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REPORT.



THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CITY AND PORT OF
NEW YORK, PRESENT THIS THEIR SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board have to regret the resignation of several very useful members during the past year. While they are pleased to think that there was in no case a diminution of interest in the welfare of our great cause, they cannot but regret that any duties should be found to interfere with those which are owing to the spiritual advancement of the seamen of our port.

The Board have been called by death to part with only one of their number. J. Rutzen Van Rensselaer was one of the oldest members of the Society. He had shared in all the changes of the Institution since its foundation as the "Young Men's Auxiliary Education and Missionary Society"; having thus, for more than ten years, been actively engaged in promoting the great objects which the society has had in view. He was one of the prominent movers in its reorganization, and watched, with the deepest interest and liveliest gratitude, its increased usefulness. In the various relations in which he has served CHRIST, in his connection with this society, the board desire to bear witness to his fidelity,

patience and zeal. They do most sincerely grieve over the loss of his mild and discreet counsels, tempered with the gentleness of Christ, and his laborious exertions, inspired by his ardent love for Christ. He expired on the 19th of March, 1843, in the possession of a confident and joyful hope of everlasting life; regretted as he had been esteemed by all who knew him, and most regretted, as he had been most loved, by those who knew him best.

The history of the transactions of the Board, although including some events of general interest, will occupy but a short time in the recital. The Board thought it due to the memory of the "Young Men's Church Missionary Society," and to the useful men who were engaged in its early operations, to repair, so far as they could, the loss of its records, which was mentioned in their last annual report. For this purpose, at the first meeting this year, they appointed a committee to prepare a history of that Society, to be prefixed to the records of this Association. Their report will be found among the papers appended.—[Vide Appendix A.]

The subject of a Floating Chapel, on the North River, which was committed to the board at the last annual meeting of the society, immediately engaged their earnest attention. If they had listened to the suggestions of their own feelings, the Board would have proceeded at once to erect the building. The destitution of that part of the port is very great. It is estimated that between 2 and 3000 seamen and boatmen are congregated around its wharves; very many of these are foreign seamen, to whom the least return, that the Christians of the city can make, for the vice

and immorality, into which they are thrust on entering the port, is to open for them the means of grace which such a chapel will afford. But the most pressing call is made upon us, by the large number of boatmen who are engaged in the interior trade of the state. The Board felt it, as the society seemed to feel it, an imperative obligation, to compensate these seamen, so far as could be, for the evils, into which their frequent visits to the city introduced them, by offering them the sacred and ennobling pleasures of the sanctuary, and winning them, by its appointed instrumentalities, to seek for the favor of God, and the virtues of a holy life. But the Board dared not to follow the suggestions of their sympathy for this great religious destitution, because all their funds were exhausted in the support of their first chapel. They did, however, take immediate measures to enlist the sympathies and interest of the Episcopalians of the city in this behalf. Notwithstanding, little was accomplished; and they did not feel warranted in incurring the necessary expense, until, in the month of December last, they received the cheering intelligence that an unknown friend of seamen had contributed \$1000 to this object. The board cannot but pay a passing tribute of respectful gratitude to one, whose generosity was as great and well timed, as it was distinguished by Christian modesty. This gift encouraged the board immediately to commence a second chapel. Upon the recommendation of the Committee of Ways and Means, the hull of a ferry boat was purchased as the foundation of the building, and such repairs as were necessary were ordered. The Committee, to whom it is intrusted, having made very

favorable contracts for the erection of the chapel, hope to have it ready for consecration in the month of July next. Before the first of next July the Board will need \$1500, in addition to the funds which they have now in hands, to complete the payments on these contracts.

The determination to erect this second chapel and to support a second missionary, brought before the board, the subject of some systematic effort to defray the necessary expenses of the Society. The Committee of Ways and Means took the subject into consideration, and through their Chairman, presented a report entirely meeting the difficulties. It appears from that report that a liberal estimate of the expenses of a Chapel is \$1800 per annum. To raise the necessary sum of \$3600 for the Chapel's, the Committee have recommended that one thousand annual subscribers, of \$2,00 each, be obtained. Trinity Church will allow \$250 for each Chapel. The boxes for donations in each Chapel will probably yield \$100, making an aggregate of \$2,700. The Committee think that they may depend upon Church collections and individual donations, for the remaining \$900.

