## TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Board of Managers

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY

## FOR SEAMEN,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK,

Read at the Anniversary of the Society, April 30th, 1854,

TOGETHER WITH THE

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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 Fortyfour, the sum of Dollars, for the purposes of said Society.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1854; at which time the Reports of the Board of Managers, the Missionaries, and the Treasurer were presented, and the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year were chosen.

The Tenth Anniversary of the Mission was celebrated at the Church of the Ascension, on Sunday evening, April 30th, 1854. The Right Rev. Bishop Wainwright, President of the Society, ex officio, presided. The Church Services were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Bedell and Eigenbrodt. The Report of the Board of Managers was read by Rev. Chas. H. Halsey; a Sermon was preached by Rev. Saml. Cooke, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, and a Collection in aid of the Society was taken up.

## PRAYER FOR SEAMEN.

O God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, who has 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 of 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 thy Word of Truth, ministered to them, whether on land or on the 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.

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Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the City and Port of New-York.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 17, 1854.

The Board of Managers of the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen, in the Port of New-York, in presenting its Tenth Annual Report, would first express its gratitude to Almighty God, for the unanimity of feeling and of purpose which has prevailed in all its deliberations; and for the evidences of the Divine blessing upon the labors of the Missionaries of this Society.

Zealous, prudent and efficient, these have wrought in faith, in hope and charity, bearing the heat and burden of the day; while incidents of peculiar interest have excited them to duty.

The numerous disasters and heart-rending calamities on the sea have awakened sympathy, and aroused

attention also to the temporal and spiritual condition of those for whom they labor; encouraging the hope, and prompting the prayer, that the long dark night of spiritual neglect of seamen may soon be followed by a longer and brighter day.

How many blessings have been invoked this year upon sailors! How many have resolved never to forget their deeds of heroism! May none falter in their good resolves or deeds. For if ever, now it is, that He who gave the sailor a heart which responds to every appeal of woe, is answering also by many encouragements, all proper efforts for his spiritual good.

I. The Missionary at Large has prosecuted with energy the duties assigned him. He has distributed on ships, barges, and in sailors' boarding houses, 98,681 pages of Tracts, and 102 Bibles and Prayer Books; has held 96 services, on as many different occasions, in the open air, at Coenties Slip, and service on every Friday evening, for colored seamen and others, at the boarding house, 322 Pearl-street.

It is no longer deemed an experiment for him to stand by the water side, and tell passers of the Way, the Truth and the Life. The attentive listeners—many joining as devout worshippers also—who wait upon his ministrations, attest his success.

Composed as his auditories are, of different men almost on every occasion, it is not possible for human ken to measure the amount of good seed which may thus be sown.

In this view, he has much to encourage him; yet his heart would be more cheered, and his hands strengthened, in a work which deals constantly with recklessness and indifference to holy things, if there and elsewhere, at times, in presence of the mocker and the gainsayer, he could meet with more hearts beating in sympathy with his, willing to bear testimony to the truth as it is in Jesus.

The members appointed to aid him in his public services have discharged their duty faithfully. Notwithstanding, the question is propounded, with great respect to all the members of the Society, as well as to others interested in the success of Missions to Seamen—might not a much greater amount of good be accomplished, if greater interest shall by all be taken in the peculiar work assigned the Missionary at Large?

II. The Senior Missionary of the Society has maintained uninterruptedly throughout the year, the full services of the Chapel of our Saviour on the East River. He has baptized 106 persons, 6 of whom were adults; presented 9 for confirmation; received 16 to the Holy Communion; attended 17 funerals, and solemnized 21 marriages.

He expresses gratitude to God for continual blessings on his labors in the field assigned him. Many incidents of touching interest have occurred, to strengthen and encourage him. Besides his public ministrations, he has placed in the hands of seamen at the Chapel, on the eve of departure from this

port, during the past year, upwards of 1,700 bound volumes, over 100 Bibles, 150 Prayer Books, and as many as 27,000 pages of tracts, and 37,000 bound volumes of religious instruction since his Mission was there established. "These," he reports, "have been received with thankfulness, and read in not a few instances with profit. These have been preaching the Gospel to their hearts when on the deep, far beyond the reach of his voice; and in some instances will continue to do so, when it shall be hushed in death."

Among other incidents of interest, he states his gratification, in which the Board would share, "at seeing as worshippers at the Chapel during the past year, more than 200 colored seamen from the West India Islands; who, by their devout deportment, avidity for religious books, and apparent intelligence, excited the deepest sympathy in their favor.

