

# MISSIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

EAST RIVER STATION.

## Floating Church of our Saviour

AT THE FOOT OF PIKE STREET.

Services on Sunday at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M.

MISSION AND READING ROOM. 34 PIKE STREET.

Lecture on Friday Evening.

Rev. ROBERT J. WALKER, { Minister in charge,  
Residence, 34 Pike Street.

NORTH RIVER STATION.

## Church of the Holy Comforter,

No. 341 WEST STREET.

Services on Sunday at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M.

Rev. THOMAS A. HYLAND, Minister in Charge.

AT MISSION HOUSE, No. 90 BARROW STREET.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

## Services on the Dock,

On Sundays at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

MISSION ROOM, No. 7 COENTIES SLIP.

Rev. ISAAC MAGUIRE, { Minister in Charge,  
Residence over the Mission Room.

BROOKLYN STATION,

ERIE BASIN.

Services Sunday, 3¼ O'clock P. M.

READING ROOM OPEN DAILY 3-1-2 TO 6 P. M.

## New Sailors' Home,

No. 338 PEARL STREET.

Mr. EDWARD RODE, Superintendent.

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

Lectures by the Missionaries of the Board on Wednesday Evenings.

FORTY-THIRD 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 THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY,  
APRIL 11, 1887.

TOGETHER WITH THE

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## Prayer for Seamen.

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O God! the Creator of heaven and earth, who hath promised that the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those whose business is upon the mighty waters: and, amid the dangers to which they are exposed, and the temptations by which they are surrounded to forget Thee and Thy Holy Word, to neglect Thy Sabbaths and Thy Ordinances, may Thy Holy Spirit admonish, direct and lead them into a knowledge of Thy Truth and in obedience to Thy Commandment. Be pleased to bless the efforts which, in accordance with Thy will Thy people make for their salvation. Especially grant Thy blessing upon the Word of Truth, ministered to them, whether on land or on water; and gather them from all their wanderings into Thy blessed fold, to be partakers of Thine eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Form of Request.

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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.

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THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the Society was held April 11, 1887, being Monday, in Easter week, in the Sunday School Room of Trinity Chapel, Thomas P. Cummings, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair. The Annual Reports of the Board of Managers, of the Treasurer, and of the Missionaries of the Society were presented and accepted, and ordered to be published.

Afterwards the Officers and Managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

The time for holding the Anniversary Services of the Society was referred to the new Board of Managers.

## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

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The Board of Managers, in making this its forty-third annual accounting of the trust committed to it, would not only record the labors of the past year, but would bespeak more earnestly than ever before a larger interest on the part of the members and supporters of the Society in its affairs.

The following reports of the Society's staff show the results of the year's work for the spiritual welfare of the seamen and boatmen, coming within reach of the Society's influence, so far as these results are visible to the eye of man; but they cannot show what has been the effect of the Gospel message delivered Sunday after Sunday at the four stations of the Society, to many who leaving this port never to return, carry with them to the ends of the world the earnest words

of our missionaries. These will only appear at the last day when we shall know even as we are known.

The new buildings for the North River Station will be completed during the Summer, and it is confidently expected that, from the perfect mission equipment there provided by the bequest mentioned in the last report, most favorable results will be realized.

The Brooklyn work at the Erie Basin Station is no longer an experiment. The services on Sunday afternoons during the winter have been provided largely by the rectors and assistant ministers of Brooklyn churches, who have willingly responded to the call of the committee upon them. Not only has this been of great service to the Society, but it has been the means of bringing to many of the clergy of the diocese of Long Island a knowledge of the work of the Board in Brooklyn. Owing to the increase of the attendance at this Station, and to the fact that it was without pastoral supervision, the Board decided that it should be placed under the direction of one of the missionaries until such time as the income of the Society would justify the engaging an additional chaplain, and to this end Mr. Maguire has taken up his residence in South Brooklyn, within easy reach of the station, and where, without interfering with his regular duties at Coenties Slip, he can respond to the calls made upon him for spiritual counsel and aid.

