

THIRTY-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 2d, 1877.

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

Prayer for Seamen.

O, GOD! the Creator of heaven and earth, who hath promised that the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those whose business is upon the mighty waters; and, amid 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, April 2, 1877, in the Sunday School-room of Trinity Chapel, John Davenport, Esq., in the chair, at which were presented the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and the Reports of the Treasurer and the Missionaries of the Society. The Reports were accepted and ordered to be published, and the Report of the Board of Managers was ordered to be read at the Anniversary services of the Society.

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

The Thirty-third Anniversary of the Mission was held at the Church of the Incarnation, on Sunday evening, May 6, 1877, the Rector of the Church presiding. The Missionaries of the Society read the Evening Service. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by Marlboro Churchill, Esq., and a sermon preached by Rev. Arthur Brooks; after which a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

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OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS,

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society

FOR SEAMEN,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK,

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The Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen present this, their annual report, with thankfulness for the good results, by the blessing of God, accomplished during the past year.

Every report is necessarily very much a repetition of those presented in previous years; for, though the work is never done and ever to be renewed, it is made up of the same efforts, with the same objects, the difference being in the greater or less result proportioned to the means in hand. But the oft-told tale still reaches the ears of some to whom it is not tiresome and moves their hearts to respond. The results of the year's work in detail is shown by the reports of the Missionaries and of the Treasurer.

The same want of sufficient means for the work that lies ready to our hand is felt as heretofore. Last year we had to report that the number of churches making collections for this mission was less than in former years. This year shows equal indifference on the part of the Church, as well as a diminution of the annual subscriptions from members and others. By special efforts among friends this falling off has been in some measure remedied, but we close our year's work with an empty Treasury.

Yet with diminished and diminishing receipts, nothing, we believe, has been neglected or less thoroughly done. Every department has been kept up to its former efficiency. The Lord's work will be done; He produces His results with means that seem to us inadequate.

For the small sum of about \$10,000 per annum the Board of Managers maintain three stations, with a corresponding number of Missionaries and Colporteurs; showing an economy of man-

agement that entitles the Society to the confidence of the members of our Church, and a cordial co-operation in its work.

The Church has a duty to perform, and there are few fields in which so plentiful a return can be hoped for as in work for the elevation of seamen. They associate together perhaps more familiarly than any other class of men. The religious life of one is a perpetual example to all his comrades. A courageous Christian on shipboard exerts a never-ceasing influence for good on those about him; while a bad man tends to pollute the moral atmosphere of the whole ship. But the pious sailor needs the memory of his home, of his Church services, of the Missionary's encouraging words, and a realizing sense of interest taken in his hard life by the Church and church people, to sustain him amid his many temptations and sufferings. And with none do such memories so often rise up, and upon none do they produce a more softening effect, than upon men isolated and compelled to depend much on their own thoughts for relief from a monotonous life. There is no enterprise within the sphere of christian work that appeals more strongly to the sympathies of humanity, or the interests of civilization.

We feel justified then in calling upon Christian people for help, and in asking a more general contribution from the churches of this city. We do not ignore the diminished ability of many, nor the discouragement resulting therefrom. But we cannot doubt that the bread cast upon the waters will return in real benefit to them, as well as carry blessings to those for whom it is sent forth.

Nothing can be more economical than the mode of using the money. Much work is done in an efficient manner. Perhaps we may rest content with the results. Yet the heart of the Christian and the Churchman is saddened, amid all his confidence, and his thankfulness for the good he witnesses, when he looks abroad on the fields which he is not permitted to enter upon, and the wide wastes which, for want of means and workmen, he may not hope to rescue from the enemy.

In all the stations the preaching is mainly extemporary. That it is adapted to produce an effect on those to whom it is addressed is shown by their close attention; the weather-beaten sailor often leaning forward, appearing to hang upon the words of the speaker.

The supply of books and tracts has been liberal, yet more could have been used to good purpose. Acknowledgements are due to the kind assistance of

- The New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society.
- The Church Book Society.
- The Evangelical Knowledge Society.
- The Society for the promotion of Religion and Learning.
- The New York Bible Society.
- The American Tract Society.
- The Protestant Episcopal Tract Society.

FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

Foot of Pike St., under the charge of the Rev. ROBT J. WALKER.

This Mission continues in a flourishing condition. There is a large number of regular attendants, besides those who are only transient, appearing for a Sunday or two, and then disappearing, never perhaps to return. This mission is surely doing a good work. The Church is well filled in the afternoon and has a good attendance in the morning. The services are attractive. The Seamen show their interest by hearty responses. There is a large and efficient choir and the singing is very generally joined in by the congregation. The Missionary is occasionally assisted by other clergymen, which doubtless tends to increase the interest of the services.

The Chapel will seat about 300. The attendance in the afternoon sometimes completely fills the house. The aggregate number present during the year will reach 15,000 or 16,000, about one-third seamen. Books have been distributed, in nearly all languages of maritime nations, to about 1,200 seamen.

By kind contributions of friends of the Mission and of the Missionary, many poor persons have been assisted and their sufferings alleviated.

At the visit of the Bishop the large class of 24 was confirmed, 14 of them seamen. There were two ordinations, one to the diaconate; the other, the Missionary at Coenties Slip, to the priesthood.

The Reading Room of this mission, in Pike St., has been well attended, and has done much for the comfort of its visitants. It is open every afternoon except on Sundays, and every evening, Sundays included. The gathering of so many to enjoy its privileges proves that it was a good work to establish it. Many of the newspapers on file are gifts from the publishers.

The usual Church services and Temperance meetings continue to be held during the week, and are the means of effecting much good among men who, like ourselves, need something between the Sunday services to lead and strengthen them in good purposes.

THE NEW SAILOR'S HOME IN PEARL STREET.

The building belongs to the Board and is leased to the Superintendent, Mr. Rode. The Board can report this as well kept, clean, orderly and comfortable. That it has its attractions is shown by the fact, that the same men return again and again. The daily prayer and reading of the Bible, the evening meetings, and the efforts generally of the Superintendent give a character to the house, producing good effects on all who resort there, as well as upon the boarders. The number living in the house varies from 20 to 50, making an aggregate of upwards of 1,000 for the year. That so many are protected from the influences that would otherwise be strong to lead them into evil, and subject them to imposition, is a result with which we may be well pleased.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER IN WEST STREET.

This Mission is still under the charge of the Rev. Henry Floy Roberts. There are few regular attendants here; the neighborhood not furnishing the material. The men who resort to it are constantly changing, although the number present at the services has not diminished. But a single service often makes an impression that produces its good results, perhaps long afterwards. A large number of ships have been visited by the colporteur during the year. It is desirable to have a house in the vicinity for the residence of the Missionary, that the influence of his presence may be felt, and where he may be readily reached when needed. The difficulties in the way may yet be overcome.

At the services, the chants and hymns are sung by the choir in a hearty manner, and the responses of the congregation are very audible. Many seamen remain after the services to receive the books in various languages that are then distributed.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

The Rev. Isaac Maguire, is in charge of this Station and is doing good work. Here also the attendants are constantly changing, but the services, being in the open air in suitable weather, draw a large circle of listeners. The Missionary has lately been able to make his residence on the spot, and his presence cannot but increase his usefulness. A light and pleasant room is available for the services, when the weather is unsuitable for preaching in the open air, in which are held also services on every evening during the week. Here also has been established a Reading Room for seamen, to which kind friends have already contributed a number of books, and to which are furnished, without expense to the mission, about thirty newspapers in different languages. It is much to be desired that the number of suitable books should be increased.

Books in different languages, and papers are also distributed among those who desire them.

It is the earnest desire of many that the Mission for Seamen should be extended to Brooklyn. It may only be said that the field is great, and we hope it may in due time be occupied.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MISSIONARY IN CHARGE
OF THE

Floating Church of our Saviour,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1877.

