## MISSIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

#### EAST RIVER STATION.

## Floating Church of our Saviour,

AT THE FOOT OF PIKE STREET. Services on Sunday at 10½ A.M. and 3 P.M., MISSION AND READING ROOM, 34 PIKE STREET Lecture on Friday Evening, REV. ROBERT J. WALKER, Minister in Charge, Residence, 34 Pike Street,

NORTH RIVER STATION.

## Church of the holy Comforter,

No. 365 WEST STREET. Services on Sunday at 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> A.M. and 3 P.M., Rev. THOMAS A. HYLAND, Minister in Charge, AT MISSION HOUSE, 90 BARROW STREET.

COENTIES SLIP STATION.

## Services on the Dock,

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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

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

for the purposes of said Society.

## 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 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.

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THE Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Easter Monday, March 29, 1880, in the Sunday-School room of Trinity Chapel, HENRY ROGERS, Esq., in the chair, at which were presented the Annual Report of the Board of Managers and the Reports of the Treasurer and the Missionaries of the Society. The Reports were accepted and ordered to be published, and the Report of the Board of Managers was ordered to be read at the Anniversary services of the Society.

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

The Thirty-sixth Anniversary of the Mission was held at Christ Church, on Sunday evening, May 9, 1880, Rev. SAMUEL COOKE, D.D., Vice-President, presiding. The Missionaries of the Society conducted the evening service. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was read by D. S. RIDDLE, Esq., and after a sermon by the Rev. NOAH HUNT SCHENCK, D. D., a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

# THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

# BOARD OF MANAGERS of the Protestant Ppiscopal Church Missionary Society FOR SEAMEN,

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

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS in presenting their Thirty Sixth Annual Report, would again express gratitude for the large measure of Divine favor with which their efforts have been blessed for so many years. Through all these years the Board have steadily kept in view the purpose of this Society—the religious and moral welfare of Seamen.

To this end the faithful missionaries and colporteurs employed by the Board have earnestly labored in season and out of season, with what results their interesting reports disclose. But the field stretches beyond the compass of the Missionary.

The necessities of the sailor are peculiar. On the stormy deep he is heroic and self-reliant even in the greatest emergencies. He grapples manfully with the giant forces of Nature and often wrenches safety from the jaws of destruction. But on shore he is too often the sport of passion, and falls an easy prey to the wiles of wicked men.

A missionary enterprise, to be efficient, must therefore meet him as he steps on land and throw around him its protecting power, watch over him while he stays, and when he sails send him off with the grace of our Lord in his heart, and the whole armor of God on, so that he may stand for Jesus and do battle for the Master on sea and in foreign lands.

With this end in view a Sailor's Home was some years ago established in Franklin Square, under an experienced and Christian superintendent, and about a thousand seamen avail themselves of this home in the course of the year.

To the same end the Board have also established Mission Rooms in connection with the different Missionary Stations, and have made them attractive to sailors in order to draw them hither and away from the dens of vice and ruin that yawn for their victims day and night in the lower parts of the city.

In these rooms, which are large and well lighted, religious and secular papers, periodicals and magazines, as well as useful and entertaining books await the seaman during week days. Here he also finds stationery and writing facilities for correspondence with friends, and here he may hear frequent lectures by the Missionaries and others on religious and moral subjects, and can join in the religious services which are held here weekly. Everything is done, so far as means will permit, to bring the sailor to these rooms and keep him there during his leisure hours.

In this way the Board seeks to throw the ægis of religion around the poor seaman and save him from the net of the destroyer.

We refer to the reports of the Missionaries for the result of this part of our work.

Another valuable department of the Society's mission is the distribution of the Word of God and religious books and papers among the men of the sea.

The Board aims to place a Bible on every boat and vessel in the harbor, and give every sailor some entertaining religious reading on his voyage.

At every Station on each Sunday this distribution goes on. Every captain gets a Bible for his boat or craft, and every sailor a New Testament in his own language, and other good books, papers and tracts. It is a touching sight of a Sunday afternoon to see these hardy sons of the ocean gathered from every land and clime assembling in front of the Missionary for books and papers, and what joy lights up their weather beaten faces on receiving the Word of God or some good book in their native tongue. Thus many a vessel that unfurls her sails and stands out to sea carries with her the seeds of the Word, and often missionaries who in their uncultured yet earnest way preach the glad tidings of salvation in the forecastle and in distant ports.