The Home in Franklin Square, owned by the Society, but through an arrangement of the Superintendent carried on without expense to the mission, is an important adjunct to the work. It not only provides a comfortable and safe refuge to the sailor when in

port, but affords many opportunities for personal communication with its inmates which could not otherwise be had.

The Board frankly states to the Society that its financial affairs are not in a satisfactory condition. Many of the old friends and supporters of the mission have died, some have removed, or from other causes withdrawn their subscriptions, and their places have not been filled. In 1873 the number of subscriptions was 207; in 1886 it had fallen to 75. These are mournful facts to record, but they must be met by the Society, and must be removed if it is proposed even to hold the ground already occupied. There are waste places lying at our very doors, and only waiting to be cultivated until the Society supplies us with the means to take up this fallow ground. We need a largely increased income; \$14,000 is absolutely necessary to properly carry on the work already undertaken, and a much larger sum could profitably be used.

Death has taken from the Board two of its members during the past year, the Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter, President of the Society since 1861, and Mr. Henry E. Kummell, for more than forty years a member of the Board, and who for years has devoted a part of each Sunday to the work among sailors. He was one of the organizers of the Erie Basin Station, and a member of its Superintending Committee.

The Board of Managers again thanks the various Societies who have so liberally contributed books and other publications to the Society. The distribution of religious literature among seamen and boatmen is a prominent feature of the Mission's work, and the re-

sults for good of such distribution cannot be over-estimated.

In conclusion, the Managers wish to bear grateful testimony to the unflagging zeal and efficient work of the Society's staff: the Rev. Robert J. Walker, at the Floating Church of Our Saviour, the Rev. Thomas A. Hyland, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, the Rev. Isaac Maguire, at the Coenties Slip and Erie Basin Stations, and Mr. Edward Rode, Superintendent of the Sailor's Home in Franklin Square, have given their undivided and faithful attention to the work of the Mission.

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH  
OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1887.

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The attendance of seamen at the Floating Church has been larger during the past year than we had hoped for at its commencement, as nearly all the sea-faring men, who sojourn in the Homes and boarding-houses on the east side of the city, are Danes, Germans and Scandinavians. An American sailor we rarely meet with, and all the great transatlantic steamships which visit this port, have their berths in the North River. Many sailing vessels that formerly moored above the bridge, now resort to the Brooklyn side of the river; the facilities for discharging and receiving cargoes being much greater than on this side. There are now six places of worship for seamen in that section of the city, where the "Church of Our Saviour" is situated, and all within a few minutes' walk of each other. This church has by far the best attendance of sea-faring men at the Sunday and week-day services, with the exception of the Mariners' Church, corner of Catherine and Madison Streets. Their increased attendance is owing to the employment of six lay visitors, three of whom are pious, intelligent females, who devote their whole time to the religious instruction of the men of the sea. With only one lay visitor to help your missionary, we are accomplishing as much good as can be expected. While the attendance at the Church has been so satisfactory, our happiness has been increased, by observing the interest and devotion displayed by these toilers on the deep, to every part of the service. A vacant look is rarely seen. Nearly all who attend the Church

unite fervently in the devotional parts of the service, and listen earnestly to the discourse. And a goodly company of seamen have kneeled down at the chancel rails, with every appearance of sincerity, to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Our hearts have been made glad by the conversion of some who, for many years had led disreputable lives, but are now living epistles of Christ, "adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things," and earnestly laboring to reform and save their former evil companions. The books which have been provided so liberally by a generous member of the Board, have contributed to the evangelization of seamen. They are read not only by the recipients but by their shipmates. At all times numerous copies of the Divine Record and religious publications are afloat in all parts of the navigable globe, and are performing an excellent work as silent preachers of the Gospel. We learn, occasionally, of the blessing that accompanies the perusal of these excellent volumes.

"The Floating Church Temperance Society" continues its work of mercy, and is exercising a most beneficial influence over the minds and habits of hundreds of brave mariners. If all the details of its successes in winning men from vice to virtue were printed in a volume, they might appear to be great exaggerations. But this we know, that hundreds of seamen have been rescued from a state of misery and degradation and are now leading Christian lives, laboring earnestly to rescue others from that abyss in which *they* were once plunged. Many of these reformed inebriates are now trustworthy officers of ships, and two are masters of fine vessels, and all acknowledge with gratitude to God the manifold blessings which they have received by connecting themselves with the church and its temperance society. Since the auspicious day, when the latter was founded in 1871, by Mr. Williams, the worthy sexton, 5,939 persons have signed the pledge, and 5,779 of these were seamen.