The important particular of this report, to which the Board beg to call the attention of every member of the Society, is the recommendation to obtain annual subscribers of \$2,00 each. The suggestion has already been acted upon by the members of the Board, and already three hundred and fifty subscribers have been obtained. The number is small when compared with that which is necessary for the full success of the measure, but sufficient to encourage the hope that the So-

ciety, and the Christian community, when fully aware of the excellence of the design, will readily supply the remainder.*

The Board feel that they have been abundantly encouraged in their efforts, by the success which has attended the faithful labors of their present Missionary. The services, of the "Floating Church of our Saviour, for Seamen," have been numerously attended through the whole year. The Rev. Mr. PARKER constantly receives, from Seamen who are absent, as well as from those who are in Port, testimonials of the interest which they feel in the prosperity of *their* Chapel. Some idea of this interest may be had from the fact, that on every Sabbath there are many requests for the prayers of the Church in behalf of those who are about to sail; often these requests number twenty; sometimes they have amounted to seventy. Nor are the Seamen less grateful for the preservation vouchsafed, than anxious to secure the protection of Almighty God. Scarcely a Sabbath passes without the acknowledgement of God's mercies, from many sailors who have returned safely to port. It is a happy illustration of the usefulness of this mission, that one of the first places visited by the returning seamen is their home of prayer, and one of the

* The feasibility of this plan will appear from the following extracts from the Report:

"It appears from the parochial reports made at the last convention of this Diocese, that there are about six thousand communicants in the Churches of this city; and, it is probable, that there are more than thrice this number of regular attendants who are not communicants, making an aggregate of twenty-four thousand Church members. Is it to be credited that out of this number, one thousand cannot be found who are both willing and able to give the small pittance we ask for this branch of the Treasury of Heaven?"

(Another view presents to us. Thirty Congregations in this City, and ten in Brooklyn, an average of twenty-five subscribers from each, will furnish the requisite number.

* Again—The officers and managers of this Society, number about ninety; if each will procure ten subscribers, in addition to himself, our object is attained."

first persons whom they greet, their Missionary. Already has the Chapel proved, in many instances, the bond of affection between this port and the Sailor's heart. The statistics which the Chaplain has furnished to the Board, will best represent the present condition of the Mission.

“Baptisms—Adults 3 ; Children 23 ; Total 26.

Confirmations at the Chapel 17 ; at other places 3 ; Total 20.

Communicants added 15 ; Total 35.

Marriages 9. Burials 6.

Congregation averages 350.”

The Board are very much gratified to learn from the Missionary, that many of the constant attendants of the Chapel, are the relatives and families of Seamen who when in port, frequent its sacred services. Every such addition to the congregation they hail with the greatest pleasure, because it tends to make the Floating Church, what they most desire it to appear to the Sailor—his Home.

But the Board would be little satisfied with such results ; although they are encouraging, inasmuch as they certify that bread has been “ cast upon the waters,” and present the hope that they “ shall find it,” if not immediately, “ yet after many days.” They have still greater encouragement. The monthly reports of the Missionary have been full of interesting incidents, illustrating the good effect of these means of grace, and of the blessing of God upon his labors in the moral and spiritual improvement of individuals. From his annual report, (Vide Appendix B.) to the Board, containing some of

these incidents the following extract is made, which if in other respects it lack in interest, will at least show that there are elements of the Sailor's character, which, if in some aspects they present great difficulties in our work, in others afford rich encouragement.

“ A seaman, who, by means of the perils to which he has been exposed, has been aroused, during the course of the last year, to some knowledge of himself, came to our Chapel, and under the guidance of our Missionary, by the blessing of God, has, as we have good reason to hope, become a religious man. Amidst a most profane crew, and trials and persecutions which would have stifled much of *our* Christianity, he has maintained his Christian character. Finding no place to pray among the crowd, he has often while the opportunity was afforded, come early in the morning, preventing the day, to offer his devotions in the secrecy and solitude of the Chapel. As a Christian man, (and his example reads an eloquent lesson to some in our midst who make more professions than he,) it has been his constant custom to bow his head and his heart in supplication for God's blessing, before he has partaken of his mess. As will readily be believed, this has not been but in the midst of many sneers, and much derision. But his passions have been curbed by an Omnipotent Spirit, and quiet, kind and orderly consistency of conduct, has been the only reply. Thus, by the help of God, he has been the means of leading two of his companions into the same hopes, which through the Saviour, he possesses ; and without one word of reproof or impatience on his part, his messmates when they now prepare to

eat, stand quietly around with their hats off, until he has finished his silent blessing. It has been the influence of a meek and steadfast Christian character, enforcing respect and esteem. And it may well be expected that such an influence will be more widely felt, and will lead many others of the crew to join the little band of these men of prayer."

