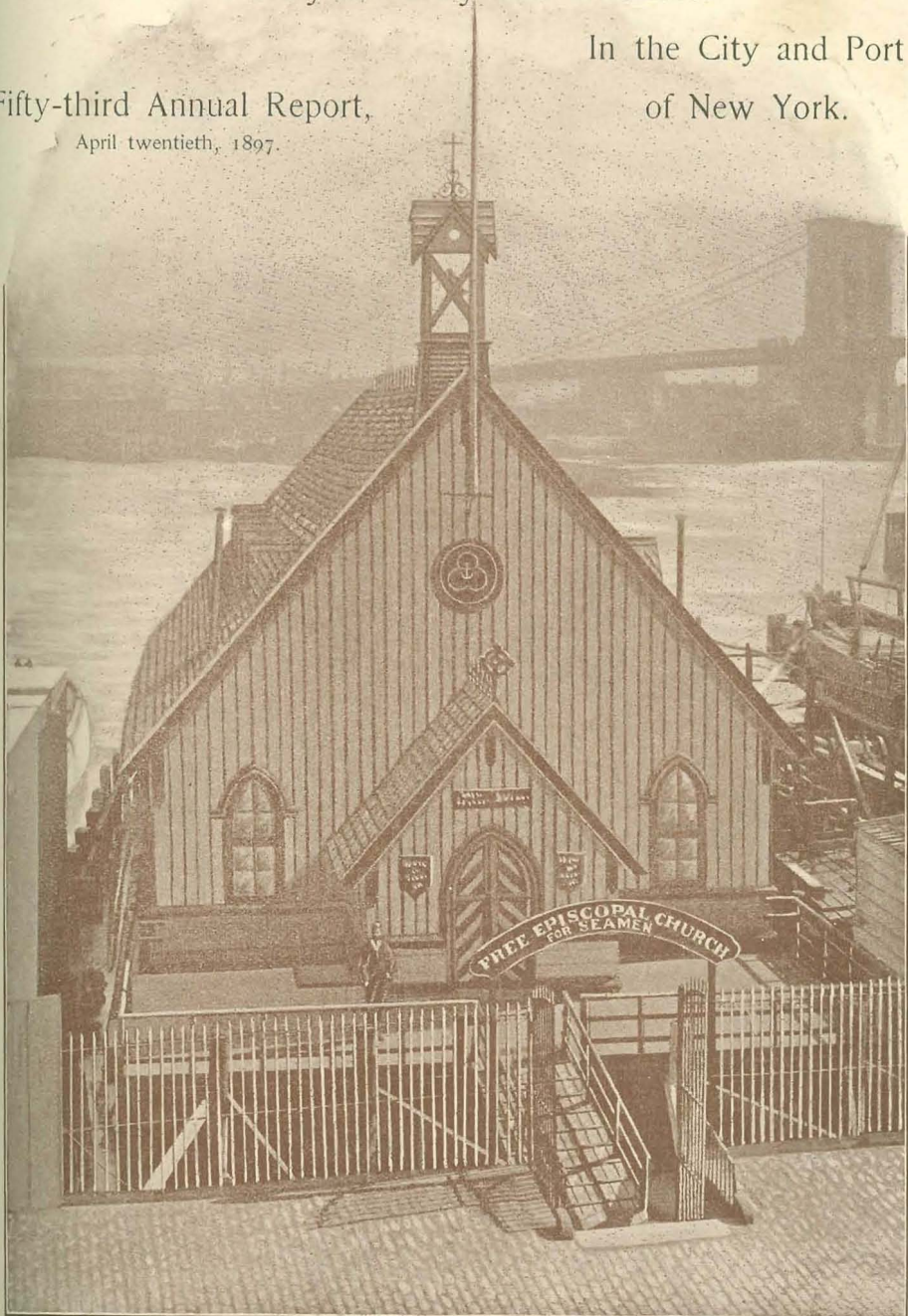


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Missionary Society for Seamen

In the City and Port  
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Fifty-third Annual Report,  
April twentieth, 1897.



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PRESENTED  
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY,  
EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897.

# Officers of the Society

Chosen at the Annual Meeting, April 20, 1897.

## President.

Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., LL. D.

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B. T. Van Nostrand, 1887	James Pott, 1892	Chas. F. Hoffman, 1897

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## Attorney for the Society.

Edmund L. Baylies, 54 Wall Street.

A letter from its President and Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., LL. D., addressed to the secretary and bearing date March 18th, 1897, speaks as follows, concerning its work :

“I congratulate the Church Missionary Society  
“for Seamen on its admirable work, and I cannot  
“doubt that it will have the sympathy of all  
“Christian people. As a missionary agency it is  
“one of paramount importance, not only to those  
“whom it immediately reaches, but to those every-  
“where to whom the seaman goes. May God  
“bless and prosper it.”

Very faithfully yours,

H. C. POTTER.

Communication from Captain A. T. Mahan,  
U. S. Navy, (retired).

April 10, 1897.

There is no condition of life that should appeal more strongly to the sympathy of the fortunate than that of the homeless ; not merely, nor even chiefly, of those who are without home in the sense of lacking physical shelter or comfort, but of the more numerous class, who have the things necessary to the body, but are separated from the family ties and affections which protect innocence and hallow life. No form of Christian activity is wiser, or more fruitful, than that which seeks to stop the beginnings of evil, by providing the surroundings of home for youths launched alone in the midst of our great cities.

To be homeless, in the last named sense, is the inevitable condition and the sore temptation of the seaman in every port ; save, possibly, in some one, where a relative or a friend may reside. In this one fact is summed up the trials and the dangers, which most distinctly separate him from other members of society. Of the latter, even those who, arriving strangers, do not form family ties in the city of their adoption, nevertheless gradually gather round them, as time passes, affections or friendships ; which, in part at least, take the place of the family fireside and influence existence happily. The shortness of the seaman's stay, the uncertainty of his return to the same spot, preclude the possibility of a like issue to him. He arrives a wanderer, flits for a few days through the streets, and then, again a wanderer, he departs.

It is upon this distinctly friendless condition, which needs but a moment's reflection to be realized by any one, that the appeal of this Society, and of the others of kindred aim in the City and Port of New York, must rest. Men who are not touched by this will be touched by nothing. These Societies aim to afford a home as well for the body as for the soul ; and as well for the soul as for the body. If they cannot provide the wanderer with father and mother, brothers and sisters, they strive at least to supply a friend or friends, who at some well known spot, and surrounded with some degree of modest comfort and convenience, stand ready to welcome, to assist, and, far beyond mere material help,—though that too is extended—, to show unpretentious sympathy and to promote comradeship among those who go out and in. Clubs and associations are imperfect substitutes for

home ; but, though imperfect, they can in part supply its place, by bringing man in contact with man under genial surroundings. Under such conditions the power of external evil is minimized. The individual has not to seek debauchery because of mere weariness and aimlessness of monotony. He has, indeed, still to resist the evil within, as do all ; but reasonable employment of mind and decent companionship remove in great measure the crowd of temptations that spring from mere disoccupation.

Such centres of influence this Society—with others—has established in New York and has long sustained ; and alongside of the home, unobtrusive but open, refraining from solicitation but stretching out its arms to those who will come, stands the Church, ready to minister to spiritual wants as well. But, great commercial city though this is, and freehanded as are its citizens, the very wandering of the wayfarer, which constitutes his privations, removes him also from men's thoughts. Money is not given in amount adequate to the continuance of this simple work, on the lines so far, though with difficulty, maintained. Let those, therefore, of our household of faith put it to themselves on these grounds, when in the happiness of their own homes : that there are those ever coming and going in this city, ministers to its wealth, who are homeless ; that members of their own communion are making organized effort for the benefit of such ; and that the work languishes for want of means.



## Report of the Board of Managers.

Many centuries ago it was written : "And he began to teach by the seaside and there was gathered unto him a great multitude." Never before has our Society been so profoundly impressed by the multitude at the seaside and its pressing needs as now.

