## TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL

# Church Missionary Society for Seamen,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW-YORK,

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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY was held on Easter Monday, April 2d, 1866, at which the Reports of the Board of Managers, the Missionaries, the Treasurer and the Superintendent of the "New Sailors' Home," were presented, and the Officers and Managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSION WAS celebrated at the Church of the Incarnation, Madison Avenue, on the evening of the fourth Sunday after Easter, April 29, 1866. Evening prayer was said by the Rev. Robert J. Walker, Missionary at Large, assisted by the Rev. Henry Floy Roberts, Missionary in charge of the Church of the Holy Comforter.

The Rev. Francis Vinten, D.D., Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, a Vice-President of the Society, presided.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by the Recording Secretary.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. F. Morgan, D.D., Rector of St. Thomas' Church; and a collection was made in aid of the funds of the Mission.

### PRAYER FOR SEAMEN.

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

# Seamen's Mission, 34 PIKE STREET. & PIER 40, E. RIVER.

REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF MANAGERS.

THE twenty-second year of the labors of the Society has closed. Our Heavenly Father has graciously prospered us in all that relates to our temporal affairs, and we are not without evidence that the Holy Spirit has accompanied the word, which this Society has been the means of proclaiming, to many who otherwise would not have heard it. The reports of our missionaries, made at each regular meeting of the Board, give many instances of the distressed mariner relieved, the hardened soul softened, and the backslider reclaimed; but the question will still arise in our minds, Have we done what we could? Has the means placed at our disposal been used to the best advantage, in promoting the temporal and eternal interests of that class to whom we have been chosen to minister-"they that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters?"

Another question still: Have we used our utmost

diligence to make known to the churches we represent, the great spiritual needs of the sailor, and the dangers by which he is surrounded, the moment the ship he is in enters the harbor, even before he sets his foot upon our shores? His stay within our influence is short, and it is important that the brief opportunity should not be lost, of reminding him of the worth of his soul—that sin has separated him far from God—yet that there is a way of reconciliation, a fountain opened for all uncleanness, a perfect redemption in the sacrifice made upon the cross, of the only begotten Son of God, who is "the way, the truth, the life."

The means furnished to us by our Christian friends, enable us to maintain, as heretofore, services at the two floating chapels, and an open-air service, but we need auxiliaries to these, in suitable rooms and locations, where our missionaries can meet the wandering sailor in a more familiar manner, where he can take him by the hand and give him godly counsel, where religious reading can be provided, and evening weekday services held, thus evidencing that our interest in his spiritual welfare is not confined to the Lord's day, and to those that we meet in the Lord's house, but that we follow him at all times with our efforts and our prayers. Will not some whom the Lord has blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, give of their abundance for this object, and thus enable the Society to accomplish far more than it has yet done, for the

salvation of dying souls, and the honor of our Lord and Master?

One of the best instrumentalities within our reach, is the distribution of the word of God, the Book of Common Prayer, and religious books and tracts. These silent messengers may be heeded when the solitary reader is far away from the preacher of the word. Our first missionary, the late Rev. B. C. C. Parker, often remarked that he had heard of more wonderful results by such means, than from any sermon he had preached. In one case, he mentioned that he placed a variety of religious books on board of one of our menof-war bound to the Pacific Ocean. The Holy Spirit blessed the means used, and about one-third of the ship's company were led to forsake their sins and turn unto the Lord, this simple agency bringing home to the hearts of those men far from their own land, those sacred truths which they had so often heard, but so often slighted at home.

We cannot expect the publishing societies to furnish all we want for this purpose gratuitously, the demands upon them for various fields are far beyond their means of supply. We are forced to look for aid in this work, to our Christian friends, and we hope this single incident recited will be an effective appeal.

At the Floating Church of Our Saviour, at the foot of Pike street, East River, under the charge of the Rev. Robert W. Lewis, services have been maintained

as usual, twice on each Lord's day, and also on the principal Holy days. He has also set apart a room in his house for services on the evenings of Tuesday and Friday of each week. The results have been very encouraging, many having been led, at those services, to seek their Saviour. The Missionary reports, services held at the church, with Sunday School at No. 62 Pike street, at the Sailors' Home and elsewhere, 322; average attendance at the chapel, 100, of which are seamen and boatmen, 45; roll of Sunday School, 115average attendance, 50; baptisms, 44; marriages, 22; funerals, 21; confirmed, 29; whole number of communicants, 77; communion services, 12; average number communing, 30. Money collected in the box at the door of the chapel, and from individuals, and expended in the relief of the poor and in the purchase of books for distribution, \$227.49. Books distributed —Bibles, 60; Testaments, 400; Common Prayer, 100; miscellaneous books, 1,500; pages of tracts, 40,000.

