

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 3½ 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. 336 WEST STREET,

Services on Sunday at 10½ A. M., and 3½ P. M.

REV. HENRY FLOY ROBERTS, Minister in Charge, at the Chapel.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

Services on the Dock,

On Sunday, 10, A. M., and 3½ P. M.

MISSION ROOM, NO. 7 COENTIES SLIP.

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

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 Evening.

THIRTY-FIFTH 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,
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Easter Monday, April 14, 1879, 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-fifth Anniversary of the Mission was held at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, on Sunday evening, April 27, 1879. Rev. SAMUEL COOKE, D.D., Vice-President, presiding. The Missionaries of the Society conducted the evening service. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by W. H. BUTTERWORTH, Esq., and, after a sermon by the presiding officer, a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society

FOR SEAMEN,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

IN presenting this their Thirty-fifth Annual Report, the Board of Managers would again express their sincere gratitude to Him who hath so graciously blessed the work of this Society. They find in the warm interest manifested by friends, and the kindly support so generously extended, much to encourage them to more strenuous efforts, and to strengthen their faith.

In a city of commerce and progress, as New York is, it seems needless to urge the cause of the sailor. His claim for our consideration is too patent. On every hand are the marks of his work, and all about us are the comforts, the luxuries, the riches that he has brought to us—brought at the cost of great peril to himself, and with little chance of enjoying them. It seems then eminently fit that to him we should give of those riches that surpass all others—and such is the aim of this Society—to go down by the water side, as the Master went down to the borders of that little Sea of Galilee, and to give to the seafaring man the riches of His word.

It is a well-recognized fact that this class of men is especially

exposed to the worst temptations of our city. They beset him almost as soon as he reaches land, and closely follow him throughout his stay. It is also well known that the neighborhoods where are located the sailors' boarding and lodging houses are densely infested with the very lowest characters. Their dens are ever open to lure him in, that they may rob and ruin him. It is the design of this Society to rescue him—to save him from those who would thus prey upon and destroy him, to surround him with other and better influences, and, above all, to bring him to his Saviour.

Christianity wants in its ranks men brave, manly, and generous. Is not this peculiarly the sailor's character? Shall we then ignore this fact and pass him by in neglect? or shall we strive earnestly to make of him a Christian man—one who shall be brave for the great cause of Christ?

The Society seeks to reach the sailor through its three missions—The Floating Church of our Saviour, at the foot of Pike Street, under the charge of the Rev. Robert J. Walker; the Church of the Holy Comforter, at No. 365 West Street (North River), until within a few weeks under the charge of the Rev. Henry Floy Roberts, that loving servant of the Lord, who, after many years of whole-souled devotion to this work, has now passed on to the reward of his labors; and, lastly, the Coenties Slip Station, on the dock, and in the room No. 7 Coenties Slip, under the charge of the Rev. Isaac Maguire. By day and by night have these devoted missionaries been laboring with untiring zeal to spread the Word and to comfort souls, and most satisfactory are the results of their efforts, as shown in their respective reports. In truth, though the extent of these results cannot there be found—the very nature of the work prevents this—they are written on many souls in many distant places. For in one sense the sailor is a missionary, and the conversion of one such may mean the ultimate conversion of many who are far away.

Our Society, in looking after the spiritual, does not forget the bodily wants of the sailor. To meet these, it opens to him the doors of its Home at No. 381 Pearl Street, in charge of an experienced and kind superintendent, Mr. E. Rode. Here are comfortable and cleanly rooms, and the morning and evening prayers give the place the air of a Christian home. Here, under most favorable auspices, can he begin the better life which the missionary has pointed out to him, while the conveniences for reading, and writing to friends, will often keep him from going outside to seek pleasures less innocent.

At best, the opportunities that the sailor has to listen to the voice of the missionary are only too few. But we want the good work to go on long after he has passed beyond the sound of the preacher's words; and for this purpose once on every Sunday, at each of our missions, the Society distributes to seamen and boatmen Bibles, prayer-books, religious works, tracts, and newspapers. Nor is the foreigner, who often comes to our services, paying throughout the most respectful attention, forgotten by us; for to him is given the Bible, or some other religious book, in his native tongue. And thus, stranger as he is, he is made to feel that he has friends—friends whose gift may prove to him most precious.

For their kind assistance in this department of the work our acknowledgments are due to

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,

Liberal as has been the supply of books from these sources, many more could be used most advantageously.

