# THIRTY-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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# Prayer for Seamen.

# 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. 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, 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.

# Proceedings of the Society.

THE Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Easter Monday, April 17, 1876, in the Sunday-school room of Trinity Chapel, E. M. Duncan, 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, which 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-second Anniversary of the Mission was held at the Church of the Transfiguration, on Sunday evening May 7, 1876. Rev. Geo. H. Houghton, D. D., presided, the Missionaries of the Society, taking part in the services. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by C. Edward Rives, Esq., and a sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D.D., Bishop of Rhode Island. after which a collection was taken in aid of the funds of the Society.

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# BOARD OF MANAGERS,

# Protestant Spiscopal Church Missionary Society FOR SEAMEN,

### IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

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In presenting to the Society this their Thirty-second Annual Report, it is with sincere satisfaction and devout thankfulness, that the Board of Managers are able to refer to the many encouraging evidences of its growing usefulness, and spreading influence, among the class to which its efforts are especially directed.

When it is considered how vast is the Sphere of labor to which the Society devotes itself, and how great and urgent the claims of those it seeks to benefit, we well may, and do, feel the utter inadequacy of the efforts we make—with the limited means at our command, yet feeble and unequal to the work as have been our efforts, we realize with humble and hearty gratitude that, under the Divine Guidance, the work this Society has done, and is doing has been blessed in its results to many poor souls.

The ideal sailor, daring and reckless, generous and unsuspecting, whether he be the storied hero of our youthful reading, or the real hero of some modern shipwreck, has ever been wont to elicit the sentimental sympathy of men, but we, alas! are too prone to forget the human being—the brother-man—that makes the sailor—and who beneath the exterior of apparent abandonment, frequently possesses a heart as tender and as impressible

as that of a child, and a soul as longing for the light and truth of the Gospel as any among ourselves. Not content then with a sentiment, but to reach this class of our fellow-creatures with a practical sympathy, to hold out to them the right hand of fellowship, to lead them into the paths of temperance and morality, to show them the blessed truths of our religion and its glorious promises, are the purposes and aims of this Society. It is not too much, we think, to say that to those whose condition in life • enables or disposes them to aid in missionary work, there is no class which should appeal so irresistibly as the seamen. For the most part homeless and friendless, living ever amid perils and exposed to hardships, of which we landsmen in our safe and comfortable homes can hardly form a conception, and to which the sailor by custom has grown indifferent, deprived of every enjoyment or comfort suggested by the word home, with but few of the privileges and wholesome restraints of Christian Civilization. facing at almost every turn, death, and summoned frequently without a moments warning to meet it in its most cruel forms. brave to a fault and ever ready to risk-aye-even lose his own life to save that of others, possessing a chivalrous generosity and unselfishness, begotten of his near and constant association with the great and sublime elements of nature, to be found in no other class, the sailor presents a character and leads a life, which should at once kindle our highest admiration and tenderest

We must bear in mind also that nature's law, that the forces of action and reaction are co-equal, obtains as well in the moral as in the physical world. When therefore the sailor, returning from a long voyage, during which he has been under the restraints of a rigid discipline, and deprived of every opportunity of enjoyment, either innocent or otherwise, comes ashore and is beset by all the species of temptation in which the lower wards of our city abound, and of which the poor sailor is the chief prey, it is but inevitable and by the very law of nature, that, standing alone, with none of the props which sustain us, and without any such controlling influence as religion would afford him, he should give free rein to every impulse for pleasure, and be easily and often led into unbridled and riotous dissipation. To throw around him the safeguards of religion, to elevate him to higher planes of enjoyment, to teach him the blessings of temperance and sobriety, is what this Society seeks. Is it not strange then, that Christian men and women can be found who are content to stand aloof— and withhold their sympathy and aid from a work. so noble in its aims, so vast in its possibilities for good, and which, in what it does accomplish, must be so pleasing to the Great Father of us all. We cannot but believe that, if the aims and operations of our Society were more widely known and its

wants made more manifest, there are many from whom we now receive no assistance, who would be both willing and glad to contribute to, and further, the successful prosecution of its work.

While in looking back over the past year, we feel the liveliest gratitude to Almighty God for the means He has vouchsafed to us, and for the good use, which, we believe, the Society has been able to make of those means, every day's experience teaches us more and more how vast and growing is our field of labor and in comparison, how far short of occupying the whole of it, is our ability with the means we have. We gratefully acknowledge the encouraging aid we have received during the year just gone, from the Church and from many Christian friends whose hearts have been enlisted in this cause, but with all the aid we have received, we yet lack much, and we earnestly trust that in the coming years the Society and its work will win yet more friends. and that God will put it in the hearts of all, to give liberally according to the measure of their ability, in order that the Society may be enabled to continue, and if possible, to enlarge its good work.

