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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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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.

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 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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Easter Monday, 18th April, 1870, at the Mission House, 34 Pike Street, Vice-President Ely in the Chair, at which was presented the Annual Report of the Board of Managers, and the Report of the Treasurer, the Missionaries of the Society, and the Superintendent of the Home, after which the officers and managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

The Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of the Mission was held at St. Ann's Church, on the Heights, Brooklyn, on the evening of the second Sunday after Easter, May 1st, 1870.

Rt. Rev. Abram A. Littlejohn, D.D., presided, assisted in the services by Rev. Messrs. George F. Bugbee and Oliver S. Taylor, the Missionaries of the Society, Rev. Messrs. R. W. Lewis, H. Floy Roberts, and R. J. Walker.

An abstract of the Report was read, after which a sermon was preached by Rev. Noah H. Schenck, D.D.

Bishop Littlejohn then briefly addressed the audience, after which a collection was taken up in aid of the Society.

A second service was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, New-York, on the evening of the third Sunday after Easter; Rev. W. F. Morgan, D.D., one of the Vice-Presidents, presided, assisted in the services by the Missionaries of the Society.

An abstract of the Annual Report was read by Rev. R. W. Lewis, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Abraham B. Carter, D.D., and a collection taken up.

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

In presenting their Twenty-sixth Annual Report, the Board of Managers find great reason for thankfulness, for the success that has attended the efforts of the Society during the past year. Through many of the earlier years of its organization it struggled on, though lacking in many ways, but still sowing the seed with earnest hearts and true devotion. We may now look with joy upon the progress which in these later years has been made; and we would with devout thanksgiving to Him, in whose hands are the hearts of men, go forward in this good work, remembering that the fishermen of Galilee were among the first of earth's children whom the Saviour called to be laborers with Him, raising them as he did, to become "fishers of men." How often, could we know it, (and it has sometimes been our privilege to know it,) has the sailor far

from home and loved ones, amid the deafening roar of the tempest when dangers seemed on every side, looked back lovingly to this Society as being the means by which God brought him to a saving knowledge of the truth.

The monthly reports of our Missionaries have been given us as usual, tending to encourage and strengthen us in this work of faith and love, bringing to us, as they often do, cheering instances of the Holy Spirit's work in the hearts of those among whom they labor.

They have held regular services every Lord's day, morning and afternoon, and one evening during each week at our Sailor's Home, in Franklin Square, and at the Mission Rooms of the Society, No. 34 Pike Street; and many of their congregations will bear testimony to their kind attention and sympathy during times of sickness and distress.

This closing year of the Society finds completed and opened, for divine service, the new "Floating Church of our Saviour," under the charge of Rev. Mr. Lewis, to which the attention of the Society was called in our last annual report, plans of which had then been adopted. It is situated or moored at the foot of Pike Street, East River, in the same position as that of our first floating chapel of the same name. The Report of the Building Committee having this matter in charge is as follows:

✕ "The boat or scow, upon which the building is

erected, is 85 feet long, 40 feet wide, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep, coppered and copper fastened.

"The building (a gothic structure) is 64 feet long, 37 feet wide, and 34 feet high, with a porch in front 14 feet by 10 feet, surmounted by a belfry." ✕

The Building Committee, in their report to the Board of Managers, say "That they submit the result of their labors to the Board with confidence, having used their best judgment in the prosecution of the work entrusted to them, assisted by the advice of competent mechanics; and directed in the building, furniture and decoration by the architect, Mr. Alfred H. Thorpe, who has given unremitting attention to every portion of the work, and produced a building that does great credit to his judgment, taste and scientific skill.

"The builder, Mr. Charles Fessler, has faithfully done his portion of the work; and to Mr. W. H. Darling is due whatever credit attaches to the construction of the boat.

"The furniture and decorations are by Messrs. J. & F. Lamb; the chancel window was designed by Weir and others, and executed by Sharpe; and the organ was built by Messrs. Jardine & Sons.

"The entire cost of the structure, including the arrangements for moving it, the organ, furniture, &c., is about twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.)"

The Church was first opened for divine service

on Sunday, January 9th, 1870, being the first Sunday after the Epiphany. The Bishop of New-York officiated at the morning service, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Lewis. The sermon was preached by the Bishop. The services in the afternoon were conducted by the Missionary and the Rev. D. V. M. Johnson, one of the Society's former and most efficient missionaries. The Rev. Samuel Cooke, D. D., preached the sermon. The building, at both services, was filled to its utmost capacity by interested and appreciative congregations, evidently much pleased with the appointments and character of the building, and grateful to God that again there had been provided a suitable and commodious place of worship in that neighborhood for the sailor and his associates.

