

TWENTY-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,

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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, amidst 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, 29th March, 1869, at which the Report of the Board of Managers was presented by the senior lay Vice President, John Davenport, Esq., to which were appended the Reports of the Missionaries, the Treasurer and the Superintendent of the Home, after which the officers and managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSION was celebrated at the Church of the Transfiguration on the evening of the second Sunday after Easter, April 11, 1869.

Rev. F. Vinton, D.D., Senior Vice-President, presided, assisted in the services by Geo. H. Houghton, D.D., Rector of the Church, and Rev. Robert J. Walker, one of the Missionaries of the Society.

The Vice-President, in a few appropriate remarks, called attention to the Annual Report, which had been distributed in the pews.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., Rector of Grace Church; and a Collection taken up in aid of the funds of the Mission.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

THIS anniversary terminates the twenty-fifth year of this Society's organization. It emanated from the "Young Men's Church Missionary Society," in the year 1844. Among its earliest members were Bishops Bedell and Whitehouse, Revs. L. P. W. Balch, J. H. Hobart, G. T. Fox, Jr., then a layman, but for many years past a settled pastor in England, and Rev. Smith Pyne, and several laymen who at the present time are members of the Board of Managers. For this long period of time the Society has steadily pursued its work, which it assumed as a paramount duty, commencing feebly in material means, but strong in Christian faith and the will of Christian manhood, it has, under the Divine protection and blessing, not only been maintained in its current course of missionary labor, but accumulated the means of permanency, and assured extensive influence; and to the Supreme Head of the Church we render our devoutest thanksgiving for the measure of usefulness and prosperity which He has vouchsafed to it, and for the enjoyment of the privilege of being active in its endeavor to promote the extension of His kingdom among men, with the prayerful aspiration that His blessing may continue to be with this Christian work and those by whom it is conducted.

The "Young Men's Church Missionary Society" was an auxiliary to the "City Mission Society," composed for the most part of earnest workers in the Christian organizations of that day, who were desirous of embracing any opportunity that the providence of God might present of extending the influence and blessings of

Christ's teachings through the Protestant Episcopal Church—to which Church their love and loyalty were pledged and heartily given—among the ignorant and depraved of every class. From the facts which they had gathered, and the observations of those among them who were of the commercial class, they saw that a Mission to Seamen was fully presented to them as requiring their labors, and that in such a field, with an independent organization, they might hope for larger spiritual results than as an appendage to the society named. To it they resolved to devote themselves.

These labors, in this direction, commenced by holding Church Services in an upper room at the corner of Pike and South streets, in 1843, with the Rev. B. C. C. Parker as the Missionary in charge, who continued his ministerial labors there for about one year, until by the contributions of many who sympathized with them, the Society was enabled to erect a Floating Church building, which was moored at the bulkhead at foot of Pike street, East River, and which was designated as the "Church of our Saviour." This building, from its pleasing style of architecture—Gothic—its location upon the water, and its appropriation exclusively to the use of the Sailor for public worship, became at once an object of popular attention and a marked institution of the city. It was heard of in the remotest islands and lands reached by commercial traffic, as a spiritual refuge for the God-fearing men of the sea who might visit our port; and within a few years, through the activity of the Missionary in charge, in visiting the shipping for conversation with the crews and the distribution of religious books, and by invitation to attend its services, it soon became familiar to a large portion of the Seamen whose voyaging brought them to its vicinity, making it and the Mission pre-eminently conspicuous among the other organizations which followed this one, for the conversion of these dwellers on the sea.

In 1844 a re-organization having been effected, and an Act of Incorporation obtained under the present title of this society, this building was transferred and the mission work continued with the Rev. Mr. Parker, until by the Divine command he was called

from his work (after fifteen years of service) to the enjoyment of his reward in heaven.

In 1846 the floating Church of the Holy Comforter was built by means contributed, then and subsequently, through the churches, and a timely donation of \$1,000, succeeded by another of \$500, from an unknown source, through Messrs. Stanford and Swords, a well known book firm of that day, and was located at the foot of Dey street, on the North River, where it remained for ten years; subsequently it was transferred to the foot of L^{ight} street, and then to pier at Hubert street.

The ministrations at this Church commenced in October of that year, and early in 1847 were placed in charge of Rev. D. V. M. Johnson, who, ably assisted by the constant attendance at the chapel services of the Hon. Edward Haight, then and until his removal from the city an active member of the Board of Managers, continued to give his most earnest labors for the religious welfare of seamen and boatmen in that region for nine years, when he was called to his present position as Rector of St. Mary's Church, Brooklyn. His zealous application to the work, though under disadvantages attending a location out of the common range of the sailor, made this enterprise also a success, if not to the same extent as the initiatory one, at least as prominently so, and equaling the anticipations indulged for it when commenced.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson was succeeded in 1856 by the Rev. Joseph M. Waite, whose successor in 1860, the Rev. H. Floy Roberts, has continued the work since.