It is to be hoped that others will imitate the liberality of one warm friend of the mission, who has placed it in our power, in certain cases of outgoing vessels in charge of Christian masters, to furnish them with small libraries or collections of books. Such gifts are far-reaching in their influence—seed well sown.

While the reports of the different missionaries furnish the detailed history of the work in their respective fields, there remain some few matters more immediately within the province of the Board, and which in brief we proceed to consider.

THE FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,

At the foot of Pike Street, continues its good work among the seamen and landsmen in the vicinity. The devoted missionary in charge is unremitting in his labors of love, both in preaching the Word on Sundays and weekdays, and in making visits to the sick and needy sailors and their families.

The church is in a flourishing condition. It is well attended, especially afternoons, when it is often crowded to its full capacity. Over one half of the congregation consists of seamen, who generally take a deep interest in the services and sermon.

The communicants number between two and three hundred, a majority of whom are sailors. About sixty-four new names have been added to the list during the year. Almost all of these are seamen.

Connected with the church are several organizations, which are efficient means for good, and deserve mention.

The "Guild of the Floating Church" is an association among the members for charitable and social purposes as well as for literary and æsthetic improvement. It ministers to the sick and needy of the congregation, and sees that those who die without friends receive a decent Christian burial. It has about two hundred (\$200) dollars at present on deposit in the Seamens' Savings Bank.

"The Floating Church Temperance Society" keeps at work among the sailors. It meets every Wednesday and Friday evening in the Mission House, where a lecture on temperance or kindred subject is delivered, and many a poor mariner drifting on the stormy sea of intemperance toward destruction has been rescued and anchored firmly, let us hope, on the Rock of Salvation.

The Sunday-school of the church meets in the lecture-rooms, No. 34 Pike Street, every Lord's Day. The names of over one hundred scholars are on the rolls. Here these children are instructed in the Word of God, and receive moral and religious impressions which they carry with them to their homes. Many of the parents are irreligious, but the seeds thus sown are borne away, and may reach the hearts of some of these godless fathers and mothers, to spring up and bear fruit to the glory of the Lord.

The reading-room is in the basement of the mission house. It is supplied with a large library of good and readable books, with papers, magazines, etc., free to the seamen.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER,

At No. 365 West Street, is in a locality well chosen for its work.

Near at hand are the docks of many of the European lines of steamers, and very favorable opportunities are afforded for the missionary and the Society's colporteur to visit the men on their respective boats, and to distribute books among them.

The reading-room in the mission house No. 90 Barrow Street is proving an efficient aid, and has, since its opening in September last, been visited by 800 persons.

There is good reason to hope that the congregations which are now encouragingly large at this church will be still further increased by reason of the removal of another leading steamship line to docks in this vicinity.

This branch of the mission, which until lately has been in

charge of the Rev. Henry Floy Roberts, has sustained a severe loss in the death of its excellent pastor, who, with great gentleness and love, has labored over nineteen years so earnestly at his post, endearing many to this little church and its services, and leaving behind him, in hearts humble and grateful, the memory of many kindly acts and words. We deem it proper, in view of the fact that the missionary's report cannot, by reason of his death, be presented this year, to offer instead a few statistics.

Services held in the Chapel of the Holy Comforter on Sundays, 102; average attendance at each service, 41; average attendance in the afternoon, 58; average attendance of seamen each Sunday, 34; average attendance of seamen at each afternoon service, 29; average number receiving communion, 11; baptisms, 1; marriages, 3; burials, 1.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

The Coenties Slip Mission, under the charge of the zealous and faithful missionary Rev. Isaac Maguire, has during the past year held the greater part of its services on the adjacent piers or docks.

Here have gathered large bodies of seamen and boatmen to listen to the earnest preaching of the missionary, on one or more occasions the assemblage numbering as many as three hundred persons.

When the weather has been either too stormy or too cold, the services have been held in the cheerful and comfortable mission-room at No. 7 Coenties Slip, corner of Water Street.

It is a noticeable fact that not only are these open-air services so well attended, but the disturbance and disorder that used in former times often to interrupt the work have now practically disappeared. A most encouraging sign.

During the week the mission-room is thrown open at an early hour in the morning as a reading-room.