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Since the auspicious day when a Mission to Seamen was announced in this City, it is probable that no year has been so richly crowned with results as the past. In every considerable port throughout the world, where sailors most congregate, the delightful fact is evident to all observers, that the men who navigate the seas have wonderfully changed for the better within a recent period; that swearing and intoxication, and kindred vices are far less practised than formerly, and that a large proportion of seamen are devout and earnest Christians. The writer, who is daily in the streets adjoining the East River, rarely meets with an inebriated sailor, or rarely hears an oath from the lips of a sea-faring man. In every great port the sailor is now met on his landing by a Christian minister or colporteur, who takes him by the hand and leads him to the House of God, where the good impressions received during his sojourn in New York are revived and strengthened. He hears the same Gospel, listens to the same prayers, and unites in singing the same hymns to Christ as God. In many a distant port a "Sailors' Home" stands in a conspicuous place, not far from the water's edge, where lies the gallant bark, which has conveyed the weary mariner in safety across the treacherous deep. There he finds a refuge from far greater dangers than encompassed him when battling with the winds of heaven and the waves of ocean. Humane and honorable treatment from the superintendents and their assistants; good books and religious papers, pious companions, morning and evening devotions, all these things combined with the preaching of God's Word, have served to elevate the men of the sea to an honorable position, which would have been incomprehensible to our fathers. Thus has God signally owned and blessed the efforts of this and kindred societies to the elevation of seamen as a class, and the salvation of many of their number.

The Floating Church of our Saviour has performed its part in elevating, blessing, and saving the men of the sea. Never since its erection have we seen such large and attentive congregations. On some occasions of celebrating Divine Service, a hundred seamen or more have been in attendance, natives of the United States, the British Provinces, the West Indies, and nearly every country of Europe. The deep devotion, the undivided attention

of these strangers to every part of our beautiful service, have often elicited the surprise and admiration of visitors to the Chapel. A vacant look, or a whisper is rarely seen or heard in our beautiful little sanctuary. Indeed, we might without presumption, point to it as a model to be followed by far more pretentious places of worship. Said our venerable Diocesan, on one of his annual visits to the Chapel, "Would to God that we had such praying and such singing in all our churches." From frequent personal intercourse with many of his sea-going hearers, the writer can truly affirm "that they are children of God, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, having been born again of the Spirit of God, and made partakers of the divine nature." On the second Sunday in Lent the Bishop visited the Floating Church, confirming twenty-four persons, nearly all of them adults, and admitting to the diaconate one gentleman, and to the priesthood the Rev. Isaac Maguire, Missionary at Coenties Slip. The services were exceedingly impressive, and participated in by nearly 300 persons, seamen and others. 110 individuals remained, and reverently partook of the Lord's Supper.

During the week preceding the confirmation, three seamen were baptised at the Mission House, 34 Pike Street. The number of communicants connected with the Floating Church has increased to 171. Of this number 63 are sailors, but several other seafaring men have communed with us during the year, whose names could not be ascertained.

The Society's Home in Franklin Square is performing a most admirable work among the seamen who frequent this port. The sanguine anticipations of its far-seeing founders have been more than realized. No one, save a frequent visitor, can comprehend the numerous blessings and advantages which accrue to the mariners who sojourn within its walls. Cheerfulness, sobriety, neatness, courtesy, and in many instances piety, distinguish the inmates of the Home. Said an honest tar to the writer on one of his recent visits to the house, "Thank God for directing me to this place. My stay here has been a great blessing to me in soul and body. I am happy and comfortable, and getting good all the time." The Superintendent has no trouble in shipping his men. Masters of vessels are only too glad to obtain their crews from the "New Sailors' Home." In twelve months there has not been the slightest disturbance there. An oath or angry word is never heard. All is peace, and harmony and brotherly kindness. Truly this admirably conducted institution has been a great boon to the seafaring men who visit this port.

During the hot days of summer, and the pleasant days of autumn, the Reading Room in Pike Street was nearly deserted by the seamen, but when the evenings lengthened, and the frost was in the air, many of them were glad to avail themselves of its numerous advantages. From ten to twenty sailors visited the room each winter's evening, occupying the time in reading, writing letters, conversation, in games of chess and checkers. A very

agreeable sight it was to witness so many happy weather-beaten faces of the honest tars, thus innocently enjoying themselves, or improving their minds. The writer has himself passed some time in the room nearly every evening, conversing with the seamen in the most friendly manner on religious or other topics.

