

Missions of the Society.

EAST RIVER STATION.

Floating Church of Our Saviour,

AT THE FOOT OF PIKE STREET.

Services on Sunday at 10½ A. M., and 3¼ P. M.,

MISSION AND READING ROOM, 34 PIKE STREET.

Lecture on Friday Evening,

REV. ROBERT J. WALKER, { Minister in Charge,
Residence, 34 Pike Street.

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NORTH RIVER STATION.

Church of the Holy Comforter,

NO. 386 WEST STREET.

Services on Sunday at 10½ A. M., and 3¼ P. M.

REV. HENRY FLOY ROBERTS, Minister in Charge,

AT MISSION HOUSE, NO. 90 BARROW STREET.

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COENTIES SLIP STATION.

Services on the Dock,

On Sunday 11 A. M., and 3 P. M.

MISSION ROOM, NO. 7 COENTIES SLIP.

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

New Sailors' Home,

NO. 338 PEARL STREET,

MR. EDWARD RODE, Superintendent.

A House under Christian influence, neat and orderly, with a well supplied table.

Lectures by the Missionaries of the Board on Wednesday Evening.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL

Church Missionary Society for Seamen,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK,

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Form of Bequest.

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I give and bequeath to the "PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, the sum of Dollars,
for the purposes of said Society.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

Prayer for Seamen.

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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 to forget Thee and Thy Holy Word, to neglect Thy Sabbaths and Thy Ordinances, by which they are surrounded, may Thy Holy Spirit admonish, direct, and lead them into a knowledge of Thy Truth and an obedience to Thy Commandments. Be pleased to bless the efforts which, in accordance with Thy will, Thy people make for their salvation. Especially grant Thy blessing upon the Word of Truth, ministered to them, whether on land or on water; and gather them from all their wanderings into Thy blessed fold, to be partakers of Thine eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Easter Monday, April 22, 1878, in the Sunday School-room of Trinity Chapel, Marlboro Churchill, Esq., in the chair, at which were presented the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and the Reports of the Treasurer and the Missionaries of the Society. The Reports were accepted and ordered to be published, and the Report of the Board of Managers was ordered to be read at the Anniversary services of the Society.

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

The Thirty-fourth Anniversary of the Mission was held at St. Bartholomew's Church on Sunday evening, May 26, 1878, Rev. SAMUEL COOKE, D.D., Vice-President, presiding. The Missionaries of the Society conducted the evening service. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by A. F. WARBURTON, Esq., and, after a sermon by Rev. FREDERICK COURTNEY, Assistant Minister of St. Thomas' Church, a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society

FOR SEAMEN,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

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In presenting the Thirty-fourth Annual Report, the Board of Managers renew their expression of thankfulness for the large measure of Divine favor with which the operations of this Society have been blessed through so many years. The ever recurring problem, "How, with the limited means at its disposal, to occupy the immense field of opportunity this great port affords?" is met year after year with results so unexpected and encouraging as to reprove our lack of faith, and stimulate to more earnest effort.

The claims of the men of the sea upon a commercial community, that owes so much to these "Common Carriers" of the world, are freely admitted and require no special argument. Our people, enjoying the products of every clime, need scarcely be reminded of their obligations to the sailor. In the growth of commerce, a world has become the Sailors' Harvest Home. Yet how little of the creature comforts—not to speak of luxuries—which they bring to others, do these hardy workers enjoy! Too frequent, alas! has been the story of a broken constitution, a premature grave, or an impoverished and helpless old age. Self-reliant, laborious, quick to meet every emergency, when afloat, no class of men need to be more carefully guarded when on shore. To save them

from the "net of the fowler"—to rescue them from the hand of the spoiler, and from the dens of shame and drunkenness to which they are enticed, this Society was organized. Thanks be to God for the measure of success which He has vouchsafed to efforts so feeble in themselves!

