TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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 17, 1868,

TOGETHER WITH THE

MISSIONARIES' AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

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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 NewYork, in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four,
the sum of
Dollars, for the
purposes of said Society.

PRAYER FOR SEAMEN.

O Gop, 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, 13th April, 1868, at which the Reports of the Board of Managers, the Missionaries, the Treasurer and the Superintendent of the "New Sailors' Home" were presented, and the officers and managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

The Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the Mission was celebrated at "The Chapel of our Holy Saviour" (Hawks' Memorial), on the evening of the Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 17th, 1868.

Rev. Robt. J. Walker presided, assisted in the services by Rev. Messrs, H. F. Roberts and Geo. H. Crowe.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by Thos. H. Messenger, Esq.

Addresses were made by Chas. Tracy, Esq. and Stephen H. Tyng, D.D., Rector of St. George's Church; and a collection taken up in aid of the funds of the Mission.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

WITH the recurrence of this joyous season of our Church there is afforded an opportunity of presenting to the Society a review of its labors and success during the past year; taking advantage of which, the Board of Managers would offer its congratulations that this field of effort has not been suffered to lie neglected, and that continued evidences of Divine favor have been vouchsafed to us. We would, therefore, acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for these tokens of His love, and invoke a continuance of His blessings for the future. The reports of the Missionaries give, in detail, a full and complete record of their work and the results attending it, evidencing the great value of this undertaking, the only aim of which is the salvation of souls. At the outset, the Board cannot refrain from an expression of the opinion that a work so important in its nature, and encouraging in its results, is but feebly appreciated by those to whom we naturally look for its support. To one unacquainted with our work the consideration of it must present a claim of vital importance. It differs in many respects from the ordinary Missions of our large cities, for they have access at all times to those whom they endeavor to influence. The most degraded are ever within the reach of the philanthropic. Ours, however, is devoted to a class whose only home is the trackless deep, and whose temporary residence in our midst should inspire increased effort to improve every opportunity of ministering unto

souls, exposed more than all others, "to many and great dangers." These are they whom this Society aims to reach; and through the valuable agency of its Missionaries, devoted ministers of God, to take them by the hand, and, in the spirit of brotherly love and a deep concern for their eternal welfare, to guide them into the path of duty. The City of New-York, occupying as it does the position of the greatest commercial centre of the nation, and beneath whose shadows are thousands of these very men, gathered together by the necessities of commerce, should be able to number among its prominent institutions edifices specially devoted to their advantage; and if, through the liberality of our Church, this is even in a measure accomplished, it will be but the realization of schemes, the details of which more than one of our annual reports have contained. Let there be rallying points, a tractive and comfortable, around which the mariners may concentrate in their sojournings in our midst, where they can be withdrawn from evil associations, and led, perchance, to the Cross of Christ. Our own form of worship is found to be especially adapted to these men, for with them order and regularity on ship board is the rule of their daily life. It needs, therefore, but the positive and effective cooperation of the Church to enable the Board to carry out its designs and enlarge its field of usefulness. In a financial point of view, our condition has not been the most encouraging. In the past, reliance has often, of necessity, been placed upon donations and bequests, irregular but welcome; in the comparative absence of which during the past year the Treasury has been at times without a balance. The Bishop of the Diocese, appreciating the necessity of immediate aid for the work, issued the following appeal, which, in some quarters, has been met by a hearty response:

To the Clergy and Laity of New-York:

DEAR BRETHREN: New-York sends out her seamen to brave the perils and hardships of every sea and every coast, and when they return to her port they are beset by perils more grievous than any encountered on the great deep. They bring us wealth and luxury. Let us not leave them to perish for lack of spiritual guidance, for want of a good shepherd to look after them and their families.

The three mission services for seamen now maintained by the Society, together with other means and appliances absolutely necessary for giving efficiency to its work, require an annual expenditure of at least nine thousand dollars. For a large portion of this sum the Society must look to the voluntary offerings of individuals and congregations. The treasury is exhausted. I am quite sure that the members of our Communion need only to be reminded of the needs and claims of this mission work among seamen to be induced to give gladly for its support.

Families at home, seamen on shore, and when far away at sea, desire blessings from this ministry of love, which it would require volumes to unfold. Brethren, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech you, suffer not this blessed ministry to be enfeebled for lack of your timely aid. Your faithful servant,

HORATIO POTTER,

Bishop, de.