The temperance meetings, the Friday evening lectures and the Sunday School, all held at the Mission House, 34 Pike Street, have been well attended, and each in its appropriate sphere, has performed an excellent work. Several intemperate men have been reclaimed, and are now leading sober and industrious lives; many individuals have been edified and encouraged in the divine life, and about eighty children have been well instructed in their duty to God, their parents, and their neighbors. Wednesday evening services have been maintained throughout the year at the "Home," in Franklin Square, by the three Missionaries of the Society. On several occasions the room has been crowded by the sailor boarders, who have invariably listened with profound attention to the instructions afforded them.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1877.

Services held in the Floating Church on 50 Sundays.....	103
Services held in the Mission House, Sailors' Home and elsewhere....	84
Total services for the year.....	187
Average attendance for each Sunday.....	326
Average attendance of Seamen at the Church for each Sunday.....	105
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, papers, &c., in the Church.....	1,206
Seamen visited in the Hospital, and provided with Testaments, Religious Papers and Tracts.....	359
Number of Communicants, including 63 Seamen.....	171
Number of Communion Services held in the Church.....	13
Baptisms: Adults 3; Children 16; Total.....	19
Marriages.....	11
Burials.....	6
Sunday School Teachers and Scholars.....	93
Total number of visits to the Reading Room, 34 Pike Street.....	5,472
Members of the Floating Church Temperance Society, including 1,789 Seamen.....	1,843
New members received during the year, including 364 Seamen.....	382
Number of visits paid by the colporteur to vessels in port.....	2,335
Number of visits paid by colporteur to Seamen's Boarding Houses.....	2,806
Number of Seamen supplied with packages of reading matter at 34 Pike Street, before going to sea.....	248
Communion offerings, \$143.90; Poor Box, \$34.89; Box for Books, \$13.23. Total offerings for the year.....	\$182.12

BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles.....	43
Testaments, in eleven languages.....	561
Prayer Books.....	108
Miscellaneous Books in eleven languages.....	1,238
Tracts, Religious Papers, Pamphlets, Magazines, &c., about.....	8,500

Respectfully submitted,

NEW YORK, Easter Monday, 1877.

R. J. WALKER.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE

OF THE

Chapel of the Holy Comforter,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, APRIL 1, 1877.

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In presenting his Annual Report, your Missionary would express his thanks to Almighty God for the goodly measure of success which has attended the work of the Mission during the past year. A large number of the men of the sea have attended our services, and many of them have expressed their gratitude for the provision which our Mission makes for their spiritual needs; and especially for the religious reading which the books we distribute among them afford when they are away from the busy haunts of men, and out upon the broad bosom of the deep. They are exposed to many temptations, both on the land and on the sea, and it is highly important for them to have something to fortify them against the attacks and insinuations of infidelity, which so constantly assail them. This assistance they obtain, both by the instruction they receive by attending our services, where the word of God is both read and explained, and by the books they receive, which contain both instruction and advice in the most pleasing and impressive manner. It is indeed an encouraging sight to behold a large proportion of the congregation remain at the invitation of the missionary, after the others have retired, to receive the books supplied to be distributed among them, and to witness the eagerness with which they receive them. And it often happens that we hear of the good effects which they have produced in the hearts and lives of the recipients, after years of absence in foreign lands. The book not only furnishes them with instructive reading when they take it up for perusal, but it recalls to their minds the scene at the chapel when they received it, and the impressions which the services and the sermon then produced, and is thus a double benefit as a silent messenger of the truth.

