MISSIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

EAST RIVER STATION.

Eloating Church of our Saviour AT THE FOOT OF PIKE STREET, Services on Sundar, at 103 A. M. and 3 P. M. MISSION AND READING ROOM, 34 PIKE STREET, Lecture on Friday Evening.

REV. ROBERT J. WALKIN, Minister in Charge, Residence, 24 Piko Street.

NORTH RIVER STATION.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

No. 365 WEST STREET. Services on Sunday at 104 M. M. and 8 P. M. Est. THOMAS A. HYLAND, Minister in Charge. AT MISSION HOUSE, No. 90 BARROW STREET.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

Services on the Dock,

On Sunday at 14 A. M. and 3 P. M. MISSION ROOM, No. 7 COENTIES SIIP. REV. ISAAO MAGUIRE, Minister in Charge, Rev. ISAAO MAGUIRE, Minister in Charge.

New Sailors' Home,

No. 338 PEAHL STREET Mr. EDWARD RODE, Superintendent. A House under Christian influence, neat and orderiy, with a well supplied table.

Lectures by the Missionaries of the Board on Wednesday Evenir gar-

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

- BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL

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IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YOLK,

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Prayer for Seamen.

O God ! the Creator of heaven and earth, who hath promised that the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those whose business is upon the mighty waters: and, amid the dangers to which they are exposed, and the temptations by which they are surrounded to forget Thee and Thy Holy Word, to neglect Thy Sabbaths and Thy Ordinances, 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.

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 Doilars, for the purposes of said Society.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING of the Society was held April 14th, 1884, being Monday in Easter week, in the Sunday School Room of Trinity Chapel, E. M. Duncan, Esq., Vice President, in the Chair. The Annual Reports of the Board of Managers, of the Treasurer, and of the Missionaries of the Society were presented and accepted, and ordered to be published.

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

The time for holding the Anniversary Services of the Society was referred to the new Board of Managers.

FORTIETH 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 to the Society this their Fortieth Annual Report, the Board of Managers may and does rejoice that it has been permitted by the good God, who never fails his people, to look back upon forty years of His unvarying support in the efforts made to improve the condition of seamen as individuals, and as a class. Each year has brought a renewal of such results as make glad the heart of the Christian and of the citizen.

Of the men who commenced this work there are a few left in the Board. They have not lost their confidence, nor slackened their labor, through all these years. With the rest of the present Board they now come to make report of their work, and to ask of the Church greater support, whereby they may continue and extend it. They believe it to be of great importance, far reaching in its influence, carrying improvement to the character and condition of the sailor in other lands than this, adding refinement to his relations with the world and with religion, aiding him to escape some at least of the snares which Satan seems so busy in setting on all sides of him.

Commencing necessarily, humanly speaking, with small strength, meeting stern resistance from the nature and habits of the seaman as they then existed, as well as from those persons whose life it was to prey upon his ignorance and recklessness, this Society has developed into a great institution. It has organized and brought into no little activity three mission stations, each with its active, faithful missionary, assisted by colporteurs and sextons in visiting the ships and bringing seamen to the services. It has proved its utility and necessity by its very success. At these stations, on Sundays and certain week days, are gathered congregations containing a rather remarkable proportion of apparently devout worshippers and attentive listeners.

At each of these stations is a reading room, open daily, with books, papers and stationery, for the use of seamen. Here men, who would otherwise be exposed to temptation in various shapes, find safe company and innocent recreation. Here, too, are inducements to temperance in the influence of sober men. A gradual initiation to the habit is secured by pledges taken for longer or shorter duration, as the men can find resolution to undertake it.

There is, in Franklin Square, a Sailors' Boarding House, under the control of the Board, where the wanderer can find a home and a welcome; where he is in contact with good and religious influences, and protected, as far as may be, from his watchful enemies. In the Sunday Schools may be seen bright, orderly, cheerful children, learning to understand and appreciate the higher associations brought about them by earnest, faithful teachers, and putting on unconsciously the armor with which to give battle hereafter to the enemies they must encounter in life.