Under the administration of Mr. Johnson, and mainly by his efforts, there was established in 1851, under his supervision, a Home for Seamen, commenced and sustained as a private enterprise by the contributions of a few members of the Board of Managers, intended in part for the shelter and comfort of the destitute and friendless, and to bring all who chose or could be induced to enter it under the religious teachings of our Church. From this was induced the purchase by the Board of Managers, in 1854, of the building and lot in Franklin Square, now known as

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the "New Sailor's Home," devoted to the same purposes as the original, under the management of an efficient and active Christian family—it is pledged to temperance and religious teachings, as its reports will fully confirm. Services are and have been continuously held there on Wednesday evenings of each week by the missionaries in turn. The Rev. Mr. Walker resides there, and by Godly counsel and advice, instruction and prayers, it is made to the weary and ignorant sailor a place of rest, security and comfort,—to some enlightenment by the religious knowledge conveyed, and often conversion to Christ; and to the instructed seamen a pleasant home association with prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of all good things. Its usefulness in furthering the object of the Mission cannot be questioned, and its contrast with the dens of sin that usually receive the sailor on his reaching port is gladdening to every man who feels for his fellow man, or who has any sympathy with the sailor in the wrongs and outrages he is made to suffer from the mercenary and licentious men who control him. There have been received into the Home during the seventeen years of its establishment, 12,701 men, of whom upwards of 1,000, destitute from shipwreck, were gratuitously provided with board and clothing. \$146,812 $\frac{7}{10}$ have been received from the inmates in that time for deposit in bank or to be sent to friends. Seven hundred and fifty men have been reformed, the most of them from drunkenness, some to become members of Protestant Churches. Such are the visible results of the Home for the time named.

The decay of the boat and building of the "Church of our Saviour," rendering it untenable for religious worship, it was abandoned and disposed of in 1866, and the mission services on the east side were transferred to the same upper room where twenty-two years previously they were commenced.

The church building on the North River and the boat upon which it was erected, having from the action of the strong winds and tides of the river also become very much damaged, requiring a constant, large expenditure to keep them in condition for use.

and an excessive rental for the slip in which the building was moored being demanded, the Board of Managers disposed of this in 1868, and hired and fitted up a large room in Beach street, near the water, for church services, with a room attached for reading and Sunday School-room, and here the Mission for the west side is now located.

In 1852 the Board of Managers decided upon a Mission Station at Coenties Slip for "open air services" upon boats and piers, and obtained a small hired room in the vicinity for a resort for more private ministrations and the distribution of religious books, tracts, &c. This work was commenced with the Rev. E. F. Remington in charge, who continued his ministry to the boatmen there for six years, and has been continued by the Rev. Robt. J. Walker to the present time (eleven years), and whose annual reports, confirmed by the testimony of all visitors, exemplify the wisdom of its establishment, and the eminent fitness of this reverend Christian man for these way-side services, which has given it, under God, its large success.

At all seasons for this long period of time has he been found at his post on every Lord's day, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to congregations of men, often larger than is usually found in many of our well-appointed churches.

The numbers gathered at the three Mission Stations, as given in the Reports of the Visiting Committee of the Board, at the Sunday Services, partly estimated, and the ministrations officially of the Missionaries, the distribution of books, &c., and the receipts and expenditures of the Mission for the 25 years it has been in operation, have been as follows:

Seamen and Boatmen, exclusive of others, to whom they have proclaimed the Gospel, through the services of our Church, and by sermons delivered, 150,000. Visits have been made to 10,000 sick Sailors in the Hospitals. There have been distributed 7,129 Bibles, 16,697 Testaments, 8,706 Prayer Books, 75,558 miscellaneous books of a religious tendency, and over 2,760,000 pages of Tracts. Baptisms enumerated, 1,544, Confirmation, 324, Marriages, 539, Burials, 551, Communicants added to the Church, 516.

The total receipts in money for the time is \$245,529⁵⁹/₁₀₀, of which sum \$89,042¹⁶/₁₀₀, was either by special bequest or by direction of the Board, set apart as a "Permanent or Building Fund," and from which has been expended:

For the North River Floating Building.....	\$5,500 00
“ Dock Property on East River.....	5,000 00
“ New Sailors' Home, Franklin Square..	25,000 00
“ Fitting up Chapel and Rooms, in Beach Street.....	5,000 00
“ House and Lot No. 34 Pike Street.....	13,000 00
“ Repairs on Boats and Buildings.....	3,542 16
Total.....	\$57,042 16

On hand of this fund for building purposes., \$32,000 00

Leaving as the total expenditure for the current purposes of the Mission, including the salaries of the Missionaries, \$156,487⁴³/₁₀₀, for the 25 years, or about six thousand dollars per annum.