Is not this indeed casting the bread upon the waters, whence it will return after many days? Eternity only can reveal the amount of good that is done in this wise.

The supply of books and papers has been liberal, but more could be used to great advantage.

For kind assistance in this department our acknowledgments are due to

The New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society.

The Church Book Society.

The Evangelical Knowledge Society.

The Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning.

The New York Bible Society.

The American Tract Society.

The Protestant Episcopal Tract Society.

An earnest friend of the Mission has put it in the power of the Board to furnish, in certain cases, outgoing vessels in charge of Christian masters, with small libraries of good books for seamen. This is a worthy charity, and we would commend it to other friends of the sailor.

The reports of the missionaries at the respective stations give full details of the work during the year just closed.

The Board will therefore allude but briefly to the matter.

There are four stations: The Floating Church of our Saviour, at the foot of Pike Street, under the charge of the Rev. Robert J. Walker; the Church of the Holy Comforter, at No. 365 West Street, North River, under the charge of the Rev. Thomas A. Hyland; the Coenties Slip Station, on the dock and at No. 7 Coenties Slip, under the charge of the Rev. Isaac Maguire, and the Atlantic Dock Station, in Brooklyn, where the Rev. Mr. Maguire holds occasional services.

#### THE FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

This is emphatically a sailors' church. Under the faithful ministration of the Missionary, Rev. Robert J. Walker, the attendance of seamen here has constantly increased, and has been larger during the past year than ever before, notwithstanding that many of the vessels have changed their place of mooring in the neighborhood for other docks further away, and the number of communicants has also increased. The religious interest in this station is guite marked, as is shown by the monthly reports of the Missionary. The following societies are connected with this church, and are efficient aids in the missionary work : The Guild of the Floating Church, which assists the poor and needy of the station, and their families, and aims at improving its members by literary and æsthetic exercises ; the Temperance Society, which renders important service among sailors and boatmen, inducing many to enroll themselves on the side of temperance as a preliminary step to their becoming members and workers in the church ; and the Sunday School, which meets at the Mission House, 34 Pike Street, every Lord's Day. It continues about the same as last year. Many children are gathered in here who receive no other religious instruction, and may we not hope that even here, on this unpromising yet virgin soil, seeds are sown which in after years will spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God. The Missionary is unremitting in his zeal and labor in this field, and many are the tokens that God is smiling upon his work. Two services are held each Sunday in the church, and during the week services and meetings in the interest of temperance, etc., are held in the Mission House. He has also within the year made many visits to the sick and dying in the neighborhood, and ministered to them the consolation of religion. The condition of this part of the city makes such calls

numerous. During the year the lay assistant made 3,059 visits to vessels and 5,300 to boarding houses.

#### THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

This is fast becoming an important Missionary Station. It has been, since June 17th, 1879, in charge of the Rev. T. A. Hyland. He is assisted by an active colporteur. These faithful men are cultivating this part of the Master's vineyard with much zeal, and God is blessing their efforts. The average attendance at the Church has largely increased within the year, so has also the number of communicants and baptisms. The interest in the services is growing in a marked degree, while the visitations of seamen at the Mission Rooms have multiplied fourfold. Two services are held each Sunday in the Church, and many sailors remain for books, papers, &c., and to join in the Service of Song and short devotion which have become a feature in this Church in the afternoon, after books, papers, &c., have been distributed. Religious Meetings are also held during the week in the Mission House.

In October last, the Missionary organized a Sunday School, and this auxiliary to the Mission Work at this Station is now established on a permanent foundation, and is flourishing. There are at present fifty-four scholars and eight teachers in the school. The average attendance of pupils is thirty. The whole number connected with it since it opened is 459.