Shortly after my last Annual Report I learned that a young man who belonged to one of the Glasgow steamers had been induced by our colporteur to attend our services, and that through our instrumentality he had been brought to embrace the gospel, and to consecrate himself to the service of God, and has shown by his subsequent conduct that the moral change through which he

has passed has been deep and extensive. He felt the necessity of exerting himself to rescue his shipmates from the ignorance and sin in which they were bound, and to induce them to "cease to do evil, and learn to do well." His method of approaching them on the subject was so quiet and unobtrusive that he completely won their affections; and his own pious and blameless course of conduct soon disarmed all opposition, so that he was enabled to speak to them on the subject of religion with the utmost freedom. One of his shipmates has been brought to a knowledge of the truth through his exertions, and he is now leading a consistent Christian life, and they are working together in the bonds of the gospel.

Another young man lately informed us that about a year ago he was induced to attend our chapel, and that he had received a copy of "Baxter's Call to the Unconverted." The impressions received from the services, and the subsequent reading of the book, were the means of bringing him to the Saviour.

In July last a young sailor came forward with a request for a Spanish Testament. He appeared to be an intelligent Christian man, and stated that he had often attended our chapel, the services of which had been greatly blessed to his spiritual good, and that he had been striving, both by example and precept, to lead his shipmates to a knowledge of the truth. He stated also that he generally sailed in a vessel bound to some South American port, where the Spanish language is used, and as he speaks and reads that language with facility, he desired a Spanish Testament that he might be able to read the story of the Saviour's love to those of the inhabitants to whom he could gain access; and he generally found them strongly inclined to listen, and to become deeply interested in his reading, and he thought he had reason to hope that his efforts in this direction were productive of good. And in this case we have an evidence of the fact that the sailor who becomes a convert to the faith of Christ crucified, by the labors of the missionary, becomes himself an efficient missionary of the truth, even to distant lands.

There have also been reported to us many instances of the conversion of seamen through our instrumentality, either by themselves or by others. Some of these first came to our chapel in a state of intemperance and destitution, but who, in consequence of the moral change through which they had passed, had become temperate and respectable in their appearance, and some of them have united with the church in their native village, from which they had so long been absent both in body and mind, and we may hope that they will prove faithful to their professions. The fact that these men are seldom in the city, and are almost constantly sailing to distant ports, renders it impossible for us to enroll them as members of our mission, and prevents any statistics we can furnish from presenting anything like a fair representation of the results of our labor. The men with whom we have to deal are constantly on the move, being here to-day and gone to-morrow, so

that it is impossible for us to build up a permanent congregation or membership, as they have no home among us; and we can only give a statement of the numbers we are able to reach as they are floating past us, and to whom we are endeavoring to proclaim the everlasting gospel.

Our work has also been greatly aided by the faithful labors of our efficient colporteur, who appears to be well adapted to the work in which he is engaged. He speaks of his visits on board of the vessels in port as affording him valuable opportunities of pressing the truths of God's Word upon the attention of the men of the sea, and of inducing them to attend the house of God, which has often been of the most beneficial effect. It has also brought him into the presence of seamen lying sick in their lonely berths, and thus affording him an opportunity to direct them to the strong consolations of the gospel, and has generally found them to give the most willing and grateful attention. Our sexton also, who has for more than thirty years faithfully labored to advance the interest of the mission, has visited a large number of vessels in a very acceptable manner, and has often been the means of inducing the men to attend our services.

The statistics for the year are as follows :

Services on the Lord's Day.....	100
Services on other days, including the "Home,".....	36
Average attendance at each service.....	45
Average attendance in the afternoon.....	64
Average attendance of seamen and boatmen.....	25
Average attendance of the same in the afternoon.....	36
Aggregate number receiving books in the afternoon.....	1,665
Average number receiving books.....	33
Number of communicants.....	
Average number receiving communion.....	10
Baptisms, infants.....	4
Marriages.....	1
Burials.....	4

BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles.....	25
Testaments, in seven languages.....	450
Prayer Books.....	145
Miscellaneous books, in five languages.....	1,060
Tracts, in five languages.....	pages, 50,000

NUMBER OF VISITS TO VESSELS IN PORT.

By the Colporteur.....	3,565
By the Sexton.....	564

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion offerings.....	\$27 67
For the Mission to the Jews.....	1 07
Box for poor.....	11 85
Box for books.....	10 52
Aged and infirm clergymen.....	1 55

\$52 72

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FLOY ROBERTS.