Three prominent instances may be here not inappropriately mentioned of the effect of the Mission operations among the sailors in their conversion, one being that of John Byrne, who acted for several years, until his decease, after he became a member of the Church, as a colporteur among seamen, and by his faithful labors was the means of turning many from sin to a religious life. Another, the Rev. Mr. Thompson, who was under the instruction of Rev. Mr. Johnson made a "member of Christ and a Child of God," and by his help received an education at Nashota that fitted him to enter the ministry of the Church, and the Rev. A. Spor, who from his own statement, made at the East River Chapel this past year, received in that "Upper Room," from the lips of the Rev. Mr. Parker, the words that first turned his thoughts to a consecration of his time and talents to the service of his Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

The special bequests that have been received by the Society from the commencement of its operations, are from:

J. R. Van Renssalaer.....	\$ 50
Capt. Samuel M. Thompson.....	9,452
John Noble	2,000
Miss Ann Jay.....	3,500
Miss Anna Kinsey.....	1,189
Capt. H. W. Ogden, U. S. N.....	1,000
Abraham B. Sands.....	1,000
Mrs. Matilda Brown.....	372
Mrs. Abby Jane Creemer.....	92
Mrs. Susan A. Remsen	4,488
Madame Jumel.....	1,000
Mrs. Elizabeth Neighbor.....	470
Peter Lorillard.....	1,000

The Reverend Missionaries who have since the organization of the Society had charge of the different stations, and whose individual merits may be summed up in the words "faithful" and "efficient," were assigned and continued their labors as follows:

ON THE EAST RIVER SIDE.

Rev. B. C. C. PARKER, from 1844 to 1859. Deceased.
 Rev. B. S. HUNTINGTON, from 1859 to 1861.
 Rev. R. G. QUENNEL, temporarily in charge one year.
 Rev. ROBERT W. LEWIS, from 1862.

ON THE NORTH RIVER SIDE.

Rev. D. V. M. JOHNSON, from October, 1846, to Dec., 1855.
 Rev. JOSEPH M. WAITE, from July, 1856, to May, 1860.
 Rev. HENRY FLOY ROBERTS, from May, 1860.

AT THE OPEN-AIR SERVICES, COENTIES SLIP.

Rev. E. F. REMINGTON, from 1852 to June, 1858.
 Rev. ROBERT J. WALKER, from June, 1858.

To these men has been assigned the immediate work of the Mission, and to their prayers and active usefulness, by the Divine blessing, is it mainly indebted for what has been accomplished of spiritual good. The members of the Board, busily engaged in professional or commercial pursuits during the week, and the most of them as teachers in schools on Sundays, can do little else than encourage by their association with them, and care of the temporalities of the Mission, their activity in the work, and much regret is constantly expressed that so little lay assistance is rendered in a cause that so largely needs it.

Among the revered officers and members of the Board of Managers who have been called to heavenly association, whose active and social interests in the business of the Mission and its associates, bound them together in Christian sympathy and friendship, may be named Bishops Onderdonk and Wainwright, Rev. Drs. Berrian, Taylor, Cutler, Rev. Messrs. B. C. C. Parker and Charles H. Halsey, and Messrs. P. E. F. McDonald, J. R. Van Renssalaer, C. S. Benedict, William M. Benjamin, John Neilson, Jr., James R. Swords, Theo. Dehon, John Wight, Major Lindley Hoffman Miller, James W. Underhill, Charles Vandervoort, Abraham B. Sands and Captain H. W. Ogden. These were pre-eminently faithful in their Master's work, and their example will ever be to those who knew them a stimulus to virtuous and godly living.

In the report of the Managers, made in 1854, the importance of erecting a building on shore for the East River Mission station was urged; and in 1864 an anxious desire to do this was expressed, and the means to do it with invited from the Church public; and in 1866, as appears from the report of that year, this project seemed fully to be within the expectation of the Board; but not until the decay of the buildings afloat necessitated their abandonment, did the Board absolutely venture to entertain its accomplishment. The plan projected was to embrace a Church building, with Lecture and Reading Rooms, and a Missionary Residence attached, to be placed in the vicinity of the present station.

thus enlarging the operations of the Mission and facilitating the exertions of the Missionary in charge at that point by locating his residence permanently among the people to whom he is appointed to minister.