The reading room, at 34 Pike Street, has been visited by numerous sea-faring men—natives of many countries and speaking different languages. It has been to them

a place of refreshment and recuperation for mind and body. Reading, writing letters, playing innocent games occupied their leisure hours, which, but for this room, would have been spent in places of a very different character.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition, being admirably managed by a zealous member of the board, who has also greatly improved the music of the church by his kindly leading the choir and instructing them in singing. *The sewing school for girls.* It was a pleasing sight to witness on every Saturday morning, from the beginning of November to Easter, about sixty little maidens diligently plying their needles, being taught the useful accomplishment of making their own garments. Many of these children are the offspring of poor parents who had no opportunity of learning at home. This school is sustained by a kind Christian lady, the partner of the gentleman who has been for so many years the benefactor of the Floating Church.

*The New Sailors' Home in Franklin Square.* Your missionary has derived much gratification from his frequent visits to this well-managed house. He has always found it in perfect order and the seamen well conducted and well satisfied with their treatment. Some of the recent boarders have been heard blessing the kind Providence which had directed their footsteps to this Christian home. We are greatly indebted to the humane Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, for his admission to the wards of that noble institution numerous seamen who have been recommended to him, from time to time, by the writer of this report. These men were foreigners, and not having paid hospital dues, could not be received into the Government hospital, Staten Island. They have nearly all been restored to health, and are now pursuing their dangerous vocation on the deep, cherishing a grateful remembrance of the kind and skillful treatment they received while inmates of that hospice for diseased bodies and sin-sick souls.

## STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1887.

Services held in the Floating Church, 111; elsewhere 85.—Total.....	196
Aggregate attendance at the Church.....	6,992
Total attendance of Seamen at the Church.....	2,639
Aggregate attendance at the Temperance Meetings and Week Day Services (1,338 being seamen)....	2,967
Grand total for all services (including 3,977 seamen)....	9,959
Number of seamen supplied with books, &c.....	1,160
Number of visits made to Reading-Room.....	5,347
Number of Sunday School scholars and teachers....	111
Number of children instructed in the Sewing School.	76
Number of names on the list of communicants (including 323 seamen, many of whom we shall never see again).....	432
New communicants (including 22 seamen).....	31
Aggregate number of persons who have signed the pledge.....	5,939
New members received during the year (including 193 seamen).....	199
Baptisms.....	18
Marriages.....	8
Burials.....	8
Communion offerings, \$76 35; Donations for the Poor, &c., \$60; Poor Box, \$23.35; Box for Books, \$7.45; St. Luke's Hospital, \$9.09.....	\$176 24
Number of visits made to vessels by lay assistant....	3,058
Number of visits made to seaman's boarding houses.	4,492
Seamen supplied with packages of religious papers, &c., at 34 Pike St., to read at sea.....	558
Books distributed in eleven languages: Bibles 85, Testaments, 257; Prayer Books 259, miscellaneous books 881. Total.....	1,482

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. WALKER.

Easter Monday, 1887.

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

With a thankful heart I herewith submit my annual Report. God has been very good to us during the past year. Not only has your missionary been enabled by the Divine blessing to prosecute his labors without intermission, but he has been permitted to see many manifestations of God's favor and power. There has been a marked increase in the number who have witnessed to the power of the grace of God upon their lives, and in the number who have signed the temperance pledge. It has also been a cause for thankfulness to see the influence of the Mission on the lives of many who attend its services and availed themselves of its privileges. It has been the means not only of helping many a man to live a better life, but it has kept many from temptation and from falling into gross sin. However great may be a sailor's perils on the sea, his perils on land are greater. The sea-sharks that threaten Jack, are as nothing compared to the land-sharks that dog his heels when ashore. This Mission has rescued many from these harpies, and saved them from a greater deep than the depths of ocean.