A great commerce must ever demand this throng at the seaside, especially, in those places, where nature has done so much to attract that commerce as she has done in the Port of New York. We have endeavored to meet some of the needs of these many sailors in this city and to what extent we have succeeded may be partially comprehended by a hasty glance at some of the figures and facts which appear on the records of our several stations. We find that there have been during the past year 673 services held which have been attended by 29,215 men. That 108,653 seamen have availed themselves of our reading rooms. That of substantial reading matter including Bibles, Prayer Books and miscellaneous books, there have been 6,100 volumes, or copies distributed. That in our reading rooms seamen have written and received 10,476 letters. Many other important features of the work are set forth in the reports of our chaplains, which follow. Surely these are encouraging facts and we have had additional encouragement afforded us in the generous pecuniary aid given to us, in this, our hour of need. In this connection we are glad to make grateful acknowledgment of the liberality of Mr. W. Waldorf Astor in creating a fund of \$50,000 the income whereof is to be appropriated to the payment of the salary of one of our chaplains and any surplus to the payment of the salaries of our other missionaries.

We have also been the recipients of some very acceptable legacies. One of \$5,000 from Miss Phebe Pearsall, who had been for many years among our contributors. And another which we owe largely to the generous and kind remembrance of a devoted friend and benefactor of our work, who has so often manifested his interest by his liberal support, namely Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, a long time efficient and valuable member of our Board, in selecting our society as one of the beneficiaries, to the extent of \$735 27, under a clause in the will of the late Hosier Morgan of England, giving the income from \$4,470.54 for the relief of the poor of New York City. We most earnestly hope that we may soon have to record more of just such proofs of a living interest in our welfare ; and if we are to accept the responsibilities that will be forced upon us by the building of new piers extending over two miles up the North River, from 23d to 81st streets, it is

difficult to see how we can get on without much liberal aid. It is hard to part with any of our earnest co-workers, but the sad fact meets us that death, during the past year, has taken from our ranks two whose valuable assistance will be missed. The Rev. Dr. Chas. F. Hoffman, one of our clerical vice-presidents—a man whose character has so endeared him to this community—for very many years had shown himself a true friend of our society, both by liberal contributions and a readiness when called upon to advise and encourage the work. Capt. A. P. Cooke, of our Navy, brought to the society that sympathetic interest in and desire to forward its efforts which we realize as being so serviceable to us.

With the recital of these our losses and achievements our record does not close. On the contrary, it is granted to us to assure our friends that the last year has opened up to the Society such possibilities—such a promise of widespread influence, as it has never before known. In short, we have entered upon a new era—an era of broad development. Few will venture to set a limit to what may be accomplished through co-operation—and this is the main feature of our new era. It may not be uninteresting to review some of the facts connected with this movement.

An effort has been successfully made this year by your Board to bring about co-operation among the several benevolent societies in New York which labor for the benefit of seamen. At the request of this society, delegates from the Society for the Promotion of the Gospel in the Port of New York, The Marine Society, The Maritime Association, The Christian Endeavor Seamen's Bethel Society, The Seamen's Friend Society and this Society have had frequent meetings in "Joint Conference" and have discussed the following subjects in their relation to seamen:—

Federal and State Legislation.

Municipal and Harbor protection and the regulation of Sailors' Boarding Houses.

Grievances and legal aid.

Hospital and other relief.

Free Labor Bureau for the shipment of seamen and a school for navigation.

Committees on these several matters have made laborious investigations and have submitted valuable reports, which have already produced excellent results and promise still greater benefits to seamen as the plans now in progress mature and develop under the favorable auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and other influential organizations whose interest has been aroused and whose influence has been enlisted in their behalf.

It has not been deemed wise by the "Joint Conference" to undertake aggressive work, but it seeks to interest individual societies which have

been duly incorporated and authorized by charter to sue and be sued in the development of their recognized field of labor. For this reason, your Board of Managers has employed a suitable person to seek out, advise and protect sailors from robbery and outrage when they arrive in this port as strangers to receive their accumulated earnings. His daily reports show that much good work has been done, and arrangements are now being made for the establishment of a Free Shipping Bureau under the auspices of another Society. It is hoped that someone will stand sponsor for the proposed school for navigation. The Chamber of Commerce having unanimously approved of the report of O. Egerton Schmidt, its Commissioner for Licensing Sailor Boarding Houses and ordered its distribution has thus shown its disposition to recognize the sailor's claim to more complete protection. An extract from its minutes will show some of the evils and suggested remedies:

"The illegal occupation of so-called runners, and the abuses to which seamen are subjected on arrival at and in shipping from this port have had, and are having the earnest attention of the Board of Commissioners, and with the promised hearty aid of City and Federal officials they can now, at least, see a little daylight ahead.

"The state of affairs in connection with seamen in this port has been a disgrace to a city calling itself progressive and civilized, and very much needs to be done before we can even approach the good systems now prevalent in England through the active intervention of its Board of Trade, or on the Continent of Europe, for the protection and care of seamen while in or shipping from this port.

"The school for navigation and the Free Shipping Bureau are projects which the Chamber of Commerce might well endorse, with its full approval.

"If some New York man of position and ability could be appointed as United States Shipping Commissioner, and would sacrifice his ease to the proper daily conduct of the affairs of his office, many of the evils which now exist regarding the welfare and shipping of seamen might be greatly alleviated, if not cured."

In matters of legislation, the influence of the society "and of the Joint Conference" has been exerted in behalf of better accommodation on ship board for seamen, curtailment of the power of the "crimp" and "land-shark" and the abolition of allotment notes or advance wages for payment of sailors' debts. It is believed that sailors will not incur debts and claims will not be preferred against them when it is known that sailors' wages will not be paid until earned, and that allotment notes can only be given for the benefit of the sailor's immediate family.

Shall we press on with the work, or are we to stop on the very threshold? Are we to avail ourselves of these new and efficient instrumentalities for accomplishing vastly more good than ever, or not?

If one scans the steamer passenger lists, especially during the summer season, he will find there the names of many of those who are prominently identified with the work of the Episcopal Church in this city. No one, for one moment, supposes that these most charitable and liberal hearted people would refuse, in a rational way, to better the lot of the men unto whom they are willing to entrust their lives and treasure. The truth is, though, that the matter escapes their attention. Why not, then, make thank offerings to our Society on returning from each successful voyage?

If the rectors of our churches would devote one sermon a year to this cause, it would be most helpful and encouraging. The Rev. Dr. Parks, of Calvary Church is entitled to the grateful acknowledgment of the Society for the eloquent sermon recently preached by him in behalf of seamen, at Christ Church.

Our income this year should be \$18,000. In the year just past our expenses were \$13,912.54. Income, \$12,709.49. Deficit, \$1,203.05. Average deficit for three years past, \$3,173.98.

Unquestionably our policy must be made to conform to the condition of our treasury. Does this mean that we are to neglect the sailor and let him become a mere bit of machinery, like the other machinery on shipboard, which now does so much of the work that was formerly his? Does it mean that we are to abandon him now to be preyed upon afresh by crimps and other vultures? Does it mean that at this stage we are to withdraw, and throw our share of benefiting the condition of the sailor upon other organizations, so ready now to co-operate with us?

Now that our chance for development is so exceptional—now that such great and rare opportunities are offered us, will not our friends, who have often so liberally aided us in the past—our friends, who are constantly entrusting so much that is dearest and most valuable to the care of men of the sea—our friends who believe that the sailor like the child should be protected, realize the situation and come to our relief?

Remember that the way in which charitable work is done in this city often forms a model for doing like work in other cities throughout the country, so that in helping the cause here one may be doing very much for it elsewhere. Few were the years of our Lord's ministry upon earth, but how often do we find him giving of his best to the multitudes by the seaside. What shall we give these multitudes?

## Summary of Work for the Year.

Total number of services,	- - - - -	673
Total attendance at services,	- - - - -	29,215
Baptisms,	- - - - -	57
Confirmations,	- - - - -	29
Communion services,	- - - - -	79
Burials,	- - - - -	44
Marriages,	- - - - -	43
Visits at the reading rooms,	- - - - -	108,653
Letters written by sailors and boatmen in the reading rooms, and received in care of the Missions,	- - - - -	10,476
Bibles, Testaments and Miscellaneous Books distributed,		6,100
Visits to Ships, Boats and Boarding Houses,	- - - - -	10,863

# Stations of the Society.

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## EAST RIVER STATION.

### Floating Church of Our Saviour,

PIER 40, EAST RIVER, BETWEEN PIKE AND MARKET STREETS.

SERVICES ON SUNDAYS at 10.30 A. M. and 8 P. M.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 2 P. M., at 34 Pike Street.

WOMEN'S HOPE CLUB every Tuesday at 8 P. M.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY every Wednesday at 7.30 P. M.