The anticipated revenue from the sale of St. George's Chapel in Beekman street, so long in process of settlement, has finally assumed a definite shape, and the Committee in charge report about \$45,000 as the portion to be received from this source. Effort is now being made to obtain a proper location in the present vicinity of the East River Station, where a permanent building can be devoted to the purposes of the Mission, and at an early day it is hoped that our Church can boast of at least one substantial edifice adapted to the requirements of a Sailors' Bethel, with reading rooms attached, and ultimately that others may be added until all quarters of our city shall feel the influence of our Society's ministrations. The slip where the "Floating Chapel of Our Saviour" was formerly moored will, when disposed of, form an additional source of income and the Committee in charge hope to effect its sale as soon as practicable. The Treasury during the year has been aided by the receipt of a legacy from the estate of P. Lorrillard, Esq. Let us be permitted, by the good will of the churches, to invest all these donations and bequests permanently

for the future as well as the present advantage of our work. Let every parish consider this Mission as one of its almoners, for whose existence it is in a certain degree responsible. A system of personal subscription might be suggested as one of the most reliable sources of revenue if properly carried out and sustained.

The Church of Our Saviour, East River Station, still continues to occupy the premises corner of Pike Slip and South Street—the scene of the Society's first efforts in behalf of seamen. This chapel, although inadequate for our wants, seems to be as fitting a location as can be found pending the permanent position which, it is hoped, will be soon obtained, and which may serve as the grand centre of the Society's operations. This Station remains under the very efficient care of the Rev. Robert W. Lewis, who, besides the regular services on the Lord's Day, continues to hold a service during the week; the results of which have been very encouraging.

The Sunday school connected with this Station has also afforded very satisfactory evidence of usefulness in the work of this Society, and the Board, during the past year, have felt themselves called upon to make a small appropriation towards its expenses.

By the exertions of the Missionary, an Industrial School has also been organized, which promises to be of essential use in the prosecution of our efforts in behalf of seamen; reaching them, as well as the Sunday-school, through their children—that most vulnerable point in all mea, and in none more so than the sailor. By this influence over the children the Board feel that they may well hope to reach that class of the youth of this city, of whom so many ultimately choose the path of the sea for their life's work.

In the last Annual Report attention was called to the fact that the first and earliest of our floating churches had become "unseaworthy and unsafe" by the progress of decay, and had consequently to be abandoned. It is now necessary to announce that "the floating church of the Holy Comforter" has in like manner felt the destroying hand of time and become unsuitable for a " House of God." The boats and superstructure being almost past repair, in connection with the greatly enhanced rent of the slip, induced the Superintending Committee to recommend the abandonment of the building. Authority was duly given by the Board, and the sale has been perfected. A commodious room on Beach street, near West street, has been secured for the future work of the mission. It is not without feelings of regret that the Board part with its floating chapels, endeared by such cherished associations, and particularly in abandoning the idea which impelled their construction, in the expectation that they would prove an attraction to sailors and boatmen greater than buildings on land. The evidence is satisfactory however that such is not the case. The hardy sons of the deep, tossed about by winds and waves, delight in the quietness and stability of church-buildings on shoreneat and attractive-in which, with their families and friends, to worship God after the manner of landsmen. As a matter of convenience, economy and efficient working, there is little doubt but that the success of the mission will be greatly benefitted by the change.

The floating church of the Holy Comforter is, however, an old friend to many of us; for within its walls the glory of the Lord has shone, and many a poor wayfarer been led to turn from his evil way to embrace Christ as his Saviour. These sacred walls have echoed the words of everlasting life, and have assembled seamen from many nations; and, though some may have listened to an unknown tongue, they have not gone away empty handed, but with a book or tract in their own language; been told, while perusing it in a leisure hour, of the wonderful works of God.

This little chapel has been the watchful care of many devoted members of our Board, who have now fallen asleep, and who in the infancy of the Society were so associated with its labors, that we cannot part with it without at least a few words of tribute. This great metropolis is peculiar to rapid changes—

everything must yield to the necessities of the living present, with little lingering respect for old landmarks or time-hallowed associations. So now we turn to the future with bright anticipations of increased means for usefulness in new, commodious and substantial quarters.