With encouragements such as these, the Board need only the prayers and liberal charity of the Society, to enable them to succeed. And they earnestly call upon every member of the Society, and indeed upon every member of the Church in this Diocese, (because this is a Church institution) for the exertion of his Christian liberality in these respects. The sum needed, for the fullest support of their operations, is very small—not exceeding \$3,600 per annum. By a united effort in which each individual should contribute but a small sum, the Board would be saved from all fear of embarrassment. They ask therefore, for some contribution from every Episcopalian of the Diocese. But if they may not have this, at least, they claim a share in his supplications at the throne of grace. They have indeed but little need of the prayers which are given to save all other contributions, but they know that from many a sincere Christian, the prayer may be all that they can rightly ask. Let it be freely given by all who through Christ Jesus, our Saviour, have permission to approach the mercy seat, and they will fear nothing for the abundant success of the great work which the Society has committed to them.

APPENDIX A.

Of the first organization in 1834, of the Young Men's Aux. Education and Missionary Society, and of its officers, but little is known (as no active member of the first Board is at present in this Board.) The first President of the Society was **REV. B. I. HAIGHT**, and among the Vice President's was the late **P. E. F. McDONALD**, and according to second article of the Constitution. "The object of this Society was to aid in the education of Young Men for the Ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and in support of Missionaries of the said Church." The officers of the Society were a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. By a reference to the second Annual Report, it appears that the amount received for the year, was \$536,25, of which \$268,50, was paid to Parent Society, and the Society resolved, during the coming year to support two beneficiaries, two Missionaries in the State of New York, two in the Domestic field, of which one was to be located in Diocese of Tennessee, and the other among the Oneida Indians, at Duck Creek, and which the Society continued to support until its re-organization in 1842. The officers for year ending in 1835. were **REV. JOHN F. SCHROEDER**, President; **REV. A. SMEDES**, **W. H. HOBART**, **P. E. F. McDONALD**, Vice Presidents; **A. TEN BROECK**, Cor. Sec'y; **C. W. CARMER**, Rec. Sec'y; **W. H. TOWNSEND**, Treasurer, and three Lay Managers from each city congregation.

The operations of third year were similar to those of second with considerable increase in finances, and large increase in interest taken by the Church in the Society. For the fourth year the operations of this Society were interesting, and large increase of income was received. This year the Foreign and Domestic Society concluded to send three Missionaries to Africa, and this Society took upon themselves the support of the **REV. DR. SAVAGE**, who was nominated by them and sent by the Parent Society, to Cape Palmas, and who continued to be supported by them until their new organization, and likewise this year, added a Missionary to the States of Indiana and Missouri. The receipts were this year \$2242,36; expenditures \$1951,40; leaving \$290,26. on hand. The officers this year were the same as last year, in the exception of Vice President, **REV. LOT JONES**, vice **REV. ALBERT SMEDES**, and **GEORGE T. FOX, JR.**, Treasurer, vice **W. H. TOWNSEND**.

The Fifth Annual Report for year 1838, makes the Society in the most flourishing condition that it ever attained, notwithstanding the hard-

ness of the times that year, (1837,) the contributions amounted with the balance on hand at close of preceding year, to \$2415.98, and expenses \$2246.675. Nothing new was attempted this year, and the officers remained as preceding year. Of amounts paid, \$575 was paid for six beneficiaries, \$250 were for Tennessee; \$250 for Oneida Indians; Indiana \$250; two Missionaries in New York \$250; and Rev. Dr. SAVAGE, Africa, \$500. And of sums received, \$1655.16, were annual subscriptions and donations, leaving \$475 only, as collections in Churches.

Sixth Annual Report for 1839, shows a falling off in receipts of several hundred dollars. There was received \$1850; on hand \$169.23; expenditures \$1921.53; and same was appropriated as last year, except the mission to Indiana, was changed to Missouri, and but \$325 was paid for beneficiaries.