REPORT

OF THE

Missionary in Charge of the Coenties Slip Station.

The Missionary of the Out-door Station, in reviewing the labors of the past year, would return his thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success that has attended the various branches of the work of that station of the society. In the large number of men assembled on the pier in the open air, and who are brought within sound of the gospel; of many who have thus heard and believed to the salvation of their souls; and the moral and spiritual elevation of those who were low down in the mire of sin and wickedness.

Owing to causes over which we have no control, and not necessary to mention in this place, the congregation has been smaller than that of former years; nevertheless the number of those who have been benefited by our ministrations, and who have come under the observation of the missionary, are far in excess of those of a like nature, even in the most successful years of our work at that station.

The opening of our new Mission Room at No. 7 Coenties Slip, nearly a year ago, has been a marked feature in the history of the out-door station. It has supplied a want which was much needed, and is destined, under God's blessing, to radiate an influence in the future that we hope will be lasting in its effects. We can only appreciate its situation when we consider the circumstances by which it is surrounded, that in Coenties Slip alone, between Pearl and South Streets, are fifteen liquor and beer saloons, some of these fitted up at large expense, and open from early in the morning until far on in the night, and thus rendered so attractive to the thoughtless and tempest-tossed mariner and boatman, that they are easily and in a measure unconsciously drawn within their doors, to spend their hard-earned savings in dissipation and drunkenness.

Our mission is, thank God, like a beacon light in the darkness, and is in this way a testimony to the truth and power of the gospel. And here many a hardy and weather-beaten sailor, "who has seen the power of God, and his wonders in the deep," who has braved the roar of the wind and sea, and faced the very jaws of death, has been brought to tears of repentance, and a well-grounded hope of salvation, through the simple preaching of God's love to men. Others who took with them copies of the Bible and New Testament on distant voyages, have been com-

forted in their last moments, when no friendly voice was by to encourage them at the hour of their departure.

One such instance, already referred to in our monthly report, was that of a captain of a schooner who had his leg broken while loading his vessel in Brooklyn. The French Bible that he received from the mission room was his constant companion. After he started on the voyage he read it unceasingly while able. It was found open and lying on his bosom after his spirit had taken its flight. Such is the sad but hopeful story of the pious sailor, related by one of the crew who was spared to return and tell the missionary.

On the twenty-eighth of last August a weekly evening service was begun, intended to reach those whose business called them away before the return of the Sabbath. The bishop of the diocese suggested a programme, which has worked successfully. The meetings have been largely blessed to men who are now scattered over the world, and "rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free."

Last fall the room was often over-crowded with earnest and attentive congregations, but on the approach of winter, and the consequent dispersion of the boats and barges from which the audience was largely drawn, the attendance grew smaller, and the aspect of our work less cheering.

On the first of January we opened our Reading Room, where the men of the sea have an opportunity of improving their minds by suitable and appropriate books and papers. It is kept clean and orderly by the chorister, who has always a kind word for those who enter. It is open from nine o'clock in the morning until night, and is furnished with writing materials and twenty-seven daily and weekly newspapers, both secular and religious, donations from the respective publishers, besides a small library containing one hundred volumes, which we hope will be enlarged by those who are interested in our work, as soon as they are made aware of our wants. As many as a dozen of mariners may be seen at one time attentively perusing these books and papers, thereby gaining knowledge and instruction, and strength to resist temptation when assailed in an evil hour by the great enemy of their souls, and who would otherwise be drawn into the haunts of sin and sorrow. Your missionary has visited the ships and boats in the adjoining docks, as time and opportunity would allow. He has often had prayers, with reading of God's Word, in the cabin of a boat or coasting vessel, and has seen evidences of our work which would seem almost incredible to one unacquainted with its character and far-reaching influence.

One evening last October, in distributing invitation cards for the evening services amongst the boatmen, he found one captain reading the "Pilgrim's Progress," (which he received on the Sunday previous,) to his wife and five children. After requesting the missionary to explain some passages that he did not well understand, he asked me to pray with him, and afterwards came to

our service with his children. Another touching incident was that of a captain who brought his two children to the mission room to have them baptized, his wife remaining in charge of the boat until his return. He "wanted to have them baptized by a minister of our church." His wife, an intelligent woman, afterwards expressed her satisfaction that I had complied with that request.