"The Floating Church of the Holy Comforter" was built in the year 1846, and first moored at the foot of Dey street, North River. Ten years afterwards it was removed to the foot of Laight street, and subsequently to the foot of Hubert street, where it has since remained. The bell which from its turret has summoned to prayer was from the ill-fated steamboat, Atlantic, wrecked on Fisher's Island, Nov. 28th, 1846, and tolled the knell of the many lost by that sad accident. This bell and most of the furniture of the chapel will be retained for future service on land. The Rev. H. F. Roberts has continued his efficient labors at this Mission, and the annual statistics give characteristic evidence of their success.

The increasing importance of the Open Air Services, under the energetic care and attention of Rev. R. J. Walker, is a great source of congratulation. The influence exerted at this Mission is peculiar, from the fact that many who, for various reasons, would pass by or even refuse to enter a building devoted to the service of Almighty God are attracted by the novelty, it may be, of the assemblage. A chosen few are often the only ones to cheer and encourage the missionary as he begins the service, but how soon they increase, and at the close he can oftentimes boast of a congregation which in numbers might rival that of a well-established church. Here may be seen representatives of all classes and nations. Besides the sailors and boatmen who assemble from design or chance, are many of those who wander in the streets of our city on the Lord's Day, with no especial motive-these, too, are told the way of salvation from earnest lips. Many of them go their way, carrying stamped upon their hearts impressions which by the grace of God redound to his glory in their soul's eternal welfare. Here,

as at the other stations, the distribution of Bibles, Prayer Books and religious publications, is a powerful auxiliary to the preached Word. The Missionary estimates that not less than four thousand persons have listened to the Word of God at Coenties Slip during the year.

An important adjunct to this part of our work is the visitation of the hospitals, where the Missionary seeks out the mariner on his bed of sickness, and by that care and attention, so appreciated by the sick man, he opens the way to the sufferer's heart, and tells him the story of his Saviour's love. The revelations of the last great day only will give the record of souls turned from the error of their way through the medium of these ministrations. By a recent and very advantageous arrangement, the room in South street, devoted to the purposes of this Station, has been enlarged and improved.

Every facility for extending these operations should be afforded, that the Society may bring other portions of the city under a similar influence.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THREE STATIONS, FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS.

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Total Services held on Lord's Days. "Week Baptisms—Adults, 10; Infants, 46—Total. "Confirmations. "Marriages. "Burials.	384 279 56 20 11 20
Books Distributed	
Total	
Pages, Tracts. Religious Newspapers, &c	66,000 3,000
Contributions— \$124 46 Communion Offerings. 70 57 Box for Poor. 35 00 Private Gifts. 35 00 Box for Books. 30 57	
Total\$260 60	
Sailors, Boatmen and others supplied with Books at the Stations	3,491

The New Sailors' Home continues in successful operation, and the Report of the Superintendent, Mr. Charles Blake, shows that this has been a home, not in name only. Situated in a portion of the city where the sons of the sea " most do congregate," it has gathered under its roof many who would otherwise have taken their temporary shelter amid the scenes of wickedness. The Home has afforded, in addition to the advantages of reasonable and well-kept lodgings, a shield for the mariner from the temptations which surround him. Here one of the missionaries resides, and, by daily association, influences the inmates for good. In addition to personal conference, daily worship and weekly services are maintained. Another feature of the establishment is the care which is had for the property of the lodgers. Large amounts of their seanty earnings are deposited in savings' banks, or transmitted to friends. The Report of the Superintendent evinces a true appreciation of the Home by sailors frequenting our city, as it has been well-patronized, and its capacity oftimes taxed to accommodate all applying. The destitute seaman, too, is often cared for without charge, who otherwise would have to depend upon the inhospitable shelter of the street for a lodging-house.

Men received into the Home since March 12th, 1867	729
" shipped or returned to friends	691
Destitute Seamen provided with Board and Lodging gratuitously	-49
Money deposited in Keeper's hands sent to friends or drawn by Seamen, \$1	5,760
Money deposited in Savings' Bank	1.810

In the death of Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, D. D., a Vice-President of this Society since its organization, we have been called upon to part with one, the mention of whose name is suggestive of the lively interest ever taken by him in this missionary work. To him, as well as to the Church he represented, our Society owes much, for he was ever willing to labor and strive faithfully and earnestly in his Master's cause. May our Church long have spared to its ministrations many like him, zealous in every good word and work.

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.

With this general outline before us, should we not awaken to the importance of untiring zeal in the prosecution of this work? Let us see for ourselves these brave men who live a life of peril both on sea and on fand, and give of our time and of our abundance to their spiritual wants. The bread of life is truly cast upon the waters when given to them, and can we not confidently look for the promised return?