Since the opening of the Chapel there have been held morning and afternoon services every Sunday to attentive audiences, largely composed of seamen; and it often happens that sailors who are members of the Church of England, come forward to partake of the Communion at our Chapel, and feel very thankful for the opportunity which is here presented to them.

Connected with the Church of Our Saviour is a flourishing Sunday School, which is held in our Mission building, 34 Pike Street. The average attendance at this school is ninety-five. The school is under the direction of the Missionary, as is also the Reading-Room in the basement of the same building.

The attendance at the Reading-Room during the last month averaged 25 persons daily. Books, periodicals, and papers, have been provided, and cards describing the name, and stating its locality, are often distributed in the neighborhood, and also among the vessels lying in the vicinity. The special attention of the friends of the Society is called to the fact that there is great need of books and papers, which the increased attendance and growing interest in the Reading-Room demands. Any one having suitable books or papers which they are willing to contribute to this object, will confer a great favor by addressing the Rev. Mr. Lewis, No. 34 Pike Street, and he will be glad to send for them.

The work of the Mission on Beach Street, North River, still goes on under the faithful supervision of the Rev. Mr. Roberts. There is also a flourishing Sunday School connected with this Church.

On the East River, near Coenties Slip, our Missionary at large continues to conduct his services, as usual, in the open air, with the same energy and devotion which have characterized his former labors in this locality. He has held services and preached summer and winter, morning and afternoon, and, with few exceptions, has always gathered around him an interested and attentive audience.

It is an interesting sight to see him, either on one of the boats lying near the dock, or on one of the

piers, preaching the glad tidings of salvation to those who would otherwise fail to be reached, and therefore denied the privilege of hearing the Word, and to see the large number of earnest faces, many of them browned and roughened by many a voyage, eagerly stretched forward as they earnestly listen to the words of the Missionary, and in many an eye there will come tears of penitence, showing beneath the rough exterior a heart open to the faithful Word. The Missionary at this station is in the weekly habit of visiting the hospitals, particularly the Brooklyn City Hospital, and he has many rare opportunities for speaking a word in season to the people in those places of sickness, and many are the testimonials to his faithfulness in this work.

At all the missionary stations books and papers are distributed after each service, detailed statements of which will be given in their reports.

It is with great satisfaction that the Board call attention to the Sailors' Home belonging to this Society. This building is situated at No. 338 Pearl Street, (Franklin Square,) in the midst of a very populous portion of the City where the sailors congregate. It is under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Blake, who take a great interest in the welfare and comfort of the sailor. The Rev. Mr. Walker resides here, and the inmates have the benefit of his Christian counsel, and of attending morning and evening prayer, also

the regular Sunday evening lecture. There are now more than fifty seamen boarding there, and the influence of this Christian Home cannot be over-estimated.

It is with great sorrow that we have to record the death of our beloved associate, and one of the most devoted and earnest members of the Board of Managers, Mr. Henry Fisher. He was one of our first members, and his loss is greatly felt by us. His energetic discharge of his duties as a member of this Board, and his deep interest in the work of the Mission, won for him the respect and love of all. He has been, in time past, our Corresponding Secretary, and at the time of his death was one of our Vice-Presidents. His acts of charity and of love in the more quiet walks of life were numerous, and the grief that was felt at his death was of no ordinary nature. May the influence of his example make us all more devoted in the Master's work.

In conclusion, the Board would respectfully and earnestly call the attention of the clergy of New-York and the adjacent cities of Brooklyn and Jersey City, and the friends of the Society generally, to the need of a greater effort in behalf of this important mission.

We thank them for their kindness in former years, and assure them that any offerings in aid of this important work, will be judiciously expended, and we

hope with God's help, to be able to show fruit which shall satisfy them that their offerings have been rightly used.

Besides the general acknowledgments due to individuals for donations of Bibles, Prayer-Books, Religious Works, Tracts, etc., we would return thanks to the

New-York Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society,
Church Book Society,

Evangelical Knowledge Society,

Protestant Episcopal Tract Society,

Society for promotion of Religion and Learning,

New-York Bible Society, and

American Tract Society.

The reports of the Treasurer and of the Missionaries which will be presented will show the work in detail of the past year.