To attain this desirable and seemingly possible purpose required an amount of funds largely disproportioned to the resources of the Board, and the Managers, while soliciting donations for and prosecuting the current work of the Mission, made such appeals for the means necessary for the execution of this plan as opportunity presented, in the hope that they would be liberally answered by the wealth that heard them.

Through the united action of the Vestries of Trinity and St. George's Churches, as reported last year, \$45,928 having been paid into the Treasury, the wishes entertained seemed on the eve of being realized, and measures were immediately taken to obtain a site suitably located, at a price that, with the contributions expected from others, would insure the completion of this purpose without entailing a debt that might cripple disastrously the operations of the Mission. In this, after months of effort, the Board was disappointed. The rapid increase in the value of real estate and the requirements of business prevented the obtaining a location adapted to the arrangements proposed, at any price within the compass of the means in hand; and this, together with the high cost of materials and labor, placed the erection of the buildings contemplated far beyond the money resources of the Board.

Under these circumstances the Board was compelled to abandon its purpose in this direction, and to maintain its position as a useful missionary agent, it resolved, after due deliberation, to return to its original arrangement of a floating church, adding to this a Mission House with such accommodations as its limited space might permit. In the prosecution of this decision the dwelling house No. 34 Pike street has been purchased for the sum of \$13,000, and is being altered and fitted up for the residence of the

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✓ Missionary, with a reading room and lecture room for services during the week. ✓ Plans have been adopted for a commodious floating church building to be placed at the bulkhead at foot of Pike street, owned by the Society, which will cost, complete, about \$25,000, and thus the ample field of the Mission on the East River will be again possessed.

Meanwhile this portion of our work, as previously stated, has its centre in the building in which it was commenced 25 years since, but which, though illy adapted to attract general attention, is yet resplendent from association to many Christian men who have received spiritual consolation there, and to others who have been there created anew in Christ Jesus.

Where was this located?

Thus is summed up in outline the operations of this Mission for the 25 years last past, and statements presented of its intentions for the immediate future; but what it has really done by the instrumentalities furnished through prayer, the preaching of the Word of God, the ministrations of the sacraments, the whisperings of pardon for sin, and hope for future happiness, at the bedside of the dying, in the "Home," the hospital, or the fore-castle and cabin; in the comforting of the sick and destitute; in rescuing from drunkenness and vice the sailor, and restoring him to his friends; the good influences of the Bibles, prayer-books, manuals of devotion and tracts it has distributed, accompanied by loving words, thus casting its seed upon the waters for God to give it increase, can only be surmised. We do know, that often from some distant port or city our missionaries have received acknowledgments brimming with gratitude for the religious light that has been vouchsafed to the writer, or the shipmate who sends the message, through the services at our stations, or the conversations had with the missionary, for the spiritual comforts derived in the fore-castle from the books given, and the blessings of parents that their son has been rescued from worse than death, and restored to himself, to them, and to God; and we believe that these indicate the far-reaching influences of this work, which needs be

increased zeal, faith and labor, to multiply its power among seamen to such extent that ere long every vessel will have a portion of its crew members of the Church of Christ.

The zeal, the faith, and the labor must be given; the population of the sea calls to Christian men to use diligently the short time of visitation permitted on shore, to instruct, edify and convert them; their cry is, save, or we perish, and upon all who hear it God hath placed the obligations of the answering act through which salvation comes.

The reports of the missionaries, which accompany this, give their details of the several stations for the year. The treasurer's report shows how inconsiderable, aside from special donations, are the funds which we command. Our missionaries are paid compensation hardly sufficient for their support, and the demands of private charity to which they are more liable than most laymen, and the balance in the treasury is not such as to preclude a constant appeal to the liberality of Churchmen for the current support of the mission, while the wish of the Board to establish other nuclei of operations, called for by the rapid extension of the commerce of the city, which may be properly entertained, requires for success large contributions.

This is a mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the City and Port of New-York, embracing Long Island, the shores of New Jersey, Staten Island and Westchester County, on the line of the rivers West and East, and as yet all its movements are confined to the lower portion of the city proper. Give but the means, and soon in other places, on both banks of the East and Hudson rivers, will be heard through this Mission the services of our Church in its ministrations and invitations to men of the sea, the rivers and of the land, who now never enter the places of usual worship and who are waiting a call to the Gospel privileges which we so abundantly enjoy.

The acknowledgements of the Board are thankfully rendered to the kind friends who have aided the mission by their gifts in

money or books, a list of which is appended to this report, and also to the following Societies, for grants of books and tracts, viz.:

New-York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,
 Church Book Society,
 Evangelical Knowledge Society,
 Protestant Episcopal Tract Society,
 Society for Promotion of Religion and Learning,
 New-York Bible Society, and
 American Tract Society, N. Y.