The main design of our Society is to bring the sailor to Christ. In Him, alone, can he be safe. From Him, alone, can he obtain the wisdom and strength needed to resist the temptations by which he, of all men, is most beset. To this end the faithful Missionaries and Colporteurs employed by the Board have been laboring steadily, in season and out of season: with what gratifying results we refer to the interesting reports of Rev. Messrs. WALKER, ROBERTS and MAGUIRE. Then, the importance of hedging round those who are thus rescued has been fully realized, and with this object a "Home" has been established, under the charge of a Christian Superintendent, and Reading Rooms have been opened in connection with the several Mission Houses, which are being made centres of attraction and instruction. These are largely used by men who, but for the opportunity thus afforded of reading, or writing to friends, would be exposed to evil influences outside. Nor does the watchful care of the Society end here. In addition to the books and papers given to the Seamen at the close of every Sabbath service, small and well selected Libraries are provided, to be placed on outgoing vessels, in charge of Christian masters or seamen. This excellent branch of the work, far-reaching in its influence, was made possible by a special donation from the same generous (but nameless) friend who takes such a warm interest in the Floating Church.

The distribution of books and tracts—these silent messengers of truth and love—at the several Missions has often been attended with the best results. How pleasant to see the mariner's face light up as he recognizes his own tongue in some Danish, French, Portuguese, or Italian translation! By such means we can sometimes reach the heart of one who would be as a deaf adder to the spoken word. The supply is

liberal, yet more can be used to good purpose. Acknowledgments are due to the kind assistance of

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

The Board has to lament the loss of Mr. PHILIP M. OAKLEY, a Manager whose brief membership was marked by a wise and zealous interest in the working of the Society that gave large promise of future usefulness.

Without trenching on the reports of the respective stations, which will be given in full by the Missionaries, there are a few features that come more immediately within the province of the Board.

THE FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

(foot of Pike Street, under the charge of Rev. ROBERT J. WALKER) still continues its special attraction for the sailor, and the devoted Missionary there has had frequent cheering evidences that the "word in season" has borne fruit. Some notable instances will be found in his report. His labors are unremitting. Besides two services on Sundays (morning and afternoon), and through the week at the "Home," and the Mission House, he makes numerous visits: among others, to the Sailors' Hospital, Brooklyn. In many cases he is called upon to be the almoner of friends of the Mission to the deserving poor.

The church will seat about 300, and the attendance in the afternoon sometimes completely fills the house. The services are attractive, and the seamen show their interest by hearty responses. Of the 200 communicants about 100 are seamen. The Reading-Room (34 Pike Street) has been well attended, and has done much for the comfort of its visitants. One agency for interesting the young people has been the establishment of the

"Guild of the Floating Church." It now numbers 50 members, who meet together for singing and other social purposes. The usual church services and temperance meetings continue to be held during the week. In this way the influence of the Missionary for good is continually felt.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER,

(No. 365 WEST ST., NORTH RIVER FRONT.)

Remains under the charge of REV. HENRY FLOY ROBERTS, assisted by an earnest Colporteur. This branch of the work has heretofore suffered under the serious disadvantage of having no Mission House, and the Missionary was obliged to travel to and from Brooklyn on the occasion of each service. We are happy to report that the difficulty has at length been overcome. The Committee having that matter in charge, has secured the three story and basement brick house, No. 90 Barrow Street, on a three years' lease, at \$850 per annum. This will not only permit of the residence of the Missionary in the midst of his work, but will give the long sought opportunity of establishing a Reading Room, with the resulting advantages enjoyed on the East River side.

The improvement, by the City Government, of the docks in this vicinity, have caused them to be used by many of the European steamship companies as their landing places. Owing to this fact, the field of usefulness of the Station is constantly increasing. As the crews of these vessels are not discharged on arriving in port, the Missionary and Colporteur have much more favorable opportunities of visiting the men and inviting them to the chapel, than they would have if they were living on shore. These men largely avail themselves of the privilege, and can be seen at each service, conspicuous by their neat uniforms. Among the others are often to be met the sailors from the French steamers, who, while they can hardly understand the language used in the services, yet appear to enjoy the opportunity of worshipping Almighty God.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

REV. ISAAC MAGUIRE, ever energetic and faithful, holds services in the open air when the weather permits, or on stormy days within the lightsome and inviting Mission Room, at No. 7 Coenties Slip. It is always a pleasing duty to record the unceasing labors of your Missionary in this truly interesting field, rewarded as they have been by the earnest attention of his hearers, and repeated instances of conversion to God. The work among the boatmen, so marked in good results, has steadily progressed. Though of a nature not readily to be chronicled, the effect is evident in the improved life and conversation of this class, formerly so rough and hardened. A most cheering instance gladdened the heart of Mr. Maguire lately. Called to Brooklyn, he found religious services being held on a canal boat, by a man and his wife who had been converted under his ministry, and a strict observance of the Lord's Day by the family and crew brought about by their example.