In closing our Report the Board desire to express their cordial thanks to all the friends of the Society who have aided in carrying on this portion of work in the Master's vineyard.

We are his workmen, the work is His, and may He inspire our hearts to a more faithful discharge of our duties. That His blessing is with us is most clearly manifest, by the many souls gathered into His fold; by the devotion of His faithful servants for many years, some of whom from year to year have gone to their reward, while their works do follow them.

We therefore look to the churches here and in this

vicinity to sustain us liberally in our efforts to do more henceforth for this interesting class. We look to you for contributions and encouragement; we ask your prayers that the blessing of God may rest upon our labors abundantly.

We feel that we have a claim upon the churches in Brooklyn to a larger liberality than has been extended to us. Though in another diocese it is a part of the Port of New-York, and embraces within its boundaries a large portion of the seamen who are brought under the influence of this Society.

We appeal to the churches far and near to help us, for great numbers of young men, from all parts, come here in the spring time of life to follow the pursuits of the sailor, and thus are often brought under the influence of this Society. We look to them to whom God has given abundantly, to bestow a portion upon this good work. Shall not our appeal meet with a generous and cheerful response.

We enter upon the new year of this Society with enlarged views and the confiding trust that God will put it into the hearts of many to come to our help as we go forward preaching the Gospel of Christ to the sailor.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY
IN CHARGE OF THE

Floating Church of Our Saviour,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING WITH EASTER DAY, APRIL 18, 1870.

The blessed work of extending the precious gospel of a Saviour's love to seamen, in connection with the Floating Church of our Saviour, is at present in a very prosperous and gratifying condition. Your Missionary has seldom had more cause for rejoicing over his ministerial labors, than at the time of making up this his Seventh Annual Report. Both the seamen, whose spiritual welfare we more especially seek, and the few lands-people, who embrace the gracious opportunity which our chapel affords for worshipping God under the beautiful and impressive forms of the Episcopal Church, alike cordially welcome our earnest appeals, and respond as their opportunities permit, to our prayerful entreaties to them to serve the Lord.

We gladly embrace this occasion of our Report, to put on record our thanks to God, that he has permitted us amid the many dangers and casualties of an earthly life, to come to the close of the seventh year of our delightful labors in this most interesting field. It was a gracious Providence which presented to us this peculiar, but very attractive sphere of effort; and we rejoice that He inclined our heart to enter upon the work. Our labors here for Jesus will be something that shall endure, and to look back upon from all eternity when mere earthly works shall have faded away forever.

Nor can we let this occasion pass by, without renewedly tendering our humble thanks to our able and zealous co-laborers in the work of the Mission. We are much indebted to the great kindness and sympathizing consideration of the faithful men who compose the Board of Managers of the Mission, and who give so

much of their valuable time and means to sustain us in our labors. Our hands have been upheld, and our hearts have been cheered by you gentlemen far more than you may suppose. Our temporal needs you have abundantly supplied, our rooms at the Mission House are most comfortable and convenient, and your presence with us from time to time has been a great comfort to us. Our only desire is that the gentlemen of the Board could spare us more time amid their many engagements. It is greatly through your cordial coöperation that the various departments of effort in connection with the Church of our Saviour, are in their prosperous condition. And our prayer is that for many years your lives may be spared to carry onward the noble work.

If we may speak of our prosperity in detail, we congratulate ourselves on the possession and occupancy of a church edifice most beautiful in its appointment, and most convenient for the worship of God. Every one who enters the doors of the Floating Church of our Saviour, speaks in the highest terms of the beauty of the edifice. It is a great pleasure to have such a church to worship in, and our work has taken a new start with our occupancy of it.

It is also a great help in our work to have such a place for week evening services as the Board have wisely provided in the Mission House, 34 Pike Street. The need of such a place was felt by your Missionary soon after taking charge of the station. Accordingly he gave up the basement of his private residence. But while that place was too small for us, through the wise generosity of the Board, we have now most ample and convenient accommodation for whatever proper exercises it may be thought best to attempt. And we are making the most of these rooms with the Sunday School, the week evening prayer, and other exercises accordant with the objects of the Mission. The Reading-room in the basement of the Mission House has prospered beyond all expectation. And it is most gratifying to your Missionary, and must be to the gentlemen of the Board, to know that so many men,