The Mission and Reading Rooms, at No. 90 Barrow Street, constitute another valuable auxiliary. These rooms are open every week day for seamen. Here are found good and entertaining books, papers, &c., for reading, and frequent religious services are held, in which they are invited to join. The sailors appreciate these privileges. The number of visitors has greatly multiplied within the last six months. About 1,819 have visited the rooms since last June. Several European Steamship Companies, and others, have their docks in this neighborhood, which bring hither a large influx of seamen. Most of the crews of these vessels are not discharged while in port. This affords an opportunity to the Missionary and colporteur to visit the men on board and talk with them and invite them to the Church and rooms. Near four thousand of such visits have been made during the year. The effect of these invitations may be seen any Sunday in the large attendance of mariners at the Church, conspicuous in their neat uniforms. Not only do the crews of the English steamers attend upon the divine services, but those of the French steamers also, who, though they do not understand English, yet appear to enjoy the opportunity of worshiping God.

Providence is opening a great field here for work. With the revival of business, so auspiciously begun, the river front in this neighborhood will be still more crowded with vessels, and the men of the sea will swarm on the docks hereabouts, hungering for the bread of life.

#### COENTIES SLIP STATION.

The Missionary here has no easy task. It is a hard and laborious field, and yet he zealously and faithfully cultivates it, like one who feels that he is about his Master's business and loves to do His will. Two services are held each Sunday. When the weather permits these are held in the open-air, on the dock, in the very midst of the boats and vessels; at other times in the pleasant and well-lighted mission-room, No. 7 Coenties Slip, which is fitted up for services and a reading-room.

Last Summer the Board procured a large tent and benches, at an expense of about \$150. Permission was obtained to put this tent up on the dock, for the purpose of worship. This is a great improvement upon the former mode of worshiping in the broiling sun and on barges. It affords a cheerful place of assembling, besides being attractive in itself.

A good work is being done among the rather rough elements that are found in this neighborhood, and the Missionary has proofs not unfrequently that the seed which he is sowing in this rude and wild soil is springing up, and bearing fruit to the glory of God. In addition to the two services each Sunday, already mentioned, a devotional meeting is held each Lord's Day evening, in the Mission-room; and also religious services on evenings during the week, for the benefit of seamen.

The attendance during the year at the Sunday services has been about 6,000, while the visitations during the same time at the Mission room has been about 9,000. Many good books and papers have been distributed among sailors and boatmen.

The Missionary, Rev. Isaac Maguire, has also at times during the year held services at the Atlantic Docks, in Brooklyn, which made four services a day for him. The Macedonian cry has come across the water and he has gone over to help them. But the work is too much for one man. Brooklyn needs a missionary of its own. The Board have long wished to enter fully upon this promising field, but the means at their disposal have thus far forbade them to do so.

### THE NEW SAILOR'S HOME, IN PEARL STREET, (FRANKLIN SQUARE,)

appeals most practically to poor Jack. It demonstrates to him, in a way that he can best understand, that we take an interest in his welfare. Here he finds a quiet, pleasant home, airy rooms, good food, and the kind attention of the Superintendent and his family, whose long experience in this business enables them to minister properly to the needs and comfort of the seafaring man. His hard earnings are carefully kept for him while he stays, and returned to him when wanted, or disposed of as he may request. Thus many thousands of dollars are saved for him and for those who depend upon him.

The daily prayers and reading of the Scriptures, the evening meetings, and the frequent religious services, which constitute an essential feature of the Home, together with the kindly efforts of Superintendent Rode and his wife for the well being of the inmates—all combine to make this a most desirable abode, and in striking contrast with the ordinary sailor's boarding house. Here many a poor sailor has been saved from the fowler's net, and started on his way to heaven since the Home opened; and how many dependent ones will rise up and bless the Home, not only for saving poor Jack, but also his hard earnings for them !

The seamen give proof of their appreciation of this Home by constantly returning to it when they come to port. The number of men in the Home varies from 19 to 22, making an aggregate for the year of about 1,000; and the amount of money deposited by them with the Superintendent during the year for safe keeping is about \$22,000.

During the year the Society received from Miss Serena Rhine lander a donation of \$5,000, in U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds, which are to be kept in a fund called the William C. Rhinelander fund, as a memorial to the donor's father; the interest only to be used. The Society also acknowledges the receipt of a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of Mrs. Rutherford Stuyvesant, by the hands of her executor.