The Reading Room is exercising a marked influence for good. It has been used by 3,216 persons since September last. Thirty-five journals, religious and secular, have been contributed by the publishers. The week day meetings, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as also the regular Services, are well attended, and Sunday evenings they are often crowded.

Our Missionary recommends the establishment of a Coffee Room, where the sailors can spend their time, instead of at the saloons—of which there are sixteen in Coenties Slip, between Pearl Street and the River.

THE NEW SAILORS' HOME IN PEARL STREET

Is doing an excellent work among seamen. The Board has been fortunate in the selection of its Superintendent. There is no branch of our work which so practically appeals to "poor Jack," and proves our interest in his welfare. With a fidelity and kindness often borne witness to, Mr. Rode and his wife have taken charge of the Home, making it attractive and caring for the interests and comfort of the sailor. The constant return of

seamen who have once been entertained there, and the large amounts of money (more than \$33,000) entrusted to our care, deposited in bank, or sent home, during the year, show that they value the efforts made for their benefit. The daily prayer and reading of the Bible, the evening meetings, and the efforts generally of the Superintendent, give a character to the house, and are in marked contrast with the discomforts and demoralizing influence of the ordinary "Sailors' Boarding House." The number of boarders varies from 19 to 31, making an aggregate for the year of 871.

It will readily be seen, by this brief outline, that the work of the Society is only limited by the means at its disposal. We believe that work to be wisely planned. We know that it is economically administered. With a confidence based upon past results, accredited by the Divine blessing, we appeal to our friends for a more liberal support. What has been accomplished only shows the vast field that remains undeveloped. While it is in His power, who made the five barley loaves to feed five thousand, to "work with many or with few," He sees fit to carry out His purposes by the use of ordinary means. He gives us the privilege of being fellow-workers with Himself, and His command is "Occupy till I come." Will the churches and friends to whom this Society looks for means be willing longer to leave this wide field so feebly occupied? God forbid! Not only the extensive water fronts on the New York side demand more Missions, but Brooklyn, like the Man of Macedonia, has been long crying "Come over and help us." This projected Mission has been too long delayed. Let there be, this year, a response to the call of our Treasurer that will enable the Society to "be of good courage and go forward" in the double Missionary work (foreign and domestic) of converting the sailor, and through him winning to Christ the men of every port, to whom, from the very necessity of his nature, he must be a messenger, for evil or for good.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE

OF THE

Floating Church of our Saviour,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1878.

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The past twelve months will be long remembered upon earth, and will be forever remembered in heaven, by the multitude of seamen who have been rescued from the dominion of sin, and have been translated into the kingdom of Christ, in this and the other principal ports of the commercial world.

In the Mersey Mission, at Liverpool, connected with the Established Church of England, over four hundred seamen were converted to God, during the last year. In the report of this Mission, it is stated that no ship now leaves the port of Liverpool without having at least one pious sailor on board, and the same interesting statement may be almost made in relation to vessels sailing from New York.

We cannot of course, ascertain the precise number of seamen who have been spiritually benefitted by their attendance at the "Floating Church," and the other Churches in this city; but happily we can assert from our own knowledge, that a large number of sailors have been persuaded to forsake their evil ways, and are now walking in the fear of God. The entire crew of a Scotch vessel, numbering fourteen men, were converted to God, during their stay of a few weeks in this port; on each Sunday afternoon they had attended the services in the "Floating Church," and in the evening, the services at another Seaman's Bethel, in the neighborhood. The "Word" was so blessed to the souls of these honest and simple minded men, that each one for himself had sought the pardon of his sins, and an interest in the atoning blood of the Redeemer. The writer conversed with some of these saved men in the Floating Church, on the day previous to their sailing, and supplied each of the fourteen with a Bible or Prayer Book, as they desired. Morning and evening prayer had been commenced in the fore-castle, and their songs of praise were heard over the waters of the East River, and on the piers and decks of adjacent ships. On the first Sunday in March, the Lord's Supper was administered in the Floating Church, to the deaf and dumb sail-maker of the bark Chinaman, of London; he had been rescued from a life of sin, and converted to a life of

