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CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK,

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Prayer for Seamen.

O God! the Creator of heaven and earth, who hath promised that the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those whose business is upon the mighty waters: and, amid the dangers to which they are exposed, and the temptations by which they are surrounded to forget Thee and Thy Holy Word, to neglect Thy Sabbaths and Thy Ordinances, may Thy Holy Spirit admonish. direct and lead them into a knowledge of Thy Truth and an obedience to Thy Commandments. Be pleased to bless the efforts which, in accordance with Thy will, Thy people make for their salvation. Especially grant Thy blessing upon the Word of Truth, ministered to them, whether on land or on water; and gather them from all their wanderings into Thy blessed fold, to be partakers of Thine eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Form of Bequest.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society was held on Easter Monday, March 26th, 1883, in the Sunday School Room of Trinity Chapel, Vice-Pres't John Davenport, 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 Report was accepted and ordered to be published, and read at the Anniversary Services of the Society.

Afterwards the officers and managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

The Thirty-ninth Anniversary of the Mission was held at Calvary Church, New York, on Sunday evening, May 6th, 1883, the Rev. H. Y. Satterlee, D.D., rector of the church, presiding.

The Rev. Messrs. Walker, Maguire and Hyland (missionaries of the Society) conducted the services.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by Mr. Charles Tracy, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Richard Hayward, Chaplain U. S. Navy, after which a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

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IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

The Board of Managers hereby present to the Society their Thirty-ninth Annual Report.

The Society's work continues to be carried on in all its departments by the ministry of three clergymen with lay assistants.

The Rev. Robert J. Walker is in charge of the Church of our Saviour, a floating chapel moored in the East River at the foot of Pike Street. At this original and first station of the Society, public worship is held twice on every Sunday. He also has the use of the Society's Mission House at No. 34 Pike Street, where there is a free reading-room for sailors, supplied with proper books and papers, and with conveniences for writing letters; and there informal religious meetings and temperance meetings are held, and the Missionary comes in personal contact with many seamen. He has the aid of a sexton and a colporteur. A Sunday school is kept at the Mission House.

The Rev. Thomas A. Hyland has like charge and care on the North River, holding public worship twice every Sunday in the temporary chapel, the Church of the Holy Comforter, on West Street, between Leroy and Morton Streets. A Mission House is

in his care at No. 90 Barrow Street, with a sailors' free readingroom, where he often meets the men, and holds religious meetings on certain evenings of the week. A sexton and a colporteur are provided for him.

The Rev. Isaac Maguire has the Open Air Mission at Coenties Slip, holding public worship twice every Sunday upon the dock (either without shelter or under a large tent), except when rough weather makes it necessary to meet in his mission room, No. 7 Coenties Slip. His Mission House has the like equipment and uses as those already mentioned. He also has a sexton and a precentor.

Each of these clergymen resides in the same building with his Mission House, and thus has his home in the midst of his field of duty.

Through the liberality of churches and individual friends the Society owns the floating chapel and its berth, and the Pike Street Mission House, and also holds leases of the several premises on West Street, Barrow Street, and Coenties Slip. It also owns a piece of ground, fronting on West Street and West Houston Street, upon which it is preparing to erect a permanent building for the Church of the Holy Comforter, with improved accommodations for church services, reading room and mission-room, and a dwelling for the minister. An effort is now making to raise money for this purpose.

Each of the clergymen reports in writing to the Managers and attends their meeting once in each month; by means of which, with the personal visiting of the three stations by the Managers in rotation, a full view of the operation of the entire Mission is gained by the Board. We are able to say, and with happiness and thankfulness, that each of our Missionaries is well qualified for his position, both as preacher and pastor, truly zealous in his sacred office, and an example to his people of faith, patience, purity and charity. They have given to this ministry many of the best years of their lives, and now go on in a faithful and loving spirit, which touches the hearts of sailors and of boatmen, and of us. As the preaching of the gospel to the poor was a sign of our Lord's Messiahship, so the evangelic work of these Missionaries shows their true vocation as His ministers.

The Society also owns and maintains The New Sailors Home, on Franklin Square, where good board and lodging are offered

to seamen, at moderate prices, and they find the comfort of cheerful and quiet quarters in which no strong drink is sold or used, and where they are encouraged to virtuous habits and led away from the snares of enemies who seek to get a sailor's money by tempting and ruining him.