At the Church of the Holy Comforter, at the foot of Hubert Street, North River, the Rev. Henry Floy Roberts continues to officiate, and his reports show that he has not labored in vain. Services here are held twice each Sunday, and once on the principal Holy days. The missionary has held services at the chapel and at the Home, in all, 131; average attendance at the chapel, 63, of which are seamen and boatmen, 18; communion services, 14; average number

communing, 20; total number of communicants, 30; baptisms, 31; marriages, 15; burials, 19. Books distributed—Bibles, 50; Testaments, 100; Common Prayer, 50; miscellaneous books, 843; pages of tracts, 34,000. Money collected in the boxes at the door and from friends, \$101.12, which has been expended in the relief of the poor, and in the purchase of books for distribution.

The missionary at large, the Rev. Robert J. Walker, labors with much encouragement at his station, near Coenties Slip, preaching in the open air, on the dock or on barges accessible to the passers-by. After the sermon the seamen and boatmen present are invited to accompany him to the rooms of the Society in the vicinity, where further brief services are held, and those present, after receiving books and tracts, are exhorted to "seek the Lord while he may be found, to call upon him while he is near."

The missionary has held 85 services in the open air, and 102 in the room of the Society—total, 187; average attendance at open-air service, 81, at the room, 40; baptisms, 8; marriages, 5; funerals, 16. Books distributed—Bibles, 27; Testaments, 986; Common Prayer, 86; Sailor's Manual, 153; miscellaneous books, 1,621; pages of tracts, 51,300.

At all these stations, it will be observed, after services in the afternoon, Bibles, prayer books, miscellaneous books and tracts are given to seamen and boat-

men about to leave the port; and the manner in which these tokens of the interest of the Society in them are received, has been gladdening and hopeful for good, to the missionaries and the members of the Board of Managers who have engaged in the work of distribution.

Summary of the Reports of the Missionaries.—Services at the various stations and at the Sailors' Home during the year, 657, with an average attendance of 244—of seamen and boatmen, 130; baptisms, 83; marriages, 42; funerals, 56; confirmed, 29; holy communion celebrated on 26 occasions; average number communing, 50; total number of communicants, 107. Cash collected at the chapels and from individuals, for the poor and for books, \$428.61. Books distributed—Bibles, 137; Testaments, 1,486; prayer books, 236; miscellaneous books, 4,117; pages of tracts, 125,300.

The new Sailors' Home, on Franklin Square, has had its share of the watchful care of the Board of Managers.

The demand for sailors has been so great during the last year, that the stay of seamen on shore has been very brief, and this Home, in common with others, has felt their absence in the diminished number of boarders. A meeting has been held there every Wednesday evening, conducted by one of our missionaries. The number of boarders during the year has been 435, and the keeper reports that, in the same period,

\$6,077.60 has been sent home to their friends or deposited in savings banks. Since he took charge of the Home in October, 1855, the whole number of boarders has been 7,538, and the amounts deposited in savings banks, or sent to the families of his boarders, making the large aggregate of \$70,350.60.

These facts show the importance of maintaining this Home as a valuable aid to us in our work. Here the sailor will not be tempted with the intoxicating cup, nor encouraged in a course of immorality and profligacy, but will be surrounded by influences for his temporal and spiritual improvement.

Mr. Maret, who has been for several years the Superintendent of the Home, has expressed a wish to be relieved from his charge after the first of May next, and has been so relieved. The Superintendent and his wife have always manifested much interest in this department of the Society's work, and the Board cannot part with them without an expression of thanks for their labor. A man of experience has been engaged to succeed the present keeper. He is an attendant at the Church of Our Saviour, recently confirmed there, and his wife has been for many years a communicant at that station.