SERVICE AND LECTURE every Friday at 7.30 P. M., and MEN'S HOPE CLUB at 8 P. M.

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR SEAMEN, Saturdays, at 8 P. M.

READING ROOM open daily, 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.

REV. ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD, Chaplain.

Residence, 34 Pike Street.

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## NORTH RIVER STATION.

### Church of the Holy Comforter for Sailors, and Seamen's Institute,

No. 341 WEST STREET.

SERVICES ON SUNDAYS at 10.30 A. M. and 8 P. M.

SERVICE AND LECTURE every Friday at 7.30 P. M.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 9.30 A. M.

READING ROOMS open daily, 2 to 10 P. M.

CLUB MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS FOR SEAMEN, Tuesday evenings at 7.30.

REV. WALTER A. A. GARDNER, Chaplain.

Residence, 341 W. Houston Street.

Send Packages to 341 West Street.

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## COENTIES SLIP STATION.

### Services on the Dock in Summer and in Mission Room in Winter,

ON SUNDAYS at 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

READING ROOMS open daily from 8.30 A. M. to 6 P. M., at 21 Coenties Slip.

MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB meets every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, from the middle of November to the middle of April.

DORCAS SOCIETY meets at 3 P. M. every Thursday, from Dec. 1st to the end of April.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB meets every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, from the latter end of November until the Canals open, about the 1st of May.

REV. ISAAC MAGUIRE, Chaplain.

At the Mission Room.

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## SAILORS' HOME.

No. 52 MARKET STREET.

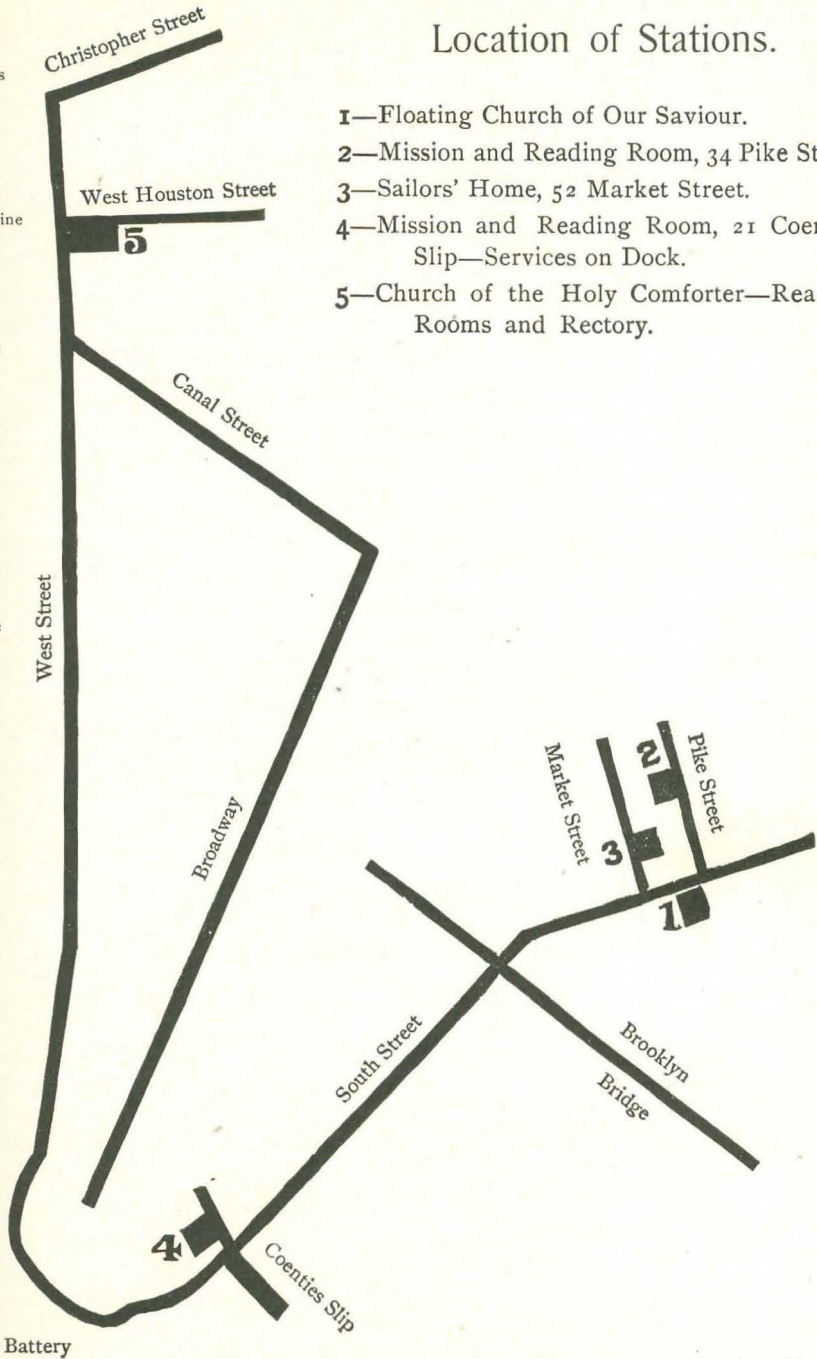
MR. HENRY SMITH, - - - Superintendent.

## Location of Stations.

Quebec & West Indies  
Line  
White Star Line  
French Line  
Cunard Line  
Atlantic Transport Line  
National Line  
White Star Line—Ft  
Morgan Line  
Savannah Line  
Pacific Mail  
Southern Pacific Line

Southern Pacific Line

Red Star Line  
American Line



- 1—Floating Church of Our Saviour.
- 2—Mission and Reading Room, 34 Pike Street.
- 3—Sailors' Home, 52 Market Street.
- 4—Mission and Reading Room, 21 Coenties Slip—Services on Dock.
- 5—Church of the Holy Comforter—Reading Rooms and Rectory.

## Annual Report of the Chaplain East River Station.

✓ As the feast of Easter draws nigh it is a fresh reminder of another year's work accomplished. During the past twelve months it has been a matter of great surprise to find how many persons there are, even among the clergy, who know so little, and in most cases, absolutely nothing of the church's work to seamen. Hence it has seemed good, for the information of such, to give in brief outline a sketch of the kind of work the East Side Station of the Seamen's Society is doing, hoping that this report may perchance reach them and arouse their interest.

The little Floating Church of our Saviour, which seats three hundred people, was described by one in 1845, thus: "It is moored in the East River, at the foot of Pike Street, a short distance from the wharf, scarcely protected from the influence of the tides, the currents, ice and the surrounding shipping, by large booms extending in a connection about it, and is entered by a gang plank on to a wide deck."

Here are conducted two services on Sunday and there has been a large increased attendance of sailors over last year, especially during the winter months. There have been more persons present at the celebrations—and this year the Thanksgiving service was held in the church for the first time with a very good congregation.

The Bishop of the diocese made his annual visitation in October, and administered the rite of confirmation to fifteen persons.

X At the Sailors' Home, which has been placed under the supervision of the East Side Station, there have been given on Monday evenings, informal receptions for sailors, followed by a service with music.

The effects of this new feature of the work cannot be over estimated. In this way we are not only brought in closer contact with the sailor already known to us, but also it gives us the opportunity of reaching a class of sailors, that seldom, if ever frequent Missions. Another service with a short lecture is held in the Mission House on Friday evenings, to which the sailors are invited from the reading room below and respond most willingly. Before all services, or meetings of any kind, the Colporteur visits the boarding houses, extending to the sailor a cordial invitation.

† The organization which has been longest in existence, and which accomplishes much practical good is the Floating Church Temperance Society. Since 1873—9,328 men have been persuaded to sign the pledge.



X In many respects, one of our most helpful auxiliaries, is the Men's Hope Club, organized in 1888. Its membership is composed almost entirely of sailors, 470 having been admitted since its existence.

In the words of the constitution the object is "For mutual improvement, raising the moral and religious standard of its members, social advancement and rendering assistance when necessary."

It is under the direction of this club that the Saturday night entertainments for seamen are conducted which nothing has been allowed to interfere with for many years, and which is undoubtedly the great night of the week. The sailor has learned from long experience that any Saturday night that he happens to be in port, if he comes to 34 Pike Street he will always find a crowd of jolly companions. Nothing has seemed so especially to strike our friends, who are familiar with the work, as the spirit and interest with which sometimes 150 men will spend the evening together in our Meeting room, amusing themselves. Our Reading room which, as mentioned above, is under the meeting room, is cozy, homelike and popular, and has sometimes by the sailors, been pleasantly called the Forecastle. It is well stocked with reading in different languages. Here the sailor may read, write and receive letters, or play games.