At the foot of Pike Street, on the East River, lies the Floating Church of our Saviour, with arrangements well pleasing to the eye, and well adapted for the services of the Church. It has been for many years in charge of the Rev. Robert J. Walker, to whose faithfulness testimony is borne, year by year, in these annual reports.

In West Street, near Barrow, the Church of the Holy Comforter has for years conducted its services in an "upper room," to which the seamen, largely from the English and other steamers lying along that part of the North River front, resort.

For this station, the Board of Managers has commenced, on West Street, near Houston, the erection of a substantial chapel of brick, whose conspicuous tower on the river front will be, it is hoped, a beacon to direct the wanderer to his home. The means at present available permit only the completion of a portion of the entire design. This will furnish a reading room, quarters for the sexton, and a room for a chapel for present use, small indeed for the purpose, but which must answer until means are obtained to complete the original plan. The Board fervently trusts that this may not long be delayed.

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At this Mission the Rev. Thos. A. Hyland does efficient work.

The services of the Mission at Large are kept up in a small, and not very attractive, room, at Coenties Slip. There the Missionary struggles manfully against great difficulties in the character of the surroundings. The people he has to deal with are chiefly from the canal barges which lie in the slips.

In suitable weather, he reads a short service and preaches on the pier, either in the open air or under a tent provided for the purpose. A congregation is gathered, sometimes numerous, always decorous, composed partly of passers-by, partly of boatmen, partly of the families of the latter, sometimes sitting on the decks of their boats. It is enough to encourage the Missionary to speak forth the words of truth and soberness. This arrangement brings such words to the ears of many who would probably never hear them under any other circumstances.

The Missionary is the Rev. Isaac Maguire.

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The Missionaries make monthly reports to the Board of their work and its results. Members of the Board, appointed for the purpose, and volunteers, attend the Sunday services and make like reports.

The seamen who attend these various services are not there only as spectators. Many follow them in the prayer-book, as the places are announced, page by page. Many join in the chants and hymns.

The prayer books, testaments and other books, in various languages, given out after the service, are gladly accepted, and doubtless carry with them their good effects long afterwards.

Numerous are the letters from men at distant places, and warm the assurances in person, bearing testimony to good effects produced in minds led to resist sin and to struggle for a better life. The Bishop of the Diocese is called yearly to administer Confirmation to candidates.

The whole expense for the year, of all the labors by Mission-

aries, Colporteurs, Sextons, for Reading Rooms, Sunday Schools and Church Services, has been only \$10,000.

Yet, the contributions of the Church fall short, and the Sc ciety is left in debt to the Treasurer. It is surely unnecessary to repeat what has been so often urged, the peculiar claim which the seaman has upon us, from his friendless and exposed condition. All men see it. It has been the theme of the story teller and the moralist. It has supplied the charm of many a tale, to the child and the adult. It is true that he has been raised from the depth of former degradation; that his position and his condition have been vastly improved by Societies such as this. But the fact remains, that he is a peculiar person, ready to lapse into wildness of living; so isolated from the associations which help to defend other men, that he requires especial protection, which it is the duty of the Christian to supply. Is there a work that appeals more strongly to churchmen than this, for a class so helpless and at our very doors?

The Board acknowledges its usual obligations for books, tracts and papers, to the N. Y. Bible Society, N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society, American Tract Society, Church Book Society, Evangelical Knowledge Society, and the publishers of various church and other papers.

The reports of the Missionaries, of the Treasurer, and of the Superintendent of the Sailors' Home, will show the details of the work, of the money collected and expended, and of the shelter afforded.

Since our last report we have lost by death but one member of the Board, Wm. W. Wright, Esq. Mr. Wright was elected a Manager in 1854, and was continued in the Board until his death. When in health he was active in our work, and always a wise counsellor and friend.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1884.