The Constitution was this year changed, and there were three clerical Vice Presidents, and three lay do. elected. The officers were, President, Rev. J. F. SCHROEDER; Vice Presidents, Rev. B. I. HAIGHT, Rev. S. W. MANNEY, and Rev. C. H. HALSEY, Lay do. W. H. HOBART, P. E. F. McDONALD, and GEORGE T. FOX, JR.; GEORGE N. TITUS, Corresponding Secretary; A. W. O. SPOONER, Recording Secretary, and JOHN H. SWIFT, Treasurer, and during the year two of the Society's beneficiaries have been ordained Deacons in the Church.

The Seventh Annual Report finds the Society in a flourishing condition, and besides the missions of last year, the Society has been enabled to increase their amount to education fund to \$400; although the amount received differed but little from preceding year, yet their expenses were reduced, which will account for the increase.

The Treasurer reports cash received this year, \$2039.85; expenditures same amount, having nothing in the Treasury. Several changes occurred in officers of the Society this year. Dr. SCHROEDER, having removed from the city, the Rev. A. TEN BROECK, was elected President in his place, and the Rev. L. P. W. BALCH, and the Rev. ALBERT SMEDES, were elected to fill the places of Rev. Messrs. MANNEY and HALSEY, and W. A. DUNCAN, was elected Recording Secretary, in place of A. W. O. SPOONER, resigned; other officers continued as last year.

The Eighth Annual Report, finds the Society still flourishing, and same Missionaries are paid; four beneficiaries supported. The amount received this year, was, for subscriptions and donations \$1630.18, and collections in Churches only \$367.07. The President continued the same as last year.

Vice President, Rev. A. SMEDES, BENJ. EVANS, and ALBERT D.

TRAVERS, Lay Vice Presidents; J. R. VAN RENSSELAER, P. E. F. McDONALD, and G. T. FOX, JR.; CHARLES TOMES, Treasurer; and this year, 1841, closed the Society under its present organization. During the next year, the Society dropped its name and assumed that of "Young Men's Church Missionary Society," continuing their operations same as former years, with the exception of the Education part, which they decided to drop.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Society, finds them in a less flourishing condition than former years, the Society having agreed to discontinue their Educational labors, confined themselves to Missionary purposes alone. The receipts of the past year were \$1409.16, and the officers were, President, Rev. SMYTH PYNE; Vice Presidents, Rev. EDWARD N. MEAD, Rev. BENJ. EVANS, Rev. WILLIAM MORRIS; Lay Vice Presidents, J. R. VAN RENSSELAER, P. E. F. McDONALD, and GEO. T. FOX, JR.; GEO. N. TITUS, Corresponding Secretary; GEO. H. BELL, Recording Secretary, CHARLES TOMES, Treasurer.

The Tenth year of the Society's operations were highly interesting. It was during this year, (1843) that the subject of a mission to the Sailors was taken up by the Board, and the result of which was the establishment of the present Society, now called the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York. After much forethought, the Society concluded to build a floating Chapel, to be situated on the East River, and appointed a Missionary to preach in an upper room, to the Sailors, until their Chapel was finished; and great exertions were used to raise funds to complete the work, which was a new one for our Church. During the year, the Rev. B. C. C. PARKER, was appointed the Society's Missionary, and a vessel was bought for three hundred and fifty dollars, and contract made for building and repairs for twenty-five hundred dollars. The Church was finished and consecrated during the year. The amount of funds received for building and other purposes, was \$4539.44. The officers elected this year, were, President, Rev. SMYTH PYNE; Vice Presidents, Rev. E. N. MEAD, Rev. BENJ. EVANS, and Rev. G. T. BEDELL; Lay Vice Presidents, P. E. F. McDONALD, J. R. VAN RENSSELAER, and GEO. T. FOX, JR.; GEO. H. BELL, Recording Secretary; GEO. N. TITUS, Corresponding Secretary; BENJ. S. THOMAS, Treasurer.

During the Eleventh year, the society having applied for a charter, and obtained one, re-organized their body under the name of the "Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen," in accordance with its provisions, and making many changes in their By-Laws,

electing this year five Clerical and Lay Vice Presidents, and admitting as members the Clergy of the city entitled to seats in the Convention. The amount of receipts this year, was \$1510,15, and expenses about \$2,000. The officers were, Vice Presidents, Rev. G. T. BEDELL, Rev. W. H. WALTER, Rev. L. P. W. BALCH, Rev. ISAAC PECK, Rev. J. H. HOBART; Lay Vice Presidents, J. R. VAN RENSSELAER, GEO. N. TITUS, W. M. BENJAMIN, A. PROAL, HENRY MEIGS, Jr.; Corresponding Secretary, R. SILL; Recording Secretary, GEO. H. BELL; Treasurer, B. S. THOMAS.