It is also a cause for devout gratitude that means have been provided, and the work already well under way, that is to give us greater facilities for usefulness among the sea-faring class. The new Church building will give us ample room to seat sailors conveniently, and to accommodate their friends. We have experienced great inconvenience in our present limited quarters, and many of the friends of seamen have stayed away rather than crowd out those for whom the services are especially maintained. The new church building, although not large, will afford ample room for all in this locality who desire to attend Divine service. The attendance of

seamen will in the future, as in the past, necessarily be very irregular, as there are no sailor boarding houses anywhere near the Mission, and very few on the West side of the City. The seamen who attend the Mission come chiefly from the English steamers lying at the piers adjacent, and as Saturday is a favorite day for sailing, few men, comparatively, are in port to attend services on the Lord's Day. But when there are a goodly number of steamers in port in the vicinity of the Mission, then there is a good attendance. The Thursday evening service affords an opportunity for seamen, who seldom or never are in port on Sunday, to hear the Gospel and to join in the worship of Almighty God.

During no like period has your Missionary been permitted to witness so much interest in religious matters on the part of seamen. There has been, perhaps, less of incident but more of interest. The good effects of the services are evident to all who attend the Mission, and it is visibly manifest that the worshippers are in earnest and expect to receive a blessing. The Mission has not merely been a light-house, guiding men aright and warning them of danger, but it has been a life-boat that has rescued many a sinking mariner from the seas of temptation and sin that have well nigh overwhelmed him.

The Reading Room attached to this Mission is a veritable "Rest" for the sailor. Here he finds a resting place, comfortable and homelike, with a good supply of current literature, and writing materials, free of charge. Here is also provided checkers, dominoes and other innocent games, whereby he can spend a leisure hour with pleasure. This Reading Room is doing a vast amount of good, not only to the men who visit it but to their families abroad. It keeps men out of temptation, and places at their disposal facilities for corresponding with their families and friends. Thousands of letters are here written annually. It is estimated that over three thousand letters were written by seamen in this room last year. This represents considerable industry and faithfulness on the part of seamen, and brings abundance of love and cheer to those far away.

Another feature of this work that has been greatly blessed of God, is the distribution of Christian literature to seamen. Not only are they supplied with Bibles and Prayer Books, but also interesting story-books, which present Gospel truths in pleasant and attractive forms. These books are gratefully received and eagerly perused, not only by the men, but by their families. A Christian seaman who recently received a Bible at the Mission, said the first chapter he read was the eighth of Romans, and he noticed that in the first three verses of that chapter there was "no condemnation," and in the last five there was "no separation." These two thoughts filled his soul with joy, and he was thankful to God that kind friends had placed in his hands the Book of Life, with its words of peace and comfort. The books that have been distributed in this Mission for many years have been the gift of a member of this Board. By this act of unflinching kindness to sailors, he has not only shown his sympathy for them, but he has been the means of adding greatly to their happiness, and many, through this instrumentality, have been turned from vice to virtue, and from the path of sin to the path of holiness. The loving thoughtfulness of this generous donor has the best thanks of your Missionary, and the thanks of thousands of seamen who have sailed away to every quarter of the globe.

I desire also to thank those who have taken the trouble to collect discarded papers and magazines, and send them to the Mission for the use of seamen. About five hundred packages of such literature have been given to sailors during the past year. These papers are much appreciated, and afford great pleasure to seamen when on the deep.

The work of the Sunday School has been prosecuted with faithful diligence. The Superintendent is a most faithful Christian worker, and gives his time and energy cheerfully for the Master's sake. A great deal might be said of the importance of this work, but as all Christian philanthropists know that the hope of the Church and the world is the proper moral training of the young, it is unnecessary for me to enlarge on this point. I de-



sire, however, to say that this school, situated as it is among the poor and lowly, is doing a vast amount of good, and I can, with confidence, say that it has been owned and blessed of God. We experience, like others in similar localities, great difficulty in finding suitable teachers, yet we bless God we have been able to carry on this work so far without serious inconvenience or embarrassment from this cause.