Our hearts burning with a zeal for Christ's cause, we can go forward and labor among these our brethren in the Lord; and, by showing our love to them, apply that sure test which proves that "we have passed from death unto life."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

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Wirm an acknowledgement of the profoundest gratitude to Christ, the great Head of the Church, your Missionary begins a brief review and statement of his labors during the year that has past; and he desires also to express at this time his satisfaction with the field in which he is appointed to serve; and with the hearty manner in which his exertions have been seconded and supported by the gentlemen of the Board of Managers.

Your Missionary, in considering the field of his labors for the past year, by comparison with the four preceeding, in which he has had the privilege and pleasure of co-operating with the Board in the cause of elevating the sailor morally and spiritually in society. wentures to think and say that there is greater prosperity manifest in the Station than at any previous time in his recollection. Several new departments during the past year have been worked with greater vigor, having been found, in four years preceeding, highly promotive of the great object of the mission-the moral and spiritual elevation of men of the sea. An explanation of these your Missionary ventures to repeat in this annual report. The Sunday-school is one agency through which we reach the heart of the sailor. The Board's hearty appreciation of this agency, in the recent vote of \$100 to it by way of support and encouragement, is a very pleasant incident to your Missionary in the history of the year. The Sunday-school, in your Missionary's judgment, after a

close observation of the needs of his Station, is a very important part of a mission to scamen; he is on the watch daily and hourly for ways and means of extending his influence in the moral and spiritual advancement of scamen; he sees other missionary stations, established with a similar end in view, without exception, diligent in keeping up their Sunday-school. Ministers of intelligence and ability are at their head. They are scrutinized and supervised by boards of management composed of some of the most practical Christian merchants of the city, and they are a unit in this matter. We have suffered in the past through lack of a Sunday-school Prayers will draw some men to church, a sermon will do more to draw them, but a Sunday-school is also a very efficent agency to draw them; and that the Board think with me is evident from their recent action.

The week-evening services, begun at first under the fostering care of a few members of the Board, and at length under the supervision of your entire body, important in relation to our standing with other religious bodies and in their general results, have been well attended throughout the entire year, and have done much good also.

Within the last three months an Industrial School has been begun with promise of great good. The idea of such an agency of effort has been present with us from the beginning of our connection with the Station, but our way of commencement opened only recently. A gentleman of the Board suggested it to us, and followed up his suggestion with generous help in money and goods. Applications to others, both strangers and friends, were met only with the most cordial encouragement. And the first annual report of that school to its supporters and friends, will, no doubt, prove an agreeable surprise to all.

In addition to these favorable results, having each and all of them in mind the great object of the Society—the moral and spiritual telfare of seamen—there have been others in the general results

grought in the congregation. The handful of persons connected with the Station by reason of their interest in seamen and in the mission to them, which I found at the floating church in July, 1863, have almost all departed. They have either died or removed to other sections of the city and suburbs. The continuance of a small band of regular worshippers in connection with our Station is very important, and your Missionary ventures to say that he thinks the Board would act wisely if more decided measures were carried out to attract a few land's people to attend our services. As-some have left us, others, I am happy to say, have come in to fill their places; and moreover, there is, in my humble opinion, greater zeal and earnestness among these than I used to see among those who were before them. This little band helps the mission in the matter of their prayers for those gone to sea. The Mission ary can pray by himself, as he does, for the toilers on the sea but what Christian man will deny the superiority of fifty devout worshippers calling for the blessing of heaven upon these men? Our little church is a moral and spiritual light-house, and the greater the number of the lamps that cast forth their rays upon the ocean, the further, other things being equal, will our light shine. It is with us as with a life-boat at one time struggling to make her way through the surf to land her precious freight of lives-she overcome only when every man and every woman and every little child had hold of the friendly rope that drew her to the

Your Missionary is trying to enlist men, women and children in his efforts to bring seamen to the feet of Jesus. And he is thankful in being able to say that, evidently, more souls are interested in our work in our church and congregation than at any previous hour in his experience.

But our life-boat is very small and unseemly, and our lighthouse lifts itself up but a very short distance, and is seen but a little way. Oh! that we had what we vitally need, in the way of church accommodation! A gentleman of your body has well said that, with the proper appliances, there might be a Sunday, school of 500 children in connection with our Station. Permit your Missionary to say, at least, in this annual report, with all r spect for the Board, that the delay in regard to our new accommodations is a hindrance to our work.