It will be seen from the Treasurer's Report, subjoined hereto, that the contributions from both the churches and individuals, have fallen considerably short of what we have heretofore received. For the year ending Easter 1874, we received from the various churches \$2,318.46, for the year ending Easter 1875, \$2,083.39, and for the year just past, only \$1,353.80. From this source alone then, the decrease in the income of the Society, this year as compared with last, has been \$729.59, and as compared with the year before, \$1,064.66.

Meantime the expenses of the Society have not been diminished-nor can they be without very seriously impairing its usefulness. The funds entrusted to us are administered in the most economical manner-every dollar is spent for the purposes of the Society, and in the prosecution of its work, and nothing whatever in the cost of management or the like. In this respect we challenge comparison with any other kindred Society. With a total expenditure of \$10,516.51 for the past thirteen months, the Society has maintained three mission Stations with all the necessary accessories to each, besides the Reading Room on Pike street, and the Home in Franklin Square. While we do not forget the stress of the times, we cannot believe that the Church or our friends are willing that this Society shall be crippled in its usefulness, just at a time too, when its power and influence for good seem to be growing so decidedly, yet if its receipts are not commensurate with the expenses it has to bear, the work must be contracted. We sincerely pray that God will so dispose the hearts of His servants in the Church that that result may not

The number and locations of our Mission Stations are unchanged. The details of each will be found under its appropriate head in this report and in the reports of the respective Missionaries. We would call especial attention to the very interesting and gratifying statistics contained in the Missionaries' Reports. By a comparison with former reports it will be seen that there has been a steady increase in the number attending services and a growing demand for Bibles, Testaments and the other books and papers distributed.

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# EAST RIVER CHAPEL.

The year just closed has been one of marked prosperity in the history of the "Church of our Saviour" at the foot of Pike Street, under the ministration of Rev. Robert J. Walker, assisted by an active colporteur. On every Lord's-day the Chapel has welcomed to its hospitable walls and inspiring services large and devout congregations, heartily uniting in the worship of the Creator, and attentive to the earnest and judicious instructions of the Missionary. The large proportion of seamen present at each service gives gratifying evidence, that those for whose benefit the mission was established, appreciate the privileges so freely offered to them. The average attendance has been larger than in any previous year, and the number of communicants on the first Sunday in March was over sixty. On Quinquagesima Sunday, thirty-four candidates (eight of them sailors) were presented to the Bishop for confirmation.

The number, (of children of sailors, and others connected with the Sea, living in the neighborhood) attending the Sunday School, has increased.

The Reading Room at the Mission House has continued to afford to Sailors in port a pleasant and profitable place of resort, where their leisure hours can be passed in innocent and instructive recreation, and the numbers who gather there each evening show that its attractions are appreciated.

The Weekly Evening Services and the Temperance Meetings have been well attended, and there is abundant evidence that they have borne good fruit in awakening to the call of religion, and saving from the dreadful disease of intemperance, many who might otherwise be heedless to the one, and the hopeless victims of the other.

# NEW SAILORS HOME.

The records of the House in Franklin Square show that it has sheltered more than eleven hundred Sailors during the past year. Comfortable and scrupulously neat in its provision for physical wants, and providing by daily Family Prayers and other religious services, for Spiritual needs, it is indeed a home for those who are its guests. The fact that the name "New Sailors Home" is imitated on the cards which are distributed on board of ship by the runners of Sailors Boarding houses of a very difficult kind, is a noticeable testimony to the character of our Home, from those whose interests are not in the direction of the comfort and moral safety of the Seamen.

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The Home is not an occasion of expense to the Society, as the rent not only suffices for the Insurance, necessary annual repairs &c., but gives a small balance to be applied to the general purposes of the Society. We would be glad if merchants and others who are brought in contact with sailors, would aid our work, by recommending the home to them. The constant return of Seamen who have once been entertained there, and the large amounts of money, (more than \$32,000) during the past year, entrusted to our care by them, show the esteem and confidence with which they regard the Home and its efficient Superintendent. We hope some day that the friends of the Society will be moved to provide us with means either to enlarge and improve our present quarters, or build a new and larger house, with better conveniences for household purposes, heating, bathing &c.,-and larger and brighter sitting, reading and dining rooms. If we would improve the mental and moral condition of the Seamen, it is of the greatest importance that we furnish him entertainment in a thoroughly comfortable and attractive house, where he can be preserved from the discomforts and demoralizing influence of the ordinary "Sailors Boarding House."