The following are the statistics for the year :

Number of services in the church on Sundays.....	104
“ “ “ “ “ “ other days....	45
“ “ “ at the “ Home,” and other places,	42
“ “ communion services .....	16
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Total number of services .....	207
Number attending the Sunday services.....	5,500
“ “ week day services.....	1,052
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Total attendance.....	6,759
Number of seamen attending services.....	2,038
“ “ receiving books .....	1,139
“ “ attending reading room.....	13,303
“ “ signing temperance pledge.....	145
“ “ “ pledge to lead a Christian life.....	21
Number of Sunday school scholars and teachers....	90
Baptisms .....	15
Marriages.....	14
Funerals.....	21
Communicants.....	50
Books distributed in seven languages: Bibles, 39; testaments, 120; prayer books, 131; miscellaneous, 849. Total.....	1,139
Pages of tracts.....	36,000
Packages of reading given to sailors before going to sea.....	500
Number of visits to vessels by colporteurs.....	2,472
“ “ “ sexton.....	1,144
Contributions: Box for the mission, \$18.92; poor box, \$33.22; communion alms, \$50.90; St. Luke's Hospital, \$15.45; donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the poor and Sunday festivals, &c., \$125. Total.....	\$243.49

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. HYLAND.

Tuesday before Easter, April 5th, 1887.

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

The missionary of the Coenties Slip Station of the Society, in presenting his annual report of the work and its progress in his field of labor, finds many reasons for unfeigned gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the large blessings and numerous tokens of Divine favor and approval which attended his labors throughout the year which has just closed. Never before since he had the honor of being connected with the Board of Managers has it been his privilege to experience more unalloyed satisfaction and encouragement in the prosecution of his duties among all estates and conditions of men; and never before to the same degree were the comforts and consolations which were carried to the sick and suffering more gratefully received. His visits amongst the careless and backsliding, and his efforts to improve and elevate that class of the community to which he is specially sent, were highly appreciated by those with whom he came in contact. In remote parts of the port, and at a distance from the station truly surprising and unexpected, his services have been earnestly sought; and his counsels and presence have been many times requested for direction and instruction in families supposed to be out of sympathy with his work and hostile to his person. Access to make known the Gospel has been afforded in spheres he thought closed to the missionary, and opportunities for applying truth, and arousing the conscience were never so numerous and so promising with results. The outlook is bright; the conditions for enlarged success good. May Divine wisdom, direction and strength be vouchsafed for the attainment of highest and most enduring happiness.

The out-door work of the Station has been conducted on the same quiet and steady basis as in past years, and

the earnest and laborious efforts of your missionary to influence the open-air congregations by eternal and unchanging truth, have been productive of results most encouraging and fruitful. Many are the cases that come to his knowledge in his constant rounds of visitation, of reformation and conversion resulting from his feeble efforts to recover men from the ways of vice and death, which are renewed proofs to himself of the power of the gospel and an incentive to greater and more earnest zeal to preserve in the work of the Master. Considering the class of people that form his audiences from week to week, under the canvas tent, by the sound of the surging waters, he is more than satisfied by their attention, manners and decorum. Filled as the lower part of the city is with a community of varied nationalities, religious creeds, social and moral elements antagonistic to evangelistic efforts and church ordinances, he is glad and bound to acknowledge that his open-air congregations are respectful and courteous, and that the services and person of the missionary are held in high estimation by the inhabitants. Though no part of the civilized world presents a more difficult and inauspicious field for missionary labor and produces possibly less results for toils expended than the neighborhood of the Battery, your missionary has ground for believing that his work has been blessed to the conversion and salvation of many immortal souls, and that the sum total of his work at the great day when everything shall be manifested, will be equal to the harvest of many of his brethren in more favored fields. This may chiefly be ascribed to his knowledge of and familiarity with the people, arising from a long residence among them.

In reporting on the services held in the Mission Room, there is only reason for constant rejoicing. The average size of the congregation during last winter was good. The responses were very often heartily rendered and all the services most thoroughly enjoyed. God has been doing great things for us. Why should we not be glad? Never were our gatherings favored by so many signal proofs of the presence and power of God's spirit, and the history of the Station does not

contain the record of so many conversions in any season as took place under the labors of the Missionary during last year. Verily the seed sown in years gone by is bearing fruit, and the rich abundant harvest of the Winter, gathered in during the inclement weather, has rewarded our early difficulties and discouragements.