holiness by the perusal of a copy of "Pilgrim's Progress," which had been presented to him by a christian lady in England. At the conclusion of this affecting scene, he drew from his pocket a small porcelain slate, on which he wrote the words, "I am happy in Jesus," and then handed it to the writer, while his face glowed with a heaven-born happiness. This deaf and dumb seaman fulfills the part of a missionary on board the "Chinaman." He distributes tracts and religious papers among the crew, and writes words of counsel and striking texts of scripture, on scraps of paper, which he places in the hands of his shipmates. Thus, he daily preaches Christ, in his life, and by his written words. A library, containing about fifty volumes, enclosed in a neat case, the gift of a noble young gentleman, was placed on board, for the use of the crew, and in charge of the deaf and dumb sail-maker. The following day, the bark sailed for Hong Kong, in China.

Time would fail to tell of all the delightful incidents which have occurred during the past twelve months, in connection with the work of evangelizing the seamen, now in progress at the East River station. The work is daily increasing in importance, and taxes the energies of the writer and his faithful lay assistant, to the very utmost.

"The Guild of the Floating Church," founded last November, has proved a valuable addition to the plans which have been devised from time to time to benefit the seamen and other persons who attend our services. The Guild is at once a benevolent, literary, social and musical association. Its meetings are held on the evening of each Tuesday, in the lecture rooms of the Mission house 34 Pike Street, and have been largely attended by the members of the congregation. Several interesting and instructive lectures have been delivered by clergymen and other kind friends, before the members of the Guild and the seamen, who have attended in large numbers. The sum of \$118.80 belonging to the Guild is safely deposited in the Seamen's Bank for Savings. When sickness or misfortune befalls any member of the Guild, we shall relieve their wants out of this fund, and when death lays his icy hand upon one of our number, the surviving members will decently inter the departed brother or sister.

The Sunday School in connection with the Floating Church is a source of honest pride and of great satisfaction to the writer. On each returning Lord's Day, many neatly clothed, bright, intelligent, and well-behaved children are gathered out of the Seventh Ward, into the comfortable lecture rooms at 34 Pike Street. Here they are well and carefully instructed by devoted and intelligent teachers. No tempestuous day in mid-winter, no scorching heat of summer, has ever found them absent from the school. We have had an excursion and pic-nic for the little ones in summer; a festival at Merry Christmas, and a magical entertainment in spring, at the large hall of the Seamen's Exchange in Cherry Street.

"The Floating Church Temperance Society," is performing a most admirable work among seamen and landsmen. It now numbers 2,228 members—2,141 being sea-faring men. During the past year 366 have signed the pledge, and of this number 357 are seamen. The addresses which have been delivered from time to time, by some of these rescued and reformed inebriates, have been highly effective in inducing others to cast away the intoxicating cup. The writer occasionally visits homes in the vicinity of his residence, where formerly all was want and wretchedness; but now, thanks to the Church and its Temperance Society, plenty and comfort abound. The Friday evening lectures have been well attended, and with good results. At one service five young seamen became greatly affected. The following Sunday morning the Lord's Supper was administered in the Church, and these five young sailors walked up together to the chancel rails and, kneeling down side by side, partook of the Holy Sacrament with the greatest reverence and devotion. The number of communicants on the parish list is over 200, and of this number 95 are seamen; but when we are devoutly kneeling in the house of Our Father, partaking of the sacramental feast, the greater part of these 95 seamen are dispersed over the face of the round world, and only a few are present with us at the sacred service.

The Society's Home, in Franklin Square, continues to be a safe haven of refuge to the seamen who frequent it. Within its walls they are surrounded by many good influences which cannot fail of benefiting them in a greater or less degree. Before their eyes they have always the most consistent example of the truly devout Superintendent. Morning and evening devotions, good books, religious tracts and papers, and the visits of the three Missionaries, to lecture and converse, have all, unitedly, produced the most beneficial results.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1878.