The Board of Managers beg leave again to call the attention of the Society to the condition of our Floating Chapels. In the last Annual Report occurs this forcible passage:

"The Floating Church of Our Saviour has been in use for more than twenty years, and has done good service. But of late years it has required frequent and expensive repairs, and it now is at an age and in a state which render it liable to sudden and total failure. The roof and sides no longer are weather-proof, and a true economy is opposed to any attempt at renewing them; the exterior has lost the respectable appearance it once bore, and which is due to the proprieties of a house consecrated to divine worship, and the entire structure soon must be relinquished. The wants of that station, as learned from long experience, can be satisfied only by an adequate church upon land, situated near the water and not far from the berth of the present chapel, and containing additional rooms for the use of the missionary in his informal meetings and his personal intercourse with sailors; the whole to be plain but substantial, tasteful, and worthy of its special design, and of the prosperous churches which, through this mission, zealously bear the blessings of the Gospel to sea-faring men, and by them to distant shores. The sooner provision is made to secure the site and erect the building, the more surely shall we escape a sad interruption of the mission, and the earlier arrive at a condition in which its operations may be enlarged and rendered more effective."

The Board of Managers not only fully concur in the language quoted, but would make it applicable, in different degrees, to both of our chapels.

As stated, that on the East River was erected more than twenty years since, on hulls then old. The North River Chapel has not been in use so long, but the boats on which it is built are nearly if not quite as old as those on which the East River Chapel was constructed. The progress of decay (especially in the hulls) of both edifices is so rapid as to urge to speedy efforts for erecting chapels on shore. Through the united action of the corporations of Trinity and St. George's Churches, the Society have the prospect of commencing a fund for this purpose; but large subscriptions must (in addition to this) be sought for among those interested in our work, and who have the means to respond to our call, to contribute towards furnishing buildings adapted for our important mission in all its modes of operation.

We have said that our Society has been blessed in all that relates to our temporal affairs. This is true, and the Society is out of debt and has a balance on hand of \$701.26. But we cannot overlook the fact that this satisfactory financial statement is not caused by the ready response of the churches to the needs of the Society. The total receipts have been \$8,590.86, of which \$4,488 was the proceeds of a legacy by the late Mrs. Susan A. Remsen, not due, but which the executors were kind enough to anticipate. The disbursements were \$8,662.06, showing that but for the legacy, the Treasury must have been largely overdrawn, or our work contracted or suspended. May God put

it into the hearts of the members and friends of this Society, to give such liberal pecuniary aid as shall place the Society beyond such a contingency.

The Society acknowledges, with thankfulness, donations in money, books and tracts, from individuals and from the following Societies:

The New-York Bible Society,

The American Tract Society,

The American Seamen's Friend Society,

The Boston Tract Society,

The Society for Promoting Religion and Learning,

The New-York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society,

The Church Book Society, and

The Evangelical Knowledge Society.

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

# Floating Church of Our Saviour,

PIKE SLIP, EAST RIVER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 13TH, 1866.

The period of time embraced in the following report has been one of unusual religious prosperity in our little Chapel. The Great Head of the Church has graciously deigned to bless, in a very remarkable manner, the unworthy and feeble labors of his humble servant. And the twelve months now ended have been largely filled with thanksgiving over the visible signs of the divine favor.

Efforts for the sailors' spiritual good are now everywhere prosperous throughout our city. Large results are following upon the labors of missionaries to seamen. Religious societies working among them are reaping an abundant harvest. Church edifices are filled each Sunday with large congregations listening to the Word of Truth. On week days, less formal services are crowded with anxious hearers. The older members of churches are more earnest in prayer, and more diligent in effort. And numbers of new disciples are coming forward to confess their faith in Christ Jesus.

In the Floating Church of Our Saviour are these external manifestations. We look upon them as tokens of a spirit of religious inquiry which is gratifying to the minister of Christ, and must be cheering to the members of this Board. But our beautiful form of

divine service gives us more than these. The hearty responses which come back to me from the congregation, the universal singing are surely from devout worshippers. And the life among us is also evidenced by the increase of pecuniary contributions in the boxes and through the communion alms. And a careful observation of individuals convinces me that the tone of religious thought and feeling among us is better than I have ever known. I think I may say that we have both the outward and visible sign of prosperity, as well as the inner and spiritual grace.

There has been an increase in the general congregation, and in the attendance of sailors and sea-faring men a larger increase. These results are gratifying. Our congregations are made up largely of men. On the morning of Sunday, September 10th, of one hundred persons present, eighty were men, and only twenty were women and children.

The interest in the services is shared largely by seamen—the roughest appearing men among us often exhibit the deepest emotion. Yet the sailor is not a man to make an exhibition of his feelings. His business teaches him to suppress outward signs of emotion. And often when his features are unmoved, his heart is all aglow with feeling. Sailors declare what is being done among them by breaking away one by one from their evil associates of past days; by conforming themselves more and more to the requirements of the Gospel; by adopting new habits of life, and by a general seriousness and sobriety in their deportment. Two men who were drunken and blasphemous sailors not many months since, are now teachers in my Sunday School, and one has a class of girls entrusted to him, and it is touching to see the affection which prevails between teacher and scholars.