III. The Missionary in charge of the Chapel of the Holy Comforter, on the North River, acknowledges also his unfeigned gratitude for many tokens of the Master's blessing, on this, the most successful and encouraging of his years of labor in this field.

A Sunday School is taught by himself, aided by three Teachers. Two services on each Sunday throughout the year, with three services on each Lord's Day from October to Epiphany. The same, with also a service on Wednesday evenings during Lent, and morning and evening during Passion week. A service also and a lecture, at the Mariner's Home,

No. 107 Greenwich Street, one evening in each week throughout the year, except in August.

"He has baptized 29; presented 17 for confirmation; added 15 new communicants; officiated at 10 funerals, and at 19 marriages; and distributed 305 Bibles, 304 Prayer Books, 300 bound volumes, and 40,000 pages of tracts."

The benefits resulting to seamen from the Mariner's Home in Greenwich Street, under his spiritual supervision, which is supported by the benevolence of a few members of the Board, are still apparent, presenting additional proofs of its usefulness, as well as unanswerable arguments for the establishment of others.

During the year 750 seamen have boarded there:

18 have been brought from station-houses; taken there in distress or difficulty;

15 reformed from drunkenness;

64 sick and distressed taken care of; and

10 have given evidence of interest in religion;

And the sum of \$9,686 43 has been deposited to their credit in Bank, or sent to families and relations of seamen.

Attention is particularly called to this interesting feature in the management of this comparatively limited Home for Seamen.

During the four years it has been in operation, 2,243 seamen have boarded there,

No report was made of the sums deposited and sent to families, &c., during the first year.

In the 2d year, however, \$1,165 25 are reported.

" 3d year, 7,589 79 "

And in this, the 4th year, 9,685 43 "

Making a total of \$18,440 47 in three years thus saved or forwarded.

The moral good resulting cannot be told.

But the numerous letters received from sailors who have boarded there; from their wives and children in various ports of our own and foreign lands; from aged parents and widowed mothers, heaping blessings on the indefatigable keeper and the Institution itself, and offering thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that their husbands and children found in New York such a Mariner's Home, under such care and keeping; are the best evidences of its usefulness, as they are gratifying rewards to those intrusted with its management.

At this Home also, the Missionary first made the acquaintance of the pious mariner, whose interesting case, in devoting himself to Missions among seamen, has already been presented. The favorable reports of his progress in preparing for the ministry give encouragement of his future usefulness, when he shall be duly appointed to this important work.

The sum of \$6,076 10 has been received into the Treasury during the year.

Of which \$114 00 are with satisfaction acknowledged from our interesting "Auxiliary," yearly becoming more efficient, "The Young Men's Society for Seamen."

The sum total is \$1,122 63 more than the amount received last year.

It has enabled the Board to meet the present indebtedness of the Society.

With gratification the Board makes mention of the following liberal bequests, viz:—

By the late Capt. Sam'l M. Thompson, of an interest in his estate, estimated at about \$5,000, of which \$2,400 has already been received; and by the late John Noble, Esq., of \$2,000, which will be paid into your treasury in the course of a few weeks.

The Board acknowledges with thankfulness the generous supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, and other religious books and tracts gratuitously furnished our Missionaries for distribution by New York Bible and Prayer Book Society; Protestant Episcopal Tract Society; Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union and Church Book Society; Protestant Episcopal Society for Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge; American Bible Society; the New-York Bible Society, American Tract Society; and by the Rector and members of the St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square.

By the liberality of the last-named, the Missionary on the East River reports, that he has been enabled to print, for gratuitous distribution, two editions, amounting to 10,000 copies, of a work peculiarly interesting and acceptable to sailors, the Life of the Rev. Jno. Newton.

This Missionary also acknowledges his obligations to the generous individuals who aided him in printing 1000 copies of the Pilgrim's Progress, expressly for gratuitous distribution among sailors.

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During the past year, the Board being more and more impressed with the importance of establishing a Home for Seamen, under the auspices of this Society, has taken incipient steps toward the accomplishment of this desirable object.

Application has been made and granted by the Legislature to amend the Act of Incorporation of this Society, so as to enable it to purchase and hold Real Estate, whereon to erect and maintain a Home for Seamen.

A Committee also has been appointed to select a suitable site for this purpose.