### NORTH RIVER CHAPEL.

The "Church of the Holy Comforter" at No. 365 West Street, continues under charge of Rev. Henry Floy Roberts, also assisted by an efficient colporteur. While the services at this Chapel have never been attended by so many Seamen or Boatmen as those at the other stations, as there are very few Sailors Boardinghouses in the neighborhocd of the Chapel, and but few ships or boats, yet we have the gratifying report to make that they have been better attended during the past year than at any time since the Chapel was removed from the foot of Dey Street to its present location. We have great hopes of still further increasing the efficiency of this branch of our work by adding a Reading Room where the men can spend their evenings pleasantly and profitably, and also by procuring a residence for the missionary near the Chapel, where he can readily be found by the Seamen and Boatmen who may require his advice and counsel.

### COENTIES SLIP STATION.

The open-air mission at this point, under Rev. Isaac Maguire, continues to be an efficient agency for the dissemination of religion and morality among the Seamen and Boatmen who come within the reach of its influence.

Traffic in the canals has been during the past year largely reduced in consequence of the general commercial depression. The number of Boatmen who have come to New York during the year has therefore been considerably less than formerly-yec despite this, the statistics to be found in the Report of the Missionary at this point show that the average attendance at the services has been as great as in previous years. We are glad to report that arrangements have been completed by which the Society will have hereafter, the use of the building No. 7 Coenties Slip. This will afford not only a residence for the missionary and his family, but a much more commodious and inviting place for holding services, when the weather does not permit them to be held on the pier. It is hoped we shall also be able to open a Reading Room at the building for the use of the Seamen and Boatmen in the neighborhood, it having been found such a valuable and serviceable adjunct to the East River Station. With the missionary residing on the spot, a comfortable and commodious room for worship, and if possible a Reading Room, and the services of a competent colporteur, we hope to see the work at this Station spring forward rapidly.

We cannot close this part of our Report without expressing our sense of the great loss the Society has sustained in the death of two of its most faithful servants—both attached to this Station —that of Mr. Elliott the Sexton and Mr. Cook the Chorister. Their deaths last October were almost coincident. Both, devout and faithful Christians, zealous and devoted workers, have left a void hard to be filled.

# THE BROOKLYN MISSION.

It has not been found practicable as yet to take any steps with respect to establishing a Mission in Brooklyn, though the call for such work as this Society seeks to do, would seem to be scarcely less urgent in that city than in New York, and we hope the day is not far distant when either this or a kindred Society will be able to extend to the Seamen and Boatmen in Brooklyn the same advantages and privileges enjoyed by those on this side of the River.

Since our last Report the Society has received from the benevolence of the late Mrs. J. W. Underhill, a legacy of \$3000, which has been placed in the permanent fund.

Before concluding, the Board would tender to all who have assisted in any way the work of this Society, their most hearty thanks, and particularly would thank, besides the kind individuals who have so generously contributed to the Society in books and otherwise, The New York Bible and Common-Prayer Book Society, The Church Book Society,

The Avangelical Knowledge Society,

The Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning,

The New York Bible Society, and

The American Tract Society, for donations received from hem.

In conclusion, believing that this our Report and those of the respective Missionaries, show that the measure of success attending the work of our Society during the past year has been most gratifying and encouraging, we should take fresh heart for the future and endeavor to throw into the work yet more earnestness and zeal; and while we ask from all, such help as may be in their power to give, we would especially call upon the Clergy of each and every parish in this city, and the adjoining cities of Brooklyn and Jersey City, to keep this Society prominently before their people and to urge upon them the importance of contributing to its support freely and generously.

Dated New York, April 11th, 1876.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE

# Floating Church of our Saviour,

Pier No. 40, East River, New York, FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, APRIL 16, 1876.

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The Floating Church of our Saviour, with its adjuncts, continues to exert a blessed influence, not only upon the character of the seamen who attend its services, but upon the entire neighborhood where it is situated. The happy results of the labors of the writer, and his predecessors are visible in almost every maritime country of the Globe. In Australia, China, California, the frozen seas of the North, in the various parts of Europe, and of this continent, the islands of the West Indies, etc., are sailors to be found who praise the Lord continually for the spiritual blessings which He conferred upon them in our unique little church, which rises and falls with the flowing and ebbing tide. In the fiery tropics, and on the ice bound coast of Labrador, the seaman on the sabbath morn calls to mind the solemn service-the Gospel feast, in which he participated months, perhaps, years before, and unlocking his sturdy chest, takes out his Bible, Prayer Book or Manual-pesented to him by loving hands in the Floating Church-and sitting down upon the lid, reads the same Gospel, and repeats the same prayers, and mayhap sings the same hymns, which first aroused his soul to think of God, and Christ, and death, and the judgment in the far off city by the sea, whose graceful spires rise in clusters directing the weary soul to Heaven, and whose amphibious little church opes wide its doors, one day in seven, to welcome and receive the mariner from every clime, and every land.