Notwithstanding, many an encouraging incident has occurred illustrative of the blessings which the Church of Our Saviour is diffusing. Of five adult baptisms recorded in this report, then is worthy to be made a special mention. The first of the five was the wife of a sailor, in the service of his country, and now absent on a cruise of three years. My attention was first drawn to her one Sunday afternoon, as she stood in the door of her house, sending her two little boys to our Sunday-school. He father, a scaman and her mother have been in connection with the Church of Our Saviour for many years, but have not attended, to my knowledge, since I was appointed to serve there. She responded most earnestly to all my appeals to her in her own house. and of her own accord, asked to be baptised and confirmed among us. As she knelt before the minister of Christ it was a most solemn and interesting spectacle. The minister of Christ rejoiced, over the visible fruits of his ministry, the people of God rejoiced in another added to their number, and the angels of God rejoiced over this poor sheep who for so long had been wandering outside the fold. The second case is that of a seaman who, years ago, when following the sea, had often dropped in at the Church of our Saviour. He had missed the little Floating Church, and had been seeking for months the place where the services of the Station were held. One Sunday, after visiting two other Episcopal churches, with a desire for church fellowship, he found us out, and he to needed no urging for baptism and confirmation. His promises in the baptismal service were pronounced with so much firmness and steadiness as to cause a member of the congregation to say to me

subsequently: "That man spoke as if he were very much in carnext." Other two cases are of two brothers living in the neighborhood with their parents, and who have become very much engaged in our Sunday-school and mission. They are very intersting cases. In them we gather for the Lord, not some vicious hardened man who has served Satan and the world the best part of his life, and would give the fag-end of his earthly existence to the Church. We have here those whom the minister of Christ and the Church delight especially to welcome, the young man in the morning of life with his heart unstained by gross vices, with his affections fresh, and seeking out an object and a person to which to cling, and with powers fitting him to occupy high position in the Christian Church.

Among those recently confirmed is one who also happily illustrates the beneficial influences resulting from the Church of our Saviour. Years ago, when she was an infant of six months, her parents dedicated her to God in Baptism, and then her father went to sea, to be heard of no more till the sea shall give up the dead which are in it; for one night, while in the discharge of his duty as mate, he lost his hold and was precipitated into the roaring ocean. Under the protection of that God who is the father of the fatherless and the husband of the widow, that infant has grown into young womanhood, and now has ratified and confirmed, in the same church in which she was baptized, the vows which her sponsors then undertook for her when in her helpless infancy; and our prayer is that she may live many years as a witness to the fostering care that the Church of our Saviour exercises over the men of the sea, their wives and families. Here are three cases at once which prove by direct and visible results that our Mission is working not in vain in the Lord.

The class of candidates presented the Bishop, on Sunday a week ago, is the largest, with three exceptions, of any held in connection with the station, and is a very encouraging feature in this year's labors. I am indebted to various societies for books and tracts, to all of whom I herewith return my grateful thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. LEWIS.

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR FOR THE YEAR PAST.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

church of the Holy Comforter.

The vicissitudes of another year have passed away, and your Missionary is enabled to report that he has been much encouraged in his efforts to promote the moral and spiritual interests of those among whom he has been appointed to labor. The average attendance, both of the general congregation, and of seamen and houtmen, has been greater than for some time past, and the serious and devout deportment of all classes has been the subject of frequent remark by the gentlemen of the Board who have from time to time attended our services, either as appointed visitors, or no volunteers, to promote the cause of the Mission.

It is difficult, of course, to estimate the effects of our services upon the hearts and lives of those who spend their lives upon the ocean, and who can seldom meet with us to listen to the Word of Truth. They sometimes visit us on the Lord's day, listening to the Word of Life, and receiving a Bible, or other religious book, to carry with them on their voyage, and perhaps the next day start on that voyage, not to return again for months or years, if indeed they ever return. But, although we are thus unable to learn what may have been the effect of our labor in most of these cases, it is not to be supposed that this labor has been in vain, or that we are spending our strength for nought, as we occasionally receive the most unexpected assurance that this is by no means the case. One such instance, as noticed in a monthly report, will serve to show

