

NINTH 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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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.

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The Ninth Anniversary of the Mission was celebrated at St. George's Church, on Sunday evening, April 17, 1853. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Wainwright, President of the Society *ex-officio*, presided. The Church services were conducted by Rev. Drs. Price and Camp, and Rev. Mr. Eightenbrot; the report of the Board of Managers was read by Charles Tracy, Esq., a member of the Board; a sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Neville, rector of St. Thomas's Church, and a collection in aid of the Society was taken up.

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PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 28, 1853.

In compliance with the constitution of this Society, the Board of Managers make the Ninth Annual Report of their proceedings.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt, since our last report, of \$4,952 47, being an increase of \$317 86 on the amount received the preceding year. With these means we have been enabled to sustain the three branches of the Mission, and reach the close of the year out of debt. It must, however, be allowed us to say that the upholding of two chapels, the payment of dock rents, and other indispensable charges, compel us to place the salaries of the three clergymen in this service on the most narrow basis of missionary subsistence; and, while practising the strictest economy of expenditure, we have still watched the moderate flow into the treasury with unceasing interest, lest it should fail to supply our needs.

The Sunday services of your senior Missionary were

interrupted for two weeks during the past winter, by the sinking of his chapel, in the slip at the foot of Pike-street, East River. This misfortune is attributed to the great accumulation of snow on the roof of the building and extremely rough weather during a very stormy night. Immediate measures were taken to repair the damages. The chapel was raised and taken into dry-dock, and after being perfectly restored was again launched and placed in its former berth. The pecuniary loss to the Society, ascertained to be \$1,500, was promptly paid by the Howard Insurance Company, in which the chapel had been insured against fire and the usual risks of vessels in the harbor. It is gratifying to be able to say that the injury did not result from any want of proper care of the chapel, on the part of the persons in charge, but wholly from perils of the weather which could not have been anticipated.

With the exception of the interruption mentioned, the two floating chapels have been opened on Sundays, and divine service maintained in them throughout the year. The average congregations remain nearly the same as formerly, but are rather on the increase. Seldom less than one hundred, and often over two hundred persons attend each chapel. From one-fourth to one-third of these are actual seamen, and most of the residue are of the families of seamen, or connected by employment and sympathy with maritime life. The seamen are continually changing, and no two successive services collect the same persons. The brief stay in port of the sailor often allows of his attending chapel only once, and it may be many months before he arrives here again.

The result is, that during the course of a year's ministrations, each of our chapels is attended by a very large number in the aggregate. The Board view this aspect of the Mission with very great interest. The few regular and constant attendants, including landsmen, the wives and families of sailors and of officers of vessels, aid in maintaining the services of the church, and serve to attract the presence of mariners who are in port; while in the course of each year, many hundreds of sailors at each chapel hear the gospel preach to them, and mingle among the worshippers of God. It is a ministerial post of vast importance, which thus opens a door of utterance to thousands of men, whose usual course of life is far away from the spires that point to heaven, and the bells that call to prayer, whose lot is dark with temptations, and whose life is beset with toil and peril.

But the Missionary's power to benefit the sailor goes beyond these ministrations. He gives him the Bible, the Prayer-book, and religious books and tracts, which go with him on his voyage, and preach to him in silence the gospel of grace. Among the most interesting of the incidents which encourage your Missionaries and the Board, are the frequent cases of the effectual work of the Divine Spirit wrought through the instrumentality of books received at the chapels on the close of Sunday services.

Other meetings for prayer and religious instruction are held by the Missionaries during the week: a species of service which attracts no public notice, but is most valuable in its character and influence.

During the past year thirty-six persons have been confirmed from the congregations of the two chapels, and the aggregate number of partakers at the monthly communion at both chapels has varied from sixty to eighty.