Here are some thirty-three of the daily and weekly papers, with magazines, generously contributed by the publishers, and a collection of books. Between five and six thousand persons have during the last year availed themselves of the privileges thus afforded. A fact very significant of the influence for good that is being thus exerted.

At this station there are three regular services on each Sunday, books and tracts being distributed to seamen at the close of the afternoon service.

There are also meetings held here on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Some of the individual instances of conversions that have come within the experience of the missionary are most interesting, as are also the histories of some of the books given out. But we can only thus passingly allude to them.

THE NEW SAILORS' HOME IN PEARL STREET

Offers to the sailor accommodations in striking contrast to those of the ordinary sailors' boarding house. Here, under the careful management of a most competent superintendent, Mr. Rode, is a house of cheerful, bright rooms, capable of accommodating upward of sixty boarders, and which has during the past year been a shelter and home to 817 men.

The experience of both Mr. Rode and his wife enable them to comprehend and minister to the wants of this peculiar class in a very acceptable way, while their kindness of heart prompts them to add many comforts which would otherwise rarely fall to the sailor's lot.

The appreciation that the seamen have of this home and its superintendent is well shown by their frequent returns to it, and the large amount of money (\$28,520.47) that they have entrusted to our care, deposited in bank, or sent to their homes.

The daily and evening prayers, with reading of the Bible, and

the evening meetings, where once each week one of our missionaries delivers a lecture, are well calculated to influence and elevate the character of those that are in the house.

And so attractive have these meetings been found, especially on Sunday evenings, that at times the rooms have proved inadequate to accommodate those who desired to take part in them.

This mere outline of the Society's work may serve to convey some general idea of its nature. Does it commend itself to you? Is it worth while to look after the sailor and his eternal welfare?

How then shall this be done?

A hasty glance at the field must convince one that the instrumentalities we at present employ are strikingly inadequate to meet the demands of this great port. But to sustain even these the Society is in great need of means.

Its Treasurer's Report shows that during the past year the whole cost of the mission including its three stations, with the three missionaries, the three reading-rooms, colporteurs, and sextons—has been less than ten thousand dollars. Yet, to meet this amount, small in view of the work done (and always disbursed without charge), it has been forced to obtain a loan of about fourteen hundred dollars, being unable otherwise to cover its outlay. This fact shows how erroneous is what seems to be the prevalent impression that the Society has attained its majority, and can live without support.

We trust that our friends will consider this. That they, and especially the churches, to whom we look for our main support, will realize that so long as our treasury is thus crippled and embarrassed our efforts must be enfeebled.

We believe the work is worthy of generous and hearty support. We are confident that the means at our disposal are accomplishing all that could reasonably be expected—that nothing is being squandered.

Liberally have our appeals been responded to in the past, and

we doubt not that they will be still more liberally met in the future. But this is not all we ask. We ask that you take home to your own hearts the cause of the sailor, and so shall God's blessing come upon it.

Of old the Saviour himself walked forth upon the angry sea, bringing comfort to souls troubled and terrified.

To us now He is offering the glorious privilege of sending that word of comfort out upon the waters to souls greatly distressed.

Who can despise, who will venture even to neglect, so great a privilege?

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH
OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1879.

This report is the twentieth annual one which the writer has had the honor of presenting to the "Board of Seamen's Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church" in the port of New York. It is now almost twenty-one years since he commenced his labors among seamen and boatmen in this city—first at the station near Coenties Slip, where he delivered the Gospel message for nearly fourteen years, and afterward in the "Floating Church of our Saviour," where he has been happily engaged for about seven years.

Since the happy day when his connection with the Board commenced he has delivered about four thousand discourses, and nearly twelve hundred of them were delivered in the open air. He has addressed from eighty to one hundred thousand different individuals on the most important of all subjects, and from fifty to seventy thousand of these individuals have been boatmen or seafaring men. Your missionary has also ministered to about twelve thousand invalided seamen in the hospitals of New York, Brooklyn, and Staten Island. He has enjoyed the unspeakable satisfaction of knowing that some of these invalids have died happily in the faith of the Gospel, who were persuaded in their last days to cast themselves upon the mercy of their offended God, relying upon the all-sufficient merits of Jesus Christ His only Son. The most delightful reminiscences of the writer's life are connected with the peaceful and happy departure of these wandering sons of ocean from this sorrowing world to the joys of the next, God having made him the honored instrument of guiding their wayward feet into the paths of peace. The work at the Floating Church has gone on continuously and prosperously during the past year. Some thousands of mariners have entered its doors to worship God and listen to the comfortable Gospel of Christ, and many of these men have departed carrying away in their hearts the seeds of divine truth and grace. Almost every civilized and

semi-civilized country on the face of the earth has been represented in the Chapel within the last few months. Natives of Persia, Palestine, Turkey, Russia, Finland, and Iceland have worshipped their Common Father under its consecrated roof. On one Sunday afternoon books and testaments in ten different languages were distributed to seamen from as many different nations. Occasionally we meet with a sailor in whose tongue no Testament or book can be found in this city, and the poor wayfaring man departs disconsolately from God's house.