The Reading room, open every week day from 3 to 10 P. M., most comfortable, and well supplied with books and papers, the Temperance meetings, held each Wednesday evening, where seamen talk to seamen, and warn them of the evils of intemperance, the Friday evening lectures, and other religious services, held in the Mission House, 34 Pike Street,—where the writer resides,—have all been instrumental in saving and elevating both the men of the sea, and the men of the land.

If all the real and substantial good which has been accomplished in a quiet and unostentatious manner at this, and the other stations of the Society, could be realized by the members of the Church, the treasury would be full to overflowing, and many accomplished youths and maidens from the upper wards of the city, would come down to lend a helping hand to the over-worked Missionary who pens this article.

Not only have seamen been blessed and saved in numerous instances.-referred to in the monthly reports presented to the board,-by the instrumentalities already mentioned, but landsmen, their wives, and children have been greatly benefitted spiritually and temperally, by their attendance on the means of grace provided for them at this station. Peace, and joy and plenty now abide in many dwellings where formerly misery, and discord, and want were found. Wives and children bless the Lord for putting it into the hearts of His servants to erect the Floating Church, and place it where it lies, to lure the husbands and the fathers within its consecrated walls, there to be converted and saved by its holy ministrations. A volume of no inconsiderable size might be penned detailing the wide spread blessings which have flowed over the land, and over the sea, from the labours of the various Missionaries, who have been employed by the Society during the long period of two and thirty years.

Within the last four years, at this station alone, 95 persons have been confirmed by the Bishop of New York, many of them belonging to the sea, and 179 new communicants have been received by the writer during the same period, and praised be the Lord, the redeemed souls of some of these communicants have winged their way to Paradise from the moaning sea, the wards of hospitals, and the dimly lighted apartments of dismal tenement houses in this or the adjoining wards. Happy and blessed and munificently repaid has your Missionary been when some dying sailor or landsman has whispered in his ear, "God bless you for the peace and comfort you have given me by your prayers and conversation, and the administering of the Holy Sacrament." What a consolation to the writer as for the last time he has looked upon the still form of some departed parishioner, to know that the spirit was safe with Christ in Paradise, and that he had been honored by God to be an instrument to

guide the soul to the borders of "the valley of the shadow of death."

On the afternoon of Quinquagesima Sunday our venerable Diocesan visited the Floating Church, and confirmed a class of thirty four persons, nearly all of whom were adults, or young persons between the ages of fifteen and twenty. It was exceedingly touching to witness an aged sailor, entirely blind, being led to the chancel rail by his wife, who knelt down beside her husband, to receive with him the Apostolic Rite. On the following Sunday sixteen of the persons confirmed presented themselves at the table of the Lord, and consummated the act of confirmation by the reception of the Holy Sacrament.

The Society's Home in Franklin Square has been a haven of refuge to many a tempest tossed mariner during the past, as in former years. Every effort has been made by the pious and worthy Superintendent, aided by the three Missionaries, to benefit the seamen who adjourn for a brief season within its walls.

Numerous services are held in the home. The attendance at these services is invariably large, and the interest manifested very great. A large proportion of the boarders are worthy members of various Christian bodies, who gladly avail themselves —when in this port—of the numerous advantages offered for their reception at 338 Pearl Street. Among these advantages are the following: a quiet Christian home, abundance of wholesome, well cooked food, scrupulously clean rooms and beds, pleasant reading and smoking rooms, and what is of inestimable value to the sailor, intelligent and religious friends and companions.

The Sunday School connected with the Floating Church is performing an excellent work. It commenced four years ago under the most unfavorable circumstances, and has gradually increased in numbers and usefulness, until it has now attained a good size for this locality, and is admirably managed and instructed by the Superintendent Mr. Charles Keyes, and a number of excellent teachers.

What little time the writer could spare from his other duties has been devoted to the invalid seamen in the Hospitals. His entire time from morning to night, on every day of the week, could have been well employed in visiting the sick and maimed sailors who are confined to the wards of the different hospitals in New York, Brooklyn and vicinity. A faithful Missionary employed by the Board for this special duty, could accomplish an inconceivable amount of good at the bed side of the sick and dying seamen, who number yearly some thousands in this port alone. Mr. Keyes, the colporteur, has rendered valuable assistance during the year by visiting the vessels, sailor boarding houses, and private dwellings.