young and old, landsmen and seamen, eagerly avail themselves of the opportunity so generously afforded them for cultivating their hearts and minds. Every evening, except that of the Lord's Day, witnesses a large gathering, who quietly improve the provision made here for their spiritual and intellectual gratification. The gatherings of men too, in the new church, have not only been quite equal to the largest I ever saw in the former church, but have exceeded them. Seamen come up to our courts with gladness; they receive our little books thankfully, and they show forth their praises, not only with their lips, but in their lives, as I can testify by personal intercourse among them. With these men of the sea we have held service from Sunday to Sunday in the church, and again at the Home in Franklin Square, and again in the Mission House. We have visited them on shipboard and in their boarding-houses. We have invited them by means of cards and handbills to worship God. We have administered to them Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We have presented them for Confirmation, and above all, our prayers have ascended to their God and our God, that they might be preserved amid the great perils of their arduous calling and from everlasting death, and visible results have been attained. Many sailors have gone away from us with the Word of God in their ears—"This is the way, walk ye in it,"—and with the Word of God and other good books in their hands, and when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, and when the sea shall give up its dead, then shall it be known what we have been instrumental in accomplishing. The indirect work of the Mission with the direct work ever in view, the interesting of seamen in the Gospel, includes the Sunday School. There are gathered together the orphans and children of seamen and other children. So in their childhood we give their minds a heavenward direction, and the school is very flourishing and interesting.

The Industrial School has been continued the past winter with some success, and help has thus been extended to the deserving

poor. But inasmuch as the wife of the Missionary has been the only person to direct in this department, not as much has been done as if she had been aided and assisted by a numerous staff of ladies. Various and numerous interesting incidents have transpired during the year, all going to show the good being wrought among seamen by the Church of Our Saviour. They would encourage the hearts of all who might hear them, your Missionary feels quite sure, but we lack space for their details. In the table of statistics appended to this report he has put on record the labors, in part, of the past year, and he concludes this imperfect report by commending himself to that kindness of heaven which has followed him ever since he was born, and to the sympathetic consideration of the Board in whose employ he has now for several years been zealously and happily laboring.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. LEWIS.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR FOR 1869-70.

Services on the Lord's Day.....	161	
Services on other days.....	96	
Total Services.....	—	257
Average Attendance on Sundays.....		95
“ “ “ other days.....		45
Men Receiving Books.....		284
Baptisms—Infants.....		22
Marriages.....		23
Burials.....		7
* Communicants Last Report.....		82
“ Removed.....		28
“ Added.....		10
“ Present Number.....		64
Communion Administred—Times.....		12
Average Number Communing.....		25
Sunday school Teachers and Pupils.....		150
Total Attendance at the Reading room.....	1,850	
Average “ “.....		28
Books Distributed—Bibles.....		25
“ “ Testaments.....		175
“ “ Prayer Books.....		70
“ “ Miscellaneous.....		450
Papers and Tracts—pages.....		8,000
Communion Alms.....	\$28	73
Box for Poor.....	35	47
“ “ Books.....	14	72
		\$78 92

*Several strange seamen and others came forward at every Communion season.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

Chapel of the Holy Comforter,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER DAY, 1870.

By the good providence of an all-wise Creator, we have been brought in safety to the close of another year, and we would record, with grateful emotions, the many blessings we have received from His bountiful hand.

The work of our Mission has progressed with its usual regularity, and every effort has been made to benefit the class of men for whom the Mission is especially designed. They have been visited on board of their vessels, from week to week, and invited to attend our services; and have been furnished with tracts, to remind them of our personal appeals, and to be the silent messengers of truth to their consciences, when they have sufficient leisure to consult them; and we have no doubt that they have been of frequent use in calling their attention to the different subjects connected with their moral and religious interests. A goodly number of these men have attended our services, where they have listened with the most serious attention to the word of truth, and have been supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books and other miscellaneous books, which they carry with them on their voyages, either across the sea or upon our inland streams; and we sometimes hear of the good effects which they have produced upon the hearts and lives of those who receive them.

But while we have these things to encourage us in our work, we have to lament that, by the encroachments of the large steamship and railroad companies, the wharves are becoming so much occupied by extensive freight *depôts* that the greater part of the smaller vessels, in which most of the men are accustomed to sail,

who formerly attended our chapel, have been driven from our neighborhood, so that very few remain where multitudes were found in the years that are past. This circumstance has greatly diminished our congregations, and we fear that the same cause will continue to operate even more seriously in the future.