A package of reading matter is given to each seaman before sailing, and we are therefore constantly in need of large quantities of magazines and papers in the different languages.

There simply remains to mention the sewing school conducted by eight ladies, who have kindly volunteered their services, and a well attended Sunday-school, which is in sad want of teachers to help the Superintendent, Mr. Benj. G. Watson, in his faithful efforts.

In reviewing the results of the past year, and comparing statistics, we find there has been marked progress, for which all those interested in the uplifting of seamen should be devoutly thankful.

Grateful thanks must be given to all who have in any way assisted this much needed East Side work to seamen.

Especial thanks are due to Mrs. E. E. Williams, the Rev. W. G. W. Anthony and Mr. Benj. G. Watson for presentations to the church, also to Mrs. W. Calhoun, Mrs. Disbrow, and Miss M. L. Bishop, for donations to the sewing school.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD,

Tuesday in Easter Week, 1897.

CHAPLAIN.

## Annual Report of the Chaplain North River Station.

Under the providence of Almighty God, the record of another year's work, at this station has been full of interest and encouragement.

Our Seamen's Church and Institute, in the convenience of its situation, its close proximity to the docks, and in the completeness of its equipment, is becoming increasingly used and valued by the class for which it is intended.

The great need of the sailor in a strange port is a *personal friend*, one who will meet him full of sympathy and kindness as an individual; and no where in the world more than in the Port of New York.

In this connection, I wish to emphasize the special feature of this last year's work. We struck the right vein when we opened our lecture room for the organization of a social and literary society. It was entered into with a vim by the several crews who have found in it a pleasant and profitable way of spending the few nights in port. We have now a membership of four hundred and eighty-six.

Several officers have showed their interest in the welfare of the men, by accepting honorary positions in the Society, and the aim so far has been to prevail upon those of a musical and literary turn of mind to amuse the members by preparing an entertaining programme for general amusement, at least once, while in port. The crew of the S. S. "Umbria" gave the first concert.

By the recognition of the officers, on *all* the steamship lines, of the effort we are making through this medium and others, there have been eleven seamen shipped in fourteen days, from our room, preferring this method to shipping masters or crimps. I have been asked in this connection by both officers and men of the steamship lines, to thank most heartily, in their behalf, the Board of Commissioners appointed to inspect, and in a measure control Sailors' Boarding Houses, and for the revival of the old law to save their brothers from crimp and land shark.

Christ says to His disciples, "This gospel of mine is to cover all the world and for all mankind." To justify and realize more than what I knew, of our Lord's prophecy, I expressed to the Board of Managers, a long desired wish and they granted by a unanimous vote, the privilege of going to other lands to establish a brotherhood feeling with brethren of foreign ports. I sailed April 29th by the S. S. "St. Paul" of the American line.

I shall never forget my reception at Southampton, by that good man, Chaplain-Rev. J. K. Melliss, A. K. C. and the telegrams and letters of welcome to England. Then on to London to spend there happy hours with Commander W. Dawson, R. N., and General Secretary of the Missions to Seamen, who planned nearly all my trips. The great courtesy and kindness shown to me by Admiral Grant, C. B., of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society. The Lord Bishop of Liverpool. By members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade and the Messrs. Ismay, and by all the Chaplains and workers everywhere, and I must not forget Miss Weston, founder of the Royal Rests at Portsmouth.

We have received more than twenty anxious letters during the past six months from Chaplains and friends, asking us "Look out for such and such a man," or "such and such a ship," as that ship comes into port. We have been there and met him, to give him all the physical, moral and spiritual aids we could.

This has been a very severe winter for our seamen. During one week we visited in the surgical wards of one hospital, seven seamen, giving them what assistance we could. More than 200 seamen have been helped to meals, lodgings, clothing and medicine from the Fund. More than 400 men received a Christmas gift of woolen mufflers and wristlets, and several pails of candy and barrels of apples were distributed.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 13th, Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., LL. D., preached and confirmed a class of adults.

The Comforter Circle of King's Daughters presented a chair in oak for the chancel.

Mrs. E. A. Gardner and seven assistants, for twenty-one Saturdays have had in the Sewing-school an average attendance of 83 girls, out of one hundred and seventy-five names.

Our Christmas offering of \$12.00 was sent to the widowed mother of Steward Geo. Galt, of the S. S. "Britannic" who was lost from the ship off the coast of Ireland.

Twenty-six dollars was raised and devoted to the ice fund.

Special thanks are due to Captains and officers for courtesy and kindness in allowing us access to their vessels, at all reasonable times, and for shipping destitute seamen at our request; also to Steamship Companies, agents and superintendents for kindness and help. My grateful thanks are due to personal friends for contributions for the poor, for seamen's Christmas, and entertainments.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. A. GARDNER,

Tuesday in Easter Week, 1897.

CHAPLAIN.

## Annual Report of the Chaplain Coenties Slip Station.

The cheering and inspiring work of the out-door station of the Seamen's Society has been prosecuted during the past year and has produced results which have not been exceeded by any period in its history. Large congregations of devout worshippers have assembled every Sunday morning and afternoon for about six months of the year—that is, during the out-door season. The work at Coenties Slip is unique. There are no regular out-door services elsewhere so far as the writer knows, where people of different creeds may join in the prayers, and praises set forth in that treasury of devotion, our American prayer book.

The Coenties Slip station is very well known to the sea-faring community. Its voice has gone out into many lands, its words to the end of the world.

During the past winter, while the services were held in the Mission room, the attendance was usually good. We have recently introduced the use of the prayer book instead of the epitomized form of morning and evening prayer set forth in the service tract; so that the order of our services is more church-like than heretofore. We are assured this will conduce to the more thorough instruction and devotion of the worshippers. At no time therefore were the prospects of the future brighter. There has recently been manifested a band of brotherly union among those who attend the various services that cannot be mistaken. They realize that our best efforts are put forth in behalf of their temporal and spiritual well being; that the Mission room is their church, and that all plans carried on for their present and future happiness are based upon the teachings of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The Men's Social Club has met every Wednesday evening since the third of last December, and has been well attended. The members comprise tug-boat captains, deck hands, sailors and boatmen. In severe weather when the harbor is filled with floating ice, their boats are moored and as a result they have no employment. Many are improvident, and when winter comes they are penniless; consequently, are excluded from the resorts to which their more provident fellows are welcome, and naturally drift to the Mission for recreation and warmth in inclement weather.

They are always welcomed, and invariably enjoy the shelter and refreshment provided for them at the room. Those present play simple games, join in conversation, and the club is a success, and does much good. It is wholesome, and in many cases a counter attraction to the neighboring saloon.

The Women's Social Club has supplied a long needed want. This is evident from its growth, and the way in which the members advocate its cause. It is exclusively intended for the wives and daughters of our canal boatmen. They come every Thursday evening from all parts of the harbor, and are happy in meeting friends and acquaintances. They sometimes bring their husbands or brothers. The exercises consist of vocal and instrumental music, singing hymns, readings, and recitations. The programme is carried out by the members of the club. Very many of them are skilled in playing the organ, violin, guitar and mandolin, and largely augment the happiness and entertainment of the club. A more respectable and orderly assembly cannot be found anywhere. The average attendance each Thursday night since the beginning of last December was 124. Our room is not half large enough. It was always overcrowded except on two or three nights when the weather was very stormy.

The attendance at the reading room has shown a steady growth. All through last winter the room was filled from 8:30 A. M. until night. If we had a larger place we would doubtless have a correspondingly larger attendance.

The Dorcas society has continued its blessed work of the year previous. The members of the society come from afar, and at considerable sacrifice to make clothes for those who have not the time or skill to do so themselves.

The cold water fountain which was placed in the Mission room by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Church Temperance Society last June, is a most appreciated gift, and was largely patronized during the protracted period of hot weather last August, by the floating population of this neighborhood, as well as those who are residents.

The Chaplain would take this opportunity of again thanking the publishers of the daily and weekly journals for their hearty and liberal donations of papers and periodicals for the use of the reading room.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE,

CHAPLAIN.

Tuesday in Easter Week, 1897.