This is the 26th Annual Report which the writer has had the honor of presenting to the "Board of Seamen's Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the City and Port of New York." It is now more than a quarter of a century since he received his appointment as missionary to the Station at Coenties Slip, near the South Ferry. During this long period he has been preserved in a remarkable degree from sickness or accident, having been absent but three Sundays from his post of duty from this or any other cause. For fourteen years he labored patiently, but cheerfully, in this station, generally preaching twice on each Lord's Day in the open air—in the Summer's scorching heat and in the Winter's piercing cold.

Unsolicited, the Board kindly transferred him from the open air station to the Floating Church, in February, 1872.

The same kind and gracious Providence accompanied him to his new field of labor, and the same kind and considerate gentlemen held up his hands as in the days of yore. And now at the close of nearly twenty six years of labor, he is in better health, more vigorous in body, more elastic in mind than when he first commenced, in fear and trembling, to deliver the gospel message to the men of the sea; and this he attributes in a great degree to the unwavering kindness and active sympathy of the kindhearted Christian gentlemen who compose the Board of Seamen's Missions.

During the past year your missionary has officiated 112 times in the Floating Church, and on 82 other occasions in the lecture rooms, 34 Pike Street, the New Sailors' Home, 338 Pearl Street, and elsewhere. He has thus had the opportunity of addressing some thousands of seamen on the subject of their salvation, and the good seed thus sown has not all fallen on barren ground, but has taken root in some hearts and is now bearing rich fruit to the glory of the Great Husbandman. It would occupy too much space to allude to the individual instances of conversion which have occurred in connection with this Mission since Easter of last year. These have been brought to the notice of the Board in the monthly reports of the writer. 42 new communicants have been added to the list, and of this number 27 have been seamen. Nearly every maritime country on the face of the globe has been represented at the services which were held in the Floating Church.

On one Sunday afternoon Testaments, Books and Tracts were distributed in twelve languages, and every seaman who has visited the church throughout the year, and desired a copy of the Holy Scriptures, has received it (printed in the tongue with which he was familiar) except the Slavonians. In the church record appear the names of 280 seamen who have communed within its sacred walls since the auspicious day when your missionary assumed its charge; but we know not how many have finished their course on earth and do now rest from their labors in that world where there is no sea; and yet we cannot efface their names, since after the lapse of ten long years, or more, sailors whom we have mourned as dead kneel down again at the chancel rails and partake of the Holy Sacrament.

The rite of confirmation has been administered twice in the "Church of our Saviour" during the past year. On Whitsunday the Right Rev. the Bishop of Springfield laid his hands on the heads of 21 persons; 10 being adults, and 6 of this number being seamen. And on the 25th of November the Right Rev. the Assistant Bishop of New York confirmed two seamen. The writer desires to express his gratitude to a member of the Board for his generosity in supplying him with a large number of Prayer Books and religious publications in nearly every language in Europe for distribution among the seamen who came to worship in the Chapel. He is also greatly indebted to the New York Bible Society, the "Evangelical Knowledge Society," the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book and Tract Societies for their liberal grants of books, tracts and papers.

The reading-room at 34 Pike Street has been open on every week day afternoon and evening throughout the year. Here in this comfortable and well-lighted apartment, seamen from the ends of the earth meet and converse in a most fraternal spirit. One evening last Winter a native African, a Russian and a Japanese sat at the same table exchanging friendly salutations. Since this room was opened many thousands of seafaring men have availed themselves of its numerous advantages, and have expressed their gratitude to the kind gentlemen who so considerately provided for the comfort and welfare of the wandering sons of ocean.

"Tossed on the bosom of the main, And doomed from zone to zone to roam, The sailor toils for others' gain But for himself he hath no home."