Your Missionary, however, has not confined his visits to the vessels in which the coasting sailor and boatmen are to be found, but has often found it necessary to visit them in the places where they temporarily find shelter when they are deprived of employment, or when sickness prevents them from attending to the duties of their calling.

For some length of time I visited one of our colored seamen who had been compelled to seek admission to the colored Hospital in the upper part of our city, where I had many conversations with him on the subject of his spiritual condition. I found that, although he had formerly professed allegiance to the Saviour, he had wandered far from his fold, and had become careless and indifferent to the duties of religion; and it required a painful visitation of Providence to bring him to a sense of his ingratitude and waywardness; but by the time he was enabled to leave the hospital he became renewed in the spirit of his mind, and went forth with renewed resolution to perform the duties of the Christian life. I also had opportunities for speaking to, and praying with, the other inmates of the room in which he was, to which they listened with the most respectful attention.

On another occasion I visited a sailor at his residence in the lower part of the city, where he lived in poverty and distress with his family, in the midst of the most degraded and filthy part of our population; and nothing but an actual survey of those haunts of degradation and vice can possibly convey to the mind any adequate idea of the misery and wretchedness of the beings who inhabit them.

In one place I visited the wife of a boatman who was confined to a bed of sickness, and in want of almost every necessary of

life, and who appeared to be perfectly ignorant of every thing connected with the gospel of the Redeemer. She had never read the Bible, had never been instructed in its precepts, and had never even heard of the parable of the "Prodigal Son." I visited her from time to time until she was removed out of our reach, and endeavored to direct her attention to the Lamb of God.

I had a long conversation with a middle aged sailor, who appeared to be in a state of despondency on account of being reduced to poverty and distress by his foolish dissipation and want of care. He informed me that he had received \$18,000 in prize money during the war, but that he had been stripped of the whole by permitting himself to be drawn into the company of thieves and gamblers through the influence of intoxicating drinks. He had also lately received his wages for a long voyage, and this also had been taken from him in the same manner, and he was then deprived of the means of subsistence. He was very anxious to reform, but he found himself unable to resist the temptation of drink, and he felt that there was no hope for him in the future, and I saw in him a sad type of the greater part of the men of the sea.

Death has also been in our midst, and taken from us one of the oldest and most constant attendants of these men. He was a seaman by profession, and sometimes made a voyage of considerable length, but he generally remained at home and engaged in the business of rigging, in which he appeared to have been an adept, and was sometimes employed on our national vessels. His wife has been a faithful Communicant in our chapel for a number of years, and has doubtless exerted a salutary influence upon him in restraining him from the excesses to which he was exposed by the men with whom his business forced him to associate, and she indulges the hope that he has been taken to a better inheritance, although the suddenness of his attack and the rapidity of the progress of the disease prevented him from saying more in answer to my inquiries than that his only hope of salvation was in the merits

of the Redeemer, after which he was soon deprived of consciousness, in which state he died without once more recognizing those who were exerting all their skill and kindness to rescue him from the hand of the destroyer.

The claims of benevolence have not been neglected, and the statistics will show that our little flock has contributed a fair proportion to the objects of benevolence which have called for our assistance.

Our Sunday School has been in a flourishing condition, although the circumstances in which we are placed, render it exceedingly difficult to sustain it.

Our Superintendent and teachers deserve the highest credit for the faithful and zealous manner in which they have performed their duties, and we trust they will all secure a rich reward in the approbation of the Great Shepherd of the Sheep.

The statistics are as follows :

Services on the Lord's Day.....	110
Services on other days.....	51
Total.....	161
Average attendance.....	53
Average of Seamen and Boatmen.....	11
Aggregate number receiving Books.....	248
Baptisms—Infants.....	13
Communicants.....	33
Average number Communicating.....	18
Marriages.....	8
Burials.....	14
Sunday School Teachers.....	8
“ “ Scholars.....	70
Books distributed—	
Bibles.....	19
Testaments.....	51
Prayer Books.....	20
Miscellaneous.....	250
Tracts, pages.....	29,000

Contributions—

“ Communion offerings.....	\$33 38
“ Box for Poor.....	34 67
“ Box for Books.....	10 42
“ For Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	5 70
“ Avondale Miners.....	23 00
“ Midnight Mission.....	30 00
“ Sunday School.....	67 30
Sunday School Missionary Contribution.....	47 00
Proceeds of Festival to constitute the Missionary a Life Member of P. E. C. M. S. for Seamen.....	32 00
Total.....	\$253 47

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FLOY ROBERTS.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY AT LARGE, FOR THE YEAR 1869-70.