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Services on the Lord's day held in the Floating Church, Services on other days, held in the Church, Mission House, New	112
Sailor's Home and elsewhere	
Sailor's Home, and elsewhere,	
Total services for the year,	
Average attendance at each service, .	203
Average attendance at each service,	
Average attendance of Seamen,	45
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Books, Tracts, etc. in	
the Church,	1,136
seament visited in the riospitals and provided with Testaments.	
Tracts, etc.,	580
Number of Communicants (including 41 Seamen)	TET
Number of Communion Services held in the Church,	1.21
Baptisms : Adults 5 ; Children 20 ; Total,	14
Marriages	25
Marriages,	19
Burials,	II
Sunday School Teachers and Scholars,	97
Aggregate number of visits to the Reading-Room.	5,360
Members of the Temperance Society, including 1.864 Seamen	2,071
Communion offerings, \$108.14; Poor-Box, \$53.71; Box for Books	
\$12.22 10131	174 17
Number of visits paid by colporteur to Vessels, "Seamen's Boarding Houses,	2 500
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Seamen's boarding Houses,	2,329

### BOOKS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles,					66
Testaments, in ten languages, .					440
Prayer-Books,					204
Miscellaneous Books, in ten languages,			÷.	10.	1,143
Tracts, Religious Papers, Magazines, et	c., a	bout			0,000

Respectfully submitted,

### ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, Easter Monday, 1876.

ANNUAL REPORT

# Missionary in Charge of the Chapel of the Holy Comforter.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, APRIL 16TH, 1876.

Another year of Missionary labor has passed away, and it becomes our duty, as well as privilege, to return our thanks to Almighty God for the goodly measure of success that has attended our efforts. The year just closed has been one of more than ordinary encouragement, and excites the hope that the Lord of the harvest is preparing our way before us for a larger ingathering in the future. The congregations have been unusually large, and the large proportion of seamen and boatmen has been remarkable.

Situated as we are between the churches of St. John, and St. Luke, it is not to be expected that many of those who reside in our neighborhood, and who are in sympathy with our form of worship, should unite themselves with us in church fellowship; and, for this reason, we cannot expect to form anything like a permanent congregation; and our labors must of necessity be confined to those who are engaged on the sea and upon our inland streams, and who are, therefore, constantly on the move, and form a really floating population. But it is for just such a population as this, which cannot be reached by the ordinary means of grace, that our Mission was established; and among them we are to look for the fruit of our labors. This fruit, however, cannot be gathered as in a regular parish where the number of the baptized, of the confirmed, and of communicants can easily be counted, but it must be shown by the increase of interest on the part of these men in the services of our sanctuary, and in their desire for religious instruction. It is to this kind of fruit that we are to look in order to see the encouragement which our Mission receives, and of which the statistics, which are herewith presented, will enable us to form a tolerably correct idea.

There are also occasional incidents occurring which illustrate the character of our work. While these are very interesting and afford occasions for profound gratitude they cannot be recorded with all their attendant circumstances in the short compass of a Report like this; but one I will relate.

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On one occasion an Englishman who had wandered over a large part of the earth was passing by the Chapel, not knowing of its existence, and concluded to enter as he had not been inside of a church for many years. He entered and seated himself among those whom he regarded as companions in toil, and after the congregation was dismissed, he remained to tell the Missionary how much benefit he had received. He had been brought up by pious parents, in the Church of England, and they had taken every precaution to have him instructed in the truths of the Gospel. But through the influence of temptation, and of wicked companions, he had been drawn into all kinds of wickedness, had given up his faith in the Bible as the word of God. and had so far embraced the doctrines of infidelity as to think that nothing could ever bring him back to the belief of his childhood. But, when he had entered the Chapel, the familiar services to which he had been accustomed in years long gone by, led his mind back to the time when he had accompanied his parents to the house of God, and he began to feel his old love return for the truths of the Gospel, and he was prepared to listen to the truths which might be proclaimed from the pulpit. The subject appeared to be well adapted to his state of mind, and before the close of the discourse he found every stone in the foundation of his infidelity removed, and the faith of his childhood and early manhood came back to his heart with increasing strength, and he was resolved from that day forth to devote himself to the duties of the Christian life. He had been rescued from a life of sin, and perhaps from the death of an infidel, through the influence of our Mission. This is indeed a very encouraging incident in the work of our Mission, and though we may never meet him again in this world we hope to meet him before the throne of God.

Other incidents equally encouraging might be mentioned, to show the nature of the encouragement we are from time to time receiving.

I have been indebted for the large number of books and tracts which have been distributed during the year, to various sources which are duly acknowledged in the Report of the Board of Managers.