The number of seamen and boatmen attending public worship on Sundays seldom is large at a single service. Their employment gives them little time in port; and hence the congregations continually change—the worshippers of one Sunday being far away by the next, and others, newly arrived taking their places. While the seamen and boatmen at all stations on a single Sunday may not much exceed two hundred, yet the aggregate thus ministered to in a year amounts to thousands.

During the past year our Missionaries have reported baptisms, and the preparation of candidates for confirmation; and also the celebration of the holy communion in the two chapels monthly, and never without seamen as recipients. Within the last eleven months 671 sailors have been guests of the Home, being at the rate of 732 in a year. Through the influence and aid of the Home many sailors have disposed of parts of their wages by sending to their families and friends \$2,782 and depositing in Savings Banks \$370, making a total of \$3,152, in the last eleven months. Many have taken temperance pledges from our missionaries, some for specified periods and some for life. Distribution has been made of bibles, testaments and prayer books, and of other books, tracts and papers of religious character, in great numbers and in many languages.

One striking feature in the experience of the Managers, is the hearing of the Missionaries' monthly reports, often including instances of special interest which ought not to be published but may be given in confidence to the Board, and always opening to us the inner life of a true evangelist, who meets things to bear and things to enjoy, now struggling with difficulties and disappointments, and now finding his course prosperous and abounding in rewards.

There is much in the lot of seamen to make them a class by themselves. A sailor must be absolutely subservient to his shipmaster. He must be brave and steady in times of great peril. He must patiently bear the wearisomeness of long and hard voyages. He must put up with cramped and ill-fnrnished

lodgings and live on coarse fare. Beside all these and like hardships which laborers on land mainly escape, the sailor has occasional idle hours when he is beset by bad companions of the forecastle, tempted to evil words and ways, and greatly exposed to sinking into the depths of depravity; and when finally, the voyage being ended, he receives at once his discharge and his wages in a great city, and is flush of money and at perfect leisure the hour of temptation is supreme. If by God's grace he swerves not but ever keeps the right way, we at last behold the noble character of a true christian sailor, cheerful in toil and privation, brave in danger, chivalrous in his sense of duty, and devoted to things lofty and pure. But, alas, if he yields by the way, and the evil masters the good in him, he becomes in the end reckless, heedless, improvident, self indulgent and debased. It is the aim of our Mission to meet him as he lands, and guide him to Christ, and when he sails again to furnish him with the holy scriptures and other reading matter which may teach him the way of life and tend to comfort, strengthen and save him.

This society has had a long experience. At its beginning the condition of sailors was deplorable. The great majority were irreligious and immoral; and some of the truly good men in our churches doubted the use of trying to save them. But a remarkable change has been wrought, gradual and sometimes slow its progress, but always advancing; and now religion has its faithful witnesses on all the waters. Seamen who profess and creditably maintain Christian character and life already form a large portion of the whole body, and are gaining in numbers. In promoting this blessed result, our society has borne its part and proved to be a material and effective instrumentality; and all its patrons and supporters well may be thankful for the divine favor which has allowed them to share in the undertaking and rejoice in its success.

We gratefully acknowledge gifts of books, tracts, and papers from the New York Bible Society, the New York Bible and Prayer-Book Society, and the American Tract Society, the Church Book Society, the Evangelical Knowledge Society, and from private friends through liberal money contributions; all which have been most acceptable and useful. The good words thus issued in printed form have traversed the broad seas and the manifold channels of inland waters, and carried light to thousands.

During the past year Mr. Charles Ely, a member of the Board of Managers from the origin of the Society, and long one of its Vice-Presidents, departed this life in the 79th year of his age. He was a true and wise participator in the care of the Mission, and all his associates held him in real affection. We have lost also by death Mr. Allan J. Cuming, Dr Augustus W. Reynolds and Mr. John H. Sheafe, Members of the Board, men in the prime of life and true to the society and its cause. In each of these four cases we parted from a valued friend and brother, with sorrow for our loss, but with full assurance that he entered upon the higher life of the redeemed.

With hearty thanks to the reverend clergy and the faithful people who have contributed to the Society's support, and with profound gratitude to our Gracious Lord, who has blessed the work as His own, we submit this report, hoping that the redemption of sailors may be felt more and more to be an object worthy of the prayers and sympathy and benefactions of all who seek to bring mankind into the Kingdom of Heaven.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1883.