The operations of the Missionary at Large during the year have been somewhat experimental. He has frequently visited seamen at their boarding-houses, giving private religious instruction and exhortation, and distributing tracts, and has held weekly meetings at seamen's boarding-houses, for reading the Scriptures and exhortation and prayer; and on Sundays, when the weather has permitted it, he has held service on some vessel at the wharf. His Sunday services are appointed for such hours as not to interfere with the attendance at the chapels, and are managed with express reference to promoting such attendance. He informs his hearers of the places of the chapels, and the times of worship, and induces many to resort there, where the entire body of worship and instruction appointed for a church can be enjoyed.

His own opportunities of conducting the customary church services are restricted, and render it impracticable to go through with all the words and acts of devotion which befit a christian minister and congregation, when assembled for worship in a building suited to the purpose. His business is to arrest the attention, enlighten the mind, and touch the heart of a company of people hastily gathered from the shipping and from the throng passing by; and to this peculiar work he must address himself with apostolic freedom. The ex-

perience of your Board convinces them that the solemn and orderly delivery, to the extent found practicable, of the prescribed language of exhortation, prayer and praise, under these circumstances, while subserving its direct design, is moreover a most valuable piece of instruction to these casual listeners; being so full of the pure and simple gospel, and of all the elements of christian faith and life. Who can tell how often the sailor, passing within range of the minister's voice, has been struck by the utterance of things seldom reaching his ears, and little cherished in his heart? We fervently hope that the sound and spectacle of wisely ordered devotions, may be blessed of the Holy Spirit to the teaching of the way of life, and the quickening of souls to penitence, confession, hope and thanksgiving.

The congregations at these services vary in number from fifty to two hundred and fifty, and are often above one hundred. They always show a new set of faces; the hearer of one Sunday being at sea the next. Such an assembly must sometimes be exposed to interruption; but the majority of its members are found to be little disturbed by attempts at disorder, which would break up an ordinary congregation.

The experiment of preaching in the open air at a thoroughfare of seamen, has been thus tried; and in a spirit of gratitude to our Divine Lord, the example of whose personal ministry has been humbly followed, we commend the favorable results of the experiment to the notice of the Society and its friends, and of all

who duly value their opportunities of reclaiming the souls which Christ died to save.

X The Board cannot fully present the operations of the mission, without calling attention to "The Mariners' Home," in Greenwich street, which has been founded and sustained by a few members of this Society, under the particular religious charge of the Missionary of the North River Chapel; although it is a private enterprise not directly connected with the Society and receiving no aid from its funds. This establishment is designed to furnish a convenient and desirable boarding place for seamen, without temptations; where the inmates will be invited to join in daily prayers, and kindly guided in wise ways, and surrounded by elevating influences. It has been in operation three years and upwards, and its good results may be judged of by the following particulars. The whole number of sailors boarded at the Home during the last twelve months, is six hundred and eighty-three; of whom there were boarded without remuneration, thirty-six; sick seamen nursed and taken care of during the same period, six; destitute and shipwrecked seamen assisted, in whole or in part, to clothing, during the same period, fifty-seven; amount of seamen's wages received by the keeper of the Home, to be deposited in the Savings' Bank, or sent home to their families, since the first day of May last, seven thousand five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-nine cents. Also, through the influence of the Home, many seamen have been reformed from intem-

perate habits; and by the same influence, fifteen common sailors have been promoted to the post of mates of vessels. The Missionary has unrestrained access to the house, and there makes the acquaintance and gains the confidence of the men; and there also he meets them at his weekly prayer meetings. Several cases have occurred during the past year, of minds awakened by these means to an interest in religion. One most signal instance of the good effects of this Home is in the case of a government sailor, who has become a communicant of the church, and has now passed one year at Nashotah in preparation for the work of the ministry. The accounts received of the capacity, studiousness, progress, and christian behavior of this young man, gives us strong hopes that he will worthily and efficiently fulfil the holy office to which he is called.

The North River Chapel is furnished with a circulating library, from which books are drawn by men going to sea, to read on their voyage and return at its close. The volumes of this library are kept in active use, and the sailors have generally been found careful to return them. A most useful and elevating influence attends this loan of books, and it might be greatly increased and extended, if the requisite books could be provided to enlarge this library, and place another in the East River Chapel.