Services held in the Floating Church on 55 Sundays.....	112
Services held in the Mission House, Sailors' Home and elsewhere....	108
Total services for the year.....	220
Average attendance for each Sunday.....	330
Average attendance of Seamen at the Church for each Sunday.....	101
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Religious Books, Papers, &c. in the Church.....	1,213
Seamen visited in the Hospital, and provided with Religious Papers and Tracts.....	512
Number of Communicants, including 95 Seamen.....	203
Number of Communion Services held in the Church.....	13
Baptisms: Adults, 5; Children, 14; Total.....	19
Marriages.....	16
Burials.....	14
Sunday School Teachers and Scholars.....	90
Total number of Visits to the Reading Room.....	4,786

Members of the Floating Church Temperance Society, including 2,141 Seamen.....	2,228
New Members received during the year, including 357 Seamen.....	366
Members of the Guild of the Floating Church.....	50
Number of Seamen supplied with packages of reading matter, (at the Mission House), before going to sea.....	247
Communion offerings, \$90.95; Poor Box, \$41.01; Box for Books, \$18 54. Total offerings for the year.....	\$150.50

BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles.....	41
Testaments, in ten languages.....	593
Prayer Books.....	148
Miscellaneous Books, in ten languages.....	1,107
Tracts, Religious Papers, Pamphlets, Magazines, &c., about.....	3,600

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, Easter Monday, 1878.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE

OF THE

Chapel of the Holy Comforter,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, APRIL 12, 1878.

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Missionary labors among those "who go down to the sea in ships" have been as successful during the past year as in any of the years since the blessed Spirit first moved the hearts of Christian men to attend to the great duty of pointing those men to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And while in every Port, where commerce has found an entrance, the Missionary of the Cross has carried the "good news" of salvation, the Port of New York has not been behind the chief of them all in the grand enterprise of rescuing the sailor from the snares of the destroyer, and of directing his steps in the way of peace and safety.

The number of seamen who annually visit this great city is very large, and the snares which are laid for their moral and social destruction are doubtless as numerous and powerful as in almost any other commercial city of the world. Human nature is essentially the same in every land, as in every age; and wherever there is an opportunity of securing gain, even in the most unhallowed manner, there will always be found a class of men who are ready to employ the most effectual means of securing that gain, even though they sacrifice the lives and happiness of those who become the victims of their treacherous arts.

The sailor is proverbial for his thoughtless confidence and generosity; and as he spends so great a portion of his life in the solitude of the ocean, confined to the narrow limits of his ship, and the narrower limits of the fore-castle, he is likely to feel, when he reaches Port, that it is his privilege to indulge in the dissipation from which he had been excluded while on the ocean; and he is apt to look upon the wages which he earns on the ocean as simply the means of gratifying his love of sensual indulgence; and he is most likely to squander those means with the utmost recklessness in the society of those who take advantage of his ignorance and heedlessness, until he spends his all, and is again driven to the ocean to obtain more to be spent in the same course of ruinous indulgence, until health, happiness, and

REPORT

OF THE

Missionary in Charge of Coenties Slip Station.

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How little does the Church at large know of the peculiar difficulties that the missionary has to encounter in open-air preaching—the unforeseen emergencies that arise from time to time—the selection of means and ways to the end in view, and above all the difficulty of impressing the truth upon the minds of those who by nature and education are antagonistic to it. Those only who have the control and direction of missionary enterprise can truly sympathize with him whom they have appointed to such a position. Often has the writer realized the strength of such sympathy, while standing up as the advocate of Christ Jesus with men, and pleading the principles of the blessed Gospel, the end of which is the conversion of the soul to God. The character of the congregation which the missionary is privileged to address every Sunday morning and afternoon in the open air, has not changed from that of former years. It often numbers two or three hundred men and women from every quarter of the globe; strangers in the midst of strangers, far away from the restraints of home—from the influence of friends—in a large city, where wicked men and fallen angels present so many objects of temptation which tend to distract the mind and draw the soul away from all thoughts of God, of Christ, of time and eternity; many of those, also, are ignorant of the simplest truths of revelations, and mystified over the plainest terms of the covenant of grace. This may be borne out by the case of a young man twenty-two years old, who was born in Elmira, N. Y., but brought up on the lakes and rivers, who declared to the writer that he never saw a Bible or New Testament in his life, and never heard either read until he came to our service on the pier, and afterwards received a Testament at the room—a case almost incredible to those living in this city where the Word of God is as free and abundant as the air we breathe and the water we drink. How difficult to work upon such material—to build upon such foundations—how discouraging and depressing sometimes to your missionary, and how deeply he feels his responsibility, is only known to Him who knoweth all things.