The current expenses of the year have far outrun the disposable funds at the command of the Board.

This is a brief outline of the Society's work and condition. There is little need to plead the claims of the seamen in a commercial community like this.

His services are known and admitted. They are seen in the wealth, the splendor and the prosperity of this imperial city. He is the common carrier of the world, and, in order to bring to our doors the necessaries and luxuries of every clime, he imperils life and health; he endures untold hardships and privations; while, from the nature of his situation, he enjoys but very few of these products. How fitting, then, that this community should place within his reach that which is above all price—Salvation in Christ—and throw around him the shield of Christian protection while he is here, and send him away, when he launches upon the mighty deep, a better man and a more efficient mariner.

We place the foregoing facts before this community !

They give a glimpse of the vast field which lies before us, and what has been done in it. It calls aloud for more laborers. But the limited means at the disposal of the Society prevents us from entering further into the field, or cultivating it more thoroughly. We appeal to the friends of the sailor for more liberal support. We believe that in the Providence of God this enterprise has been wisely planned. We know that its financial affairs are economically administered. Judging from what has been done, with the blessing of Heaven, we are assured far greater and more glorious results can be accomplished if the friends of the seaman come up to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty. God carries on his purposes in society through human means. His command to His servants is, "Occupy till I come."

Will not the community, which owes so much to the sailor, help the Board to occupy this great field for the Master till He return to claim His own? May we not hope for many liberal responses to the call of our Treasurer, whose report shows how hampered the Society is in this work for means?

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#### MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1880.

VERY satisfactory has been the attendance of sea-faring men during the past year at the services held in the Floating Church. the Lecture Rooms, 34 Pike Street, and the New Sailors' Home in Franklin Square On more than one occasion at least a hundred of these bardy men have been present as worshipers and hearers, comprising natives of nearly every maritime country on the face of the globe. On a recent Sunday afternoon, books, Testaments and tracts were presented to natives of the following countries, viz., Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy and Portugal, each man receiving a book and Testament in his own language. On the same afternoon several copies of the Holy Scriptures, Prayer Books and religious books were given to seamen from various English-speaking countries and islands of the sea. Of the thousands of seamen who have worshiped with us, not one has shown the least irreverence of conduct. On the contrary, they have exhibited on all occasions the greatest interest in every part of our hallowed service, and have listened to the discourse like men who realized the great truth that "faith cometh by hearing." The sailor, of all men, is the most easily impressed by the truths of the Gospel. The life he leads upon the bosom of the tempestuous deep, surround-ed with dangers, and beholding God's wonders by day in the wide expanse of ocean all around, and by night in the planets and constellations above his head,-these familiar sights bring him nearer to God than they who dwell upon the solid ground. And when he enters his Father's house, it is with the carnest desire of obtaining that Father's blessing. Hypocrisy is unknown among the men of the sea. They invariably show their true colors, and are never ashamed to acknowledge the Master whom they serve. Many a seaman has had his heart touched. Many a contrite tear has flowed down the bronzed cheek of this son of ocean, and his manly bosom has swelled with deep emo tion, as the divine Saviour's claims were presented for his acceptance. Not a few of these interesting men have received with joy the offers of salvation.

A gentleman, who has been connected with the shipping business nearly all his life, recently remarked to the writer: "It is incalculable the good that has been done by the Missions to sea. men. The whole merchant marine is permeated by the principles of the Gospel." This is valuable testimony, coming, as it does, from one so well qualified to express an opinion on the subject. As an illustration of the correctness of this statement, the following pleasing incidents are inserted. One Wednesday evening, at a meeting of the "Floating Church Temperance Society," a rough, but honest-looking, sailor arose, and spoke as follows: "For six years I never wrote a line to my dear mother or sisters. I sailed from port to port, always drinking hard when on shore, and going from bad to worse. I was just about as low and vile as a man could be. About three years ago, I was sitting one evening in my boarding-house in Cherry Street, wh n a young man, whom I had never seen before, came in, and took a seat beside me. After a short talk, he said: 'You must come with me this evening.' I answered: 'Where are you going to take me? I don't know you, and I won't go with you.' But he continued to press me to go with him, and at last I consented, and he brought me to the temperance meeting in this very room. I listened to the speeches of sailors who had once been drunkards like myself, but who had reformed, and were now sober and respectable men. What they said went down into my heart, and I then and there made up my mind that I would try and lead a different life. I went up to the table, and signed the pledge, and got a certificate of membership. Since that hour, I have never tasted a drop of strong drink. After I became a sober man, I found out, what I did not know before, that I had a soul to be saved, and I became very much alarmed, fearing I might die and be lost; so I went to Church whenever I was on shore. I read my Bible every day, and I prayed earnestly to God to pardon me for Christ's sake, and now I think I can truly say, I am a child of God, and a sinner saved by grace. What do I owe to this Mission? I owe everything to it! It has made me a sober man, and it has made me a Christian."