## Clubs at the Stations.

### EAST RIVER STATION.

The Clubs at 34 Pike Street all sprang from ten members of the Floating Church, who united under the name of the Hope Club, in 1888, with the intent to help in every way the interest of the Station.

It very soon grew sufficiently in numbers and interest to be of moment—adopted a badge and subdivided according to the needs of the work—into the Men's Hope Club, which looked after the sailors and added from them to their number—and the Women's Hope Club, which took charge of the Sunday-school and minor church matters.

The Men's Club soon grew into importance and its members were sailing all over the world, wearing its badge and with instructions to tell their brother seamen every where, that when they came into New York, they must be sure to rendezvous at the station, and especially to report for Saturday night, which had long been made a social evening meeting with simple entertainments.

The Women's Hope Club first began the work by drawing its members into close acquaintance, and its Tuesday nights became attractive. It has gone on until it has practically taken charge of the Sunday-school, the Christmas Festival expenses and those of the Summer Excursion, and has spent money upon the church furnishings, very liberally, according to its means.

The Temperance Society has been meeting Wednesday nights, for many years, at first under the faithful care of Mr. Williams, and for the last eight years under the good work of Mr. Montgomery. It is thoroughly alive and its yearly figures indicate what is in fact a thoroughly sympathetic and earnest association—doing the work which its name indicates.

### NORTH RIVER STATION.

The Seamen's Social and Literary Club, at this station, was started on the first Monday in November, 1896. It has now 449 members, with Chaplain Gardner, President; Wm. A. Cholwell, Treasurer; Charles H. Keene, Secretary; and one vice-president from each ship represented.

Each vessel having ten or more members may elect a vice-president and a committee of two. The vice-presidents of each vessel elect the president, treasurer, and secretary, who must each be residents of New York City.

Each member contributes five cents per month and is entitled to use of club room, games, library, and entertainments; also, if disabled in New York, he is to be looked after and cared for after leaving the hospital as the committee shall decide, until he gets another position on board ship.

Members left ashore in New York sick or disabled off any vessel are taken care of by the committee on each succeeding ship until they are once more afloat.

The funds to be used only for the relief or amusement of the members while in this port. This is not to be so construed as to prevent the crew of any vessel taking up a voluntary collection from its members to assist a member or his family in distress, whether in this or any other port.

The first practical work of the club was accomplished when the members on the S. S. "Umbria" favored the station with a concert on December 8. It was an unqualified success.

#### COENTIES SLIP STATION.

The Men's Social Club, at this station, meets on Wednesday nights. The meetings are very informal, with smoking, games and simple refreshments, they pass a most agreeable evening.

The Women's Social Club meets on Thursday evenings. These women come largely from the canal and other boats; they are much interested in the work at this station.

## Report of the Committee on The Sailors' Home.

X The Sailors' Home, at 52 Market Street, not far from the Mission Rooms at 34 Pike Street, has been greatly improved during the past year by the introduction of hot water heating apparatus in the extension, the construction of two bath rooms, a vestibule door, the establishment of a library with the necessary bookcase and a few books, including bibles, hymn books, bound volumes of illustrated magazines and other pictorial and popular publications. The "Home" element has been still further developed by the appointment of the Society Missionary, Rev. A. R. Mansfield, resident at 34 Pike Street, as visiting Chaplain, who conducts religious and social meetings for sailors at least once a week on the premises and who announces on the bulletin board of the house, the hours at which he and the Colporteur, Mr. Montgomery, will be in attendance each day for conference with any seamen desiring an interview.

A large printed canvas containing the Ten Commandments has been placed upon the walls of the public room, and the house has been re-furnished with mattresses and bedding, tables, chairs and other appropriate articles.

X The attention of your committee has been called to unlawful practices on the part of the keepers of Sailors' Boarding Houses and of Shipping Agents or Crimps and their runners and employees, by means of which seamen are victimized, and the lessee of the Home has been required to abstain therefrom, under penalty of forfeiture of his lease.

The federal statutes on this subject are as follows :

Section 4607. "If within twenty-four hours after the arrival of any vessel at any port in the United States any person then being on board such vessel, solicits any seaman to become a lodger at the house of any person letting lodgings for hire \* \* \* he shall for every such offense be punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment of not more than three months."

Section 4609. "If any person shall demand or receive, either directly or indirectly from any seamen, or other person on his behalf, any remuneration whatever for providing him with employment, he shall for every such offense, be liable to a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars."



Section 4515. "If any master, mate, or other officer of a vessel knowingly receives, or accepts, to be entered on board of any merchant vessel, any seaman who has been engaged or supplied contrary to the provisions of this Title [R. S. 4501-4613] *the vessel* on board which such seaman shall be found shall, for every such seaman, be liable to a penalty of not more than two hundred dollars."

It is believed that public sentiment is now ripe for the establishment of a Free Shipping Bureau, as advocated by the Society's Committee of Conference, the Joint Conference of Allied Societies and the Chamber of Commerce, and that such a Shipping Agency conducted under such auspices, will facilitate the shipment of seamen without cost to the sailor and without scandal and shame to the City and Port of New York.

Number of men received in the Home during the year ending April 1, 1897, -	-	-	756
Shipped during year, -	-	-	510
Went to friends, -	-	-	56
Went to Hospital, -	-	-	20
Entered the Navy, -	-	-	14
Ran away, -	-	-	13
Went to Sailors Snug Harbor -	-	-	2
Put out -	-	-	4
Died in Home -	-	-	1

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WELLS,  
CHAIRMAN.

## Treasurer's Statement from April 7, 1896 to April 20, 1897.

### Current Receipts and Expenses.

	<b>Receipts.</b>	
<b>DONATIONS :</b>		
Patrons.....	\$2,100 00	
Life Members.....	250 00	
Mrs. D. B. Whitlock, in memory of Daniel B. Whitlock.....	100 00	
Trinity Church, N. Y., Annual Stipend.....	800 00	
Other Contributions.....	1,082 50	\$4,332 50
Offerings in Churches.....		4,564 49
Annual Subscriptions.....		656 00
Rent of Sailors' Home.....		550 00
<b>INCOME :</b>		
Interest on \$5,000 U. S. 4% Consols.....	\$ 200 00	
Interest on Astor Fund.....	1,157 29	
Interest on Davenport Fund.....	98 88	
Interest on Permanent Fund.....	51 91	1,508 08
Special Contributions for the Poor, Festivals, Entertainments, etc. :		
North River Station.....	\$567 88	
East River Station.....	434 81	
Coenties Slip Station.....	95 73	1,098 42
		\$12,709 49
Balance, Deficiency for the year,		1,203 05
		\$13,912 54

	<b>Expenses.</b>	
<b>NORTH RIVER STATION :</b>		
Salaries.....	\$3,461 00	
Expenses.....	636 56	
Repairs.....	49 46	
Insurance.....	67 09	
Furniture.....	14 25	
Assessments, Repaving West Street.....	228 10	
Entertainments, etc., paid by special contributions.....	567 88	\$5,024 34
<b>EAST RIVER STATION :</b>		
Salaries.....	\$2,998 00	
Expenses.....	408 45	
Repairs.....	357 57	
Insurance.....	134 00	
Rent of Colporteur's Residence	420 00	
Books for Distribution.....	24 72	
Entertainments, etc., paid by special contributions.....	434 81	4,777 55
<b>COENTIES SLIP STATION :</b>		
Salaries.....	\$2,190 00	
Expenses.....	141 30	
Repairs.....	21 52	
Rent of Mission Rooms.....	750 00	
Rent of Chaplain's Residence	600 00	
Insurance.....	3 38	
Entertainments, etc., paid by special contributions.....	95 73	3,801 93

Balance on hand April 7, 1896 :		
In Disposable Fund.....	\$733 24	
In Morrill Foundation Income Fund .....	901 75	\$1,634 99
<b>MORRILL FOUNDATION INCOME :</b>		
Interest on Fund during the year.....	\$790 54	
Income from Hosier Morgan Legacy.....	1 25	791 79
<b>RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEE OF TRUST FUNDS :</b>		
For improvements, etc., at Sailors' Home.....	\$1,941 78	
From the Temporary Deposit.	2,485 65	4,427 43
Received from Hon. Wm. Waldorf Astor, (the income to be used for certain specified salaries)....	\$50,000 00	
Received Legacy of Phebe Pearsall	5,000 00	
Received Legacy of Hosier Morgan of England, (the income to be used for the poor).....	735 27	55,735 27
		\$62,589 48

Audited and found correct.