Another branch of the same efficient means of benefit to the minds and hearts of seamen, has been tried elsewhere with great success, and the Board have meditated the design of introducing it here under the care

of the Missionary at Large, to whose office it most properly belongs. It is a free reading-room for sailors, supplied with proper books, periodicals and papers, to make the place attractive and servicable, and located where the usual walks of sailors would render it accessible and convenient. Such a reading-room, under the supervision of the Missionary, would occasion a most desirable contact between him and a multitude of sailors whose boarding-houses repel the visits and services of a religious teacher, and would afford him a fitting place for his evening meetings. It is grievous to think how many a poor sailor lands on our wharves, passes a few days at a boarding-house where religion is unknown or despised, and again sails for a voyage of months, without having seen a preacher of Christ, and without one warning or one winning word from christian lips. May he not say when all is lost, "No man cared for my soul"? Seeking by every means to win these to Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours, we do not lose sight of a reading-room in proximity to the Missionary's residence, as a thing greatly to be desired.

The Board rejoice in the continued prosperity of our auxiliary, "The Young Men's Society for Seamen." During the past year it has published a highly interesting report, and has also contributed the sum of one hundred and ten dollars and ninety cents to our treasury: thus eloquently pleading the cause of the sailor as a subject for the work of the Gospel, and substantially evincing the genuineness of their faith and interest, by the fruits of liberality. We commend that so-

ciety to the regard of all our friends; and especially solicit accessions to its ranks from the great body of young men in our churches. They will find the association of themselves, at the opening of youth, in an undertaking so purely philanthropic and christian, among the most agreeable objects of their present consciousness, and their future recollection.

We thankfully acknowledge the continued gratuitous supply of our missionaries with Bibles, Prayer-books, and religious books and tracts, by the following benevolent associations. The New York Bible and Prayer Book Society; The Protestant Episcopal Tract Society; The New York Bible Society; The American Tract Society; The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge; and the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Union. 587 Bibles and Testaments, 673 Prayer books, 5464 bound volumes and over 150,000 pages of tracts, have been distributed by your three missionaries during the year.

In closing this report, we would record our grateful sense of the Divine Goodness in sustaining and blessing the mission, and multiplying its cordial and generous friends; and we feel emboldened to renew our oft repeated and always successful appeal to our brethren for aid in the enterprise, of which they confide to us the management, but themselves ever retain a liberal and zealous remembrance. The importance of this work cannot be too much magnified; after all that has been done to better the condition of the sailor, he still endures an extremely hard and perilous life, the tendency of which is to recklessness rather than sober

reflection, and the only cessation of his toils is when discharged in port, in the midst of temptations and snares, which frightfully endanger his soul. It is here that your missionary meets him, and seeks to awaken the sense of religious want, and bring to his view the Cross of our redemption. Happy indeed is the servant of God, when, favored from on high in such efforts, he finds the words of eternal life,—his own hope and joy,—entering into the heart of the wanderer, and the truant feet turning back towards the Father's house. In these blessed conversions among a class so situated, the minister of the gospel must feel the truth of the last promise of his ascending Lord: "Lo! I am with you alway." The church at large may well look with earnest eye upon the progress of seamen's missions. Ships manned by the irreligious and profane, carry around the world, an influence for evil, and corrupt the heathen themselves; but a crew who add to the frank, generous, and brave character of the sailor, the quality of true worshippers, living in the comeliness of a band of disciples, carrying to every port the words of life, and showing there the example of men made happy by grace, comes to pagan shores like a visitor from the skies, bearing blessings on its wings. If the thousands upon thousands of American seamen who yearly sail from the port of New York, were one and all intent upon the service of Christ, and the redemption of fallen man, what a vast effective force would they constitute, for the spreading abroad of the leaves of the tree of life, which are for the healing of the nations. Yet even such results must be looked for, before the ripening

harvest of the world is gathered, and they must be actually realized before the coming day, when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Our mission thus claims your favor, your charity, your sympathy, and your constant prayers. Let it never be forgotten when you offer intercessions for the needy, nor when you give thanks for the abundant light which illumines your own calm way to heaven; and both pray and labor in hope that the ever blessed Saviour, who called many of his apostles from the watermen of Galilee, will make the renovated seamen of our day, his swift messengers to distant isles, which still wait for his law.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