Many evidences of the Divine approbation have accompanied the labors of the writer during the past, as in former years. From 1,200 to 1,500 different seamen have united in the services of the church, and listened with deep attention to the Gospel Message; and not a few of these hardy men-natives of various climes-have been blessed in a greater or less degree, by their attendance at the Floating Church, the temperance meetings and weekly services, which are held in the Mission House, 34 Pike Street. Some of these converts have testified, with deep emotion. what God has done for them, and what a happy change has been effected in their hearts and lives by the Holy Spirit which was given to them. From far off lands in the Southern Hemisphere letters have been received at the Mission House, from communicants of the Floating Church, telling of the peace and happiness the writers enjoy, now that they can claim God as their Father, and the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and how they are laboring to extend the kingdom of their Master among their shipmates. Many of our sailor-communicants are earnest missionaries. They work for God and His Church wherever they go-and they go all round the globe-admonishing, advising, inviting their fellow seamen, loaning them books, and religious papers, praving with them when they are sick, and consoling those who are about to die, with the promises of the Gospel. Little do we know of the immense influences for good which our 253 sailor-communicants are exercising over the men of the sea with whom they come daily in contact. One of the converts whom the writer found some years ago in the Society's Home in Franklin Square, a reckless, intemperate seaman, but who was by God's grace converted, baptized and confirmed in the Floating Church, now sends us a letter from a far off land, containing the following pious sentiments, "The Lord's arm is as strong as ever. He rules this world as much to-day, as the day that He said 'let there be light,' and our mission in this world is, to rise every morning and make a new start for Heaven, and let every sun that sets leave you a day's journey nearer to it. Work on, press on, fight on, live the best you can, get all the good you can, do it to all men you can, do it at all times you can, do it in all the ways you can, and God working in you by His Spirit, both to will and

to do of His good pleasure, you shall rise step by step, onward and upward to perfection, till mounting on eagle's wings, you arrive at the gates of glory, and in you a perfect heaven receives a perfect saint's gathering; so attend to your Mission and let the Lord mind His."

Incalculable good has also been accomplished by the "Floating Church Temperance Society," in rescuing seamen from the degrading and destructive vice of intemperance. Some thousands of sea-faring men bless the auspicious day when they were induced to sign the pledge of total abstinence, at the Mission House in Pike Street; and these ransomed men are also exercising a most salutary influence on their shipmates, by the happy example which they set before them, and by their persuasive arguments in the cause of sobriety and religion. We occasionally receive letters from Masters and officers of vessels, who were once very intemperate men, but have been rescued from degradation and misery through the instrumentality of our temperance society, and now occupy these positions of trust and emolument. It numbers to day 5,000 members, and of these 4,885 are seamen of various grades; and your Missionary must not omit to mention the Holy Scriptures and religious books, and tracts, and papers, those silent but very eloquent messengers, carefully deposited in thousands of sailors' chests, which are read and re-read by their owners and their shipmates. Who can estimate the good which has been accomplished in this quiet, unostentatious, but most effective way? On one Sunday afternoon, books and testaments in ten different languages were distributed, and on another Sunday the crews of a Spanish vessel and an Italian bark were all supplied with copies of the New Testament in their own euphonious tongue, and to their evident delight. The libraries which have been placed in the cabins of several vessels (through the kindness of a gentleman who has been a great benefactor to this Mission for several years) are read and appreciated by hundreds of seamen, who have been greatly benefitted by their perusal. To another generous, Christian gentleman (a member of the board), the Mission is greatly indebted for an ample supply of prayer books and religious publications. May both of these kind gentlemen have their reward, by seeing, at the day of reckoning, many on the right hand of the Judge whom they have been instrumental in exalting to that blessed place. The attendance of seamen at the Floating Church has not been quite so large as in previous years, owing to the decrease in the number of vessels propelled by the wind, and the great increase of large steamships, which latter are nearly all berthed in the North River. The writer well remembers the time when the docks between Catharine Ferry and Corlears Hook were filled with fine ships carrying the stars and stripes at their gaff. Recently he walked along South Street, from Pier No. 40 to Grand Street Ferry, and there was not one American ship to be seen ; only a few sloops and schooners.