JOHN A. McKIM, }  
OSCAR E. MORTON, } *Auditing Committee.*

<b>SAILORS' HOME, 52 Market Street :</b>		
Salaries.....	\$ 40 00	
Books.....	24 00	
Insurance.....	14 00	78 00
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES :</b>		
Printing and Stationery.....	\$124 00	
Advertising.....	51 80	
Miscellaneous.....	54 92	230 72
		\$13,912 54

Deficiency in Current receipts and expenses.....		\$1,203 05
<b>MORRILL FOUNDATION INCOME :</b>		
Paid Chaplains and others for objects of the Fund.....		580 00
<b>SAILORS' HOME, 52 Market Street :</b>		
Improvements.....		1,437 61
<b>PAID COMMITTEE OF TRUST FUNDS :</b>		
Cash received from Hon. Wm. Waldorf Astor.....	\$50,000 00	
Cash received from Estate of Phebe Pearsall.....	5,000 00	
Cash received from Estate of Hosier Morgan.....	735 27	55,735 27
Balance on hand, in Disposable Fund.....	\$2,520 01	
In Morrill Foundation Income Fund .....	1,113 54	3,633 55
		\$62,589 48

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JOHN JEWELL SMITH, *Treasurer.*

## Report of the Committee on Trust Funds.

Assets.			
United States 4% Bond,	-	-	\$ 5,000.00
Canada Southern 2nds, \$1,000 cost,	-	-	583.75
Chesapeake & Ohio, \$10,000 cost,	-	-	8,112.50
Mortgage on 212 Houston Street,	-	-	11,000.00
Mortgage, 178th Street and Washington Avenue,	-	-	9,000.00
Mortgage, 144th Street and Railroad Avenue,	-	-	5,000.00
Mortgage, 138th Street and Willis Avenue,	-	-	15,000.00
Mortgage, 152 Second Street,	-	-	5,000.00
Cash on deposit N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co.,	-	-	25,008.99
			\$83,705.24
<b>Davenport Fund.</b>			
Income to be applied to the purchase of books for distribution among the seamen.			
Mortgage on No. 212 Houston Street,	-	-	\$2,000.00
<b>Morrill Foundation.</b>			
IN MEMORIAM OF THE LATE CAPTAIN CHARLES MONTGOMERY MORRILL.			
Income to be exclusively applied to the relief of destitute mariners, and those dependent on them who may have been left destitute by their death while following the sea.			
Mortgage on No. 212 Houston Street,	-	-	\$ 6,887.50
Chesapeake & Ohio, \$10,000 par value,	-	-	8,112.50
			15,000.00
<b>Hosier Morgan Fund.</b>			
Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation Fund.			
N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co.,	-	-	735.27
<b>W. W. Astor Trust Fund.</b>			
Income to be applied, first, to the support of Missionary at East River Station, and afterwards to the maintenance of any Missionaries employed by the Society.			
Mortgage, 178th Street and Washington Avenue,	-	-	9,000.00
Mortgage, 144th Street and Railroad Avenue,	-	-	5,000.00
Mortgage, 138th Street and Willis Avenue,	-	-	15,000.00
Mortgage, 152 Second Street,	-	-	5,000.00
N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co.,	-	-	16,000.00
			50,000.00
<b>Permanent Fund.</b>			
Income to be applied for the general purposes of the Society.			
"In Memoriam, J. R. M.,"	-	-	1,000.00
Mrs. N. E. Baylies,	-	-	50.00
Rhineland Fund,	-	-	5,000.00
			6,050.00
INVESTMENTS: Mortgage on No. 212 Houston Street,	-	\$1,050.00	
United States 4% Bond, (interest paid direct by United States to Treasurer),	-	5,000.00	\$6,050.00

The Sailors' Home.			
Amount on hand last account,	-	-	7,975.46
Interest from N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co.,	-	-	209.50
Interest, Mortgage on No. 212 Houston Street,	-	-	52.55
			<u>8,237.51</u>
LESS: Repairs, No. 52 Market Street,	-	-	1,941.78
INVESTMENTS: Mortgage on No. 212 Houston Street,	-	\$1,062.50	
N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co.,	-	-	5,233.23
			<u>\$6,295.73</u>

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Temporary Deposit.

Held subject to order of Board, to be used for general purposes.			
Balance last account,	-	-	\$985.65
Consisting of Canada Southern \$1,000,	-	-	583.75
			<u>401.90</u>
And cash in N. Y. Life Ins. Co.,	-	-	5,000.00
Phebe Pearsall legacy,	-	-	50.00
Canada Southern, interest	-	-	74.24
N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co., interest,	-	-	5,526.14
			<u>2,485.65</u>
Paid Treasurer,	-	-	3,040.49
Cash in N. Y. Life Ins. and Trust Co.	-	-	583.75
Canada Southern, \$1,000,	-	-	3,624.24
			<u>\$83,705.24</u>

Income.

Interest on Mortgage No. 212 Houston Street,	-	-	543.88	
Interest on Mortgage 178th Street and Washington Avenue,	-	-	233.75	
Interest on Mortgage 144th Street and Railroad Avenue,	-	-	125.00	
Interest on Canada Southern,	-	-	50.00	
Interest on Chesapeake & Ohio,	-	-	450.00	
Interest on N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co.,	-	-	1,083.53	\$2,486.16
(Interest on Mtgs. for \$15,000 and \$5,000, due May 1.)				
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: Davenport Fund,	Paid Treasurer,	-	98.88	
Morrill Fund,	ditto,	-	790.54	
Hosier Morgan Fund,	ditto,	-	1.25	
W. W. Astor Fund,	ditto,	-	1,157.29	
Permanent Fund,	ditto,	-	51.91	
The Sailors' Home,	-	-	262.05	
Temporary Deposit,	-	-	124.24	<u>\$2,486.16</u>

Dated, New York, April 14th, 1897.

HENRY LEWIS MORRIS, }  
BENONI LOCKWOOD, } Trust Fund Committee.

Securities examined and found to agree with above account.

Dated, New York, April 20th, 1897.

JOHN A. MCKIM, }  
OSCAR E. MORTON, } Auditing Committee.

## Patrons.

Are constituted such by the payment at one time of the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Astor, W. W.,	Lockwood, Benoni,
Astor, J. J.,	Low, Seth,
Babcock, Samuel D.,	Lynde, Chas. R.,
Bishop, Mrs. D. W.,	Mahan, Capt. A. T., U. S. N.,
Burdett, Charles P.,	Merritt, Mrs. Julia,
Conger, C. R.,	Morgan, Rev. John B., D. D.,
Contoit, Charles H.,	Morgan, George D.,
Cooke, Rev. Samuel, D. D.,	Matthews, Edward L.,
Cotheal, Alexander I.,	Morgan, J. Pierpont,
Cummings, Thomas P.,	Morton, Levi P.,
Cutting, R. Fulton,	Pyne, Percy R.,
Dehon, Mrs. M. L.,	Renwick, H. B.,
Dodge, Mrs. William E.,	Rhineland, Miss Serena,
Dougherty, E. H.,	Roosevelt, James A.,
Davenport, John,	Riker, John L.,
Dexter, Henry,	Reed, Mrs. Caroline G.,
Delano, Mrs. F. H.,	Stewart, John,
Dickey, Chas. D.,	Schermerhorn, Wm. C.,
Eaton, Rev. T. A., D. D.,	Scott, William H.,
Farish, J. T.,	Scott, Geo. S.,
Farish, Mrs. John T.,	Sexton, Edward Bailey,
Gerry, Elbridge T.,	Sexton, Mrs. Edward Bailey,
Goodwin, Jas. J.,	Sherman, George,
Groesbeck, David,	Smith, John Jewell,
Hadden, John A.,	Stokes, Anson Phelps,
Hitchcock, Welcome G.,	Strong, Charles E.,
Hoffman, Rev. Chas. F., D. D.,	Stillman, James A.,
Hoffman, Very Rev. E. A.,	Stillman, Mrs. James,
Holland, Mrs. Alexander,	Tailer, Edward N.,
Holt, Robt. S.,	Tuckerman, Joseph,
Hopping, A. Howard,	Thorp, A. G.,
Harris, John,	Thomas, Wm. W.,
Hubbard, R. J.,	Tousey, Mary B.,
Insurance Co. of North America,	Vanderbilt, C.,
Ismay, J. Bruce,	Van Loan, Z.,
Johnson, J. Augustus,	Wagstaff, David,
Jones, John D.,	Ward, Elizur,
Kaupe, E.,	White Star Line,
Kernochnan, Mrs. J. P.,	Whitlock, Elisha,
Knap, Charles,	Whitlock, Mrs. D. B.,
Kemp, George,	Watts, George B.,
Kemp, Edward,	Watkins, Rev. Wilbur F., D. D.,
Langford, Thomas H.,	Zabriskie, Mrs. Sarah J.