The history of the labors of this Mission for a fourth of a century is closed. When it is again rehearsed for a like period, our prayer is, that it may be accompanied by the recital of the gathering of such an abundant harvest of spiritual fruit as shall indicate the dawn of the promised day "When the abundance of the sea shall be converted" unto the Lord.

New-York, Easter 1859

REPORT

OF THE

Missionary in charge of the Church of Our Saviour,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING WITH EASTER, 1869.

THE interesting work at the Station of the Church of Our Saviour, Pike Slip, under the charge of your Missionary, through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, has been carried forward without any interruption during the entire year past, and the Master for whose honor and glory we labor has been pleased to grant us some very gratifying results and issues.

As the Board is well aware, the services of the Church of Our Saviour have been held during the year in the same hall that was rented soon after the abandonment of the old Floating Church. And it is a singular circumstance that at this time, a quarter of a century from the establishment of the Mission to Seamen in the City and Port of New-York by our Church, the services of the first station should have been resumed in the very hall in which they were first held. Oh, what an amount of good must have been done by our Society during these twenty-five years! How many, many souls during this time have been turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God! The hall we occupy at present was probably the best place that could have been obtained at the time another place of worship was needed, amid the perplexing circumstances by which we were then surrounded. But it cannot be denied that the proper work of the Station has from that hour been hindered from reaching the proportions it might, through the circumstance of being confined to a second-story hall, with an unattractive exterior and difficult of access.

Your Missionary, however, is thankful for whatever accommodations he has had. He rejoices continually that he is permitted to labor in the Lord's vineyard in any capacity, and under any circumstances; and not the less does he thank his Heavenly Father that the local field of the Mission to Seamen, a field of peculiar interest with him for many years while a layman in the church, is now his for a season, and that he is permitted to do a little in this sphere with so liberal a body of Christian gentlemen as the Board of Managers to whom he offers this his Sixth Annual Report.

The spiritual condition of the Station your Missionary ventures to regard as very encouraging. Although we have not accomplished what one might hope for and expect under more favorable circumstances, we have done what we could, and moreover have somewhat to offer in the way of good deeds done and good works accomplished. We have been permitted to minister in the delightful services of our Church with some seamen twice every Sunday, excepting when duty called us elsewhere. But the sailors have then had some other minister of Christ officiating with them. Seamen have been visited on shipboard and in their boarding houses. They have been gathered to hear our words in the Home in Franklin Square. Printed handbills containing information of our hall and of our hours of divine service have been distributed among them, and not only on the Lord's Day and at the Home have we broken to them the Bread of Life, but on Thursday evening of each week they have hearkened to our appeals and have entered God's house to listen to his own most Holy Word.

Your Missionary has endeavored to be faithful with these men entrusted to his charge. He has occupied himself altogether in drawing the minds of his hearers to the few fundamental truths and principles of the Gospel of Christ as held by our Church, and in accordance with her peculiarities of faith and worship. So they should attend but one service, and then depart in the course of their wanderings over the wide ocean to other lands, the

might have a plain word in their ears inviting them with no uncertain sound to trust their all to Jesus. Some of these men have remained for books upon the invitation of the preacher after the hallowing services of our Church and the sermon of your Missionary. We have not had as many remain as in former days, and as we would like to have seen; or as we might have had with the large congregations of seamen which once assembled in the Floating Church; or as we might have even now did we put no restriction upon the distribution. For we have only offered to supply reading matter to men going to sea during the week in which the distribution was made. Some men, however, have now and again remained for books, have received the few small volumes we were able only to offer them, with evident thankfulness, have listened to a special word of advice from the Missionary, and we hope have been benefitted afterwards on shipboard in the quiet perusal of the reading they received at our hands.

We have about the same number of land worshippers as in times gone by, although there are great changes going on continually in the population of the neighborhood, Protestant families constantly removing, and Jews and Roman Catholics coming in in their room. Families connected with the Church keep moving away also with the recurrence of every moving season. And all these things are against us, rendering the congregations of landspeople worshipping with us nearly as fluctuating as the seamen for whom our services are chiefly sustained.

The Lord's Day Services have been very well attended during the year; the responses in the service have been hearty; the singing has been simple, and the familiar tunes have induced nearly all to join with us in this department of worship.

The Week Evening Services have increased very greatly in interest. They consist of the Evening Prayer in full and a short lecture; and they draw together a goodly number, both of seamen and landspeople; and the attendance has ranged according to the state of the weather and other circumstances, from thirty to seventy souls.