The first officer of a ship boarded at the Home, in Franklin Square, for some time. He was addicted to the too free use of intoxicating drinks. Happily for him he was induced to attend the services at the Floating Church, the Mission House and the Home. He was greatly impressed by what he heard, and resolved, in the strength of Divine grace, to amend his life, refrain from drinking and turn to God. After some weeks' probation, including constant attendance at all the services and entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks, he was baptized by the writer, in the Floating Church, in the presence of the congregation, on the afternoon of Sunday, the 22d of February, and on Easter-day was confirmed by the venerable Bishop. A great number of other seamen have been benefited and blessed through the instrumentality of the East River Mission, who will at the last day bless God with a loud voice that He had put it into the hearts of His servants to establish it. Since last Easter 49 new communicants have been received, and of this number 35 have been sea-going men. Three or even five years will sometimes intervene between the latter's visits to this port; but in all their wanderings over the face of the great deep they carry with them a fond remembrance of the little Floating Church, and consider themselves as members of the same.

The Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books and miscellaneous religious books, distributed every Sunday afternoon, are performing a most excellent work in connection with the oral teaching. The seamen peruse these works with deep attention, and after being read and re-read will gladly exchange them for other books with brother sailors whom they come in contact with in distant climes.

On a recent Sunday afternoon the officer of a sailing vessel approached the writer with these words: "Please, sir, give me a prayer-book. One of the crew died on the last voyage, and we could have no service when we buried him in the sea, for we had no prayer-book on board. I will never go to sea again without having one in my chest" The thought then occurred to the writer's mind: Should not every seaman who attends the Floating Church have a copy of this invaluable manual of devotion placed in his hands? The thought is now embodied in action. Through the liberality of a member of the Board every sea-faring man who attends our services has a prayer-book offered to him.

The Floating Church is much frequented by masters and officers of steamers and sailing vessels. At the service which was held on one Lord's Day morning, there were present six captains of steamships or sailing craft, and some of these gentlemen were accompanied by their wives and children.

"The Guild of the Floating Church" is doing an excellent work. All the sick members have been visited and relieved, and in one instance the family would have suffered greatly had not the fostering care of the Guild been extended to them. We have now a balance on hand of \$287, safely deposited in the Seamen's Bank for Savings. Some very instructive and agreeable lectures on various subjects were delivered by different clergymen to the members of the Guild, seamen, and other persons connected with the Church. In the Sunday School about 100 children are instructed on the afternoon of each Lord's Day in the Mission House, 34 Pike Street. It is impracticable to procure in this neighborhood a sufficient number of competent teachers, which is a serious hindrance to its usefulness. A benevolent Christian lady, who entertains much sympathy for the working classes in their lowly condition, originated a Sewing School for girls in the above building on the 29th day of last November. Every Saturday morning about forty bright and intelligent girls are instructed in the use of the needle. In this way a large amount of good is accomplished. Connected with the Floating Church are some sixty families, or parts of families, who mostly dwell in tenement houses. Visiting in seasons of sickness, and at other times in these lofty buildings, imposes a great amount of labor on your Missionary and his faithful lay-assistant. But there is much of interest and of satisfaction connected with this work, for nearly all the male adults have been, at some period of their lives, dwellers upon the deep, and are yet employed in various ways about the docks and shipping, as caulkers, riggers, ship carpenters, stevedores and longshoremen. These men are still nautical in their sentiments, manners, and modes of expression.