## Life Members.

Are constituted such by the payment of Fifty Dollars or more at one time.

Alsop, Rev. Reese F.,	Huntington, D.,	Riker, John L.,
Akin, W. H.,	Holt, R. S.,	Riker, Mrs. John L.,
Atterbury, J.,	Hyde, Clarence M.,	Roberts, Mrs. Marshall O.,
Auchmuty, Mrs. R. T.,	Hyland, Rev. T. A.,	Rogers, Mrs. Caroline E.,
Barbey, H. I.,	Jenkins, Henry T.,	Rogers, Miss Helen B.,
Bell, Capt. Wm. R.,	Keteltas, Miss Alice,	Rogers, Miss Mary H.,
Browning, Mrs. J. Hull,	Ladd, J. B.,	Rogers, Benjamin T.,
Boyd, Richard Vendome,	Langdon, Woodbury G.,	Rogers, Mrs. Benjamin T.,
Bogart, Cornelius,	Lawrence, R.,	Rogers, Jr., Benjamin T.,
Burke, John M.,	Lawrence, Mrs. John Burling,	Russell, Wm. Hamilton,
Catlin, W. W. S.,	Lawrence, Mrs. Samuel,	Salisbury, Francis C.,
Clarke, G. C.,	Lockwood, Benoni,	Schermerhorn, Wm. C.,
Clarke, H. R.,	Lothrop, W. K.,	Shimmin, F. N.,
Clyde, William P.,	Mahan, Capt. A. T.,	Stewart, David,
Clarkson, David,	Maguire, Rev. Isaac,	Smith, Wm. Alexander,
Clarkson, Mrs. M.,	Miller, George M.,	Slade, Jarvis,
Crittenton, C. N.,	Merritt, Mrs. Julia,	Smith, N.,
Decker, D. H.,	Messenger, Mrs. Thos.,	Spencer, Lorillard,
Dexter, Henry,	Messenger, T. H.,	Stewart, Lisenard,
Dick, W. B.,	Morgan, George H.,	Stuyvesant, Mrs. Peter G.,
Dougherty, E. H.,	Morgan, Jr., Junius S.,	Sutton, E. B.,
Duncan, W. Butler,	Morewood, J. R.,	Stokes, A. P.,
Dean, Frank,	Morris, Jr., B. C.,	Stokes, A. G. P.,
Erving, John,	Mottet, Mrs. Fredk.,	Snedden, John,
Everitt, R. W.,	Norrie, Gordon,	Smith, Mrs. W. H.,
Fahnestock, H. C.,	Platt, Clayton T.,	Tailer, Edward N.,
Flower, A. R.,	Parkin, W. W.,	Thorp, Mrs. A. G.,
Gerry, Elbridge T.,	Paxon, William,	Thorn, Mrs. W. K.,
Grant, Henry L.,	Peabody, Arthur J.,	Trowbridge, F. H.,
Graydon, William,	Perry, R. D.,	Turner, Herbert B.,
Griswold, Henry,	Peet, John H.,	Van Nostrand, B. T.,
Hagemeyer, Francis E.,	Peters, J. Hugh,	Vose, Richard,
Haines, Mrs. John P.,	Peters, William R.,	Watson, John H.,
Hardie, Wainwright,	Pool, John II.,	Weeks, John A.,
Hamersley, J. Hooker,	Pott, James,	Weeks, Foster J.,
Hamersley, Mrs. J. Hooker,	Potter, Howard,	White, Miss Jane,
Hastings, C. C.,	Pyne, M. Taylor,	White, Miss Mary,
Hayden, Brace,	Rhineland, Charles E.,	Webster, Hamilton F.,
Hewson, John H.,	Rhineland, Mrs. Charles E.,	Wenman, J. F.,
Hoe, Peter S.,	Rice, William C.,	Wilson, O. B.

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Aldrich, H. D.....	\$10 00	Knap, J. M.....	\$10 00
Babcock, Samuel D.....	25 00	Knap, J. M.....	5 00
Babcock, The Misses.....	5 00	Lawrence, Mrs. Samuel.....	10 00
Baylies, E. L.....	15 00	Ludlum, Mrs. F. A.....	2 00
Baylies, Mrs. N. E.....	25 00	Mitchell, Miss Anna V. S.....	5 00
Bogert, E. C.....	25 00	Mitchell, Clarence B.....	5 00
Burdett, C. P.....	5 00	Mitchell, Miss Caroline.....	5 00
Cammann, Miss C. A.....	5 00	Mitchell, Miss Lucy.....	5 00
Cammann, H. H.....	5 00	Mitchell, Mrs. Sarah L.....	5 00
Cammann, Mrs. H. H.....	5 00	Morris, Henry Lewis.....	25 00
Caswell, John H.....	5 00	Morrison, Miss C. G.....	5 00
Chauncey, Elihu.....	5 00	Morrison, John H.....	10 00
Clarkson, David.....	5 00	McGowan, Com. John.....	30 00
Clarkson, Frederick.....	10 00	Neilson, Miss Mary N.....	5 00
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Cummings, Charles F.....	5 00	Roe, Mrs. Alfred.....	5 00
Dana, William B.....	5 00	Rogers, Henry.....	10 00
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Dexter, Henry.....	10 00	Sampson, E. C.....	5 00
Dickey, Charles D.....	25 00	Smith, Dr. Andrew H.....	5 00
Duncan, E. M.....	5 00	Smith, John Jewell.....	10 00
Duncan, William A.....	5 00	Stewart, Lisenpard.....	50 00
Goodridge, Mrs. Frederic.....	10 00	Stewart, William R.....	10 00
Harvey, The Misses.....	5 00	Swords, Mrs. J. R.....	10 00
Hewson, John H.....	10 00	Swords, Miss P. C.....	5 00
Holly, Henry H.....	5 00	Trowbridge, F. H.....	2 00
Holt, Robert S.....	5 00	Tousey, Miss M. B.....	5 00
Holt, Robert S., Jr.....	5 00	Vanderbilt, Cornelius.....	20 00
Hopping, A Howard.....	10 00	Van Nostrand, Benj. T.....	5 00
Hubbard, R. J.....	10 00	Van Nostrand, Mrs. Lena.....	5 00
Irving, J. Treat.....	5 00	Warburton, Frank T.....	5 00
J. B. C., In memoriam.....	12 00	Whittaker, Thomas.....	10 00
Johnston, Mrs. F. U.....	5 00	Witherbee, Frank S.....	10 00
King, John A.....	5 00		
Kingsland, William M.....	5 00		
			\$656 00



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Allen, Miss C. J.....\$	5 00	Keteltas, Miss Alice.....	\$ 30 00
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Benjamin, Mrs. S. N.....	5 00	Low, Hon. Seth.....	100 00
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Bonney, George B.....	5 00	Manson, Donald A.....	10 00
Breeze, Mrs. A. E.....	10 00	Maritime Register Pub. Co....	2 50
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Browning, Mrs. J. Hull.....	10 00	Member of Church of the Ascen- sion, New York.....	10 00
Cadoo, Alexander.....	5 00	Merritt, Mrs. Julia.....	100 00
Cash, Alexander.....	5 00	McCrea, The Misses.....	20 00
Cash.....	50 00	McKim, Haslett, Jr.....	10 00
Cash.....	5 00	McKim, John A.....	10 00
Clark, Geo. A. & Bro.....	10 00	"J. C. N.".....	10 00
Clarkson, Augustus L.....	10 00	Nelson, in memory of William.	5 00
Clarkson, David.....	50 00	Norrie, Gordon.....	50 00
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Coit, George M.....	5 00	Perry, C. M.....	5 00
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Dehon, Mrs. Theodore.....	1,000 00	Randolph, Stuart F.....	25 00
Delafield, Mrs. Julia L.....	10 00	Rickard, Mrs. Dorothy A.....	20 00
Devoe, Fred'k W.....	10 00	Rives, G. L.....	10 00
Dexter, Henry.....	40 00	Rogers, Henry.....	5 00
Dutton, E. P.....	10 00	Roosevelt, J. A.....	25 00
Ellis, William D.....	5 00	Sailor's Son, A ..	10 00
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H.....	100 00	Slade, Mrs. Alison L.....	5 00
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Hare, J. Montgomery.....	5 00	Stetson, Francis Lynde.....	10 00
Hewitt, Hon. A. S.....	5 00	Stetson, Francis Lynde.....	10 00
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Hinton, Mrs. I.....	10 00	Stickney, J.....	10 00
Hoffman, Very Rev. E. A.....	100 00	Stokes, Anson Phelps.....	20 00
Hoffman, Chas. Fred., D. D..	100 00	Talman, Miss Caroline.....	5 00
Hustace, William.....	25 00	Thomas, Dr. T. G.....	5 00
Hyde, Clarence M.....	50 00	Thompson, John W.....	10 00
Insurance Co. of North America.	100 00	Trinity Church, New York.....	800 00
Johnson, Elizabeth C. L.....	5 00	Turner, Archibald.....	10 00