"The Church of our Saviour" is becoming each year more of a church for seamen, and less of a church for landsfolk. Every spring witnesses the departure of families from its neighborhood to Brooklyn, Jersey City, Harlem, or other remote parts of the city. This exodus is generally occasioned by the laudable desire of the parents to remove their children from the contaminating influences of the lower wards of the city. Some of the adults, however, continue to visit the Chapel occasionally, in order to partake of the Holy Sacrament. In the past twelve months 64 communicants have been added to the list, and of this number 50 have been seamen; but we have lost by death and by removal 32. The present number of communicants on the parish list is 235, and of this number 143 are seamen.

"The Guild of the Floating Church" is doing an excellent work. All the sick members are visited and relieved as their necessities require. A female member who departed this life in peace and faith was decently interred by the Guild. The services were held in the lecture-rooms at 34 Pike Street, and were attended by several of the members. It is a great consolation to a person of limited means, in the last stages of life, to know that their remains will be cared for in a Christian and becoming manner, and laid in mother earth with Christian rites.

The Sunday-school attached to the church has never been in so prosperous a condition as at present. We have over a hundred names on the roll, and the attendance of children on fine days has exceeded eighty. The writer has frequently visited the school to catechize and instruct the pupils. Some of the parents of these little ones are very irreligious people, who never enter a place of worship, and daily set before their unhappy offspring a most pernicious example; hence the great value of our school in neutralizing, in some degree, the sad and demoralizing home influences to which they are subject. The reading-room in the basement of the mission house 34 Pike Street has been open every weekday afternoon and evening throughout the year. A large number of seamen have availed themselves of its numerous advantages. The temperance meetings on the evenings of each Wednesday, and the services and lectures on Friday evenings, have been well attended by seafaring men and others, and a large amount of good has been accomplished in this way. The writer has visited and conversed with many sick and dying seamen in the hospital, imparting to them religious instruction and

consolation, and supplying them with Testaments, tracts, and papers in their respective languages. Some very affecting incidents have occurred in connection with these visits, which would occupy too much space in narrating.

Your missionary has derived much gratification from his frequent visits to the Society's Home in Franklin Square. Every thing connected with this establishment is in the most perfect order. Excellent food, cheerful rooms, scrupulous neatness, pleasant, good-natured, and moral associates, with a recognition of God's care and protection at family worship each morn and eve, with the ever-present influence of the truly devout superintendent and his well-ordered family. These are the characteristics of the "New Sailor's Home" which has earned for it the reputation of being one of the model Homes for Seamen in the United States. Religious services have been frequently held in this house by the missionaries of the Society, and with very happy results. The writer has been the almoner of the bounty of two benevolent Christian gentlemen, and has in that capacity contributed to the comfort and well-being of numerous families of scanty means.

Our venerable diocesan visited the Floating Church on the first Sunday in Lent, and administered the rite of confirmation to eighteen persons, twelve of them being seamen. The aggregate attendance at the church from Easter, 1878, to Easter, 1879, has been 16,860 persons of all classes, and of this number 5786 have been seamen.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1879.

Services held in the Floating Church.....	104
Services held in the Mission House, New Sailors' Home, and elsewhere.....	86
Total services for the year.....	190
Average attendance for each Sunday.....	330
Average attendance of Seamen at the Church for each Sunday.....	113½
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Religious Books, Papers, Tracts, etc., in the Church.....	1,401
Seamen visited in the Hospital, and provided with Religious Papers, Testaments, and Tracts.....	318
Number of Communicants, including 143 Seamen.....	235
Number of Communion Services held in the Church.....	14
Baptisms : Adults, 2 ; Children, 17. Total.....	19
Confirmed by the Bishop of New York, including 12 Seamen.....	18
Marriages.....	17
Burials.....	10
Sunday-School Teachers and Scholars.....	114
Total number of Visits to the Reading-Room at 34 Pike Street.....	4,561
Members of the Floating Church Temperance Society, including 2,698 Seamen.....	2,806
New Members received during the year, including 201 Seamen.....	212
Members of the Guild of the Floating Church.....	39
Communion offerings, \$111.81 ; Poor Box, \$23.60 ; Box for Books, \$8.22 ; Collection for Sufferers from Yellow Fever, \$42.50 ; for St. Luke's Hospital, \$22.76. Total.....	\$208.89