THE Missionary of the Floating Church of our Saviour has now been engaged in the interesting and responsible duties of his station ten years, within four months. He commenced his labors with diffidence, but in faith and prayer, the 3d of July, 1843. At that time the Young Men's Church Missionary Society, from whom he received his appointment, after having carefully looked over the ground, had just resolved to concentrate their attention on the spiritual welfare of seamen—a very large and neglected portion of our fellow-men—nearly 40,000 of whom annually visited the port of New-York. The manifest disregard among us of the spiritual interests of this numerous body, had long been a subject of regret and shame in our communion; and as Episcopalians, many had felt it as a reproach to the church to which they belong, and to the holy religion they professed. While we all owed so much to the hard labors of the sons of the ocean, and our commercial prosperity was so largely the fruit of their perilous toils, it seemed a startling truth, that as they landed at our docks, and passed through our streets, and looked on the tall spires of our numerous churches, they could exclaim, *No man cares for my soul.*

When we *now* look upon the two Floating Churches, at present owned *by this Society*, which have had worshipping within their walls, (one on the East River ten years, and the other on the North River six years), from two to four thousand different seamen and coastmen during each year, and upon the influence of the nearly 40,000 bound volumes of religious books put into seamen's hands, with the 10,000 pages of religious tracts, and the Bibles and prayer-books they have enabled them to take away in their chests to sea, and carry to every latitude and longitude on our globe, and could it

be possible to measure the influences of those solemn impressions which God's Spirit has made on many hearts worshipping with us in his sanctuary, not soon effaced with sailors far away at sea, we may feel that a good beginning in the work of duty has been made.

We may yet hope, that by God's grace, a mission, upon which he has so kindly bestowed the smiles of his blessing and fostering care, will accomplish far greater things.

Your Missionary, during the past year, has had many instances of a most encouraging character to stimulate the Society to renewed and more earnest zeal. Almost weekly have incidents occurred to convince him that their labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The number of persons who have been confirmed, and have since walked consistently with their first religious profession; the avidity and interest with which the large number of books he has been prayerfully engaged in carefully distributing among seamen, have been received and read; the anxiety so generally evinced among them of having their children baptized; the attention and seriousness he has witnessed in the devotion of the sanctuary; the earnestness with which the preached word has been listened to; and the importance which many have attached to the prayers of God's people for their spiritual and temporal safety on the deep, are indications to the point, for which we cannot feel too grateful to Him on whose blessings alone we depend for the fruit of our labors.

Your Missionary has had the satisfaction of knowing that in some cases, where he has had the opportunity of interesting the commanders of our large ships in the spiritual welfare of the souls under their charge, and of supplying them with volumes of sermons to be read at seasons of religious worship on shipboard, they have been most thankfully received and constantly used; that in others, where he has put into the hands of sailors on going to sea religious books, the most serious impressions have been made on their souls.

As the acknowledgements of facts like these from persons who have been benefitted, under their own signature, are in his possession, he takes the present opportunity of introducing the following letter from a sailor, whose whole course of life has been changed, and who from reading a Bible put into his hands at our chapel, has turned from the ways of sin, and is now living a consistent religious life. It is dated, Liverpool, Sept. 21, 1852, and is directed, Rev. B. C. C. Parker, Minister, Floating Bethel, foot of Pike street, New York.

"REV. SIR.—I hope you will excuse the liberty of a person in my humble station taking upon himself the presumption of writing to you ; but I do so, impressed with the idea, that it is only my duty to let you know that your labor is not all in vain, and that though your preaching is generally to *those who go down to the sea*, the bread cast upon the waters may appear after many days.

