The whalemens in the Pacific Ocean on hailing each other, often exchange their books, and thus they answer a double purpose." Mr. Parker's missionary zeal, and his remarkable and providential introduction to his work just referred to, all prepared him to instruct and to associate with seamen from the highest to the lowest rank. The news of his decease will be slowly borne from sea to sea, until hundreds, who can never express their grief or gratitude, will lay his death to heart. But his work is done, his warfare accomplished. "I know," said he in his last moments, "how unworthy have been my services, and how great my sins; but my trust is in my adorable Saviour. It is all right, and I acquiesce in the holy and lovely and perfect will of God."

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The funeral services of the Rev. Mr. Parker were held at the "Floating Church of Our Saviour," on the afternoon of Sunday, Jan. 30th, the Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, D. D., the Rev. James Millett, and the Rev. Robert J. Walker (Missionary at Large to Seamen), taking part in the office for the Burial of the Dead. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph M. Waite, Missionary in charge of the Church of the Holy Comforter; and an address was delivered by the Right Rev. Provisional Bishop. About one thousand persons were present. The chapel was filled before the hour of service, and hundreds remained on the dock. During the Sermon in the chapel, the Rev. Mr. Walker, by direction of the Bishop, proceeded to address the people without. The scene was very impressive, the multitude in attendance manifesting great veneration and affection for the deceased Missionary, and deep sorrow for his loss. The remains of Mr. Parker were, on the following day, taken to Boston for interment.