B. S. THOMAS, *for Committee.*

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE REV. B. C. C. PARKER, MISSIONARY.

During the last year the gospel has been preached by your Missionary to more than a thousand sailors. From their peculiar occupation, it cannot be expected that any of them should be for a long time in Port, nor that the seats at the Chapel should be regularly filled by the same persons. Many who are present on one Sabbath, will on the next be buffeting the storms of distant seas. Your Missionary has however, been gratified by the visits of many of them immediately on their return to this port, and by their characteristic warm and feeling greeting, and their grateful recollections of his efforts to do them good. Many such instances might be mentioned connected with the most pleasing evidences of their appreciation of his well intended labors. He has been consulted by many of them, as their spiritual guide, in the difficulties of their Christian course. His advice has been asked in relation to their worldly occupations, when bearing on their spiritual welfare. He has discovered in many, the most convincing evidence of their having been truly born again, and introduced into the militant kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; and when about to leave the port for long foreign voyages, he has been entrusted with their private papers, developing their growth in the Christian life and exhibiting the protecting power of the Holy Ghost, when beset by temptations.

Many of his evenings have been occupied by their visits, seeking advice or hearing instruction, or confiding to him, as their dearest friend, the history of their past lives, and their changed purposes for the future.

That these interviews have been often replete with the most thrilling interest, can be no matter of surprise to those who remember that a Sailor's life is one of continual adventure, hardship and peril, with the enjoyment of few religious privileges.

The universal interest we weekly observe that Sailors feel in our beautiful Liturgy, is sufficiently exhibited to convince the most prejudiced mind of its adaptedness to their wants. At one Chapel over one hundred prayer books are seen in their hands, and the audible responses which are heard from their lips, are a token that to them, it is not an unmeaning, but a deeply affecting service.

Twenty have been confirmed during the last year. Three adults

have been baptized, and *Twenty-three* children. About fifteen more have been ready to be confirmed, but have been deprived of the privilege by being obliged to go on shipboard, and leave port, before an opportunity has been offered.

Even for the benefit of the number already reported, besides the two special confirmations held at the Chapel, the Right Rev. Bishop Mc COSKRY, has been so kind as to administer that holy rite twice at the Church of the Ascension, in this city, by permission of its Rector, of an evening, and to include one each at two confirmations, at Churches in the vicinity; those on three of the occasions, having been obliged to go to sea before the Bishop's appointment of confirmations at the Chapel had arrived.

Your Missionary has attended *six* funerals, and solemnized *nine* marriages. *Twenty-one* have been added to the Communion, and several have been confirmed who left the port before an opportunity could be offered them to participate in that Holy rite.

B. C. C. PARKER.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MISSIONARY'S MINUTES OF HIS LABORS.

On the 30th of September, I was called to visit a sick young man in Cherry street, who, I was told was in a consumption, and that his recovery seemed doubtful. In the course of conversation at his bedside, I found his mind in darkness with regard to true religion. I directed his thoughts to a crucified Saviour, and told him there was only one way of access to God's favor, and besought him not to build his hope, if he had any, upon any other foundation. I spoke to him of the necessity of repentance, a broken and contrite heart God would not despise. I promised to visit him again the next day, and to send him the *Believer's Pocket Companion*.

I sent the book by the Sexton of the Floating Church a short time after. As he entered the room not an hour from the time I had talked with him, he found him alone, but to his great alarm, evidently dying. He was then too far gone to speak. He instantly called the woman with whom he boarded into the room, and a physician was sent for, but in ten minutes, he was dead.

I was much shocked by the suddenness of his death, and being called to attend his funeral, as he was quite poor, and the house was small where he resided, I concluded to have the body carried into the Float-

ing Church, that I might have an opportunity of making some improvement of the unlooked for event, with his young friends, who might attend at the funeral. In the course of my address to them, while standing over his coffin, among other appeals to their hearts, I related the circumstances of his death, and the little time he could have had for preparing for a change of worlds, after he had given up all hopes of this.