the nature of this assurance. On one occasion, as your Mission. ary was entering the chapel, on a week-day visitation, he was ac costed by a man, whose hardy, weather-beaten appearance indicated that he had long been accustomed to the hardships of a scafaring life, and who intimated that he desired an opportunity for private conversation; and being invited into the Vestry, he stated that nearly seven years before he had been passing by in a careless state, and that his attention had been arrested by the appearance of the Chapel, and his curiosity led him to enter to see what was going on. He was much surprised to see quite a company of men apparently as rough as himself, engaged in a serious and devon attention to a religious service, which to him was as new as it was solemn and impressive. His attention soon became fixed, and the truths which he heard made such an impression upon his mind that at the conclusion of the service he hastened to his lodgings. and tried to shake it off by the various expedients which are usually employed for such a purpose. He engaged in a drinking carousal with his companions, but it was all in vain to relieve him of the sense of guilt which weighed so heavily upon his spirit, He then went to sea with the intention of driving off the unwelcome feeling, and visited different ports in Europe and America, frequently engaging in all the schemes of wickedness which his ungodly companions would devise; but neither time, nor place nor circumstance, could relieve him of his conviction of guilt and danger, and he was at last constrained to yield to its influence and seek for pardon through the merits of a Crucified Redeemer. It was a long time after this happy change before he returned to the City of New-York, but when he did return he took the first opportunity to call upon the Missionary to inform him of his experience, and to encourage him to labor on for the salvation of the men of the sea, not knowing how many there may be in the same condition as himself, and of whom we may never hear.

Another sailor, a little more than a year ago, having become

deeply interested on the subject of his salvation, desired to receive the sacrament of Baptism, in order that he might comply with the requirements of the Gospel, and become identified with the people of God. His seriousness and earnestness were too evident to be rejected, and he was thus initiated into the Church of God, and assumed the vows of a soldier of the Cross. He started almost impediately upon a long voyage, and in about a year after he returned with increasing desires to " be faithful unto death," that he might receive "the crown of life." At his earnest request your Missionary accompanied him to the residence of the Bishop. where he most seriously and devoutly ratified his baptismal vows in the holy rite of Confirmation. Thus, although we are unable to enumerate many permanent additions to our little company, we can rejoice in the consciousness that we are the instruments, in the hands of God, of saving some, who, to all human appearance, would otherwise remain " in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity." It is f r us to labor with diligence and fidelity, and to preach the Gospet in its purity and simplicity, unmixed with any of the extravagances of the day; and look to God for His blessing upon our labors in the salvation of these toilers of the ocean.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR. Services-No. of Services in the Chapel 131 at the Home..... 19 No account has been kept of services outside of the Mission. Attendance-Average general Attendance..... 63 Seamen and Boatmen 24 No. remaining for Books..... Books distributed-43 Bibles..... Testaments Prayer Books.... Miscellaneous Books..... Tracts.....pages, 33,000

Ordinances—	
Baptisms (Infants)	
Confirmations	- 1
Marriages	7
Burials	5
Vessels visited—	
Sailing	
Steamers 514	
Money collected— .	1,187
Communion Offerings	\$93.80
Contributions for the Poor	28 80
In Box at the Door	
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Twenty-five dollars of the Communion offerings were appropriated to the purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FLOY ROBERTS.

Report of the Missionary at Large.

WITHOUT a single interruption, the services have been sustained at the Coenties Slip Station since the date of the Missionary's last annual report. Twice on each Lord's Day the appointed prayers have been read, and the Gospel preached to many or to few on the open pier, on the deck of a barge, or in the Society's room. No. 22 South street. On pleasant days the attendance of sailors and boatmen has been large and encouraging. In very cold and stormy weather, as might have been anticipated from the nature of the services, the congregations decreased in size, but increased in interest, as nearly every hearer was then a seaman. From various climes, from distant parts, speaking many tongues and languages, the children of the ocean have assembled to unite in prayer and praise to God, to listen to the comfortable Gospel of His Son, and to receive with joy His written Word in the tongue wherein every man was born. The Apostles themselves scarcely addressed, at Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost, a more varied and promisenous gathering than your Missionary is permitted to do, in his feeble attempts to walk in their footsteps, and deliver the same delightful message; for it is no uncommon thing for eight or ten different nations to be represented at our services. If the earnest attention which is almost invariably given to the prayers and discourse be an index of the state of the hearer's mind, then indeed have we occasion to congratulate ourselves on the Divine presence and approbation. Indeed, many a heart has been touched and many a soul moved, many a tear has been shed, many a secret resolution formed, and many a prayer offered by the tempest-toseed children of the storm, who have assembled during the last year to bear from your Missionary's lips the oft-repeated but never tiresome story of a Saviour's love. The total attendance for the period comprised in this report has been by estimation six thousand nine hundred and forty. Probably four thousand different individuals have participated in the services at Coenties Slip during the past year, and of this number about two thirds have been seamen or boatmen.