BOOKS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles.....	48
Testaments in eleven languages.....	712
Prayer Books.....	81
Tracts, Religious Papers, Pamphlets, Magazines, etc., about.....	5,000
Number of Seamen supplied with packages of reading matter (at the Mission House), before going to sea.....	279
Miscellaneous Books in ten languages.....	1,412

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, Easter Monday, 1879.

REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF COENTIES SLIP STATION.

OUR church has been often reproached for its lack of sympathy with the poor and neglected by those who speak more from ignorance and prejudice than from a correct sense of truth and justice. It is also asserted that our liturgy is much better adapted to the tastes and understanding of the educated and enlightened, than to the spiritual needs of the masses. But a review of the design and work of our Society, and especially that of the outdoor station, will effectually disprove the futility of such erroneous assertions. If it be asked what we have done in the past year to justify these claims, we refer to the annexed statistics, which will give an idea, but only a very imperfect one, as the influence of the work at this station is rarely seen, and not always understood. We can say that about fifteen thousand persons have been reached in various ways—by the reading-room, the preaching of the Word, and occasional visitations by the missionary. The moral and spiritual elevation of these men being the primary objects of the Society, the writer can say from his personal knowledge that its purposes have been accomplished in numerous instances. The preaching of the Gospel in the open air on every Sunday that the weather permits brings together an aggregate of about seven thousand every year, the audience on each occasion varying from about fifty to three hundred, principally made up of boatmen who work on the canals and rivers through the summer; seamen of all climes, who, after visiting many lands, are at length wafted to our shores to hear for the first time in months or years the glorious Gospel of our blessed Lord, proclaiming “good news from a far country.” The reverent devotion and attention of the majority of these men can hardly be excelled by the most orderly congregation in the city. The epitomized form of morning and evening prayer which we use on every occasion of divine worship is highly appreciated, and has an awakening power upon the conscience that cannot be estimated. All the fundamental truths of revelation are placed before their eyes in the most simple and sublime language that it is possible to use; the exhortation, the confession, the creed, the Lord’s prayer, and the ten commandments,

leave an impression upon the minds of the hearers that is not soon forgotten. The truths thus set forth, when applied directly and personally by the missionary, has been the means of effecting the reformation of many a hardened sinner, who is now rejoicing in the hope of salvation.

One night about two months ago a weather-beaten sailor accosted the writer in the mission-room, and said, “Sir, you don’t know me, but I know you. While leaning over the ship’s side at Pier 6 one Sunday morning over two years ago I heard you preach about the love and self-sacrifice of Christ. You told a story about John Maynard, the god-fearing pilot on lake Erie, who died to save the lives of the passengers on the burning steamer. Well, I never forgot that story; it comes up before my mind like a picture. While I was in South America I often thought over it, and was troubled; but now my trouble is a thing of the past. I read the New Testament and sailor’s manual which I received in this room, and although I was a thoughtless, wicked sinner all my life, I am now a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. I know what He has done for me. I feel it in here (placing his hand upon his bosom). What I formerly loved most were the very things that did me the greatest injury; but I have cast them away, and have Christ instead, and am living every day in hopes of meeting Him in the port of glory. You men who are living ashore cannot think how near and how precious Jesus is to a ‘chap’ when the wind is blowing a storm, the ship in danger of perishing, and no hope only in the life-boat of salvation.”