Nevertheless, amongst these people, God has owned and blessed his truth. In no other year since his connection with the Society, has the missionary's labors been so largely acknowledged by our

Divine Head, as in the year that has closed. Many precious souls are now witnessing to the power and efficacy of the gospel all over the world, by a holy life and consecrated service to Him who died that they might live. The following pleasing incident reported at the last monthly meeting, is included here, and may help to remove the doubts that still linger in the minds of some christians as to the success of mission work amongst boatmen and seamen. On Wednesday, April 3d, while walking on the middle pier of the Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, a young man, after politely calling me by name, and shaking hands, asked me to go aboard the boat, that he was sure mother would be glad to have me visit her; on entering the cabin, I recognized her as one of the women who was present at our evening services, last winter; she received me very kindly, stopped the cooking of the dinner, and requested me to go with her to the cabin of the adjoining boat, as her husband owned both. I was surprised to find such a remarkably clean, orderly, commodious home on the water. The cabin extended the whole width of the boat, artistically painted in various pleasing colors, a new, clean oil-cloth covering the whole floor, with a square of carpet overlaying the centre, the sides tastefully decorated with chromos and texts of scripture in ornamental frames, the alcoves filled in with convenient bureaus, a number of seats ranged around the walls, and in a most conspicuous corner of the room, a handsome cabinet organ with music and open hymn book on the top. "This room," said the wife, "we have given to God; it is the least return we can make for all the blessings he has given us. Only a short time ago, we scarcely ever thought of God, we lived to work by day and night to make money—hardly could we tell Sunday from week day; we knew no rest then, but we do now, and are living and hoping for the rest beyond. About fifteen months since, while sitting on the deck of our boat, I heard you preach on Pier 6. Although I was brought up by Quaker parents, in the west of old England, and have generally lived a moral life, I felt that afternoon from what you said, that one must have somewhat more than mere morality to satisfy the claims of the Decalogue; the result was, that I could find no peace until I came to Christ, and now my husband and four sons are with me, rejoicing in the Lord, and more willing to work for him than I am. I have eight children in heaven, and, oh they seem so much nearer and dearer than they used to; what comfort fills my heart when I know that these four here, and those in heaven will be all one family with Christ, forever. God has also made us a blessing to many of our neighbors, who were formerly living like ourselves. Nearly every night this cabin is full; fifteen men and women have given their hearts to Christ in this room, and are living consistent, godly lives." Two of the men referred to came in just then, one of the sons sat down to the organ and played the tune of the Hymn "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," all joining in the singing. Your Missionary read the 55th Psalm and made

some remarks on the 17th verse, "evening and morning, and at noon will I pray and cry aloud;" after that closed with prayer, every one present joining in the Lord's Prayer. Your Missionary came away, his heart filled with thanksgiving to God for the wonders that he hath done for the children of men.

Another encouraging feature in last year's work, is the marked increase in the numbers at the services on the dock. In the previous year the average attendance at each service was seventy-five, in the year just ended it averaged over ninety; this is the more striking when we remember the great depression in the trade of the canals and rivers in the early part of summer—on several Sundays not a dozen of boats and barges could be seen in the slip, whereas in other years from one to two hundred were moored every Sunday, ready to unload on Monday morning. The Prayer Meetings on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, have been generally well attended, and have brought over three thousand men and women to the mission room since last year. Even if there was sufficient room in an annual report, it would be impossible to give an adequate account of the encouraging and assuring reports that the writer has had from those who participated in these services. They have been a great blessing to many of the captains and their wives and children who are not prepared to make the appearance in dress that is considered suitable in a respectable, orderly congregation of worshippers, and therefore have no difficulty in that respect, when they leave the boat to come to our room. The Reading Room has not failed to meet the desires of the Board of Managers. More than three thousand men have visited it in seven months beginning on the 13th of last September. We have in all thirty-five newspapers—both secular and religious—the donations of the respective publishers, and about two hundred volumes in the library. Sometimes there are a dozen of seamen and boatmen engaged in reading the books and papers, and now and then one may be seen at the writing desk, dictating a letter to some friends in a distant city, telling them of his safe arrival in the new world, and mayhap of his safety from the perils of the sea. The writer very often visits the Reading Room and has many an interesting conversation with those who are disposed to speak with him. The number of books and papers distributed since last report will be found in the annexed statistics. We use great discrimination in the distribution of these books, giving a book in any case only to those who we believe belong to the water, and who are likely to use it for their instruction and benefit. The missionary cannot close without referring to a subject which the Board of Managers permitted him to name on a former occasion, and which he knows has rested on the mind of some of the members for some time past, namely, the idea of having, in connection with the Coenties' slip station, a temperance saloon or restaurant, where those who feel so disposed could sit down to a warm, comfortable