The Sunday School, from a small beginning, has gone on and increased, till it is now a very prosperous and pleasing department of effort. It is one to which the Missionary may, with perfect fidelity to the cause of seamen, somewhat give his attention. It is included in his general commission of: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," while it does not interfere at all, but rather helps the particular work to which your Board invites his special prayers and efforts.

The work in the Industrial School is being prosecuted with as much energy as last year. About thirty girls are present each Saturday to learn to sew; and children and grown persons are supplied with necessary clothing, as they may deserve and as the means in hand will permit. A large box of clothing has been also sent to one of the Southern Clergy, in whose behalf an appeal was made at the time of the late General Convention, and who was brought to our notice in consequence of my application to the Bishop of North Carolina.

A Confirmation by the Bishop transpired on the third Sunday in Lent, 1869, when eight persons—three seamen and five young women—came forward and ratified and confirmed their baptismal vows.

One affecting incident, out of many that have come to my notice during the year, is the only one that I will bring to the attention of the Board. The Rev. A. Spohr, a Western Missionary, officiating one Sunday morning, in the absence of the Missionary, told the congregation, with tears of thankfulness in his eyes, that he had been turned from the error of his ways through the instrumentality of the Mission to seamen, (among whom he was at one time a member,) and had received his first Communion at the hands of the Rev. Mr. Parker, in the very room (our present hall) in which he was then standing. What a striking incident, and what conclusive evidence to the good done by the Missionary station of the Church of Our Saviour for Seamen.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. LEWIS.

STATISTICS FOR THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING WITH EASTER DAY, 1869.

Services on the Lord's Day.....	149
Services on other days.....	48
Total Services held by Missionary.....	197
Baptisms, Infant.....	15
" Adult.....	1
Total.....	16
Average attendance at Sunday services.....	90
" week day services.....	45
Confirmations.....	8
Communicants last Report, 76, removed 10, added 16, present number..	82
Communion Administered, times.....	13
Average number Communicating.....	39
Marriages.....	2
Burials.....	3
Sunday School Teachers and Scholars.....	130
Men receiving books.....	150
Books Distributed, Bibles.....	15
" " Testaments.....	110
" " Prayer Books.....	59
" " Miscellaneous.....	340
Papers and Tracts, pages.....	5,040
Communion Alms.....	\$40.91
In Box for the Poor.....	27.90
In Box for Books.....	3.10
Total.....	\$71.91

REPORT

OF THE

Missionary in charge of the Church of the Holy Comforter

FOR THE YEAR 1868-9.

THE past year has been one of considerable change in our Mission, which has had considerable effect upon its operations. Soon after our last anniversary the Floating Chapel was sold, in consequence of rapid decay and increasing expense, and a Hall was obtained at No. 75 Beach street, which has been neatly and commodiously fitted up for our services. But as it is not situated on the river street, where it could be easily seen by the passing seaman or boatman, there has been a large falling off in the attendance of this class of the congregation. We hope, however, that as soon as our location becomes more generally known, there will be considerable improvement in this respect. But while there has been this noticeable diminution in the attendance of seamen in our congregation, there has been an increase in the attendance of others, so that our general average will be somewhat in advance of our last year's report; and we are encouraged to hope the change will prove beneficial in the end.

On the first Sunday in July we commenced a Sunday School, which has been encouragingly successful, and numbers at the present time 11 teachers and 107 scholars; and both teachers and scholars appear to be deeply interested in the prosperity of the undertaking. The teachers have made a successful effort to obtain a small cabinet organ for the use of the school; and the organist of the chapel has taken charge of the music of the school, so that our prospect in this department is also very encouraging, and the Superintendent, Mr. B. T. Rogers, deserves much credit

for his faithful and efficient management; and I trust that the school will be an instrument for good, both for the children and for the promotion of the general objects of the Mission.

In the early part of November we commenced a regular Friday evening lecture, which has been well attended, considering the location is entirely out of the way of evening travel, and there is reason to hope that it will prove a benefit to the general congregation.

In December we opened a free Reading-Room for the use of seamen and boatmen, and several persons have contributed books and magazines to the object; but thus far there have been very few who have manifested a disposition to improve the opportunity which has thus been provided for them. We hope, however, that when the navigation of the river is resumed, there will be many who will be glad to avail themselves of the means of entertainment and instruction which the "Room" will afford them.

During the season of Lent there has been a Wednesday afternoon lecture, which has been very well attended by those who desire to make the season one of special devotion; and we are thus striving not only to impress upon the minds of the people the great principles of religion and morality in which all professing Christians are so deeply interested, but also to instruct them in the doctrines and usages of our own Church.