"The Floating Church Temperance Society," commenced 13 years ago by Mr. J. Williams, the sexton, has accomplished a large amount of good during the past year. 193 seamen have signed the pledge of total abstinence, persuaded mainly by the example and arguments of their nautical brethren. Since the organization of the Society 5,212 have enrolled their names as its members. Here again we suppose that some—perhaps many

-have passed into eternity, and we shall see their faces no more in this world. A large debt of gratitude is due to Mr. Williams for his perseverance and untiring zeal in the noble cause of temperance. It is to his exertions, in a large measure, that hundreds of seamen have been rescued from lives of sin and misery and are now rejoicing that the chains which bound them fast have been broken, and that they are no longer slaves, but free men. The sewing school for girls is an important adjunct of the Mission. On every Saturday morning since the beginning of November, from 30 to 40 bright little girls assembled in the rooms at 34 Pike Street to receive instruction in the use of the needle. It was a refreshing sight to look upon so many sweet, innocent faces bending over their agreeable tasks. The necessary funds are provided by the same kind lady who has sustained the school since its commencement. The Sunday School, the Guild of the Floating Church, and the Friday Evening Services have each in their respective spheres accomplished good. The Guild especially has proved a good friend to the sick members in their hour of suffering.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1884.

	STATISTICS FOR THE TEAK ENDING EASTER, 188	1.
	Services held in the Floating Church	112
	Services held in the Mission House, 34 Pike Street New Sailors'	112
	Home and elsewhere	100
	Home and elsewhere	82
	Total number of complete for the	
	Total number of services for the year	194
	Average attendance for each Sunday	190
	Average attendance of seamen at the Church for each Sunday.	57
	Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Reli-	
	glous Books, Papers and Tracts, in the Church after service	1128
	Number of communicants, including 280 seamen	385
	Number of Communion services held in the Church	15
	New communicants received during the year, including 27	10
	seamen	42
	Baptisms	42
	Confirmed.	
	Marriages.	23
ŝ	Ramala	17
	Burials	9
	Sunday School Teachers and Scholars.	91
	Total number of individuals who have connected themselves	
	with the Floating Church Temperance Society since its	
	organization, including 5,078 seamen	5212
	NAW members received during the year including 102 accorden	202
	Communion offerings, \$73.57; Poor Box, \$21.50; Box for Books,	
	SIL 19: St. LUKE & HOSDILSI SILL: A DODYMOUS (Lifts \$10.	
	Easter Offerings for the Poor, \$100; total	4 86
	Easter Offerings for the Poor, \$100; total	4740
	Number of visits made to vessels by lay assistant	3156
	Number of visits made to Seamen's Boarding houses	1622
	Number of seamen supplied with packages of religious papers,	1022
	etc., at 34 Pike Street	443
	Bibles	63
	Bibles Testaments in twelve languages	
	Praver Books	480
	Prayer Books. Miscellaneous Books in nine languages	311
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	Respectfully submitted,	
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Easter Monday, 1884.

ROBERT J. WALKER.

ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1884.

The work of this Mission has, during the past year, been prosecuted as heretofore. Divine services have been held regularly twice each Lord's Day. Immediately at the close of the afternoon service a meeting is held, for seamen only. In addition to these services, there is a meeting for religious worship every Wednesday evening at the Mission House, No. 90 Barrow Street. At all these services the average attendance has been good, and somewhat better than in former years. At the informal aftermeetings I am brought in close contact with the men, and thus have an opportunity of learning their sentiments. Repeatedly have I heard them say: "I am glad I found this place;" "You will find me here every time I am in port;" 'You turned the tide for me to day." "When I get home," said a sailor who had been deeply moved by what he heard, "I will tell the Vicar all about these meetings." Another said to me at the Reading Room: "I am writing to my wife to tell her I have given my heart to Christ; she will be so g'ad to get this news; she has been praying for me for years." Scarcely a week passes that I do not hear similar expressions from one or more seamen. About six months ago I had printed a form of pledge for those who desire to live a Christian life. It reads as follows :

"I, (giving the name), remembering the strict account I must give at the Great Day, and trusting in Divine Grace, do resolve henceforth to avoid sin, and the occasions of sin, and to lead the life of a true servant of Jesus Christ."

This pledge has supplied a long felt want. I scarcely ever have an opportunity to speak with the men on religious subjects except at the after meetings, and if they do not make a public profession of religion then and there, the opportunity passes away, perhaps forever. This form of pledge has been in use not quite five months. In that time 44 men have signed it. I consider this very encouraging, especially as many of the men who stay to the after-meetings are already consistent Christian seamen. Besides this form of pledge I have another for men who desire to leave off the use of intoxicants. It reads as follows :

"I, (giving the name), hereby promise by Divine assistance, not to drink as a beverage, any intoxicating liquois for" (here the time is specified by the person signing).