The Station was visited on the 27th of last June, by the Bishop of the Diocese, and in words appropriate and earnest, standing on the pier, he addressed the open-air congregation, made up of men of the sea, bargemen, boatmen and their families. It was a marked epoch in the history of the Station, for the Bishop of New York to preach to such a congregation in such surroundings, and an event in the experience of those who heard him that will dissipate their prejudices concerning our Church and modify their feelings concerning aristocratic churches.

The following are the statistics since last annual report.

Services in the open air on Sundays.....	52
“ “ mission rooms Sunday morning and afternoon.....	48
Services on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.....	93
“ elsewhere, about.....	25
Total services for the year.....	218
Present at the open-air services.....	4,945
Average attendance at each service.....	95
Present at the in-door services.....	1,216
Average attendance at each service.....	25
Attendance at the prayer meetings.....	1,166
Sailors, boatmen and their families supplied with books..	2,200
Visits made to the Reading-room since last annual report.	11,000

#### BIBLES, TESTAMENTS, PRAYER-BOOKS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles in various languages.....	123
Testaments in various languages.....	186
Prayer-books.....	60
Sailors manuals.....	18
Hymnals.....	18
Miscellaneous.....	1,880
Religious Papers and Tracts, Pages of.....	43,471

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE,

Tuesday before Easter, April 5th, 1887.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF STATION AT ERIE BASIN,  
BROOKLYN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1887.

In giving a report of the first complete year's work of the Brooklyn Mission, at Erie Basin, your Committee having oversight of the Station would acknowledge with profound gratitude their thankfulness to Almighty God for the large success and great encouragement of the operations of our Society at this most promising and important centre. Though youngest of all our stations, it has already made evident to all zealous for the extension of the Church, for the welfare of the large and constantly increasing population engaged in the shipping interests of Brooklyn, the crying and imperative need for its establishment. It has within one year or more grown to such magnitude that the large worship room has often been crowded by sailors, boatmen and a few others. It has extended its influence to so wide a circle that it is become a worthy peer and rival of the older stations in the sphere and effect of its labors and ministrations among the classes for whom they are designed.

The church of Long Island and the clergy of Brooklyn are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the work of this station, for to them it appeals with peculiar emphasis, both for aid and sympathy. From small beginnings, with feeble support, it has prospered most remarkably and has manifested beyond all controversy the wisdom of the Board of Managers in the selection of its location, making this Bethel a very house of God for the vast crowds of men and women who live the whole year round on their vessels and boats, making a city on the sea surrounding Red Hook.

Serious fears were entertained for some time by the

Committee concerning the continuance of the work at this Station, arising from lack of funds to defray expenses. With the present flourishing state of the Mission, which can be no longer considered on trial, for it is an assured success, your Committee would not be justified in withdrawing the blessed and benign influence of the Society from this extensive field, with its many possibilities and conditions of usefulness for the amelioration and salvation of our seamen and boatmen.

The church of Brooklyn must take up this work earnestly and energetically. It is their work. For its support and progress they are responsible. It is planted in their midst. Upon their liberality it has claims, and around it their fostering arms must be placed that it may grow to the full maturity of its blessedness upon present and future generations.

The following suggestions were written out by a most faithful member of our Committee, and express the feelings of all the members.

"The Society's decision to continue the work at this point has resulted in still further evidence of its importance. The past Winter has been one of special interest here, the number of vessels moored in the vicinity being greater than ever. It is evident that in no direction could our efforts in the prosecution of the work be better employed, and were it within our ability the services of a faithful missionary, whose entire time might be devoted to the work in conjunction with the efficient Colporteur now employed, would develop results as gratifying as that of any station in the Society's field. To accomplish this, the long cherished hope of substantial assistance from the Diocese of Long Island must be realized. Now we are compelled to resort to the occasional ministrations of the clergy of Brooklyn and elsewhere, who have so kindly and efficiently aided us. The interest thus manifested by the clergy is none the less appreciated, but they themselves will agree that in order to prosecute the work thoroughly, the constant presence of a clergyman, Sunday as well as week-day, who these men of the sea shall realize as peculiarly their own, is indispensable.

