

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL

Church Missionary Society for Seamen,

IN THE

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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 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 14, 1873, in the Sunday-school rooms of the Church of the Ascension, Thomas P. Cummings, 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; afterwards the officers and managers for the ensuing year were chosen.

The Twenty-ninth Anniversary of the Mission was held at the Church of the Incarnation on the evening of the third Sunday after Easter, May 4, 1873.

Rev. Samuel Cooke, D.D., presided, assisted in the services by Rev. Dr. Montgomery, and Rev. Messrs. Walker and Maguire.

An abstract of the Annual Report was read, and a sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel Osgood, D.D., after which a collection was taken in aid of the Society.

A second service was held at St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, on the evening of Sunday, May 25, 1873. Rev. Dr. John Paddock presided, assisted in the services by the missionaries of the Society. Rev. Dr. Osgood repeated the sermon preached at the Anniversary in New York, and a collection was made in behalf of the Society.

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN,

IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK.

DURING the past year, under the divine guidance, our field of usefulness has been much increased. While, however, our work has been blessed with most satisfactory results, we cannot but regret that we have not the ability to do more, and we trust that the Giver of all Good will consider the object we seek to attain rather than the imperfect instruments, and so enlarge the hearts of those able to help us that we may receive the means required to render the work done in a greater degree equal to the necessity. Every hour vessels enter this port whose crews are soon discharged amid the many perils which surround the unwary seamen. It is our duty to aid them to avoid these snares, and, if possible, during their brief sojourn on shore, to plant in their hearts the truths of that religion which will be their sure protection in all future temptations, and the recollection of which may be their only encouragement to do right during the long voyage, when for years they will be surrounded only by evil influences.

We have lately taken steps to locate a mission chapel in Brooklyn, kind friends in that city having offered to furnish the neces-

sary means. A committee has been appointed to select a suitable location for the mission, and to obtain the services of a clergyman possessing the requisite qualifications for the important duties he will be called on to perform; and we hope by the end of another year to be able to announce the establishment there of a missionary whose labors will be the means of inducing many to enter the right path who would otherwise have been unreached by any religious influences.

We have also been enabled to engage the services of two colporteurs, one attached to each chapel, who visit, under the direction of your missionaries, among the seamen on the ships and at the boarding-houses, distributing tracts and other religious reading-matter, and inducing them to attend the services.

Since the last Annual Meeting, this Society has lost a faithful friend in the death of Rev. Francis Vinton, D.D., who, for a number of years, has been one of our vice-presidents; the earnest sympathy and untiring support that he has always given to our work will be ever gratefully remembered.

THE FLOATING CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,

lying at the foot of Pike Street, East River, continues to attract great numbers of seamen, where they receive faithful and earnest instruction from Rev. R. J. Walker, the minister in charge. The attendance is much larger than formerly, and it is particularly gratifying to see the increasing number of sailors who are present, there being frequently sixty or seventy at each service, and the number is becoming constantly larger, there having been lately as many as one hundred men present at one time. These men seem deeply impressed by what they hear. During the past year, about fifty new names have been added to the list of communicants, several being seamen, making the number nearly double that of last year. But few of the men are able to be present at the same time, owing to their absence from port; but when here, they are regular in their attendance at the house of God, and they can fairly be considered as among the regular communicants. The Bible-class for seamen connected with this church is increasing rapidly, there being frequently fifty men present; the lady who for several years has conducted the class may well feel gratified at the result of

her zealous and disinterested labors, for the class has doubled in size during the past year; at her own expense, she employs a person to visit among the boarding-houses to induce the men to attend. The same lady also instructs a class of women on Friday afternoons. A large and flourishing Sunday-school is also connected with this church, where the children residing in the vicinity gather in considerable numbers to receive instruction.

In our Mission Building, No. 34 Pike Street, where Mr. Walker resides, there is a comfortable reading-room well supplied with books and writing materials, where from twenty to thirty seamen quietly pass the evenings, safely guarded from the temptations to which they would otherwise be exposed. Last May, twelve persons were confirmed at an interesting service held in the Floating Church. During Lent, the missionary holds service every Wednesday afternoon, and service and lecture at the Mission House on every Friday evening during the year. He has also continued his faithful attendance at the Brooklyn Hospital, besides having visited great numbers of the poor in the neighborhood.