The voice of prayer and praise, and the words of the comfortable Gospel of Christ, have been heard twice on each Lord's day throughout the year, on the piers, the barges, or in the room, No. 22 South Street, adjoining Coenties Slip. The Missionary, relying upon the succor of his Heavenly Friend, has been able to attend to all his various duties without any interruption from sickness or other cause; and this ability to stand up and work for Jesus every day has been to him a source of unflinching gratitude and joy. The services have been generally conducted in the open air. Only on very cold or stormy days have we taken shelter in the Shipping Office, which is rented by the Society for the use of the Mission on Sundays. The attendance has been regulated by the condition of the weather and the number of canal boats and sailing vessels, with crews on board, lying in the neighborhood. We have been cheered with a congregation of two hundred or upwards, when all the circumstances have been favorable. We have felt thankful for a very small attendance when all things have been unpropitious; but whether many or few were present, prayer has been offered and the word of exhortation delivered, relying on the blessing of the Lord. About two-thirds of the individuals who gather around the Missionary, when conducting the open air services, are seamen—native and foreign—and the boatmen, who obtain a livelihood on the Hudson River and the canals connected with it. The excellent attention shown to every part of the service, and the quiet and orderly demeanor of the promiscuous gatherings which are found at or near Coenties Slip, on every Sunday, are worthy of the highest commendation.

A glorious harvest has been reaped from the seed sown at this

and other preaching stations. There is no body of men in the land who have been so benefitted and blessed, spiritually and temporally, by the proclamation of Divine truth in their hearing and the perusal of religious books and tracts, as the canal and river boatmen and bargemen who frequent this port. As a class they have been entirely reformed, while hundreds of them have been converted to God, and are now leading sober, righteous and godly lives. Ten years ago the canal boatmen were a depraved, immoral, irreligious body. To-day, in consequence of the Divine blessing accompanying the preached and written Word, these same men will compare favorably with the intelligent and church-going mechanics who live on shore. Their little cabins are models of neatness and comfort, and the voice of prayer and thanksgiving is often heard ascending from these humble floating habitations. The Missionary's heart exults with a kind of holy pride, when he meets, on the day of sacred rest, these his migratory parishioners, and observes their respectable and comely appearance, and the honest and often devout expression of their countenances. How precious to him is the kind and affectionate greeting which he receives, and the hearty grasp of the hand, which conveys even more than words can express. This happy condition of things has been remarked and commented on by gentlemen occupying different positions in society.

Dining one Sunday with the Christian captain of a sea-going vessel, he observed to the Missionary: "Ten years ago my bark was moored in the same berth where she lies to-day. Night after night I was kept awake by the quarrels and blasphemies of the drunken boatmen. Every kind of iniquity was then practiced on the boats. What a marvellous change has occurred since then! I have lain here for the last three weeks, and in all that time I have not seen one intoxicated boatman or heard an oath. I sleep as soundly as if I were at home in Nova Scotia. God is certainly doing a great work among these men."

Said a Brooklyn physician, of extensive practice, to the Mission-

ary on a recent occasion: "What a wonderful change has taken place among the canal men within a few years! When I was a lad, living in a village on the banks of the Erie Canal, no respectable person could walk on the tow-path. The obscene language and the frightful oaths drove us all away. I have lately paid a visit to my native place. I walked along the tow-path every day for exercise and amusement. I did not hear one oath or one improper expression from the lips of a boatman. The men all appeared quiet and well conducted. I wonder what agency has been at work to cause so great a reformation." When the Doctor was informed of the existence of this Society, and of its extensive labors among the class to whom he had referred, he clasped his hands together and said, with great emphasis, "Your Mission has done the work." From other individuals, well qualified to judge, the same cheering information has been voluntarily obtained.

Twelve years ago the Missionary called at the Brooklyn City Hospital to converse and pray with a dying seaman. He then discovered that a large number of sailors were annually received into the wards of this well conducted institution, which has proved so great a blessing to the neighboring city. The thought then occurred to him, "what a fine field for usefulness this Hospital presents to one who is desirous of winning souls to Christ." He then resolved to visit it at least one day in each week, and he finds by reference to his journal that he has on five hundred and eighty-nine occasions passed through all the male wards, and occasionally the female wards, instructing and praying with the sick and dying inmates (citizens and sailors), supplying them with Testaments, Prayer Books, religious books, tracts and papers, and the Lord has been graciously pleased to own and bless his labors to the refreshment of many weary and heavy laden hearts, and the conversion of some seamen, whose minds were as dark and devoid of Christian knowledge when the Missionary first approached them as the heathen in Africa or China. Last year one thousand two hundred and forty-four sailors were received

into this institution, and in the previous year one thousand and one were admitted, a large proportion being natives of other lands and speaking other tongues.