We distributed a large number of books and papers in the past year on Sunday afternoons and week evenings to the men who were leaving port, accompanied with prayer that God would bless these silent messengers to their spiritual benefit. We are sure that they were not received in vain, and that the seed thus sown will bear fruit in the great day of the ingathering of the harvest.

The following are the statistics since last annual report :

Services in the open air on Sundays.....	71
Services in the Mission Room.....	31
Weekly evening services in Mission Room.....	168
Total services for the year.....	270
Average attendance at the open-air services.....	75
Average attendance at indoor services on Sunday.....	26
Average attendance at weekly evening service.....	36
Seamen, Boatmen and Boatmen's children supplied with books.....	1,988

BOOKS, TESTAMENTS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles, English, French, Italian and German.....	261
Testaments, in various languages.....	385
Books of Common Prayer.....	264
Hymnals.....	60
Miscellaneous Books.....	1,272
Magazines.....	408
"People's Pulpit," Rev. Dr. Tyng, Jr.....	1,000
Monthly and weekly religious papers.....	13,078
Service Tracts.....	2,000
Pages of Tracts, about.....	5,000

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, *March 27, 1877.*

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.

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To paid Range for Sailor's Home.....	\$162 35
" Repairs on E. R. Chapel.....	105 01
" Rent of No. 7 Coenties Slip to 1st Feb.....	2,012 00
" Alteration at No. 7 Coenties Slip and furnishing 1,036 02	200 00
" Transfer to Book Fund by order of Board.....	202 75
" Balance to new account.....	\$3,718 13

Audited and found correct.

HENRY A. OAKLEY, }
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Garner, Miss A. J....	1877	10 00	Richards, Mrs. E. H.	"	2 00
Gibbs, Mrs. Thomas.	"	3 00	Ronwick, H. B.....	"	25 00
Harvey, The Misses.	1876	2 00			

Rhineland, W. R. ..	1876	\$5 00	Tompkins, F. W.....	1876	\$5 00
Ruckel, J. H.....	"	10 00	Thompson, Capt. W.C.	"	10 00
Ruckel, Miss Jessie A	"	2 00	Trowbridge, F. H....	"	2 00
Reynolds, A. W.....	1877	5 00	Tailer, E. N., Jr.....	1877	5 00
Reynolds, Mrs. M.J.W	"	5 00	Thomas, W. W.....	1876	5 00
Rogers, Mrs. J.....	"	5 00	Therasson, L. F.....	"	5 00
Rogers, B. T.....	1876-77	4 00	Vandervoort Mrs. Chas.	1877	5 00
Rives, C. Edward....	1876	5 00	Vanderbilt, C., Jr....	"	5 00
S. C. A. C.....	1877	20 00	Whitlock, D. B.....	1876	5 00
Sutton, E. B.....	"	5 00	Wagstaff, D.....	"	5 00
Skidmore, S. T.....	1876	5 00	Wright, W. W.....	"	5 00
Sherman, B. B.....	1877	5 00	Weeks, John A.....	"	2 00
Shortridge, G. E....	"	5 00	Winston, F. S.....	"	2 00
Sampson, E. C.....	"	5 00	Warburton, A. F....	1877	5 00
Stearns, John N....	"	5 00	Warburton, F. T....	"	5 00
Smith, A. H., M.D..	"	5 00	Wells, Chas.....	"	5 00
Slade, Jarvis.....	1876	25 00	Watts, Geo. B.....	1876	5 00
Tonsey, Miss.....	1876	5 00	Ward, E.....	"	5 00
Tracy, Chas.....	"	5 00	Webb, Gen. A. S....	1877	5 00
Taylor, Jas. O.....	"	2 00	Williams & Guion....	1876-77	40 00
Thorp, A. G.....	"	5 00	Wells, Frances T....	1876	5 00