This pledge has been signed during the past twelve months by 156 seamen. This is a goodly showing in proportion to the number who attend the after-meetings, and especially as many of the men belong to other temperance organizations, and hence do not need to sign. This feature of the work I consider of vast importance, as intemperance is the sailor's besetting sin.

The Sunday School continues its good work as heretofore, with an increased attendance. The Superintendent, a devout layman, is deeply interested in the work and is anxious to do what he can to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom. It would not be easy to estimate the good accomplished by this school. Only for it many of these children would now be growing up without religious instruction; others, of Roman Catholic parentage, would probably be imbibing false doctrines; and two, of "the stock of Israel," would be growing up in ignorance of Christ's divinity. These, with many others, are receiving faithful instruction from nine teachers who cheerfully give their time to this labor of love.

Shortly after the last Annual Meeting, Mr. Charles Hernberg, the first and only Sexton of this Mission, after a service of thirtyseven years, was retired on an annuity, by the Board of Managers. Mr. Hernberg was an old sailor, and, so far as is known, is the only survivor of the crew which sailed with Commodore Wilkes on his Exploring Expedition, in the United States Ship Peacock. This vessel was wrecked on the Columbia River bar on the 18th of July, 1841. In escaping from this wreck, Mr. Hernberg sustained injuries from which he never fully recovered. He is now bordering on four score years, and is yet able to attend the services of the Mission, and to gather with the faithful around the Table of the Lord.

The new Mission House which we expect to occupy in a few weeks will, I believe, prove a great blessing to seamen on the North River, especially to the men on the regular lines of English steamers which moor in the vicinity of the Chapel. The new building is an attractive and convenient structure, and when the Church and Parsonage are erected, the whole will form a complete Sailors' Institute, superior to anything of its kind in this country, and not surpassed in any other.

I desire to acknowledge, with thanks, the valuable contributions of books, papers, and magazines that have been sent to the Mission during the past year. By means of these gifts I have been enabled to supply every sailor visiting the Mission with a book and a package of papers before going to sea. To others who have aided by their means and personal services, I also tender my warmest thanks. Without this aid, the efficiency of the

Sunday School would have been greatly curtailed, and many a poor family would have suffered for the common comforts of life. The following are the statistics for the year :

Number of Services in the Church on Sundays	104
" on other days	14
on other days	
" at the Mission House, the Home and other places	74
" of Communion Services	19
Total Number of Services	-211
Total Number of Service	5,742
Number attending the Sunday Services.	
" " Week day Services	1,240
Aggregate Attendance	6,982
number of Seamen attending services	2,009
" receiving books	1,285
receiving books	
Number attending Reading room	3,243
" of Sunday School Scholars and Teachers	103
" signing Temperance Pledge " Pledge to live a Christian Life	156
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Baptisms	7
Confirmed	
Marriages	21
Funerals	19
Communicants	50
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Prayer Books. 187; Miscellaneous, 971. Total	1,285
Pages of Tracts.	20,000
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Pack uses of Reading given to Sailors going to sea.	563
Books \$1840 - Sunday School Festivals and Thanksgiving and	
Christmas Dinners for the Poor, &c. \$125.50; Baby Shelter,	
\$14.19; Washington Mission, \$60.00; Church Temperance So-	
\$14.19; Washington Mission, \$60.00; On the Debaal Offer	
ciety, \$4 20; St. Luke's Hospital, \$14.72; Sunday School Offer-	
ings, \$29.42; N. Y. Bible Society, \$6.00; N. Y. Bible and Com-	
mon Prayer Book Society, \$4.60 : Aged and Infirm Clergy,	
\$5.71 (10tg)	371 43
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Respectfully submitted,

T. A. HYLAND.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF COENTIES SLIP STATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1884.