THE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Number of serv	ices in the	Chapel,				÷		113
Number of serv	ices at the	"Home,"	2	i i				18

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Sumber of services at other place	s,							3
Sumber of Communion services,							+	ġ
verage number of Communican	ts,				•		4	
ATT	ENDA	NCE	5.					
Average attendance on each Lord Average attendance of Seamen ar	's day,							4
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verage number remaining for bo	DOKS,				۲		•	
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Baptisms, (infants),								
Burials,							0+1	
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3; Portugese, 4; Italian, 5	; Swee	edish.	3;	1 otal	,	•		3
Prayer-Books,	•			-	•	•	*	
Testaments, — English, 221; Fiel 3; Portugese, 4; Italian, 5 Prayer-Books, Miscellaneous books			•	•		*	•	10.0
Tracts, (pages),							•	40,0
MONEY	COL	LEC	TED					
								\$ 25
Communion offerings,		•	•		•	•	•	4351
For the poor, in box at the door,	•			•	•		•	16
Communion offerings, For the poor, in box at the door, For books, in box at the door,	•	•	18-1					10
For aged and infirm Clergy,		•		*	*		•	2
For the Jewish Mission,	18	•				•		
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VESSI	ELS V	ISIT	ED.					
Number of visits by Colporteur,					+			3,1
Number of visits by the Sexton.								5
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Total, . . . . . . . . . . . 4,635

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FLOY ROBERTS.

Report of Rev. Isaac Maguire

# Missionary at Large.

Through the merciful providence of GOD, the Missionary of the out-door station is permitted to make the fourth annual report of his labors among the seamen and boatmen who assemble in the open air on the dock each Sunday morning and afternoon. And it is with devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, for the protection and strength vouchsafed; that he has been enabled to address so many men from every quarter of the world, upon that all important subject, the salvation of their souls through faith in the merits of the everliving and Divine Redeemer.

Under the peculiar circumstances attending the religious services in the open-air, where every passer-by considers himself entitled to the same liberty as the Missionary, it is not surprising that interruptions should sometimes occur, and the opposition which the Gospel of Christ has always encountered, be repeated. The path of the Missionary has not always therefore been free from obstacles; since the same evil spirit, and power of darkness, which were manifested in the days of the "Great Apostle of our profession" still exist. But notwithstanding all the hindrances which we meet from these and other sources, we thank God for the remarkable order which pervades the Congregation, and the reverent attention given to His word, and in many instances. the acknowledgment of our work, "to the praise of His glory." Persons acquainted with the character of our Congregation in former years and who would contrast it with its present appearance, will be forcibly impressed with the marked change which has taken place for the better; and this is largely owing to the influence of the out-door station of our Society. And not only is our work blest to the men who come immediately under our influence, but in the power which they exert upon their friends and others with whom they come in contact. In this connection the writer would mention one case of a boatman, who in the Summer of 1874 heard a sermon at our Mission concerning St. Paul and was so deeply affected at that time, and since, that he has never forgotten it. It was made a rich blessing to his soul; from that time he has often set up until

midnight reading the Bible, and religious papers which he received at our Mission-room; after reading these papers over and over, he mails them to his friends in the Country, near Rome in this state. On three successive Sunday mornings last Winter he came to the Missionary and asked for some papers and tracts to distribute to his fellow boatmen in Jersey City, and thus God makes our inland commerce the passage for the message of the truth, and the men who live on the water the instruments for proclaiming the Good News which the Angels made known to the Shepherds when Christ was born. From this and similar cases which come to the knowledge of the Missionary, he is more persuaded than ever he has been, that the judicious distribution of good books and papers, is a great power which we cannot over estimate in the prosecution of our work. There is many a man who cares but little for Church services, who will gladly accept and read a book, and if such a small gift leads him to think and act in reference to the salvation of his soul, it becomes to him of unspeakable value. Many of these boatmen occupied in pumping out their boats, or feeding their horses, or caring for their children; are prevented from uniting with us at the hour of service, and may often be seen breathlessly running up the dock towards the mission room to ask for a book or some religious papers; and on each fine Sunday in Summer, groups of these men with their wives and children may be seen from the balcony in front of the mission room attentively reading their papers ; under the temporary awnings constructed over the decks of the boats, to protect them from the heat of the sun. The writer can also say, that in no instance in his experience has he known a seaman or boatman to destroy or pervert a book or paper thus given and received.