And your Board comes now to report this interesting fact, and to say, with an unanimity and emphasis which, it is hoped, will be shared in by every member of the Society, that by your cordial, prompt and generous co-operation, aided by liberal and benevolent hearts, which, in this city and throughout the land, beat kindly and warmly toward the common sailor, another home shall soon be opened to him in this port.

Another home! Oh what joys cluster around that blessed word—Home!

What hallowing influences, socially, morally and spiritually, flow from it, to bless and elevate our race! What do we not owe to our own beloved homes? What has made the sailor to differ from other laboring classes, more than the absence of the social and domestic blessings which they on land enjoy?

At sea, where is his resting place? Generally a dark, uncomfortable forecastle. On shore? A seaport, which heretofore, from sad experience, he defines to be a city, or a town, whose houses are dens of infamy; and its inhabitants—land-sharks!

Yet what brings him nearer and makes him yet dearer to us—proving that he is like us, and can become a God-fearing and a God-serving grateful being, than providing for him the comforts and blessings of a Home?

The one proposed can be provided at the cost only of the original outlay.

By prudent management it will defray all its expenses. These will cheerfully and thankfully be paid out of his hard earnings by the grateful sailor.

It may not be as his own native home. That may be far away.

Yet, while a wanderer from it, and a sojourner in this port, this may be next, if not more blessed!

Because, in this, may be provided all things necessary for the comfort of the body, and to these we hope to add much that may improve him morally, mentally and spiritually.

This cannot at once be accomplished. But a beginning, and a good beginning, can now be made; and the time, we trust, is near, when all rational fireside comforts may invite the sailor to this Home; and where, too, the Library and Reading-room, the Nautical Free School and Lecture Room, the Office of Intelligence, where he may obtain reliable information; the intercourse and society of the intelligent, the honest and kind, may influence and elevate his intellectual and moral being; and where and when, as the experience of every Missionary to seamen testifies, their thoughts can easier be led upward, and themselves guided heavenward.

That another Home for Sailors is needed in this port, and being connected with our Mission, will materially contribute to its usefulness and success, who can deny? That it should at once be undertaken does not admit of doubt.

And now, how can it be accomplished? The example of other ports may teach us—for some are far in advance—in providing social, moral and religious blessings for the sailor.

What recently has been accomplished by the friends of seamen in the port of St. John's, N. B., is with pleasure presented for our imitation. During the past year a Home for Sailors was opened by a Society, in the first year of its organization.

Although every inducement was made by the selfishly interested, to prevent sailors patronizing it, yet more than eighty men applied for admission, in the month of September last, beyond the number that could be accommodated—and, for like reason, twenty per week were thereafter turned away.

In this exigency the Directors empowered their agent to look for more ample accommodations. He selected a block of land with buildings, which will prove the most eligible site in the city, as a permanent Home for Seamen.

The parties owning it, on learning the object, at once stated in writing the reduced price at which they would dispose of it for that purpose.

£3400 were needed to purchase it, and £600 more to put the buildings in condition required.

A subscription was opened to purchase it, and establish "a Seamen's Home," "Institute," "Savings Bank," and "Nautical School."

The cost of the property and proposed improvements was divided into 400 shares of £10 each, to be paid on or before the 1st May next. These shares were at once taken by ship owners and others of that city. And in addition £250 have been placed at the disposal of the Directors, by two benevolent persons, towards fitting up and furnishing the Nautical School.

The encouraging fact is also recently communicated from Portland, Maine, that \$5000 have been given by nine persons towards a Home for Sailors in that port, and that \$5000 more, from other sources, will be forthcoming as soon as wanted. These sums will purchase, and suitably furnish a good Home for

100 sailors, in a respectable street away from the docks, and yet within 200 yards of the Liverpool steamers and other shipping.

Brethren of this society, we trust your hearts beat responsive to our earnest wish to go and do likewise.

And when your agents shall go forth to obtain the amount required for this object, we are confident that the benevolent and the liberal of a city, which owes so much of its prosperity to the toil and hardships of those for whom we plead, will cheerfully and generously contribute towards the establishment in it of another Seamen's Home.

This year completes also the first decade of the society's existence.

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Did time permit, it might be profitable to review its operations, and note much of interest, and of encouragement to further duty.

During this time at least 50,000 seamen have been within the walls of our two chapels, or brought in personal contact with our missionaries.

To them at least 3600 Bibles and Testaments, 3755 Prayer Books, 47,000 bound volumes of religious instruction, and 575,541,000 pages of tracts have been distributed.