The reading room in the basement of the Mission House, 34 Pike Street, has been open every week-day afternoon and evening throughout the year, from 3 to 10 o'clock. How often has the writer's heart been gladdened, when entering this room of a bleak and stormy Winter's evening, he discovered so many weather beaten mariners innocently enjoying themselves or improving their minds, free from care and without the hoarse roar of ocean sounding in their ears. With the deepest interest he has listened to their recitals of dangers braved, of perils past ; of storms and cyclones, huge icebergs, shipwrecks, and pirates in the Chinese seas. And after all these perils escaped, how the bronzed and battered seamen enjoyed themselves in the warm and quiet reading room, while the wind howled without, and the snow fell fast in the deserted streets; and some of these sailors had walked, evening after evening from their ships lying at the foot of 65th Street, North River. The Society's Home in Franklin Square continues to perform a most admirable work, under the care of its devout and conscientious superintendent, but its usefulness would be greatly increased if it were situated in the vicinity of the Floating Church and Mission House in Pike Street.

The Sunday School has prospered during the year, but its usefulness could be greatly increased if it were possible to obtain a sufficient number of competent teachers. With such instructors. 200 children might be collected in this vicinity. The Guild of the Floating Church continues to prosper. The funds are increasing. and now reach the sum of \$405, deposited in the Seamen's Bank for Savings. All the sick members have been visited and assisted with money. It is a great comfort to a poor invalid to have five or ten dollars slipped into his or her hand after imparting to them the consolations of religion. The sewing school for girls is accomplishing an excellent work. It numbers about 30 children. The entire expense is borne by a lady who is now sojourning in a distant land. May the prayers which have been offered in the Floating Church and in the Mission House for her speedy recovery be heard in heaven and answered on earth. Our venerable diocesan intends, D.V., to administer the rite of Confirmation in the Floating Church on Whitsunday, at 31 P. M.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1883.

Services held in the Floating Church. Services held in the Mission House, New Sailor's Home and else-	102
elsewhere	87
Total Services for the Year.	189
Average attendance for each Sunday	190
Average attendance of Seaman at the Church for each Sunday.	56
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Reli-	011
g'ous Books, &c., in the Church	811
Number of Communicatis, (Including 255 Seamen)	374
Number of Communion Services held in the Church	13
New communicants received during the year, including 18	2-12
Seamen	31

Baptisms
Marriages 17
Burials 20
Sunday School Teachers and Scholars 106
Members of the Floating Church Temperance Society including
4,885 Seaman
New Members received during the year, including 137 Seamen. 147
Communion offerings, \$71.05; Poor Box; \$27.50; Box for Books,
\$13.54; Anonymous, \$15; for the needy, \$25. Total\$152.09
Number of visits made to the Reading Room, 34 Pike Street 4,137
Number of visits made to vessels by lay assistant during the
year
Number of visits made to Seamen's boarding houses4,727
Number of Seamen supplied with packages of reading matter at
34 Pike Street, Books, &c., distributed 397
Bibles
Testaments, in ten languages
Prayer Books 325
Miscellaneous Books, in ten languages 475
Tracts, Religious Papers, Pamphlets, Magazines, &c., about4,300

ROBERT J. WALKER.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1883.

In presenting this, my annual report, I desire, at the outset, to express my devout thankfulness to Almighty God for sustaining grace and for the many tokens of His favor that have rested upon my labors during the year just closed. The work committed to my care is the same as in former years. On the Lord's Day, Divine service is held in the chapel morning and afternoon, and at the close of the second service, an after-meeting is held for sailors only. This brief service has accomplished much good. As a result, hundreds have asked to be prayed for, and 115 men have signed the temperance pledge. This is the largest number of signers in one year in the history of the Mission. Many of these have, to my personal knowledge, become upright and devout Christian men. Intemperance is the great moral evil in the sailor's life that the missionary has continually to meet and combat. The sailor's perils on the sea are great, but nothing compared to his perils on the land. He is "in peril in the city." Exposed to dangers on every hand while at sea, sailors are also surrounded by a thousand temptations when on shore. To reform these men and to persuade them to live sober lives forms no small part of your missionary's efforts, and it is a work that must be done before they can be won to Christ and made meet for the inheritance of the saints.