The Missionary, desirous of laboring more effectually in the ex. cellent work in which he is engaged, removed to the Society's Home, in Franklin square, in the beginning of last June. His res. idence in this well-conducted establishment affords him ample opportunity of usefulness. He has held daily-nay, almost hourlyintercourse with the sailor-boarders, often sitting in their rooms and conversing in the most friendly and unreserved manner on religious and other topics. Morning and evening worship has been regularly maintained throughout the year. A lecture on Wednes. day evenings, conducted alternately by the three Missionaries, a Sunday evening lecture, and an occasional address during the week by the resident Missionary, with a constant supply of good books, tracts and papers, have furnished the inmates of the Home with ample religious instruction. Several hundred seamen have sojourned at this house during the year, and it is only just to add that every want has been supplied, and every reasonable comfort provided by the conscientions Superintendent and his worthy partner.

In addition to the above labors, the Missionary at Large has visited many hundred sailors and others in the hospitals, praying and conversing with these invalids directing their thoughts to flim who died upon the cross for sinners; endeavoring to awaken the unconcerned, to comfort the desponding, and to stimulate the hope of those who were seeking after Christ. Books, tracts and paper have been distributed in large numbers to the inmates of the several wards, which have generally been received with thankfulness.

The Missionary's labors have not been confined to seamen only-

He has visited the sick in many private dwellings, never refusing to repair to the abodes of suffering when requested to do so. He has also delivered a number of addresses in different places in this city and Brooklyn, when solicited by the members of the Board or the Rectors of parishes. Without the usual kind and hearty co-operation of the members of the Visiting Committee and others, the Missionary feels persuaded that he could not have accomplished the amount of work which the Lord has enabled him to do. He tenders his acknowledgment to those Christian gentlemen for their uniformly kind consideration. The books which have been furnished to the sailors and boatmen have been chiefly the gift of an ex-member of the Board, whose liberality for several years past has excited emotions of the liveliest gratitude in the Missionary's heart.

The statistics of the year are as follows ;

Services in the open air, Coenties Slip	83
" Room, 22 South street	21
" New Sailors' Home, and elsewhere	101
Total Services	-
Saffars Routman and roung parameters and to the parameters	205
Sallors, Boatmen and young persons supplied with Books at Coenties	
	2,231
Sailors supplied with Books at Hospitals	750
Baptisms—Adults, 5; Infants, 9; Total	14
Marriages	3
Burials	7
Books distributed—	
Bibles	29
Testaments in various Languages	863
Prayer Books	36
Sailors' Manuals of Devotion	66
Miscellaneous Books	
Tenote	1,521
Pannhlets Varagines and Polisions Bosses	31,000
Pamphlets, Magazines and Religious Papers	3,000
Respectfully submitted	

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

April 7th, 1868.

DISPOSABLE FUND.

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

To amount paid three Missionaries for one year's salary to April 1, 1868	\$946 6	
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" for one year's rent of Room, No. 22 " in Trinity Church, N.		
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" paid for Interest on Temporary Loan 22 37 " Amount of Sundry Donations, per	list 2,727 1	
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\$10,676.25	\$10,676 2	5
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April 13, By Balance		6

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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 22, 1867, to April 13, 1868.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Amount paid for Books	By Balance per last Report. "Bequest of late Mrs. Elizabeth Neighbors, for use of Chapel of Holy Comforter (\$500, less U. S. Tax, \$30) "Cash received through Rev. H. F. Roberts, for purchase of Books.	470 00	50
Total	Total	\$672 28	
	April 13, 1868—By Balance	\$562 28	

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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 22, 1867, to April 13, 1868.

Dr.		Cr.
To Balance forward to New Account	By Balance per last Report Bequest of late Peter Lorillard. Three-eighths of net proceeds of Sale of St. George's	
	Chapel, Beekman Street	
Total	Total	47,219 50
		47,219 50

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