At the chapels, 582 have been baptized, 216 confirmed, and 316 received as communicants. And from the members of this society, from other friends, and from churches in this city and vicinity, upwards

of \$45.000 have been received, and expended on this mission.\*

Yet small, in comparison with the relative responsibilities of this community, appears all that we and others have done for the temporal and spiritual welfare of seamen.

The tables which have been carefully prepared at Lloyd's in England, set down the average extent of life of seamen, after their first voyage, at only 11½ years! During the period, then, in which our senior missionary has been engaged in his present work, an entire generation of seamen, estimated at upwards of two millions, has forever passed away.

Of these at least 600,000 have been within this port, and probably about 60,000 have listened to words of warning or encouragement from the missionaries of this society.

Yet, when the earth and the sea shall give up their dead, if but one soul shall testify to its conversion from the error of its ways, through this instrumentality, it will more than compensate for all the prayer, and toil, and wealth which may have been expended.

Nor is it only of good to seamen we can testify. The reflex influence of the Divine blessing, upon the hearts and lives of those engaged in our present work, has been strikingly manifested.

<sup>\*</sup>This does not include the cost of the chapel on the East River, built by the Young Men's Church Missionary Society, after their attention had been turned to the spiritual welfare of seamen, and while measures were in progress for obtaining an Act of Incorporation for that object under their present title.

We would particularly call the attention of the members of our interesting auxiliary society, and of the young men of this city, who must, ere long, succeed us in this work, to the condition and position in life of many who have labored actively, cheerfully and hopefully in it from the beginning.

We point, with gratitude and pride, to the number of the members of the N. Y. Young Men's Edu. and Ch. Missionary Society, who originated and have ever felt a deep interest in the success of the present society, who are now filling useful and prominent positions in the sacred, medical and legal professions, in this and in other lands; who are among our most respected merchants, ship-masters, and mechanics; and who again are among the most active and exemplary communicants and officers in our churches. These all can bear grateful testimony to the blessings themselves have realized while laboring for the spiritual welfare of seamen.

The past year, also, drapes in sombre hues this first decade of the history of our society.

It will indeed stand forth with melancholy prominence, as the year of wrecks of lives and property, above all others during the last half century.

It is yet too soon to count up all its disasters, and the number of vessels and immortal souls which have been engulphed.

It is now sad enough to know that during the four years preceding it, 12,363 disasters at sea occurred to British shipping alone; and that 204 ships and

crews have sailed from their ports, during this period, not one of which has ever been heard of again.

Of our own shipping, during eighteen months preceding last September, 103 ships and barks, 144 brigs, and 327 schooners, were totally lost at sea.

During the same period, fifty vessels which had previously sailed, were never heard from; 338 put into port in distress, and 102 wrecks were passed.

This is a total loss, during the given period, of one every twenty-two hours; one stranded every forty-four hours; one abandoned every seventy-five hours; and one sailing every ten days, with bright hopes at the beginning, whose dark fate will probably remain among the secrets of the deep until the last great day.

What fearful work death is executing, every hour, upon the deep! How solemnly and impressively it reminds us of duty to those who now may hear for the last, and some perhaps almost for the first time, of His love and sacrifice for man whose mighty victory over death we now commemorate, ere they go forth to their long sleep in Ocean grave. "There the wicked will cease from troubling," and there, too, may many a sailor find the rest that remaineth for the people of God, as on the land he may have found peace and joy in believing on the merits of the Crucified.

"Thou Framer of the light and dark,
Steer through the storm the Sailor's Ark;
Amid the howling wintry sea,
He is in Port, IF HE HAS THEE!

As this decade's roll we close, in thought we stand again by the mounds which mark the earthly resting places of McDonald, and Van Rensselaer, and Benedict, and Neilson, and other associates, who, during its period, have been called to their rest.

As we recall their virtues, we are animated to renewed diligence, by the lessons they taught us of "patient continuance in well doing."

And as we bless God's Holy Name for these His servants departed this life in His faith and fear, we invoke His grace, so to follow their good examples, that with them we may one day hear the blessed words, from Him who loved seamen, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Note. Among the many noble acts of self-sacrifice and heroism we record two, in enforcement of our appeal in behalf of *Homes* for seamen.

One of the boats belonging to the ship Three Bells, which rescued many of the passengers and crew of the San Francisco, was commanded by a coxswain, who had sailed eight years with Capt. Creighton, and who, during many hours, never left his post, or spared his strength, until the work of rescue was accomplished.