In many cases, the Missionary has no other possible means of reaching his hearers, than by giving them books. During the past year on several occasions, there were present at our services, Spanish, Germans, Dutch, Swedes, Danes, Maltese, Russians, &c.,-natives of every maritime country of Europe and America. The majority of these do not understand our language, and we may well imagine what gladness fills their hearts when furnished with a copy of God's word, or the Pilgrims Progress or some other book in their own native tongue. Surely if there is one thing more than an other, which identifies us with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, it is this sympathy and watchfulness for the spiritual wants of those strangers who by their hazardous lives and labors add so largely to the material prosperity and physical enjoyments of our citizens. Is it not the office as well as the duty of the Church of God, to enlighten, elevate and purify, by every means placed within her power, the minds of these men who are "like sheep without a shepherd ?"

Now that the Society has succeeded in leasing a house and mission room, which will so far surpass our present quarters in space and comfort, we are hopeful for the future, and trust that the work of the open-air station may assume a more permanent and decided form than it has heretofore, and our opportunity for further usefulness be largely increased. We will have a large well lighted, well aired room, under the complete control of the Society, so that by keeping it open through the week as a Reading Room or for religious services in the evening, or otherwise as the "Board of Managers" in their judgement shall decide. Many of the seamen and boatmen will gladly take advantage of the privilege thus offered, and receive blessings which may be everlasting.

The attendance at the services last year exceeded that of the year previous, and were it not for the dulness of trade on the canals and rivers, would doubtless outnumber the attendance of the year 1873 and 1874.—The most successful year in the history of the open-air station.

The Missionary cannot close his report, without bearing testimony to the great work that is being accomplished in the Home, 338 Pearl St, under the superintendence of Mr. Rode, in the numerous conversions to God, of the most hardened and hopeless characters to be found amongst sea-faring men. And how encouraging to the Society to know that this important branch of its work is bearing fruit to the praise and glory of God.

The following are the statistics since last Annual Report.

Services in the open-air at Coenties Slip,			•		53
" in the room 22 South Street, .					57
" elsewhere,					40
Total services for the year,					150
Present at the open-air services for the year					5,727
" " indoor services " "					1,855
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Seamen, Boatmen and Boatmen's children st	upplie	ed wit	th bo	oks,	3,414

### BOOKS &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles-English Fren	ich, an	d Ge	rmai	1,							266
l'estaments in variou	s lang	lage	s,								693
Books of Common P	raver										261
Miscellaneous Books,							•			*	2,337
Magazines,	•		:								900
"Peoples Pulpit," (D Monthly and Weekly	r. I yn	g Jr	).,	•	•	•		•	•		1,808
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Respectfully submitted, ISAAC MAGUIRE.

Tuesday before Easter, April 11th, 1876.

# THE NEW SAILORS' HOME.

# ANNUAL REPORT

### OF

# EDWARD RODE, Superintendent.

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 1st, 1875,
Total for the year, $\ldots$
Gone to Sea, and Friends, from April 1st, 1875, to March 31st, 1876, 1,075 In the Home, April 1st, 1876,
Total,
Money received from Seamen, from April 1st, 1875, to March 31st, 1876, and returned to them, Deposited in the Bank by Seamen. Sent Home to Friends,
The average attendence at Family Worship this year has
been :
Mornings, over
Respectfully submitted. EDWARD RODE.