At this moment, a wild, reckless sailor stepped into the Chapel from mere curiosity. He was roving about on South street, and seeing the doors open, he was attracted by the hearse standing on the wharf. He afterwards told me, he thought he might as well see what was going on as the rest. Had it been Sunday, he did not think he would have been disposed to have gone there to worship God, for he seldom went any where. Something however, that I then said went to his heart, as if an arrow from God's quiver had pierced it.

"What have I been doing all my days," said he to himself. *Here am I, as likely to be suddenly taken from the world, and carried before God, as this young man, whose soul has gone out of his cold dead body which lies there, and yet I have made no preparation for it at all.*" This conviction fastened upon his mind with such strength, that he was unable to escape from it, and by the Divine blessing, it has resulted, as we have reason to believe, in an entire change of heart and life. He professes solely to depend on the atoning Saviour for the expiation of his sins, and for the cleansing of his soul; and in gratitude for the deliverance obtained for him at so dear a rate, he is anxious to do all in his power for the advancement of his blessed cause.

I have since known him as one of my most efficient helpers among Sailors, and in his voyages since, he has been the means of bringing, I believe, some to Christ.

On Christmas day, at his request I baptized him, and on the same day, he partook at the Chapel, of the Sacred memorials of his Saviour's dying love, and there is reason to hope that he will be kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation, and be enabled in all things, to adorn the profession which he has made. He has since his baptism been again to sea, and on his late return to this port, where he now intends for some time to remain on shore, embraced the earliest opportunity to see me, to ask permission to be confirmed. Ever since he first gave any evidence of his interest in religious things, he has been fast gaining the confidence and esteem of all whom have known him. He is a person not only of great energy of character, but of great good sense and prudence. He seems anxious to labor for the spiritual good of sailors, as his first business in life. He is always punctually in his seat in the

Chapel, and brings seamen to me often for religious books and conversation.

C. H. was wrecked in the Peacock with Capt. Hudson, off Columbia River. About two miles from the shore his boat was upset by a roller, and his thigh broken. In this condition, with his helpless limb dangling under him and causing intense pain, he was left clinging to the boat until rescued.

On his return, he shipped on board the Revenue Cutter. While she lay near the Chapel for repairs, during the last summer, I gave him a religious book, and on one Sabbath he came to Church in consequence of my sending an invitation on board for the crew to attend our service on that day.

The book made a lasting impression on his mind. It reminded him of his mother's teachings in his early days at home. About three months afterwards he came to me, at the vestry, before the service one Sunday morning, to tell me the state of his mind. I found he had really turned to God, and was in a proper state to be admitted to the communion. Not four weeks after I had first given to him the Memorials of the Saviour's dying love, he brought to me a shipmate for religious instruction and conversation, whom he had been instrumental in turning to God.

He had now a companion in the religious life. They both felt the need of prayer. Their great difficulty on board the Cutter had been to find retirement to pray. At last they hit upon this expedient. When all on board the vessel was still, at night, they went into the narrow passage that led fore and aft between the ship's sides and the boiler; he on the larboard and his shipmate on the starboard quarter, and there in darkness and alone, they had been permitted undisturbed, to pour out their hearts to God.

I was told by one, that the meek example of C. H. supported him in his trials, and helped him in curbing a violent temper, and enabled him through grace to restrain all angry and unchristian replies to the opposition and persecution which surrounded him. Another has said that he thought the Christian example of C. H. had produced great effect on board. He never would commence his meal at the mess board without asking God's blessing while leaning his head on his hand and resting his elbow beside his plate. At first, some would scoff at, and others mimic him, "*But they have left that off now, and I observe often when C. H. is saying his little prayer, the men stand back and take off their hats.*"

Two or three months after this, C. H. brought to me a young man 19

years old, from on board his vessel, under religious impressions from the books I had given him. This boy (how or when, God only knows) has been truly born again. In conversation with him, one evening at my house, I learned he was once in a Sunday School. He never felt religious then. But in reading these books his mind seemed waked up, and all the good kind instruction was brought to his recollection which he had received from his teacher, about his duty to God and his need of a Saviour and the influences of the Holy Ghost to restrain the depravity of his heart.

Would that all Sunday School teachers working for God would remember this, and that a single word of religious truth, falling in their instructions on the mind in this way, in its tender and plastic state will never be lost. Years may roll away, as in this case, ere the influence of the good may be seen; but such labor is surely not in vain in the Lord. Its fruits are eternal.

B. C. C. PARKER.

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