Shortly after, he reported himself to the Captain for relief, stating the nature of his sickness,

When, alarmed at the aggravated symptoms of his case, the Captain expostulated that he had not earlier reported his condition in order to have been recalled from the boat, he replied, "Sir, you know I could not be spared from, nor would I leave that boat as long as any were in danger. When I saw, too, that many of them were helpless, sick women and children, I thought of my own wife and children—and forgot myself. It was only duty, sir, to risk the sickness, if I could rescue anx."

The next day, his manly and athletic form, wasted now, and disfigured by that fell disease, the cholera, was committed by his sorrowing Captain and comrades to the deep; and fervent was their Amen as the Captain read the burial service; and strong their faith and hope that "when, at the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead, the corruptible body of their lamented shipmate would be made like unto His own glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself."

The other instance of heroism is the following: The British brig Venilla, Capt. DeEntrement, left St. Eustatia, West Indies, on 30th Oct. last, for Clare, N. S. Soon after sailing, the officers and crew, seven in number, were taken down with fever, except a young seaman named *Hilarion Theriau*. Finding that upon him alone rested the responsibility of managing the vessel, and of providing for the safety of the lives and property thus unexpectedly thrown upon his charge, he put the brig under a reef topsail only, to be prepared for severe weather.

When eight days out, the captain died; five days after, the first officer breathed his last. Theriau alone, for forty days steered the vessel, hove her to, to cook, to attend the sick, to bury the dead, and to take a few hours' rest in the day-time; and did his best to work the vessel home, although unacquainted with navigation. He had the satisfaction to deliver her to the owners in Clare, with the proceeds of the outward cargo, in American gold.

The rest of the crew, four in number, reached home alive, but very much debilitated. Theriau is a mere skeleton, from over-exertion, anxiety, and want of sleep. The proceeds of the cargo were insured in Boston, and it is believed some suitable acknowledgment will be made of the young man's faithfulness, energy and perseverance. (From Boston Advertiser, quoted in March number of Sailors' Mag., p. 205.)

May this noble boy find, in every port where he may roam, some of the comforts of the happy home which cheered him in his fitful dreams, and encouraged him when waking, during that long and trying voyage.

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## REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARIES.

[Portions of the Missionaries' reports, that are embodied in the Report of the Board, have been omitted in the following.]

#### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY

IN CHARGE OF THE

## FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR.

THE Missionary in charge of the Floating Church of Our Saviour, in making this, his tenth annual Report, desires to express fervent gratitude to Almighty God, for his continued blessing on his labors during the past year.

Many are the ways in which the usefulness of this house of God, floating among the shipping, has manifested itself. This chapel has been a spiritual home to many seamen. They have loved to go there to worship. They have been glad when it has been said to them, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." There they have devoutly supplicated for mercy, and resolved to lead better lives, and fervently asked God for his protection while exposed to the dangers of the deep. There they have gathered spiritual comfort and strength to meet the temptations of another voyage.

The associations of this chapel have brought your Missionary into intimate connection and intercourse with many of their families, and has shown that access to the hearts of sailors is in no way more surely opened, than by kindness to those who are dear to them on shore, from whom their hard lot separates them so much and so long in their toils at sea.

The Floating Church of Our Saviour has, in this way, together with others, become deeply scated in the affections of many, who have highly prized and profited by the spiritual instructions in the way of life and the religious consolations it has afforded them, and they have felt that, in their minister, they had at home for their families, while they were far away on the deep, a comforter and friend.

The large number of religious books put into their hands by your Missionary at church, on the eye of their departure from our shores, have been received with thankfulness, and read in not a few instances with profit. There is no latitude or longitude, on the navigable waters of our globe, where they have not been carried, and like those gifts of God to our earth-the snow and the rain from Heaven, which waters the earth and makes it bring forth and bud-will not return unto him void. In evidence of this he will here mention one among many facts which have come to his knowledge. A dying sailor, on the deck of one of our ships at Hongkong, lately leaving the world full of the triumphs of a truly christian faith, and the comforts of a reasonable, religious and holy hope, acknowledged to a foreign Missionary who was visiting him, as the cause of his consolation and joy, that Baxter's Call to the Unconverted had, in the days of his health, been given him, and brought him from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God.