In this connection, I desire to note the uniform good behavior of seamen while attending the services of the Mission. There has not been a single case of disturbance during the year, although all have not been free from the effects of stimulants. Not only has their deportment been good, but, as a class, they have been devout, and joined heartily in the responses and singing. The services of the Episcopal Church are peculiarly suited to seaman. The Prayer Book has special attractions for them, not only in reminding them of home and of other days, but also because of the various practical uses it supplies, enabling them to give deceased shipmates decent Christian burial and supplying a "Form of Prayer to be used at Sea," and other prayers, besides selections of Holy Scripture, including the Psalms, which are easily found and coveniently arranged. So that even sailors who have not been brought up in the Church learn to love the Prayer Book and in very many cases prefer to worship according to its forms. Many a sailor, when using our liturgy, is led to think

of those far away, and to offer a prayer for God's blessing on those near and dear to him. When joining in the services of the Church he often feels

> "'Tis something that we kneel and pray, With loved ones near and far away; One Lord, one faith, one hope, one care, One form of words, one common prayer."

In addition to the services on the Lord's Day there is a meeting for worship, with a lecture, every Thursday evening at the Mission House, No. 90 Barrow Street. These meetings are well attended. Sailors are present on every occasion. Your missionary has also held services in turn with the other missionaries of the Board, at the New Sailors' Home, where he is always greeted by an attentive audience. Repeatedly have the men there told me that the services did them good, and I believe if we had a small chapel in the building, or close by, where the services of the Church were regularly and more frequently held, much greater good would be accomplished.

There is also a Sunday School in connection with this Mission. This school has been greatly blessed and has resulted in great good to the children of the poor who live in the vicinity of the Chapel. Out of a class of 14 persons confirmed last Summer, seven of them were from the Sunday School. Thus we have been already permitted to see some of the fruits of our labors. This school has for its superintendent a member of the Mission, who is every way qualified for the work. He has under him an excellent staff of teachers, who are diligent, efficient, and imbued

with the spirit of the Master.

I am also happy to state that the Reading Room at the Mission House continues to prove a great blessing to seamen. There they find a quiet resting place, well heated and lighted, with foreign and home periodicals for their perusal, and innocent games, if they choose in that manner to while away their leisure hours. A large number avail themselves of the facility there afforded of corresponding with friends and relatives. It is remarkable the number of letters written and received by sailors. Sometimes ten or more are writing at one time. The Reading Room is also a convenient place for the missionary to meet sailors and converse with them. They are very fond of talking, and their conversation is nearly always interesting. Nor is all their conversation about the things of this life only. They frequently love to speak about the things of the life to come, and of that country where "there shall be no more sea." Many of them are religious men, who are not only interested in their own salvation, but are constantly trying to lead their companions to Him "who taketh away the sins of the world." It has been rightly said that "the best friend of the sailor is the sailor himself." So I have found it. A sailor has more influence with a sailor than any one else. If I can get a sailor to invite his shipmates to come to church on

Sundays, I am always sure of a good congregation of sailors; and if I can get an intelligent, religious sailor to speak at an aftermeeting, good results are always sure to follow. It is my aim, as much as possible, to utilize the services of Christian seamen, and the reading Room affords me an excellent opportunity of forming their acquaintance and enlisting them in work that is always beneficial to themselves as well as to others.

Before closing this report I desire to express my gratitude to those who provided Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the poor of the Mission, and Christmas presents for the children of the Sunday School. I desire also to thank most heartily those who, from time to time, have donated books, papers, and magazines for the use of sailors when at sea. These gifts have been gratefully appreciated, and have proved a blessing to many a weary and storm-tossed mariner. Next to the services of the Church, perhaps nothing is so beneficial to the sailor as good literature.