But the labors of your Missionary in Brooklyn have not been confined to the patients in the City Hospital. Owing to his extensive acquaintance in that city, having been rector of three of its parishes at different periods, his services have been frequently required at the bedside of the sick and dying and in the habitations of the poor, the afflicted and the sorrowful. Never has he refused or neglected to repair to these abodes of sickness or grief, for it has been to him a labor of love and a source of great satisfaction to minister to the spiritual and temporal wants of his afflicted brethren.

The "Society's Home," in Franklin Square, where the Missionary resides, has been indeed a haven of refuge to many a storm-tossed mariner, who has been rescued through its Christian influences, from the shoals of sin and the quicksands of infidelity. Admirably have the temporal wants of the sailors been attended to by the faithful and generous-hearted Superintendent and his devoted wife. The Missionary has availed himself of every opportunity to promote their spiritual welfare. The morning and evening worship has been generally conducted by him, a lecture on Sunday evenings, and occasional addresses during the week, with religious conversation, and an ample supply of Testaments, Prayer-Books, religious works, tracts and papers have furnished the boarders with the means of acquiring that knowledge which can make them wise unto salvation.

The efforts which have been made to benefit these temporary sojourners at the Home have been productive of much good. Seamen who have entered its doors dissolute and depraved, have departed, after a few weeks' residence, to pursue their perilous occupation on the deep, changed, reformed, converted by the Spirit of God, and consecrated in heart and life to the service of the Saviour. In the reports which the Missionary has presented at the

monthly meetings of the Board, the details of some of these conversions were narrated.

Reviewing the labors of the past year with their results, the writer has reason to believe that the Lord has been with him of a truth, upholding, guiding, strengthening him, filling his mind with thoughts of Christ, the judgment and eternity, and enabling him to clothe in words the thoughts which burned within.

The following sums have been generously presented without solicitation, to purchase books for the use of the Mission, or to aid the sick in the hospitals, the widow, the orphan, and the destitute stranger.

From an Ex-Member of the Board, for Books and Tracts.....	\$100
“ Mrs. Robert J. Hubbard, “ “ “ “	15
“ Thomas H. Messenger, Esq., “ “ “ “	10
“ James L. Morgan, Esq., for the poor.....	10
“ Miss Onderdonk, “ “ “ “	8
“ A Dying Sailor to assist sick sailors.....	10

The Statistics for the past year are as follows :

Services in the Open Air, at or near Coenties Slip.....	85
“ “ Room, 22 South Street.....	25
“ “ New Sailor's Home and Elsewhere.....	112
Total Number of Services.....	222
Sailors, Boatmen and Young Persons residing on the boats supplied with books at Coenties Slip.....	1,866
Sailors supplied with Testaments, or Prayer-Books, or Tracts, or Religious Papers, in the Hospitals or Home.....	1,586
Visits made to the Sick not in hospital.....	108
Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 6; Total.....	9
Marriages.....	2
Burials.....	8

Books Distributed—

Bibles.....	18
Testaments, in several languages.....	703
Prayer Books.....	61
Sailor's Manual of Devotion.....	33
Miscellaneous Books.....	1,349
Tracts, in various languages.....	pages, 22,600
Pamphlets, Magazines and Religious Papers.....	6,730
Average Attendance at each Open Air Service.....	75
“ “ in the room, 22 South Street.....	28
“ “ at the Home, 338 Pearl Street.....	18

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, April 12, 1870. (Tuesday before Easter.)

“THE NEW SAILOR'S HOME.”

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAS. BLAKE, Superintendent.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting this Report I feel that I ought to acknowledge the goodness of Him who ruleth all things, and to be very grateful that no plague or sickness has come nigh our dwelling.

Our regular services on Sunday and Wednesday evenings have been sustained, in addition to which Pastor Walker has occasionally held other meetings which have always attracted a large number of earnest listeners. Some were impressed with the Truth that was preached, but have gone to sea, and we must leave the result with God.