Upon the whole, therefore, we consider that the past year has been one of considerable encouragement, notwithstanding the changes and disadvantages to which we have been subjected, and our hope is that the coming year will be one of more enlarged usefulness and prosperity.

The Missionary has also given special attention to visiting the vessels lying in the docks in the neighborhood of the chapel, and has in this way had access to a large number of men who are never found in any church; and by giving them a tract, and a word of advice, and an invitation to attend our services, he has doubtless exerted some influence for good with those who would otherwise be entirely overlooked.

In this way he has made 550 visits to sailing vessels and barges; and 403 to steamers, including the small tugboats and the ocean steamers; making a total of 963 visits.

On the 17th of January, the Bishop of the Diocese visited our Mission, and confirmed four persons, one of whom, who was baptised a short time previous, had spent much of his life on the bellows of the ocean, most of which as commander of the vessel in which he sailed. At the commencement of the war he sold his vessel at a distant port and returned to his native land, with the intention of engaging in some other kind of business, being too far advanced in life to desire to encounter the toils and dangers of the sea, and has now engaged in mercantile pursuits. Of his own accord, after having attended our services for some length of time, he came to the Missionary to state that he felt the need of consecrating himself to the service of God in the way of his appointment, and requested that he might receive the ordinances of religion; and his accession to our little band is one of the most encouraging incidents of the year. There was another sailor who desired confirmation, but who was under the necessity of sailing before the Bishop could attend; while another young man, of the most promising character, was ready for the holy rite, but was called away by the sickness of his father to a distant part of the country. The other three who were confirmed were young ladies who bid fair to become useful members of society; and two of them have since become teachers in the Sunday School.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS:

Services on Lord's Day.....	94
Services on other days.....	42
Total.....	136
Average attendance.....	76
Average of Seamen and Boatmen.....	15
Average number receiving books.....	8
Baptisms, Infants.....	13
" Adults.....	2
Total.....	15

Confirmations.....	
Communicants.....	
Communion Services.....	
Average number Communicating.....	
Marriages.....	
Burials.....	
Sunday School, Teachers.....	
" " Scholars.....	
Books Distributed, Bibles.....	
" " Testaments.....	
" " Prayer Books.....	
" " Miscellaneous.....	
" " Tracts, pages.....	
Contributions, Communion Offerings.....	
" Box for Poor.....	
" Box for Books.....	
" Private Donations.....	
Missionary Contribution of Sunday School.....	
Total.....	

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FLOY ROBERTS

Report of the Missionary at Large,

FOR THE YEAR 1868-9.

It is with no ordinary degree of gratitude to the Giver of life and health that the Missionary is able to record that during nearly eleven years of service to the Board of Seamen's Missions, he has only been prevented by a slight indisposition on one occasion from attending to his duties at Coenties Slip. This may be considered as a remarkable instance of the Divine care and preservation, exercised in behalf of one who has been constantly exposed to the vicissitudes of a changeable climate and the contagious influences of the hospitals which he has habitually visited. During this long period of nearly eleven years the Missionary has been absent but two Sundays from the city; and on these two days he was fully occupied elsewhere with the Master's work, officiating in country parishes, and administering the Lord's Supper to a congregation who were without a pastor.

Nine hundred and seventy-three discourses have been delivered in the open air, at or near Coenties Slip; and nearly the same number of services have been held in the various rooms occupied by the Mission in South street, the Society's Home in Franklin Square, the Colored Home in Vandewater street, and in numerous other places in this and the adjoining city. It has been estimated that probably thirty thousand different individuals, boatmen or women from nearly every maritime country on the face of the globe, have been informed of the way of salvation by the writer of this report since the commencement of his happy, and he trusts, useful connexion with this admirable Society.

More than ten thousand visits have been made by him to seamen in the different hospitals which are open for their reception, and whom he has supplied with tracts, religious papers, Testaments and books. Many a wandering sailor has died in peace, praising God with his last breath for that precious salvation which this Society had been instrumental in conveying to his famishing soul.

Three hundred and forty-seven Bibles, nine thousand four hundred and thirty-one Testaments in nearly every language of Europe, one thousand six hundred and seventy-two Prayer Books—English, French, Spanish and German—seven hundred and fourteen Manuals of Devotion, and eighteen thousand five hundred and ninety religious books have been furnished to seamen, boatmen, and young persons residing on the ships and boats, at the close of the Sunday afternoon services at Coenties Slip. About four hundred and sixty thousand pages of Tracts, in various languages, and religious Periodicals without count have also been distributed to the same persons.