"I have attended at your Bethel for some years, every time I have been in port, and often have wished to speak to you on many subjects that you have preached upon, but I could not muster up courage enough to go to you, as I only saw you at church, and did not know where you resided to call upon you.

"I now have an acquaintance living in New-York, and she has heard me so often speak of you, your name is as familiar to her as her own, and she not long ago wrote me, that chance had taken her to the very Bethel where I received most of the instruction I ever had, and I have, therefore, taken the opportunity of enclosing this letter to her for you, and also *five dollars*, which I beg you to place in the box for sailor's books. I received a number from you, but the most valuable is a Bible you gave me long time ago. Dear Sir, lay out the small sum I have sent in Bibles. That is a book a sailor can always go to, in storm or in calm ; when walking the deck or sitting in his berth ; that is an ever-ready comforter, and many a time has it comforted me in dangers on the deep, particularly the words from which you once preached: Isaiah xliii. 2 : When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee ; and through the waves, they shall not overflow thee ; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned ; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee—For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

"Dear Sir, if it would not be asking too much, I should like some time to receive a line in your own hand, to know that you are well and still going on rejoicing in your calling. The person who delivers this will, at any time, enclose it in her letter.

"I remain, Sir, with all due respect, your humble servant,
"A SAILOR."

Since his last report to the Society, just previous to which 17 persons had been confirmed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Chase, of New-Hampshire, in our chapel, and the names of 8 persons besides had been given in, who were prevented by sickness, and being obliged to leave our port before the day of confirmation arrived, your Missionary has prosecuted with encouraging success, the course of his duties. He has visited and prayed with and counselled many who have been on beds of sickness and of death. He has had the privilege of worshipping with and addressing the offers of salvation in the name of the Lord Jesus to a large number of seamen at our chapel every Lord's Day, and of conversing with some in private on the things which relate to their eternal peace at

his own house. He has baptized, at the chapel, and at time of sickness and near approach of death, at their houses, 87 children. He has attended 17 funerals, solemnized 19 marriages, and is now preparing a number, probably as large as that of last year, for the holy rite of confirmation. 19 have been added to the communion. He has distributed to sailors, at the chapel, over 1475 bound volumes of religious books, 441 Testaments, 306 Bibles, 278 Prayer books, with over 27,000 pages of religious tracts. Sixteen persons were added to the holy communion the last year. And he has visited many suffering poor belonging to sailors' families, and assisted 57 in very needy circumstances, by paying for rent, fuel, clothing and bread, and expended \$165.18 of moneys placed in his hands for this purpose.

With much gratitude he would state that he has been repeatedly supplied (and as often as he has applied for the same) with Bibles, Prayer-books, Testaments, Tracts, and volumes of religious reading, by the New-York Bible Society, the Bible and Common Prayer-book Society, Evangelical Knowledge Society, American Tract Society, Prot. Epis. Sunday School Union, and Prot. Epis. Tract Society, and by their aid, and that received from other sources, has been enabled to place libraries and religious books on board of ships bound on long voyages, which he has faith to believe will prove valuable auxiliaries in producing and cultivating a spirit of piety and devotion in many, who while spending their time on the deep, are debarred from the fostering influences of the Church and her Ministers, and her sacraments, and of Sabbath and sanctuary privileges.

March, 21, 1853.

B. C. C. PARKER.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY
OF THE
FLOATING CHAPEL OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

In offering my annual report to the society of the Church for seamen, I am reminded, that the sixth year has already closed since I accepted the appointment, and entered upon the duties of missionary in charge of the chapel of the Holy Comforter. Having then no knowledge of the peculiar habits and character of seamen, I felt that there was much for me to learn; and hence I came among you with unaffected diffidence, a stranger to you all, to co-operate in a work, of whose nature and extent, I formed an estimate at the time, which experience has taught me was far, very far, short of the reality. But from the cordial reception of your Board of Managers, I felt assured of a generous sympathy, which has been more than realized, not only by kind words and ready assistance in labor, but by many acts of unexpected kindness, to which I cannot refrain from advertising. With this assurance and relying upon Almighty God, I ventured upon the work.