The writer has been a frequent visitor at the Society's Home, in Franklin Square, and on every occasion has seen much to commend it to his approbation.

The visitors to the reading room in the basement of the Mission House, 34 Pike Street, have been more numerous than in the previous year. On the afternoon of Easter Day the venerable diocesan administered the right of confirmation to six adults in the Floating Church. A number of seamen who had been prepared for confirmation were compelled to go with their vessels, and were far away from the sound of a church-going bell.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1880.

Services held in the Floating Church. Services held in the Mission House, New Sailors' Home, a	nd else-
where	
Total services for the year. Average attendance for each Sunday	201 294
Average attendance of seamen at the church for each Sunday	v 103
Seamen supplied with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, R	eligions
Books, Papers, Tracts, &c., in the church	1,307
Number of Communicants, including 171 seamen	
Number of Communion Services held in the church	
Baptisms-Adults 1, Children 13; total	
Confirmed by the Bishop of New York, (adults)	
Marriages	24
Burials	
Sunday School Teachers and Scholars	103
Members of the Floating Church Temperance Society, in 2,615 seamen	
New Members received during the year, including 251 seame	en 263
Communion Offerings \$74.25; Poor Box, \$31.22; Box for	Books
\$17.00; Collection for St. Luke's Hospital, \$12.43; For Ne	
Bible Society, \$16.24; Total	\$151.14
Number of Visits made to the Reading Boom, 34 Pike Street	4,839
New Communicants received during the year, including 35 s	seamen. 49
Number of vessels visited during the year by lay assistant	
Number of boarding houses visited	5,3 0
Number of seamen supplied with packages of reading matter	
Mission House) before going to sea	
BOOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.	
Bibles.	

Bibles	62
Testaments in ten languages	581
Taver Books	216
miscellaneous books in nine languages	1 128
Tracts, religious papers, pamphlets, magazines, &c., about	4,000

Respectfully submitted,

NEW YORK, Easter Monday, 1880.

ROBERT J. WALKER.

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### MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER,

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1880.

THE undersigned took charge of the Church of the Holy Comforter on the 17th of June, after a vacancy in the pastorate of five months. My lamented predecessor, the late Rev. Henry Floy Roberts, was justly held in high esteem for his many excellent virtues, especially his meekness and benevolence. For years to come those who knew him as their pastor, as well as others, will pour blessings on his memory, and thank God that it was their privilege to know so true and faithful a servant of the Master. May he who has entered into his labors be endued with the heavenly virtues which shone so conspicuously in him, and may he be as successful in winning the men of the sea from sin to virtue and from Satan to God.

I am happy to be able to report that the attendance at the Church of the Holy Comforter is constantly increasing. The congregations during the past eight months have been one-third larger than for the corresponding period last year. The people have been remarkably attentive and devout during divine service. The devotions of the congregation are seldom disturbed by disorderly or drunken persons. Only one such instance has occurred since your Missionary took charge. Many of the seamen evince great interest in the services of the church. It is not uncommon for them to express their appreciation to the Mission, and the good they have obtained from it, is sometimes derived from letters which they write to the missionary. A few extracts from them may prove of interest. A first mate writes from Glasgow as follows:

"I have not engaged myself anywhere, but will still keep praying our Heavenly Father to open up my path in life, and will follow where He directs. I am happy to say I enjoy that sweet and holy peace within my soul that makes me rejoice at the goodness of God to me. Under whatever circumstances I may be placed I know and feel that Christ is always with me. This cheers me and makes me glad, though my path in life be stormy and gloomy. I thank God for the services I have enjoyed at the Mission."

This man was on the Steamship State of Virginia when she was wrecked last Summer by running on to Sable Island in a fog. On his return to this port after that accident, at his request public thanksgiving was offered to Almighty God for his deliverance from a watery grave.

Another who at one time attended the Mission, but now has a heat of his own on the Mersey, writes :

"I was caught in a gale that sprung up very suddenly, and my boat was completely buried. I was forced to trip the little door aft to save her. How merciful and gracious is our God. He tells me in his Holy Word to cast all my care on Him. This I am trying to do. May God help me."