The results of two confirmations in the chapel, with other private ones, and in other churches, will be found among the statistics.

So deep is the interest felt in the prosperity of our chapel, that

I have had a venerable Christian sailor of over seventy years of age, apply to me for tracts and notices to distribute among sailors. And I believe he employs himself for some time before service every Sunday afternoon in urging men to attend our worship. On the last Confirmation Sunday some sailors replied to his invitation by jumping ashore with the words, "We'll be there before you." And he found them in the church when he came in afterwards himself. Our church, I believe, is the only one of any denomination open of a Sunday afternoon, in our section of the city.

And this circumstance suggests to your Missionary to introduce into this report, most respectfully, a few words concerning the condition of our chapel.

Your missionary has no ambition to gratify in the way of a beautiful church edifice. He himself will be satisfied wheresoever he shall be appointed to serve. But the time has come without question for providing, for the mission in the Church of our Saviour, new accommodations for divine service. And every day's delay is a drawback to the mission, and a serious hindrance to the work of God in this particular sphere of effort. Your missionary wonders that so many worshippers assemble, and it is a high tribute to our service that they will undergo and suffer the great inconveniences and discomforts of our building in order to join in the beautiful liturgy of the church with us. We are not doing what we ought to be doing, and the hindrance in the way, is our antiquated and dilapidated church edifice.

Your missionary thanks this Board for giving power and permission to the Superintending Committee to engage new accommodations for the evening services in connection with the Church of our Saviour. No one but those who worship with us on these occasions can know how interesting and beneficial to sailors these services have proved. Our present room is filled, evening after evening, to its utmost capacity—as many as seventy-four having been present on one occasion.

The Missionary would add one word more concerning the Sunday-School which has now been nearly two years in operation, and which is also proving, under the divine blessing, a great success: This feature of our work throws on the missionary an additional burden on Sundays of no slight magnitude. But it is also a great pleasure and delight to him. Most of the children who come to the school have parents in some way connected with the sea, and therefore have claims upon the mission. The school presents an attraction to men who remember that they were once children, and to whom it is a great refreshment to call up for an hour, amid their hardships, the scenes and the occupation of their youth. The school awakens an interest among members of the congregation in the church services by giving to them employment, and by making them feel that the work of the Lord depends somewhat on them also. Through the children I find my way into the families of many sea-faring men to whom I am thus permitted to offer the bread of everlasting life.

During the year I have been enabled to keep up an abundant supply of books and papers without any extra appeal, as in the preceding year, to the liberality of members of the Board. But your missionary would suggest that the missionaries, by some action of the Board, be supplied with reading matter for distribution for the time to come. The soliciting funds for books is neither pleasant to the missionaries nor agreeable to the gentlemen of the Board. And yet what are the missionaries to do? Sailors must be supplied with books and papers to some extent. This practice has become essential to the success of the mission.

I acknowledge my indebtedness, and hereby return my thanks, for generous donations of books, pamphlets, tracts and papers to the Church Book Society, the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, the Evangelical Knowledge Society, the New-York Bible Society, marine branch, the American Tract Society, the Boston Tract Society, the Advancement Society, the

Seaman's Friend Society, and to various private acquaintances and friends, upon all of whom I invoke the blessing of that gracious Lord who, when he would choose from out of the world his apostolic band, turned away from the men of the land to call to him the men of the sea for the high and honorable office of bearing his Gospel to the nations, and for laying the foundations of his church, and by which action he has given us an example that we should walk in his steps as we toil and labor over the salvation of the sailor.

#### STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

Services held in the chapel with congregation and Sunday-school, 174; at 62 Pike street, 120; at the Home, 18; elsewhere, 10—total, 322. Average of worshippers at chapel, 100; at 62 Pike street, 31; at the Home, 15; in Sunday-school, 50. Average of men at chapel, 50; at 62 Pike street, 16. On register at the Sunday-school, 115. Baptisms of infants, 42; of adults, 2—total, 44. Marriages, 22. Funerals, 21. Confirmations, 29; Communicants (number at last report), 50. Died, 1. Removed, 15. Added, 43. Present number, 77. Holy communion administered 12 times. Average communicating, about 30. Largest number at one time, 41. Distributed—Bibles, 60; Testaments, 400; Prayer Books, 100; Miscellaneous, 1,500; Tracts, pages, 40,000. Men receiving books, 788. Moneys collected and received from the box for the poor, the box for books, communion alms and various friends, for special purposes, \$227.49

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. LEWIS.