Many of these publications are now speeding their way across the ocean to foreign lands, and are read and re-read by the sailors and their ship-mates. In many a fore-castle, on the Sabbath Day in the frozen regions of the North, and in the soft and balmy breezes of the South Pacific, the seaman unlocks his chest, takes out the Bible or the godly book which he received from loving hands at Coenties Slip, and learns the way to Heaven; perhaps recalls to mind the parting exhortation addressed to him in that humble room, and prays that God may bless it to his soul.

In this retrospect of nearly eleven years of labor, the Missionary is glad to acknowledge that they have been by far the happiest period of his ministerial life. The invariable kindness, sympathy and aid which he has met with from the Members of the Board, with whom he has so frequently been brought in contact, have lightened his labors and encouraged him in the performance of every duty.

The last year's labors have been similar to those of former

years, the Missionary conducting the services in the open air when the weather was at all propitious, on inclement days taking shelter in the room 22 South Street, (an ordinary shipping office during the week,) and always concluding the Sunday's work with an evening lecture at the Home, in Franklin Square, well attended and much appreciated by the sailor boarders. During the secular days of the week the Missionary has visited the sick and dying seamen in the hospitals, the sick and distressed families of sailors and others in Brooklyn and New-York; in advising, praying and conversing with the boarders at the Home, amongst whom he lives, with whom he eats, and often sits and converses on religious and other subjects, day by day and month by month, and in attending to all the other various duties which are incident to the life of a Seaman's Missionary. Every Sunday throughout the year has found him at his post of duty, unwilling to forego the privilege and pleasure of ministering to the men of the sea in sacred things. He has felt no need of that rest or recreation which the Board has kindly offered him, believing that a hard Sunday's work is essential to his bodily health, as it is certainly conducive to his comfort and peace of mind.

It is with emotions of the liveliest gratitude to the Great Head of the Church that the Missionary is able to state that several seamen who were once "blasphemers and injurious" have repented of their sins, turned to God with all their hearts, and are now rejoicing in a sense of His pardoning love in Christ Jesus.

Much indebted does the writer feel to a generous ex Member of the Board for his annual gift of a hundred dollars, to purchase books for distribution at Coenties Slip; to a Member of the present Board, for a donation of ten dollars, and to the Hoffman Missionary Society of the Loantaker Sunday School, near Madison, N. J., for an appropriation of twenty-five dollars, to be expended for the benefit of seamen, in any way which the Missionary may deem expedient.

THE STATISTICS FOR THE PAST YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Services in the open air, at or near Coenties Slip.....	78
" " Room, 22 South street.....	22
" " New Sailor's Home, and elsewhere.....	75
Total number of services.....	175
Sailors Boatmen and Young Persons residing on the boats supplied with Books at Coenties Slip.....	2,336
Sailors supplied with Testaments, Books, Tracts or Papers in the Hospitals.....	961
Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 6; Total.....	9
Marriages.....	2
Burials.....	8
Books Distributed—Bibles.....	16
" " Testaments, in various Languages.....	1,118
" " Prayer Books.....	20
" " Sailors' Manuals of Devotion.....	20
" " Miscellaneous Books.....	1,421
" " Tracts, in many Languages.....	26,000 pages
" " Pamphlets, Magazines and Religious Papers.....	3,340
Average Attendance at each Service for the Year, at Coenties Slip, as estimated.....	37

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, March 23d, 1860.
Tuesday before Easter.

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To Amount paid for Prayer-Books for North River Chapel.....	By Balance per last Report.....
\$47 50	\$562 28
To Amount paid for Books for Coenties Slip Station. 100 00	By Donation from W. W. Thomas, for Coenties Slip Station.....
To Balance forward to new account.....	100 00
538 78	By Twelve Months' Interest on \$400.....
<u>\$686 28</u>	94 00
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	1869,
	March 29, By Balance.....
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Audited and found correct,

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To Amount paid for Fitting-up room No. 75 Beach street as Chapel for North River Station.....	By Balance per last Report.....
\$4,844 42	\$17,219 50
" " " For expenses of Advertising and Selling Water-Right foot of Pike street.....	By Amount Received for Sale of North River Chapel.....
66 00	1,100 00
" " " On account of Purchase of House and Lot No. 34 Pike street, N. Y., (cost, \$13,000, of which \$6,900 remaining on mortgage,).....	" " " For Interest to Nov. 2, 1868, on Loans.....
\$7,000 00	1,513 12
Auctioneer's Fees and expenses of Searching Title, &c., &c.....	" " " For Rent and Interest to Jan. 12, 1869, on Purchase of House and Lot 34 Pike street.....
120 82	119 00
To Balance forward to new account.....	
7,120 82	
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	1869,
	March 29, By Balance.....
	\$37,920 38

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FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 29, 1869.

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