Early last fall a boat captain came to our Sunday evening service and remained a most attentive listener to the close. He related the following striking incident to the writer: “After I had dinner this afternoon I took fifty dollars and was going up town to have a good time, when I was attracted by the crowd on Pier 6. I went over and stood for a while, and heard you speak; but instead of stopping for a few moments to see what was going on, I remained to the close of the sermon, and heard what you said of sin and Sabbath breakers. I felt that I was doing wrong, so, instead of carrying out my first intention, I retraced my steps and related to my brother the cause of my return. He is a Christian, but in a sick condition. He read from the Bible, and prayed with me while he lay in bed, being so weak that he was not able to rise up. He also requested me to come here this evening; and I find the impressions which were made upon my mind while standing on the pier have been deepened since that time. I have a wife and family living in the country, but you know that when a man is boating he often forgets himself and falls into many temptations to which others are not exposed. I am wearied of sin, and have often been warned by my brother to give it up; and I would just like to know what I should do.” After warning him of the dreadful danger of wilfully and knowingly defying God, and the inevitable consequences of such madness, I exhorted him to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who would give

him strength "to fight against sin, the world, and the devil," and in whom alone he would find peace and safety. On Monday morning, about eleven o'clock, he came to the reading-room and thanked the writer kindly for his advice, and said that he had sent the fifty dollars to his wife which he intended spending yesterday, and resolved by God's help to serve a new master for the future. These are two cases out of many similar ones which might be adduced did space admit. The reading-room continues to attract a goodly number of visitors. It is a well known resort for many of those who do business on the great waters, as also for those whose occupations compel them to spend their time on the canals and rivers. Its location is becoming better known daily. One afternoon last week the writer dropped in and found fifteen men attentively reading the books and papers supplied by the friends of the Society—a very large number for this part of the city, where there are no sailors' boarding houses, and where the shipping and boats in the adjacent docks are deserted at this season, with the exception of the watchmen who are placed in charge.

The informal services which are held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings have brought out a large number of the boatmen and their families, with the usual proportion of seamen. Nearly twenty-four hundred attended these services in nine months; many of them were pious and devoted Christians. We have thus no cause to be dissatisfied with this part of our work, although the attendance was not as large as that of the preceding year. The distribution of books and papers amongst the seamen and boatmen, and the children of the latter, who come to the room after the close of the Sunday afternoon service, is not the least part of our work. Through the liberality of the New York Bible Society the missionary has furnished the state-rooms of one hundred and fifty-six canal boats with a copy of the Bible since his last report. We keep a record of the names, both of the vessels and the captains thus supplied, in accordance with the request of said Society; and further, that the Bibles so given are not to be removed from the cabin in case the boat should change owners or captains. The writer has heard some gratifying reports from those who received books and papers at our mission-room.

Through the liberality of a member of the Board of Managers your missionary was enabled to take a rest of ten weeks last summer. He derived much benefit from the vacation, and returned to his work in the beginning of September with renewed energy of mind and body. The same kind friend also furnished means for securing the services of a clergyman during his absence. Thus the services were continued without any interruption, although it is to be regretted that there was a marked falling off in the attendance as compared with the same period of former years.

Your missionary has made a large number of visits amongst the various crafts from which the congregations are generally

drawn, and has many evidences of the salutary work of the Society.

The statistics are as follows for the year ending Tuesday, April 8 :

Services in the open air on Sundays	76
Services in the afternoon in the Mission Room	26
Services Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, for nine months	105
Services elsewhere	15
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Total services for the year	222
Present at the open-air service	6,361
Average attendance at each service	85
Present on Sunday afternoon in the Mission Room	467
Average attendance at each service	18
Attendance at the evening services for nine months	2,396
Average attendance at each service	23
Number of men who visited the Reading Room	5,587
Seamen, boatmen, and boatmen's children supplied with books	1,810

BIBLES, TESTAMENTS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles—English, French, German, and Italian	200
Testaments in various languages	385
Prayer Books	150
Miscellaneous Books in English, French, German, Dutch, etc.	1,237
Magazines, Reviews, etc.	285
Religious Papers, etc.	7,160
Service Tracts, about	2,000
Pages of Tracts, Pamphlets, etc.	11,900

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, April 8, 1879.

THE NEW SAILORS' HOME.

*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 Sailors' Home reports

The number of men in the Home April 14th, 1878.....	19
Entered the Home from April 14th, 1878, till March 31st, 1879	817
Total for the year (11½ months).....	836
Gone to sea and friends.....	814
In the Home April 1st, 1879.....	92
Total for the year.....	836
Money received from Seamen, and returned to them, from April 14th, 1878, to April 1st, 1879,	\$24,905 21
Deposited by Seamen in Bank	1,053 50
Sent home to friends	2,501 76

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD RODE.