"Again the services should be more frequent, two or three on each Sunday, with as many more during the week, being the least that we should have. The other branches of the work, such as visitations of the sick, and burial of the dead are provided for by the missionary in charge of the out-door station at Coenties Slip, New York. We must not relinquish this field, nor must we do it by halves, therefore our great dependence is upon those who will be induced for the sake of the work itself to come forward and support it. We need for this purpose at least \$2,500 per annum."

The Superintending Committee cannot close its report without referring to the death of their esteemed co-laborer, the devoted and faithful friend of the Society, the late Mr. Henry E. Kummel. His departure from the church to which he was lovingly and intelligently attached, has created a void in the ranks of the Board not easily filled, and a loss to the Erie Basin Station in particular that can hardly be estimated to its full extent. His deep interest and arduous labors in the establishment of our society in Brooklyn, his unwearied exertions and constant presence at the services of the Station, are worthy of all praise. May a kind Providence raise up many such friends for this Station.

The following are the Statistics since last Annual Report.

Total number of persons present at all Sunday services..	2,710
Average number at each service.....	56
Total number of sailors and boatmen at all the services..	1,690
Number of visits made to the Reading-room .....	879
Number of visits made by the Colporteur to vessels.....	5,240
Bibles distributed.....	128
English Testaments.....	374
Testaments in five other languages.....	501
Miscellaneous Books.....	1,346
Papers and Tracts in six languages.....	13,721

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

Tuesday before Easter,  
April 5, 1887.

NEW YORK, April 1st, 1887.  
To the Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal  
Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City  
and Port of New York:

The Superintendent of the New Sailor's Home reports the number of men in the Home, April 1st, 1886, seventeen (17); entered the Home from April 1st, 1886, to April 1st, 1887, six hundred and thirty-two (632); total for the year, six hundred and forty-nine (649).

Gone to sea and friends, - - - -	636
April 1st, 1887, in the Home, - - - -	13

Money received from seamen and returned to them from April 1st, 1886, to April 1st, 1887, - - - -	\$17,438 81
Sent home to friends, - - - -	1,601 53
Deposited in bank, - - - -	2,389 00

With my Annual Report, I wish to make known that besides the good work done in the New Sailors' Home by the Rev. Robert J. Walker, Rev. T. A. Hyland and Rev. Isaac Maguire, that Mr. Williams and the Missionary, Mr. Montgomery, of 34 Pike Street, have been a blessing to the men in the Home. I think there has been more good done by them for the conversion of seamen in the Home and signing the temperance pledge the past year than since I came to the Home, and it always does me good when Mr. Montgomery comes in the Home and see with what humility, love, patience and zeal he works among the seamen. Through the assistance I have received from the Ministers and Missionaries of the Society, I have spent my happiest year in the Home. August Henelius, the sexton of the Church of the Holy Comforter, comes often to the Home and talks to the seamen for their spiritual welfare, and August Ludovici, of Coenties Slip, has always been ready to help me and in my absence, has taken charge of the religious services.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD RODE.

## DISPOSABLE FUND.

*The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York, in*  
 DR. *account with HENRY P. MARSHALL, Treasurer.* CR.