And now whatever good has resulted from our relationship and union of efforts and of prayers, to His great and holy name be all the honor and the praise. Our congregations have been steadily increasing, and for the last few weeks very much so, with a large proportion of seamen. Our Communion has grown from fourteen, including four members of the Board and one seaman, to upwards of sixty; twenty of which number are seamen and their wives. The distribution of books has been larger, and those from the library have been as eagerly sought; and though large numbers of them are lost, yet, there are many who return them regularly for exchange, and in this way keep up a connecting relationship between the chapel and the missionary.

Then there is the Home, which furnishes a field of usefulness which has exceeded all my expectations; the statistics of its doings are embodied in the annual report of the Board, from which may be gathered in part only, of what benefit, under God's blessing, such an institution is to our mission. I say in part only, for aside from the fact that it is impossible for us to see and know until the day of eternity, what good, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, this institution is accomplishing, yet much more might be known of its great usefulness, if there was time to examine the file of letters which can there be seen, from sailors who have boarded there, from their wives and children in various parts of our land, and from foreign shores, from aged parents and widowed mothers, heaping their blessings upon the head of the indefatigable keeper and the institution itself, and offering thanksgiving to Almighty God, that their husbands and their children found in the city of New York such a Mariner's Home, under such care and keeping. I could relate incidents occurring since my last annual report more numerous than ever before, and of great interest: the difficulty would be in selecting, as with each one there has been something peculiar. The student at Nashotah is probably however as interesting as any, and if God in his providence should spare him to complete his studies, it will be, I doubt not, one of the most pleasing and satisfactory events in the history of our mission. His history has been published and referred to more than once, and as my report is already getting beyond my limits, I will but mention his case to refresh your memories, and give you a statement of my official duties discharged during the year.

Besides the services stated in the last annual report, which have been the same during the year just closed, I have baptized 22, admitted to the Holy Communion 17, seven of whom were seamen, married 18 couples and attended 6 funerals.

The distribution of books has been as follows: 220 bibles, 24 testaments, 168 prayer books, 67,324 pages of tracts, and 250 Sailor's Manuals.

THE POOR.

The poor, attending the chapel claim all the time I can spare from my very peculiar duties as missionary to seamen; the contributions of friends with the collections in the box appropriated for that purpose, have supplied means for their relief. Through the efforts of a

sewing circle connected with my chapel, and other sources 60, or 70 garments have been distributed and several children have been entirely clad, to enable them to attend the Sunday-school, which now numbers about 40 children. who are taught by your missionary and three assistants every Sunday morning. With suitable accommodations, and a few self-denying teachers, a large school might be gathered from the children which throng the streets, with no one to care for their souls, except the great enemy of God and man, with his legion, who seeks only to ruin and destroy.

Amount received from the box in the Chapel	\$ 44 60
Gifts from those remembering the poor	117 00
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	\$161 10

The above has been expended as follows :

For rent in various sums	\$114 71
For fuel	26 75
For clothing	23 63
For bread and other food	15 47
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	\$177 56

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. V. M. JOHNSON.

Easter Monday, 1853.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY AT LARGE.

The missionary at large for the city and port of New York, in making his annual report, would state, that he has distributed to sailors in their boarding-houses, and on ship-board, 54,613 pages tracts, 227 prayer books, and 37 bibles, he has baptized 9 children, and attended 6 funerals. The Sundays have been remarkably favorable, for holding services in the open air the past year. Your missionary has been able to hold a service, and address congregations in the open air every Sunday, except one in summer when it rained, and three in winter, when it was too cold. The Friday evening of each week the past year, he has held a service in the sailor's boarding-house, 322 Pearl street, where he has always found a large number of colored seamen, who have listened with eagerness, to the word spoken.