Your Missionary has had abundant cause for thankfulness in witnessing the usefulness of the Society's labors on the souls of those to whom their work has been devoted during the past year.

In acknowledging the liberal and efficient aid your Missionary has received in donations of Tracts, Bibles, Prayer Books, and other books of religious reading, he mentions, with gratitude, the alacrity with which his applications have been always met by the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, The Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, The Protestant Episcopal Society for the promotion of Evangelical Knowledge, The New-York Bible Society, and the American Tract Society.

He owes many obligations to individuals, also, for aid in printing 1000 copies of the Pilgrim's Progress, expressly for gratuitous distribution among sailors; and last, and by no means least in in-

terest, he will here mention another source in particular from which he has derived the greatest aid for the same purpose. Owing to the encouragement and help of the Rev. Dr. Tyng, and the congregation of St. George's Church, he has been enabled to have printed two editions of the Life of the Rev. John Newton, amounting, at the present time, to ten thousand copies—the first five thousand having long since been exhausted.

March, 1854. B. C. C. PARKER.

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#### CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

THE Missionary of the Floating Church of the Holy Comforter, in this his seventh annual Report, records his devout thanks to Almighty God, for his mercies through another year, and for the encouragement which has been afforded to labor on in his work, with patience, and with prayer and faith. The services have been attended as well as in years gone by. The usual routine of duty has been steadily pursued-and the privileges and means of grace afforded to seamen through our mission, seem to have been appreciated and improved. It has been gratifying to observe, from time to time, the interest which they have taken in the worship and ministrations of the Church, and which they have often expressed, as they have remained to get books. It has been my privilege to converse and pray with a large number during the past year at the Home, with mutual benefit, I trust, to personal religion, and increased devotion to the Lord.

How many more there may be whom this mission, under God, may have blessed with the truth as it is in Jesus, will only be fully known in the great day of Eternity, "when they shall come from the East, and from the West, and from the North, and from the South, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

The books from the Library have been readily sought. About forty have been exchanged during the year, while three times that number and more have been drawn. Their return is at such long intervals, and so many are lost, that it cannot be expected that we can always be supplied. We have had them returned in good order, and apparently well read, at intervals of six months-and one, two, and over three years, and in each case the first time the sailors had been in this port since the book was taken. We doubt not but

that they are upon a good errand, in their silent way, of which we may yet live to hear, as we have heard, in times gone by, of these messengers of mercy, to the great joy and comfort of all our hearts.

In reviewing the year, then, we feel that God has done great things for us. There is no lack of encouragement in the prospects before us—but everything to stir us to more zeal, and greater self-denial—more patience, and greater ventures of faith and confidence in our work that it is of God, and that God will never fail to bless his own, if that blessing only be sought, day by day, in fervent, humble prayer, and with consecrated hearts and lives to Him, whose we are, and whom we profess to serve.

## THE POOR.

Your Missionary has ministered to the wants of the destitute poor, as far as means would allow, having been supplied with funds for this purpose in the following way:

Received from the friends of the Poor, through Messrs. Stanford & Swords, Received from box in the Chapel, offerings at Holy Communion,	\$106 50 58 26 104 94
	\$269 70
The expenditures have been as follows:	
Paid for rent in various sums,	64 11
" Sunday School Books,	

In conclusion, your Missionary desires to express his thanks for the ready and cheerful response to his application for books for gratuitous distribution, to the following Societies: The New-York Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society, The Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, The Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union and Church Book Society, The American Tract Society, and The American Bible Society.

D. V. M. Johnson.

Easter Monday, April 17, 1854.

### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY AT LARGE.

The Missionary at Large for the Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New-York, in making his second annual report, would state, that he has distributed to sailors, in their boarding-houses and on ship-board, 98,681 pages of Tracts, 102 Prayer Books. He has baptized 21 children, attended 8 funerals, and held 96 services, in the open air, in Coenties Slip.

A goodly number of seamen who have attended these services, have given evidence that the Holy Spirit had accompanied the word spoken to their hearts, and have professed a desire to flee the wrath to come, and to return to the Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

Much of the time of your Missionary has been taken up in visiting the cellars and garrets of penury, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and praying by the bed-side of the sick and dying, and he would mention that several on their dying beds have confessed the faith of Christ crucified, to the great joy of their surviving kindred, to whom he has written, in foreign lands.

May the Rewarder of those who diligently seek and serve Him, give unto us more of his grace, that we may continue to fight the good fight of faith, that at the last we may lay hold on eternal life.

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