New-York, March 13, 1866.

## REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

# Church of the Koly Comforts

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1866.

By the blessing of a merciful Providence, we have been broughthrough the vicissitudes of another year, and your Missionary enabled to present the Sixth Annual Report of his labors among those who make the mighty ocean or the inland stream, the second their toils.

The average number of men engaged in labors connected wi our merchant marine, attending at each of our services has be eighteen (18); and, as they are seldom the same at any two se vices, it makes an aggregate of nearly nineteen hundred (187 who are brought, during the year, under the preaching of t Gospel, who would otherwise seldom hear the name of Chris except in one of the most terrible forms of profanity. Of the number, eight hundred and thirty-two (832) have remaine after the general congregation has been dismissed, to recei Bibles, Testaments, Prayer-Books, and other religious book which they receive with evident satisfaction and gratitude; an at the same time, they receive a more pointed and personal address than can be given in the sermon, and they often manifest I utmost interest in what is thus presented. And when we a to this the fact that these, as well as others who never attend, as visited on board of their vessels from week to week, when tracare distributed among them, and invitations are given to atten

divine service, as well as personal appeals on the subject of religion, it can easily be seen how much religious influence is brought to bear upon them, which we have reason to hope has not been altogether in vain. In this way your Missionary has visited seven hundred and seventy-eight (778) barges and sailing vessels, and four hundred and thirty-four steamers of all classes, making an aggregate of twelve hundred and twelve, which has given him access to about five thousand (5,000) souls, outside of his immediate congregation.

It is also worthy of notice that an important part of the female portion of the congregations consists of the women and children who have their homes on board of these barges, and who are not generally noticed in the estimated attendance of seamen and boatmen, but who exert a very important influence upon their moral condition; and if these are brought to embrace "the truth as it is in Jesus," a favorable change will soon be made in the character and lives of these men.

Your Missionary is also called to attend the sick and dying, where he can administer the consolations, as well as the ordinances of our holy religion; and, in consigning the departed to the silence of the grave, he often finds an opportunity to preach the Gospel to those who cannot be induced to listen at any other time; so that by being "instant in season and out of season," he is enabled to reach many who are almost entirely beyond the reach of all religious influence. And, although we are not able to point to numbers who have made an open profession of religion, we have good reason to believe that our Mission is exerting a wide and beneficial influence, which Infinite Wisdom alone can properly estimate.

The statistics of the year are as follows:

Divine services in the Chapel, 114; at the New Sailors' Home, 17—total, 131. Number of Communion Services 14, with an average attendance of 20. Average attendance at the regular

services, 63. Average attendance of seamen and boatmen, 18, Average number remaining for books, 16. Baptisms—Adult 1, infants, 30; total, 31. Marriages, 15. Burials, 19.

#### BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles, 50; Testaments, 100; Prayer-Books, 50; Miscellaneous books, 843; Tracts, 34,000 pages.

#### MONEY COLLECTED.

For books, \$18.46, of which \$14.00 have been paid for tracts, and \$1.49 each to the Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society. Church Book Society and Evangelical Knowledge Society.

For the poor—In the box at the door, \$20.48; Communion Offerings, \$80.64: total, \$101.12, which has enabled me to meet one hundred and forty-four (144) applications for aid.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY FLOY ROBERTS.

March 13th, 1866.

# Report of the Missionary at Large.

Your Missionary has been enabled, by the sustaining hand of God, to labor during the past, as in former years, among the seamen and boatmen who frequent the port of New-York. In no instance has he been absent from his station at Coenties Slip. On every Sunday, in the sultry heat of summer, as well as in the piercing cold of winter, he has been strengthened in the performance of every duty, and permitted to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to those who were once perishing for lack of knowledge. Some thousands of sea-faring men and others have listened with the most devout attention to the plain and simple exhibition of God's truth. Happily, the good seed has not all fallen on the rock, or among the thorns. In numerous instances it has sprung up, and is now bearing fruit to the honor of the Great Master, who has sent his servants to labor in the field. Your Missionary has learned directly and otherwise, that the open air services at Coenties Slip have been productive of a large amount of spiritual good to the sailors and boatmen, who constitute the largest portion of his audience. About two-thirds of all who attend are of this interesting class. After years of absence, the weather-beaten mariner has found his way to the spot where he had first shed the penitential tear, and first uttered the secret prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Affecting and joyous have been the interviews between your Missionary and the recently returned wanderers from the ends of the earth. God has indeed greatly blessed our humble efforts to spread the knowledge of His name, and to Him be all the praise.