The “Home” is in good repair. During the past year I have put a new floor in the “smoking room” and hall.

Men received into the Home, since last Report.....	853
Men Shipped or Returned to Friends.....	870
Men in Home to-day.....	49
Destitute and Shipwrecked Men provided with board and lodgings, and supplied with small sums of money gratuitously, “Free of Charge” to the Society.....	176
Money Deposited by Seamen.....	\$14,360
“ placed in Savings Bank.....	2,950
“ drawn by Seamen or sent to Friends, &c.....	10,814

As in former years, owing to the difficulty in shipping men, a good many have left in debt, which may be regarded a total loss to the keeper.

Respectfully submitted,

April 11th, 1870.

CHARLES BLAKE.

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, April 1st, 1869, to November 17th, 1869; THOMAS P. CUMMINGS, Acting Treasurer, to December 20th, 1869; and THOMAS H. MESSENGER, Treasurer, to April, 18th, 1870.

Dr.

To amount paid three Missionaries, one year's salary.....	\$5,400 00
“ “ Clergymen for officiating.....	75 00
“ “ three Sextons, one year's salary.....	975 00
“ “ for Insurance.....	295 70
“ “ for opening rooms for Meetings of Board of Managers.....	12 00
“ “ for Circulars, Postage, Advertising and Stationery.....	177 30
“ “ for one year's Rent of Room, corner of Pike and South.....	450 00
“ “ for one year's Rent of Room, 22 South North River Chapel.....	1,100 00
“ “ for sundry Incidental Expenses North River Chapel.....	376 81
“ “ for sundry Incidental Expenses, East River Chapel.....	291 95
“ “ for sundry Incidental Expenses Pike Street Mission.....	231 59
“ “ for sundry Incidental Expenses, Coenties Slip.....	150 00
“ “ for sundry Incidental Expenses, Sailor's Home.....	14 75
To balance carried forward to new account.....	652 66

\$10,382 76

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By Balance per last Report.....	\$174 68
By Collection in Church of the Transfiguration, 25th Anniversary.....	168 06
“ “ Church of the Atonement.....	113 13
“ “ Calvary Church.....	450 00
“ “ St. Bartholomew's Ch., 1869, \$610.25, 1870, \$453 69.....	1,063 94
“ “ Christ Church, Brooklyn.....	152 75
“ “ Church of the Incarnation.....	195 12
“ “ Christ Church, N. Y.....	66 10
“ “ Grace Church, N. Y.....	488 70
“ “ Church of the Mediator, S. Yonkers.....	22 00
“ “ Church of the Holy Trinity.....	221 70
“ “ Church of the Intercession.....	30 60
“ “ St. Luke's Church.....	53 85
“ “ Trinity Chapel.....	74 59
“ “ Trinity Church.....	35 84
“ “ St. Paul's Chapel.....	26 77
“ “ St. Peter's, Westchester.....	170 00
“ “ Church of the Annunciation.....	5 23
“ “ St. Paul's, Yonkers.....	5 00
“ “ Church of the Redeemer.....	10 00
“ “ Wainwright Memorial Church.....	3 00
“ “ Holy Apostles, \$10; St. John Baptist, \$3 35; du St. Esprit, \$2.....	15 35
“ “ St. John's Chapel, \$50; All Angels, \$2.....	52 00
“ “ St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn.....	160 49
“ “ St. George's Church, N. Y.....	550 42

By Collection in Church of the Holy Saviour.....	196 40
“ “ St. Peter's, Brooklyn.....	75 65
“ “ St. Peter's, N. Y.....	42 06
“ “ Church of the Ascension.....	125 21
“ “ Church of the Holy Communion— Epiphany Offering.....	109 00
“ “ St. Thomas' Church.....	280 63
“ “ St. Mary's, Brooklyn.....	132 49
“ Amount received from Trinity Church, N. Y., to Feb. 1, annual allowance.....	800 00
“ Amount received from Rent of Home to Feb. 1.....	500 00
“ “ “ sundry Donations, as per list.....	2,434 50
“ Amount received from Annual Subscriptions, as per list.....	1,383 50

\$10,382 76

By Balance..... \$682 66

In addition to the above balance, we also find in the Special Fund (for books) a balance of..... \$35 98
 And in the Permanent Fund, after paying for the new chapel and furniture, and fitting up, and final payment on property 34 Pike Street, a balance of..... 5,513 00

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