The work of the Out Door Station has been conducted on the same regular and steady plan as in former years, and is marked with a growing success, especially amongst the inhabitants living in the neighborhood of the Station. The seamen and boatmen whose business draws them to this part of the City, show an increasing interest in the services from year to year, and manifest oftentimes unfeigned joy when permitted after months of absence to join again in the worship of God on the familiar pier, and in the mission room when Winter drives us to its shelter.

Your missionary has been privileged to see some cases of the Gospel proving itself to be the power of God to salvation, of the story of the Cross having a reforming, renovating and ennobling influence, of the simple declaration of the truth of Christ being fitted to give peace, contentment and comfort, when nothing else could quiet a tempest-tossed, sin-smitten conscience and weary soul. He has been strengthened while endeavoring to impart strength to others, and had his convictions of the Word of God being a balm for every wound, intensified by seeing its healing effects upon the hearts of those with whom he conversed. He can testify from personal experience that the most effectual way to promote inward satisfaction and joy is in the effort to make others happy, and that all doubts about the truth of the Gospel vanish by actively working for the salvation of the souls of the multitudes around us.

The open-air services which are held on the pier, and which are the most encouraging part of the work at this Station of the Society, were marked by an interest not excelled by that of any other year in the history of the Mission. The congregations were generally attentive and devout. They were made up of men of many climes and colors, who differ widely in their social habits and modes of thought ; the large majority, however, were English-speaking citizens of our own country, who ply their trade on the canals and rivers during the Summer season of the year. They are quiet and respectful hearers of the Word of God, and in full sympathy with the aim and objects of our Society. A few of those who assemble with us are ignorant and prejudiced, and would prevent the dissemination of the Word of God in any form, were their power proportioned to their will. Many landsmen who live in the lower part of the City are regular attendants at these services. They listen with remarkable attention to your missionary while he is reading or preaching the Word of God. Although widely differing from him in forms of worship, and in some doctrinal standards, they have yet often expressed to the writer their unqualified approval of his work, and their sympathy in his endeavors to inculcate those truths of the Gospel which nearly all Christians hold in common, and consider necessary to salvation.

Nearly five thousand persons — four-fifths of whom were sailors, boatmen and their families—were addressed last year at these services on the most important doctrines of grace. Some have departed this life; the rest are scattered over the face of the earth and shall never meet again. It is only the revelations of the judgment that will disclose the effect of our work—the salvation or condemnation of those who heard the Gospel being dependent upon their acceptance or rejection of its message. Now that the canals are free, the boatmen hope for a large share of the carrying trade from Buffalo to New York. This will involve the employment of a greater number of men for the increased traffic by water, and the result must be larger congregations at the out-door services than we have had for two or three years past.

The services which were held in the mission room on Sunday mornings and afternoons in Winter, and when the weather was too stormy for services outside, were attended by six hundred persons whose home is on the water the year round. The attendance at these services is governed in a measure by the state of the weather and by the condition of the streets and piers. Sometimes there are only a few in the room; at other times there are as many as thirty or forty sailors, boatmen and their wives and children present. There are many humble and devout Christians to be found amongst them; they highly appreciate the religious privileges that are free and open to them at the mission-room in Coenties Slip. The missionary visits their sick and buries their dead, and strives to administer comfort to the bereaved and sorrowing.

The prayer meetings which are still kept up on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, retain their wonted attractions for those referred to above. At these services the people seem to be brought nearer the missionary, and are more closely identified with him in his work than at the regular and more formal services. There is always an opportunity at these prayer meetings for intelligent, pious sailors and boatmen to address words of warning and invitation to their ship-mates and fellow boatmen. Those who participate in the exercises speak from their knowledge of what God had done for their souls; their appeals are well received by those, who like themselves at one time are now living sinful and unhappy lives.

The evidence that these converted sailors and boatmen give of their conversion to God is undeniable, and cannot be doubted when contrasted with their former habits and manner of life. Their short and effective addresses make a deep and convincing impression upon the minds of the hearers, and in numerous cases one sailor or boatman has been the means of winning others to Christ.