On eighty-five occasions, the services have been held in the open

air, either on the deck of a barge, or on the pier. The most perfect order has prevailed at these promiscuous gatherings. On seventeen other occasions, when the weather has been severe, the religious exercises have been conducted in the room, 22 South street, an ordinary shipping office, during the week. This inconvenient room will only seat from forty to fifty persons, but it has been very gratifying to observe, that nearly every seat has been occupied in the afternoon by a sailor. The average attendance at the open-air services has been eighty-one, whilst in the room, the average number has been only thirty. Your Missionary has devoted a large portion of his time to the sick and dying seamen in the hospitals of this and the neighboring city. These poor follows, many of them natives of Europe, need all the spiritual advice and consolation which he is capable of imparting. It has been his pleasure, as it is his duty to supply their wants in this respect, and many an affecting incident might be recorded of seamen falling asleep in the arms of Jesus, who were first directed to take refuge in these loving arms by the writer of this report.

The Missionary has also visited the Society's Home, in Franklin Square, several times in each week. By thus coming in frequent contact with the sailor-boarders, he has been enabled to exercise a salutary influence on their conduct. During the year, a number of sailing vessels have been supplied with libraries of religious books, furnished by the "American Seamen's Friend Society." These loan-libraries are effecting a large amount of good among the men of the sea.

The Missionary embraces this opportunity of expressing his indebtedness to the gentlemen who have so kindly aided him in the performance of his arduous duties at Coenties Slip, by their presence, and by their money. The gift of a hundred dollars from an ex-member of the Board, to purchase books for seamen, and the present of a handsome banner from a member of the Board, are deserving of special remembrance.

Two thousand five hundred and fifty sailors, boatmen and young persons, residing on the ships and boats, have been supplied with books at the close of the afternoon service. There have been distributed among these and the sick sailors in the hospitals: 27 Bibles; 986 Testaments, in various languages; 86 Prayer Books, (English, French and German;) 153 Sailors' Manuals of Devotion; 1,621 Miscellaneous volumes; 51,300 pages of Tracts, in nearly every language of Europe, and a large number of religious pamphlets, papers and magazines. Of baptisms there have been 8; marriages 5; funcrals 16. The Holy Communion has been administered on several occasions in the Brooklyn City Hospital, and in private houses.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

March 13th, 1866.

#### DISPOSABLE FUND.

The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New-York, in account with F. W. Welchman, Treasurer, from April 17, 1865, to April 2, 1866.

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To amount paid Rev. Robert J. Walker, for one year's		By Balance, per last Report	\$772	46
salary to April 1, 1866	00 00	By Collection at 21st Anniversary, after Sermon by	-	
To amount paid Rev. Henry F. Roberts, for one year's	00 00	Rev. E. A. Washburn, D. D.	190	
salary to April 1, 1866 1,5	00 00	By Collection in St. George's Church, New-York	300	
To amount paid Rev. Robert W. Lewis, for one year's	00 00	By Collection in Calvary Church, New-York	165	00
salary to April 1, 1866	00 00	By Collection in Church of the Holy Communion,	100	00
	50 00	New-York By Collection in Christ Church, New-York	100	
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	93 00	By Collection in Trinity Chapel, New-York.	76	
To amount paid for rent of room in South Street for	00 00	By Collection in St. Paul's Chapel, New-York	62	
	50 00	By Collection in St. John's Chapel, New-York	15	
To amount paid for rent of Wharf and Bulkhead for	00 00	By Collection in Memorial Church of the Rev. Henry	10	1.00
North River Chapel 2	79 13	Anthon, D D., New-York	82	25
To amount paid for Insurance on the two Chapels for		By Collection in Christ Church, Brooklyn	84	
one year 1	23 75	By Collection in Grace Church, Brooklyn	50	00
To amount paid Sextons of the two Chapels for one		By Legacy of Mrs. Susan A. Remsen, \$4,775, less U.S.		
	40 00	Tax, \$287	4,488	00
To amount paid Organists of the two Chapels for one		By Executors of the late Capt. Samuel M. Thompson,		
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