The following are the statistics for the year:

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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Number of Services in the Church on Sundays	104
" on other days	104
ii ii at the Mission House days	18
at the Mission House	38
" "Home".	18
at other disces.	20
Communion Services	19
Total Number of Services.	217
Average Attendance at the Church on Sundays	108
Mission House	30
Aggregate attendance at all the Services	6.836
Average attendance of Seamen each Sunday	40
remaining for books	22
Aggragate "	1,144
Number attending the Reading Room.	2,583
" who signed Temperance Pledge	115
" of Sunday School Scholars and Teachers	87
Average attendance of Sunday School Scholars and Teachers	70
Baptisms	6
Confirmed	14
Marriages	17
Warrand la	
Funerals	12
Packs distributed in same 1	40
Books distributed in seven languages: Bibles, 24; Testaments, 104;	
Prayer Books, 246; Miscellaneous, 770	1,144
Pages of Tracts. Packages of Reading given to Sailors going to Sea.	13,000
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OFFERINGS: Communion Alms, \$78.80; Poor Box, \$32.70; Rox for	
Books, \$19.71; Sunday School Festivals, and Thanksgiving and	
Christmas Dinners for the Poor, \$165.57; Baby Shelter, \$9.20;	
Oregon Missions, \$3200; Alumni Prof. Fund, G. T. S., \$9.76.	
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\$23.68; Church Temperance Society, \$10.13; Widows and Or-	
phans rund, \$5.20; St. Luke's Hospital, \$13.41; Sunday School	
Offerings, \$29.36. Total	442 68
Offerings, \$29.36. Total. \$ Number of visits to Vessels by Colporteur.	2,587
" Sexton	208

T. A. HYLAND.

REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF COENTIES SLIP STATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1883.

The Missionary of the Coenties Slip Station in presenting his annual report to "The Board of Managers" and patrons of the Seamen's Society concerning the work done among sailors and boatmen, gives unfeigned thanks to God for the aid and guidance vouchsafed him in all his efforts to reclaim and elevate part of the sea-going community by the preaching of the Gospel; and also returns his hearty thanks to the many friends who by their words, active co-operation and influence, cheered and encouraged him in his labors during the past year.

Everything considered, there is much reason for going forward and rejoicing. The good seed of divine truth sown in past years is bringing forth fruit. The preaching of Christ crucified has had its benign influence around the station. Its effect is visible in the orderly, attentive and devout congregations assembled during the summer months under the high-arched heavens beside the far-sounding sea to worship the Creator and preserver of all; and in the sometimes crowded mission-room, where during inclement weather, and while Winter covers the streets with ice and snow, the Spirit of God manifests his quickening power and presence by the looks and voices of men of almost all nationalities united in prayer and praise.

Among those whose home is on the deep a great part of the year, the same disposition in regard to Christianity is found, as in those living on laud. Men generally have their religious emotions aroused or seared in presence of death. The wide, restless, heaving ocean ever ready to swallow up its inhabitants, must have a serious influence upon all floating upon its bosom; otherwise the heart will become hardened. The near and solemn approach of eternity across the highway of life prepares men for the persuasions of the Gospel; else it will render them obdurate to all divine impressions.

This fact is known to all who work for the evangelization of seamen. Among them are to be found some of the boldest and most devoted soldiers of the cross, and the most depraved of men, in whose heart there is no place for Christ and no room for the lodgement of His truth.

The propagation of the Gospel, therefore, amongst this class of men is a work that calls forth the most persistent and earnest application. In doing this the Missionary has to encounter the deeply-rooted enmity of the "carnal heart," as well as the prejudices and antipathies which have been strengthened by years of indulgence in the baser appetites and passions of a perverted nature.

The open-air services, as in former years, have been regularly held during the warm season on the pier, and were generally well attended. Here are gathered assemblies made up of seamen and boatmen from all countries and races. These services draw sailors and boatmen from the vessels and boats in the adjoining docks, besides many wanderers who are aimlessly walking hither and thither. Occasionally there are some emigrants present from Castle Garden who, for the first time in this country, have their thoughts directed to the Father of all, and join in the prayers and thanksgivings used at the Mission, which are so well adapted to convey to heaven the wants of those who have been so recently separated from friends beyond the sea. It is gratifying to your missionary to be able to state that these congregations are generally orderly, quiet and solemn, and that the worship offered to God by these peoples is as fervent and devout as that which comes from the most cultivated congregations attending city Churches, where all the surroundings are fitted to call out the spirit of prayer, and impress the mind with holy reverence. To the weather-beaten sailors sitting on the string-pieces of the pier, or under shelter of the tent, and more especially to the boatmen who form the larger part of the audiences, must be attributed the hearty earnestness which is so marked a feature of these services.