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

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Adams, Wm	1875	\$5 00	Ford, Henry W 1	1876	\$2 00
Adams, John T		5 00	Fletcher, W. B	66	5 00
Atkinson, Jno. P	4.6	5 00		1875	25 00
Ambler, Dr. John G	4.8			1876	5 00
	11	5 00			
Alsop, Miss C. P		2 00	Foster, J. P. G		5 00
Alsop, J. W		5 00	Gale, Thos. W	1875	5 00
Archibald, E. M	1876	10 00	Gillespie, G. D. H.		
Aymar, Mrs. M.C.P.	1875	2 00	Gillespie, G. D. H.	1876	5 00
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Baylis, Mrs. N. E	1876	25 00	Gibbs, Mrs. Thos		3.00
Briggs, Capt. Geo	1875	5 00	Harvey, The Misses	1875	2 00
Bleecker, August	66	2 50		10/5	
Burdett, C. P	55	5 00	Huntington, D		5 00
Babcock, S. D		25 00	Halsey, John		2 00
Brown, Jas. M	44	25 00	Hopkins, Sam'l		15 00
Butterworth, W. H.	4.6	2 00		1876	5 00
Barton, Wm	= = =	2 00	Hubbard, Rob. J	**	5 00
Battelle, Mrs. L. F.			Hoffman, W. O		5 00
		2 00	Hopkins, H	1875	5 00
Brown, Stewart		25 00	Holly, H. H		5 00
Barnes, Walter	1876	5 00			
Brown, Mellville	**	5 00	Ivey, Henry	1876	10 00
Buchanan, Mrs. R.S.	**	3 00	Irving, J. T	<i>ci</i>	5 00
Borden, Wm18	75-76	10 00	Johnston, F. U., M.		
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Coddington, T. B	1875	5 00		1875	5 00
Cisco, John J	66	5 00	Jones, John	1876	2 00
Curtiss, Cyrus	44	5 00	Kearney, Joseph R.	1875	5 00
Clarkson, David	1876	5 00	Kummel, H. E	10/5	5 00
Catlin, Julius, Jr	*6	5 00		16	
Cooper, J. M	44	2 00	Konig, Fred'k	11	5 00
Chisholm, W. E	4.6	5 00	King, John A., Jr		5 00
Chisholm, Mrs. W.		5 00		1876	5 00
E		- 00	Kingsland, Wm		5 00
	**	5 00	Tauranas Dishord	0	- 00
Coulter, Sam'l		5 00	Lawrence, Richard.	875	5 00
Crane, Miss Elizbth.	1874	I 00	Ludlum, Mrs. F. A.		2 00
Dutilh, Eugene	1875	= 00	Livingston Cambridger	1870	5 00
	10/5	5 00	Livingston, L. L	66	2 00
Davenport, John	**	5 00	Leamen, Andrew	"	5 00
Davenport, Emily		5 00	N I D	0	
Duncan, E. M	1876	2 00	Maurice, J. R 1	875	10 00
Davis, Miss H. A		5 00	Messenger, T. H		10 00
Dickey, Chas. D	6.6	25 00	Messenger, Thos	16	5 00
Dougherty, E. H	1875	25 00	Maxwell, J. T. B		2 00
Easton, Chas	1876	5 00	Morris, Lewis	**	5 00
Earle, John H		15 00	Morris, H. Lewis,	4.6	25 00
Louis Jour Marian		-9.00	carrier and and and and and		1.00

McDonald, A. B	1875	\$2 00	Skidmore, S. T	1875	\$5 00
McDonald, A. J.	10/5	2 00	Sherman, B. B	1876	5 00
McDonald, A. L	63	5 00	Shortridge, G. E	16	5 00
Meigs, Henry	1876	5 00	Sampson, E. C	11	5 00
Morgan, Geo. D	10,0	5 00	Stearns, John N	66	5 00
Messenger, H		5 00	Smith, A. H., M.D.	**	5 00
Neilson, Mrs. M. A.	1875	20 00	Slade, Jarvis	1875	25 00
Neilson, Miss		5 00	Sutton, E. B	1876	5 00
Nichols, H. G	1876	2 00			
NICHOIS, III. GILLET			Tousey, Miss	1875	5 00
Pott, James	1876	3 00	Tracy, Chas		5 00
Pott, Francis	14	5 00	*Taylor, James O	• 5	2 00
Parkin, W. W	1875	5 00	Thorp, A. G., Jr	1.5	5 00
Potter, Howard	66	5 00	Tompkins, F. W		5 00
Popenhausen, C		5 00	Thompson, Capt		
Popham, W. H	6.6	2 00	W. C	6.6	10 00
Peck, C. C	4.6	5 00	Trowbridge, F. H	4.6	2 00
Peet, John H	11	25 00	Tailer, E. N., Jr.,	1876	5 00
reed, John			Thomas, W. W	1875	5 00
Quintard, E. A	1875	5 00			
			Vandervoort, Mrs.		
Routh, S. D	1875	2 00	Chas	1876	5 00
Routh, F. R		2 00	Vanderbilt, C., Jr.	6.6	5 00
Roberts, Job	4.6	10 00	randerbird, en jr.		
Reese, Jacob	6.6	5 00	Whitlock, D. B	1875	5 00
Rogers, Henry	**	5 00	Wagstaff, D		5 00
Richards, E. H		2 00	Wright, W. W	4.4	5 00
Renwick, H. B	**	25 00	Weeks, John A	6.6	2 00
Rhinelander, W.R.		5 00	Winston, F. S	£ 6.	2 00
Ruckel, J. H	4.6	10 00	Wheelock, Geo. G.	1876	5 00
Ruckel, Miss A		2 00	Warburton, A. F	i.	5 00
Reynolds, A. W	1876	5 00	Warburton, F. T	6.6	5 00
Reynolds, Mrs. M.J. W	**	5 00	Wells, Chas	£.6	5 00
Rogers, Mrs. J		5 00	Watts, Geo. B	1875	5 00
Rice, Geo. Samuel.		5 00	Ward, E	£1	5 00
Rives, C. Edward	**	5 00	Ward, 0	1876	5 00
S. C. A. C	1876	20 00	Webb, Gen'l A. S.	ii	5 00

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