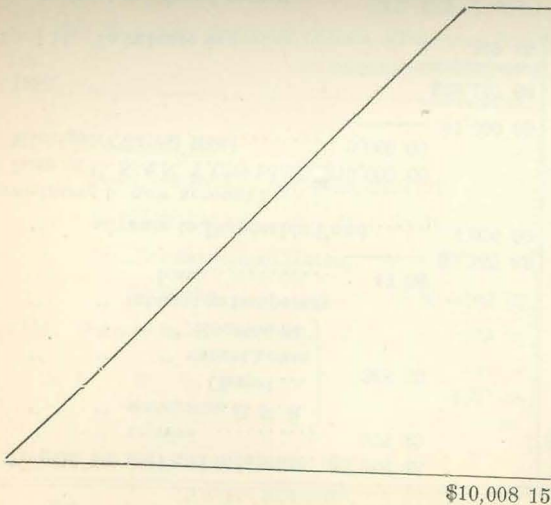
Aug. 23,

To Balance as per last report....	\$125 56
Paid salaries of missionaries	
11 months and supply ....	\$4,520 00
Salaries of Colporteur.....	975 04
"    Sexton .....	2,050 00—7,545 04
Expenses of Brooklyn Station,	
including clerical service..	1,211 48
Expenses of East River Sta-	
tion, including music .....	461 01
Expenses of North River Sta-	
tion, including music.....	356 15
Expenses Coenties Slip Station,	
including music.....	205 76
Expenses at 34 Pike Street....	26 80

By Receipts from Churches,	
From Trinity Church Annual Sti-	
pend .....	\$800 00
From Trinity Church Col-	
lection .....	\$19 45
From Trinity Chapel....	46 31
"    St. Paul's " .....	13 26
"    St. John's " .....	15 02
"    St. Crysostom Chapel	12 25—106 28
	<u>\$906 28</u>
From Church of Annuncia-	
tion, 1886, 500 00	
"    J. D. J., 1887, 500 00—	1,000 00
"    St. Thomas' Church .	285 25
"    Incarnation .....	203 32
"    St. George's.....	203 36
"    "    Annivers'y. 100 72—	304 08
"    Holy Communion, '86, '75 00	

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Printing .....	47 25
Commission.....	27 30—2,337 55



From Holy Communion, '87, '75 00—	150 00
"    Calvary.....	102 95
"    Grace Church.....	97 55
"    "    Chapel .....	16 84—114 39
"    Heavenly Rest.....	83 46
"    St. Michael's.....	31 44
"    Holy Trinity, Harlem .....	10 48
"    St. Mary's .....	5 00
"    Du St. Esprit .....	5 00
"    Ascension Memorial.....	3 00
"    St. Ann's.....	2 00
"    Christ Church, Williamsb'g	63 44
"    St. Paul's, Poughkeepsie ..	15 00
"    St. Johns, Huntington, L. I.	2 00—3,297 09
"    Advance from Permanent Fund....	4,000 00
"    Donations as per last .....	1,996 71
"    Subscriptions " .....	466 00
"    Boxes at Bath Houses .....	18 92
"    "    School Ship " Nordland" ..	9 62
"    Balance to new account.....	219 81

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April 11, 1887, To Balance for new account, \$219 81  
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## PERMANENT FUND.

*The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York, in account with HENRY P. MARSHALL, Treasurer.*

To paid for rent and insurance..	\$2,266 45
“ “ repairs.....	575 30
“ “ watchman at N. R. Chapel ...	268 50
“ “ “ vacant house Houston St. }	268 50
“ “ interest on temporary loan.....	47 38
	\$3,157 63
“ advance to Disposable Fund.....	4,000 00
Investment to new account:	
Loan on U. S. & N. Y. City bonds.	\$19,000 00
Michigan Central Road.....	2,000 00
	21,000 00
1886.	\$28,157 63
April 11, To balance due.....	349 55

1886.	
April 28, By bal. from last year, cash	\$37 52
“ investments.....	24,000 00
	\$24,037 52
“ donation J. Pierpont Morgan...	1,000 00
“ rent of Sailor's Home... 500 00	
“ “ from Houston Street house.....	306 85
“ “ from office at Coenties Slip.....	941 41
	1,748 26
“ interest on investments .....	1,020 00
“ rebate on insurance cancelled...	2 30
“ balance to new account—cash..	349 55
	\$28,157 63

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## SPECIAL FUNDS.

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To Amount paid:	
Dodd, Mead & Co., for books,	\$121 77
T. Whittaker, “ “	29 10
Am. Sunday School Union, for books .....	16 00—166 87
Apr. 11. Balance to new account.....	366 94
	\$533 81

1886.	
Apr. 23. By Balance .....	\$249 57
“ Interest on Rhinelander Fund—\$5,000.....	\$200 00
“ Interest on Davenport Fund—\$1,733.33 ...	84 24—284 24
Building Fund \$40,364 82	
	\$533 81
Apr. 11. By Balance.....	\$366 94

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