The boatmen are on the whole, an industrious, sober, honest and interesting people, whose moral character will compare most favorably in all its aspects with the moral character of any other class of men to be found in the community. Their religious instincts are as strong, their reverence for the word of God as high, their charity as pure and extensive as that found in other citizens. They rarely are known to treat the Gospel with irreverence or contempt, and many cases of their liberality and kindness to the hungry and the needy have come to the knowledge of your missionary Many of them were brought up in Christian homes, and imbibed the spirit of Christ in their youth, and they still manifest by their lives adherence to the principles of the truth. Your missionary often has been invited to visit them aboard their boats both in sickness and in health, and he has always observed with pleasure the strictest neatness and cleanliness in their dwellings, and has been invariably treated by them with the greatest attention and Christian courtesy. The pleasant and profitable conversations held with some boatmen will not soon be forgotten. Services are held in the mission-room when the weather is cold and stormy, both for sailors and boatmen

and for others who live in the lower part of the city. Though the attendance at these services is small at times, the same reverence and sense of God's presence are manifested as in the larger gatherings which meet on the pier under more favorable circumstances.

The prayer meetings on Sunday evenings, and other evenings of the week, though of an informal character are more largely attended, especially during the winter, than the morning or afternoon services on Sundays during the same season. At these times the daily duties of sailors and boatmen being ended, they wend their way to the mission-room in the face of stormiest weather, to be present and take part in the meetings. What they hear and learn while present they afterwards make known to their companions in Brooklyn, Jersey City and Hoboken, and in this way they become instruments of spreading the Gospel in places where your missionary is not known.

The Reading-room is well patronized by the men of the sea and others, and is a great medium of spreading abroad the work and influence of the Mission. Pens, ink and paper are given to the sailors freely, and many letters are written and addressed to their friends who are scattered all over the world.

The following are the statistics since last annual report:

Services in the open air on Sundays. " in the rooms on Sunday morning and afternoon. " on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. " elsewhere Total services for the year. Present at the Open-air Services. Average attendance at each service. Present at the In-door Services. Average attendance at each service. Attendance at the Evening Services. Attendance at all the services. Attendance of visits to the Reading room.	55 45 97 25 222 4,154 76 653 15 1,180 5,987 8,902
Number of persons supplied with books	1,500
BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.	
Bibles in various languages Testaments. Prayer Books	107 168 50
Miscellaneous Books	1,232 82 19,316
Tractis, pages of Religious Papers, pages of Service Tracts	38,531

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, March 20th, 1883.

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

The Superintendent of the New Sailors' Home reports the number of men in the Home April 1, 1882, thirteen (13); entered the Home from April 1, 1882, to April 1, 1883, seven hundred and twenty-seven (727): total for the year, seven hundred and forty (740). Gone to sea and friends

April 1, 1883, in the Home.	728	
Money received from Seamen and returned to them	740	
from April 1, 1882, to April 1, 1883 Deposited in the Bank	\$20,890	

Sent home to friends

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD RODE.

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SPECIAL

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New York, in account Treasurer with HENRY P. MARSHALL,

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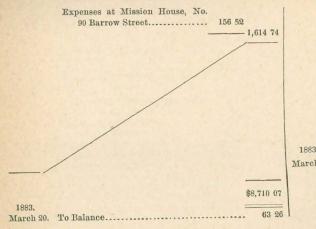
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		194 46	Church of the Annunciation 16 68
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March 4, 1883.

and Port of New York, in account in the City Treasurer. MARSHALL, Society with HENRY P. Missionary The Protestant Episcopal Church

13 00 00 00 13 \$22,796 77 5,000 12,500 Donation to Building Fund New York City Bond Paid. Van Schenck Legacy..... Withdrawn from Trust Co Rents Received. 615 96 2,006 00 4,770 00 9,000 00 1,500 00 \$22,796 77 \$149 13 cent. Loan on U. S. 4 per cent. at par. Loan to Disposable Fund....... Rents Paid for Mission House, Coenties and Mission House, 90 Barrow Street Purchase of \$4,000 U. S. Bond, 4 per Coenties Slip..... E. R. Chapel..... Cemetery Lot..... Chapel for North River West Houston Street ... 90 Barrow Street..... Insurance Repairs Sailors' Home Deposit in Savings Banks. 34 Pike Street. To Balance. March 26.

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