Von Post, H. C. ....	\$20 00	White Star Line.....	\$200 00
Voorhis, W. W. L.....	10 00	Whitlock, Mrs. D. B., in memo- ry of Daniel B. Whitlock....	100 00
Ward, H. G. ....	10 00	Zabriskie, Andrew C.....	25 00
Wardwell, R. J., in memoriam.	10 00	Zabriskie, George.....	10 00
Webb, Robt. S. ....	5 00		
Wetmore, J. McE., M. D.....	25 00		\$4,332 50

Special Contributions for the Poor and for Christmas and  
Entertainments at North River Station.

<i>For the Poor.</i>		Hoffman, Charles F. ....	\$15 00
Astor, John Jacob .....	\$110 00	Holt, Robert S.....	15 00
Auchmuty, Mrs. R. T.....	200 00	Hone, Robert E.....	5 00
Kean, Alexander Livingston ..	70 00	Morgan, J. Pierpont.....	50 00
Sundry parties, no names given.	37 88	Salisbury, F. S.....	10 00
<i>For Christmas and Entertainments.</i>		Stewart, Lispenard.....	10 00
Brower, John V.....	20 00	Vibbert, W. H.....	5 00
Flower, A. R.....	15 00		\$567 88
Hamersley, J. Hooker.....	5 00		

Special Contributions for the Poor and for Entertainments, etc.  
at East River Station.

Sundry parties, no names given.	\$92 66	Bishop, Miss Mary L.....	\$ 1 50
Bishop, Rev. William S. ....	5 00	St. Agnes Guild, Church of Beloved Disciple.....	10 00
Cross, Mrs. William G.....	2 00	Band of Hope, small girls.....	10 00
Flower, A. R.....	10 00	Ladies' Hope Club.....	97 20
Hafner, Mrs.....	1 00	Men's Hope Club.....	28 45
Lockwood, Benoni.....	35 00	Tea Fund. Balance.....	57 00
McKim, John A.....	5 00	Sunday School.....	20 00
McNeile, Daniel.....	5 00	Cash.....	11 00
Mulligan, Mrs.....	5 00		
Watson, Benjamin G.....	34 00		
Montgomery, Mrs. Daniel ....	5 00		\$434 81

Special Contributions for the Poor and for Festivals, Decorations, etc.,  
at Coenties Slip Station.

Sundry parties, no names given.	\$23 73	Hamersley, J. Hooker.....	\$ 5 00
Smith, John Jewell... ..	10 00	Wing, F. E.....	10 00
Holt, Robert S.....	10 00	Van Nostrand, Benj. T.....	5 00
Bell, W. R.....	10 00	Dorcas Society, through Mrs. Chas. F. Cummings .....	2 00
Dexter, Henry.....	5 00		
Knap, J. M.....	5 00		
Morrison, John H.....	5 00		\$95 73
Decker, D. H.....	5 00		

## Church Collections.

April, 1896.	St. Andrew's Church, New York, (Harlem),	-	\$25 00
	Church of Zion and St Timothy, New York, -		103 40
	St. Bartholomew's Church, " -		1,797 48
May, "	Church of the Incarnation, " -		276 43
	St. Thomas' Church, " -		219 72
June, "	St. Peter's Church Sunday School, " -		18 00
July, "	St. Thomas' Church, New Windsor, N. Y.,	-	5 00
	St. Michael's Church, New York, -		1 45
August, "	St. Augustine's Chapel, " -		3 27
Sept. "	St. John's Chapel, " -		13 77
	St. Luke's Chapel, " -		6 00
	Trinity Church, " -		11 96
	Trinity Chapel, " -		12 14
	St. Agnes' Chapel, " -		17 77
	St. George's Church, " -		33 65
Oct. "	Church du St. Esprit, " -		7 50
	St. Ann's Church, " -		2 50
	Church of Messiah Sunday School, Brooklyn,		4 00
Nov. "	St. Michael's Church, New York, -		2 39
	Grace Church, " -		153 31
	St. James' Church, " -		100 00
Dec. "	St. John's Church, Huntingdon, L. I.,	-	2 00
March, 1897.	Calvary Church, New York, -		50 00
	St. James' Church, " -		125 00
	St. Bartholomew's Church, " -		1,119 00
April, "	St. Thomas' Church, " -		297 60
	All Angels' Church, " -		126 15
	Christ Church, " -		30 00
			\$4,564 49

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month,  
The Church Temperance  
Quarterly,  
Spirit of Missions,  
Mission Bulletin,  
The World on the Waters,  
Living Church Quarterly,  
Christian Herald—from the  
Barbadoes,  
Post Graduate,  
Swenska Kurireu,  
Swenska Amerikanareu,  
Mission to Seamen—Alma-  
nac, yearly.

The Society desires to express its thanks to the kind friends who have made donations of reading matter. Good use can be made of all kinds of new or old books, papers and magazines, either in the reading rooms or as gifts to seamen going on a voyage.

Such articles will be thankfully received at either of the Stations or by the Treasurer.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN, IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK, PASSED APRIL 12, 1844, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE.  
LAWS OF 1844, CHAPTER 147.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1.—REV. SMYTHE PYNE, GEORGE N. TITUS, J. R. VAN RENSSELAER, PIERRE E. F. McDONALD, and AUGUSTUS PROAL, and their associates, being members of a Missionary Society attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the City of New York, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name of "THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN, IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK," and as such shall possess all the general rights and privileges of a corporation, as the same are declared in the Third Title of the Eighteenth Chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2.—The objects of the said Society are declared to be to provide, by building, purchase, hiring, or otherwise, so many floating and other churches for seamen, at different points in the City and Port of New York, as they may deem proper, in which churches the seats shall be free, and to provide suitable clergymen to act as missionaries in the said churches.

SEC. 3.—The corporation hereby created shall be subject to all the provisions and restrictions contained in the 10th, 11th and 12th Sections of the act entitled, "An Act for the Incorporation of Religious Societies," passed April 5, 1813.

SEC. 4.—The members of the Corporation hereby created shall, by their By-Laws, prescribe the number and description of officers to manage its concerns, the duration of their offices, the time and manner of their elections, and their duties and powers.

SEC. 5.—The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act, which shall be in force from the time of its passage.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
Secretary's Office. }

I have compared the preceding with an original act of the Legislature, deposited in this office, and do certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original.

ALBANY, April 18, 1844.

ARCH. CAMPBELL,  
Dep. Sec'y of State.

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN, IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK, PASSED MARCH 21ST, 1844.  
LAWS OF 1854, CHAPTER 68.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1.—The act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York," passed April 12th, 1844, is hereby amended, by inserting after the Fourth Section thereof a new Section to read as follows:

SEC. 5.—It shall be lawful for said Society to build, purchase, hire, take, and hold one or more houses and lots, and the requisite furniture thereof, for the boarding, lodging and entertaining of Seamen and Boatmen of the City and Port of New York, to an amount not exceeding the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, and to lease or demise the same.

SEC. 2.—This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
Secretary's Office. }

I have compared the foregoing with original law on file in this office, and certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original.

ALBANY, April 12, 1854.

A. G. JOHNSON,  
Dep. Sec'y of State.