New York, April 1st, 1879.

SPECIAL FUND.

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

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
1878.	1878.
To paid—Ship's Libraries, viz.:	April 22. By balance
Bark Cherokee, for Greenock..... \$20 00	\$483 08
Schooner Lillie, for Key West. 20 00	" Donation, C. Vanderbilt..... 100 00
Schooner Spring Bird, for Trinidad.... 20 00	" Collection in boxes, Coenties Slip Station..... 11 41
Schooner City of Nassau, for Nassau... 20 00	" Collection in boxes, Church of Holy Comforter 4 82
Bark Niobe, for Sidney, N. S. W..... 20 00	" Interest on investments..... 45 37
\$100 00	
To paid—F. J. Huntingdon & Co. for books..... 226 00	
" E. P. Dutton & Co. for books..... 20 00	
1879.	
April 14. To balance to new account..... 298 68	
\$644 68	\$644 68
	1879.
	April 14. By balance.....
	\$298 68

Audited and found correct.
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DISPOSABLE FUND.

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

Dr.

Cr.

1878.		
April 22. To balance due Treasurer.....	\$1,618 15	
To paid—Three missionaries.....	\$4,900 00	
“ Three colporteurs.....	1,350 00	
“ Sextons.....	1,140 00	
“ Expenses of Anniversary.....	23 57	
“ Printing, Advertising, and Commission	178 74	
“ Expenses at Church of Our Saviour,		
including music.....	432 55	
“ Expenses at Church of the Holy Com-		
forter, including music and rent....	816 85	
“ Expenses at Coenties Slip Station....	58 20	
“ Expenses of Reading Room, 34 Pike		
street.....	131 68	
“ Expenses of Reading Room, 90 Bar-		
row street.....	45 83	
	9,077 42	

By Rent of Sailor's Home.....	\$500 00
“ Legacy from estate of D. A. Cushman.....	500 00
“ Stipend from Trinity Church.....	800 00
“ Collection at Anniversary.....	244 67
“ Collections from churches :	
St. Bartholomew, 1878.....	\$463 65
“ 1879.....	831 28
	\$1,294 93
St. George's.....	214 74
St. Thomas'.....	165 00
Incarnation.....	127 39
Grace Church.....	103 55
St. Marks'.....	101 54
Holy Communion.....	100 00
Trinity Church.....	\$34 15
Trinity Chapel.....	73 30
St. Paul's.....	14 60

St. John's.....	16 25
St. Chrysostom.....	3 92
	142 22
St. Michael's.....	14 79
St. Mary the Virgin.....	5 00
Annunciation.....	8 24
All Angels.....	1 00
St. Mary's, Brooklyn.....	46 70
St. John's, Barrytown.....	10 56
	2,335 66

By Donations, as per list.....	4,024 93
“ Subscriptions, as per list.....	889 50
“ Loan from Permanent Fund.....	1,000 00
“ Balance to debit.....	390 81

\$10,695 57

\$10,695 57

April 14, 1879. To balance..... 390 81

Audited and found correct.

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PERMANENT FUND.

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Dr.

1878.	To paid—Rent, 7 Coenties Slip and 90 Barrow Street.....	\$3,175 00
"	Insurance on Chapel, Sailors' Home and furniture	327 10
"	Alterations, 90 Barrow Street.....	\$3,502 10
"	Repairs at Coenties Slip Station.....	3346 80
"	" " East River Chapel.....	63 40
"	" " Sailors' Home.....	546 36
"	" " 34 Pike Street.....	200 00
"	" " 85 00	85 00
	To transfer to Disposable Fund.....	1,241 56
1879.		1,000 00
April 12.	To balance to new account.....	102 59
		\$5,846 65

Audited and found correct.

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Cr.

1878.	April 23.	By balance.....	\$433 24
"	"	Interest on investments, viz.:	
		New York City Bonds.....	\$8,000
		Michigan Central Bonds guaranteed.....	5,000
		Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne guaranteed.....	700 00
		Morris and Essex guaranteed.....	10,000
		Deposits in Trust Company and Banks.....	6,000
			232 50
	"	Withdrawn from deposit.....	\$39,000
	"		2,000
			2,000 00
	"	Balance	\$37,000
	"	Rent of offices, No. 7 Coenties Slip.....	950 94
			\$5,846 65
1879.	April 14.	By balance.....	\$102 99

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