cup of tea or coffee, and thereby be delivered from the temptations and snares of the sixteen liquor and beer saloons between Pearl and South streets. Coenties Slip, from nine in the morning until six o'clock in the evening contains the largest floating population of any other street or slip along the East river. This large moving mass are nearly all dependent on the water for a living—seamen, boatmen, bargemen, truckmen who receive and deliver goods alongside the shipping, longshoremen who load and unload the vessels, besides others, whose moral responsibility and mental energies have been weakened and blunted by the habits of years of indulgence in the beverages which the owners of the aforesaid saloons vend across their bars. What a counteracting influence a neat, well-lighted room, with a few plain articles of furniture and inexpensive pictures on the walls, and in charge of a conscientious christian man, would exert, can only be imagined by those who are eye-witnesses of the degrading and calamitous effects which the lack of such an institution tends to promote. How comfortable and elevating to the hundreds of families who are confined to the limits of a boat cabin for weeks together, to have such a haven of refreshment on their arrival in this great city.

The following are the statistics since last Annual Report.

Services in the open air, on Sundays.....	68
Services in the Mission Room, 7 Coenties Slip, on Sundays.....	61
Services Tuesday and Thursday evenings, in the room.....	144
Services elsewhere.....	25
Total Services for the year.....	298
Present at the open air Service.....	6,248
Average attendance at each Service.....	92
Present at the Service on Sunday, in the room.....	986
Average attendance at each Service.....	23
Attendance at the Evening Services.....	4,180
Average attendance.....	25
Seamen, Boatmen, and Boatmen's Children supplied with Books....	2,220
Visitors at the Reading Room since 13th Sept., (7 months).....	3,216

BOOKS, TESTAMENTS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles, English, French, German and Italian.....	255
Testaments, in various languages.....	486
Prayer Books.....	200
Miscellaneous Books in various languages.....	1,698
Magazines, Periodicals, &c.....	750
Monthly and Weekly Papers, &c.....	6,119
Service Tracts.....	2,000
Pages of Tracts.....	3,000

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

Tuesday before Easter, April 16, 1878.

THE NEW SAILORS' HOME.

*To the Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church
Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New
York :*

The Superintendent of the New Sailors' Home Reports

The number of Men in the Home March 25th, 1877.....	31
Entered the Home to April 13, 1878.....	840
Total for the year	871
Gone to Sea and friends.....	852
In the Home April 14, 1878.....	19
Total for the year.....	871
Money received from Seamen, and returned to them, from March 25th, 1877, to April 13, 1878.....	\$26,848 35
Deposited by Seamen in the Bank.....	2,744 00
Sent Home to Friends.....	3,643 62

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD RODE.

NEW YORK, *April 15th*, 1878.

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*The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York, in account
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<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To Paid F. J. Huntington & Co., for Books.....	\$75 00	April 2, 1877, by Balance.....	\$59 51
“ American Tract Society for Books.....	291 80	“ Transfer from Permanent Fund.....	300 00
“ Ship's Libraries on Bark Enreka, for Yoko- hama.....	\$20 00	“ Interest.....	30 37
“ on Bark Chinaman for Shanghai.....	20 00	“ Donation W. W. A., special for Ship's Libraries.....	500 00
To Balance to New account.....	483 08		
	<u>\$889 88</u>		<u>\$889 88</u>
		April 22, 1878, by Balance.....	\$483 08

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PERMANENT FUND.

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To paid Rent of No. 7 Coenties Slip.....	\$2,750 00
" Insurance on Chapel Mission House, Furniture &c.....	441 35
" Repairs on 7 Coenties Slip.....	75 73
" " East River Chapel.....	19 61
" " On Sailor's Home.....	38 00
" " 34 Pike St.....	9 63
" Deposit in N. Y. Life and Trust Co.....	2,000 00
" Transfer to Special Fund.....	300 00
" Balance to New Account.....	433 24
	\$6,067 56

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N. Y. April 22, 1878.

April 2, 1877, by balance.....	\$202 75
By Cash, Interest.....	2,677 50
" Rents.....	1,187 31
By N. Y. City Bond, Redeemed.....	2,000 00
	\$6,067 56
April 22, 1878, by balance.....	\$433 24

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