Another writing from the same place, says:

"My friend Captain G. has got a new boat, and I expect to go with him. It will be much better than going to sea, and I will not be exposed to so many temptations, and above all I will have my Sundays at home, so that I will be able to attend church regularly, which I consider a great privilege. I have now entered upon a new year, and I pray that God may give me grace to live a better life during this year than any of the past. I often think of you and the Mission. It is doing great good."

This man is a devout communicant of the church, and attended the Mission regularly when in port. He was also a constant visitor at the Reading Room, and though he is extremely poor, he sends to the room the Weekly Liverpool *Courier*. In a letter I received from him a few days ago he says: "If there is any other paper you would like, let me know."

Another seaman writes : "Thank God for all His goodness to me. You said not long ago that our Heavenly Father does all things well. This I believe. I see some evidence of His love and mercy every day. I think that during this solemn season of Lent we should often lift our voices to God for pardon and grace. Pray for me that I may serve my God as I ought to do. It is my constant prayer that God may bless your labors for the salvation of souls, and that the Mission may prove a blessing to many a poor seaman."

Other extracts might be added from the many letters which come to your missionary, but space will not permit.

A Sunday School was established in connection with the Mission on the 18th Sunday after Trinity, Oct. 12th. It began with four scholars. Now it numbers fifty-seven. The school is under the charge of Mr. H. Wolfe Wiest, a zealous and devout layman who is peculiarly adapted to this work. His knowledge of music and his remarkably sweet voice give him a great power with the children. Under his training they have made wonderful progress in singing the chants and hymns of the church.

The Reading Room is well attended, considering it is so far

away from the shipping. It has proved a blessing to hundreds of sailors during the past year. The privilege there offered of writing letters to friends and relatives, without charge for material, is much appreciated, and is a great boon to seamen and boatmen, who sometimes are so poor that they have to "borrow a stamp" from your missionary.

The following are the statistics for the year :

March 1st, 1880.

#### STATISTICS.

#### CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

Number of Services in the Church	14 28 20
Total number of Services. Average attendance at the Church on Sundays. Average attendance at the " Home ". Average attendance at the Mission House. Aggregate attendance of Seamen each Sunday. Average attendance of Seamen each Sunday. Average number remaining for books. Number of Seamen attending the Reading Room, 90 Barrow Street. Baptisms: adults, 3, infants, 11, Total, 14; Marriages, 23; Fune- rals, 18; Communicants, 20.	$183 \\ 92 \\ 20 \\ 22 \\ 5,640 \\ 39 \\ 24 \\ 1,248 \\ 1,319$
<ul> <li>Sunday School Scholars, 54; Teachers. 8; Average attendance, 30; whole number of Scholars in attendance since date of organi- zation, October 12th, 1879.</li> <li>Books distributed in seven languages: Bibles, 24; Testaments, 89; Prayer Books, 44, Miscellaneous Books, 1,091. Total</li> <li>Pages of Tracts.</li> <li>OFFENINGS: Communion Alms, \$17.30; for the Poor, \$13.16; for Books, \$14 84; by Friends of the Mission for special purposes, \$134.75; for the N. Y. Bible Society \$8.33; St. Luke's Hospital, \$2.70; by the Sunday School, \$6.01. Total</li></ul>	459 1,248 20,000 \$197,09 3,340 367

Respectfully submitted,

#### T. A. HYLAND,

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, March 23, 1880.

## REPORT

#### OF THE

#### MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE COENTIES SLIP

#### STATION.

The history of the out door station of the "Seamen's Society," for the past year, has been unprecedented in one respect, viz., in the number of services that your missionary has been permitted to conduct in the open air, including the five services that he held at the Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, in the months of January and February, the total number amounts to ninety, within the short year of forty-nine weeks. At these ninety services, there were present six thousand five hundred persons, representing almost every race and continent on the globe. The reading and preaching of God's word was heard, with varying results, by this large and motley number. In a few cases, which came under the personal observation of the Missionary, he knows that it was effectual in arousing the dormant conscience and impelling them to decided effort in seeking the salvation of their soul, while on the other hand, and in the greater number of cases, it was like the rain that falls upon the sand-producing, so far as human insight can discern, no beneficial results whatever.