The average attendance in Coenties Slip, equals that of the smaller class of churches, and as the same person is rarely in attendance twice, your missionary is safe in stating, that he has been permitted to enforce, the past year, upon the hearts and consciences of some thousands of different persons, the Truth as it is in Jesus ; and when he reflects that of this number, the great majority have been deprived of the means of grace for months and years, and after listening to the warnings and promises of the Gospel, they will be wafted before another Sabbath, to every zone and clime, many of them without a bible, shut out from the privileges and ordinances of the Lord's house, never cheered by the prayers and songs of Zion, never for years listening to the music of the Sabbath bell, exposed, when on the land, to all the vices of civilization, without its restraining influences, he is more and more impressed with the importance of standing in the highways of sin, and throwing up his prayers, his entreaties, and his tears between them, and "everlasting damnation." It has been a source of joy to the writer, to witness the marked attention, on the

part of those who have listened to the services he has held in Centuries slip, standing in the open air in mid-winter when his fingers were so benumbed with the cold, that with difficulty he could turn over the leaves of the prayer book; and it has occurred to him that if any one should doubt the adaptation of the prayer book to all sorts and conditions of men, it would be well for him to attend these services.

That the God of all comfort would pour upon our hearts the spirit of grace and supplication, is the sincere prayer of your missionary.

Brooklyn, March 22, 1853.

E. F. REMINGTON.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York, in account with E. M. DUNCAN, Treasurer, from April 11, 1852, to March 28, 1853.

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To amt paid Rev. B. C. C. Parker, Salary from March 1, 1852, to March 1, 1853,	\$1200 00	By Balance on hand, April 11th, 1852,	6 53
" Rev. D. V. M. Johnson, Salary from March 15, 1852, to March 1, 1853,	1150 00	" Collection at Anniversary, April 18, 1852, held at St. George's, N. Y., sermon by Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter,	301 70
" Rev. E. F. Remington, Salary to March 1, 1853,	785 55	" Collections, Trinity Church, Fairfield, Southport Borough, boxes, Rev. N. E. Cornwell, Rector, \$22, and \$24,	46 00
" Charles Hernberg, Sexton, Wages from April 1, 1852, to March 1, 1853,	225 00	" Trinity Church, N. Y., Stipend, \$300, 200, 200, 200,	900 00
" Frank James, Sexton, Wages from April 1, 1852, to March 1, 1853,	220 00	" Collection Church of the Ascension, N. Y.,	251 03
" Organist of the Church of our Savior, to Feb. 1, 1853,	100 00	" do do of the Intercession, N. Y.,	20 00
" Organist of the Church of the Holy Comforter, for one year to Feb. 1, 1853,	100 00	" do St. Bartholomew's Church, N. Y.,	360 00
" Wharfage of the two Churches, for one year to Feb. 1, 1853,	625 00	" St. Mark's Church, N. Y., from Monthly Offerings,	20 00
" Premium for \$3000, for one year, Church of the Holy Comforter,	37 50	" Collection, Christ Church, N. Y.,	50 51
" Rev. B. C. C. Parker, collections in Box for Books, at the Church of our Savior,	48 74	" Christ Church Sunday School, to constitute the Rev. Charles Halsey, and Mr. Richard Sill, Life Members,	80 00
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" For Sundry Expenses, Church of our Savior, viz:		" do St. Ann's Church, Fishkill Landing,	5 00
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102 86
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685 00
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Bourne, C. S.	"	5 00	Foster, F. G.	1852	5 00
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Bedell, Rev. G. T.	"	20 00	Ford, H. W.	"	2 00
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Barton, Wm.	"	2 00	Fisher, Mrs. Henry	"	5 00
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Cronkrite, J. P.	"	5 00	Haggerty, Ogden	"	2 00
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Curtis, Cyrus	"	5 00	Hazelton, F.	"	2 00
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Livingston, John R.	"	5 00	Robinson, James	"	2 00
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