The reading-room is a most successful branch of our work at Coenties Slip. Over ten thousand visits were made to it since last Easter—the largest number in any year since it was opened. It serves as a school for those who wish to gain instruction by the reading and study of the books in the library; and it is a resting-place for sailors, who weary of waiting for a "chance" at the shipping offices along South Street, come in to see the daily papers, turn over the files of the "Shipping Gazette," or some of the other nautical journals, to discover the latest ship news. Others may be seen sitting by the writing-desk dictating letters to some far off mother or sister, calling to mind the days of childhood, the associations of home and long parted friends.

The utility of a reading-room in connection with the station will be evident to any one who will remember that the sailor has few acquaintances, that he is a homeless stranger, and though living in this great City, and making up a part of its numerous floating population, is, in some respects as much alone as when out on the boundless ccean, or transported to some unknown and desert region.

The missionary has held services in his turn in the Home in Pearl Street on Wednesday evenings. There also he has had opportunities of addressing sailors, and conversing with them on various topics; but with the ultimate object of leading their thoughts to spiritual matters.

Through the influence of its faithful Superintendent souls have been born into the kingdom of God. It has been a place of rest and a refuge for many a tempest-tossed mariner, who, but for the safety and protection which it afforded would be baited of his hard-earned wages by the "land sharks" and low boardinghouse keepers, who are unceasingly watching to make the sailor an easy prey.

The missionary distributed a large number of books, tracts and religious papers in the past year. He is hopeful that these printed preachers will be the means of silent admonition and instruction to the sailor when deprived of the means of grace offered to him in the sanctuary by the spoken word.

The following are the statistics since last annual report :

Services	s in the open air on Sundays	64
**	" Mission Room on Sundays	46
11	" evenings	88
16	elsewhere	20

Total services for the year	218
Present at the open-air service	4 720
Average attendance at each service	74
Present at the in-door service	621
Average attendance at each service	14
Attendance at the Prayer Meetings	1,030
Persons present at all the services	6,371
Number of visits to the Reading-room	10,284
Persons supplied with Books	1,640

BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles in various languages	70
Testaments " "	
Prayer Books	50
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Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

Tuesday before Easter, April 8th, 1884.

NEW YORK, March 31, 1884.

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 1, 1883, twelve (12); entered the Home from April 1, 1883, to March 31, 1884, six hundred and seventy (670); total for the year, six hundred and eighty-six (686.)

Gone to sea and friends	673
March 31, 1884, in the Home	13
Money received from Seamen and returned to them from April 1, 1883, to March 31,	686
1884.	\$17,659 89
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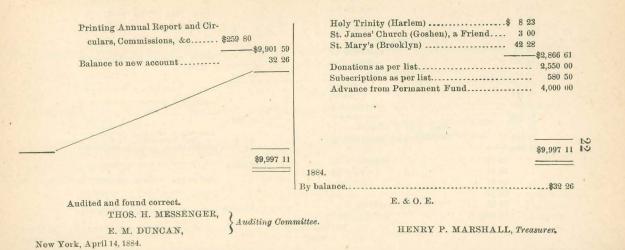
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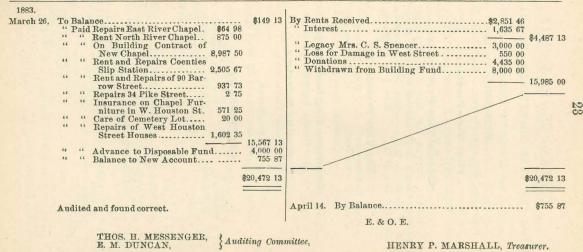
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Meigs, Henry	6.6	5 00
Nelson, Mary N	1883	5 00
Potter, Howard	1883	5 00
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Pott, Francis	4.4	5 00.
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Richards, E. H	1883	2 00
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Renwick, H. B	**	25 00
Rhinelander, Julia	4.4	25 00
Richards, Mrs. E. H	1884	5 00
Ruckel, J. H Ruckel, Miss Jesse	1883	10 00
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Sampson, E. C	++	5 00
Thompson, Capt. W.C.	1883	10 00
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