A much needed equipment, in the form of an awning or tent, for the work of the out-door station, was devised and purchased by a generous hearted member of the Board of Managers last June; and, together with the benches paid for by the same donor, has added largely to the convenience and comfort of the Missionary and congregations that assemble on the pier in very warm weather. It is sufficiently large to shelter about three hundred people, and we hope to see it filled to its utmost capacity on some occasions of divine service in the approaching summer. Last year a large number of boatmen expressed their unqualified approval and satisfaction at the physical adjustments that "the Board of Managers" have designed for their use, while listening to the preaching of the Gospel at this station of the Society.

The Reading Room has become a most important auxiliary in the work of this station. It has grown in usefulness since it was opened in September, 1877, and its usefulness is daily extending, as evidenced by the increased number of those who take advantage of the privileges which it affords. Over nine thousand men have visited it since last annual report. On some days in the months of January and February as many as fifty, and sometimes sixty, men called to read and peruse the books and papers. It is supplied with thirty-five journals, both religious and secular, the latter including nine of the New York City dailies, the donations of the respective publishers. Some of the boatmen at Coenties Slip and Brooklyn have made the Reading Room a habitual resort through the whole of last winter, coming as early as ten o'clock in the afternoon, going away we hope wiser and better men.

The Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evening prayer meetings are still continued, and have brought out over thirteen hundred persons since last Easter. Many a time your missionary has been encouraged by the gratifying reports of his preaching on the pier, from those who participated in these meetings.

Your missionary made various visits among the canal boats in the docks of Brooklyn and Jersey last winter, and saw many cheering tokens of his work amongst the men and women who principally compose the audience at the open air services in summer. The Bibles, Testaments and other books distributed at the close of every Sunday afternoon service at Coenties Slip, are some of the greatest treasures that these honest, pious people prize; they are silent preachers and teachers to those who are, by the very nature of their calling, excluded from the Christian privileges which we enjoy. The writer was substantially aided in this part of his work by a member of "the Board of Managers," who contributed one hundred dollars last fall, by which I was enabled to purchase nearly four hundred volumes of religious works—sufficient to supply every applicant, up to the close of navigation on the canals and rivers.

Your missionary cannot close this report without tendering to "the Board of Managers" his heart felt gratitude for their kind words and Christian sympathy towards him in the sad bereavement that God, in his mysterious providence, has called him to endure.

The following are the statistics since last Annual Report :

Services in the open air on Sundays.	90
Services in the morning and afternoon in the Mission Room on Sunday	13
Services Sunday Thesday and Thursday evenings for nine months.	95
Services elsewhere.	16
Total services for the year Present at the open air services. Present at the Sunday morning and afternoon service in the Mission Room Attendance at the evening services for nine months. Number of men who visited the Reading-Room.	6,433 169 1,386

#### BIBLES, TESTAMENTS, PRAYER ROOKS, &c., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles-English, French, German, Spanish, Danish and Portuguese	210
	100
Religious Papers, Magazines, &c Pages of Tracts	5,000
Pages of Tracts	1 000
Service Tracts	1,0.0

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, March 21st, 1880.

NEW YORK, March 29th, 1880.
Respectfully submitted,
Deposited by seamen in the Bank. 469 00 Sent home to friends. 3,153 77
Money received from seamen and returned to them, from April 1st, 1879, till March 31st. 1880.
Gone to sea and friends
The superintendent of the New Sailors' Home reports : The number of men in the Home April 1st, 1879, Twenty-two 22 Entered the Home from April 1st, 1879, till March 31st, 1880, Nine Hundred and Sixteen
To the Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York:
MEW BAILONS HOME.

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

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Brig Beatrice, for Cape Town	<ul> <li>" " E. N. Jailer, Jr</li></ul>
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NEW YORK, March 29, 1880.

St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn	323 99		
St. John the Evangelist, Barrytown	12 18		
St. John's, Elizabeth, N. J	5 00		
St. Mary the Virgin, New York	5 00		
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		\$1,915	96
By Sundry Donations, as per list		3,933	00 *
" " Subscriptions, "		738	50
" " Loan from Permanent Fund		2,400	00
March £9. By balance to new account		769	81
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