The following incident, taken from one of the monthly reports of Mr. Walker, illustrates in so remarkable a degree the great good done by your Society that we think it of sufficient interest to insert it here: One Sunday morning in November last, a venerable-looking sailor entered the chapel with much hesitation. For over thirty years he had been a drunken, dissolute man, and during that time he had never entered a place of worship. He listened with deep attention to the service, and his heart was touched; with tears in his eyes, he besought aid, that he might learn the truth, and obtain forgiveness for his many sins. He became a regular attendant at the services, and a few weeks later knelt at the communion-table a penitent and devout Christian. Shortly after he embarked on a ship which is supposed to have gone down in mid-ocean with all on board, no tidings ever having been received from the unfortunate vessel. What a satisfaction it must be to your earnest missionary to feel that he was the means of preparing this perishing soul for his sudden and terrible entrance into eternal life!

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

has had its sphere of usefulness much increased since its removal to 365 West Street. Situated as the chapel is, directly on the river,

the tolling bell invites the seamen who may be passing along the street, or who may be on the surrounding vessels, to enter the sanctuary.

Rev. Henry Floy Roberts continues to conduct the services with the same untiring devotion to the sacred cause that he has always shown, and which has been rewarded by so many blessed results.

The monthly reports show a most encouraging increase in the number of seamen and boatmen who attend the services, which, considering the fact that there are few sailors' boarding-houses on that side of the city, is an evidence of earnest and faithful labor. The crews of the European steamers whose docks are in the vicinity, and who usually remain on board the vessels during their stay in port, are frequently visited and earnestly invited to attend the House of God, where tracts and testaments in various languages are distributed among those who desire them at the conclusion of the afternoon services. Your missionary has succeeded in inducing a considerable number of these men to sign the temperance pledge, which will be the means of permanently benefiting those who faithfully adhere to their solemn promise. The people who live in the vicinity seem to take a lively interest in the services, there being a regular congregation of considerable size who worship in this church, besides the seamen and boatmen who are present.

THE OPEN-AIR MISSION

at Coenties Slip, East River, has been placed in the charge of Rev. Isaac Maguire, a young man who enters upon the work committed to him with great earnestness, and who seems well adapted to perform the responsible duties connected with this mission in a thorough and successful manner. For the present, he is aided and advised by Rev. Mr. Walker, whose past services in connection with this station met with such great success, and we hope that the labors of Mr. Maguire will be equally happy in the results attained. During the winter, and on rainy Sundays, the services are held in the Mission Rooms on South Street; but when the weather permits, the missionary stations himself on the dock or on one of the barges, where he is soon surrounded by an interested and attentive audience of sailors and boatmen, who are in this way induced to listen to the Word of Life when it would be difficult to prevail on them to

enter a place of worship. These congregations are constantly changing, the same men being seldom present on two consecutive Sundays, great numbers coming within the influence of the missionary, many of whom are permanently impressed with the truths which they hear. After the services at this, as at all the other Missions, books and Testaments are distributed among the men, who carry them to distant homes, where they are often the means of religious instruction to many besides those to whom they were originally given. The good results of the work done are well known, and the evident improvement among the Hudson River boatmen has been attributed by those well able to judge to be in a great measure due to the influence of this Mission, reaching them as it does when they are most exposed to temptation.

THE NEW SAILORS' HOME

in Franklin Square is one of the means adopted by the Society to improve the condition of the seamen. It is not intended as a place where the men will receive gratuitous board, but where they shall pay the same as at any other boarding-house. We, however, have the right, by agreement with the keeper, to send to the Home every week a certain number of destitute men, who are provided for at the expense of the Society for a small sum. Here the men are surrounded by every protection against temptation; religious services are held daily, a comfortable reading-room is always open for their use, where they have access to interesting and instructive books and papers, and no intoxicating liquors are allowed in the building. There is also a safe place provided for the care of baggage which the men may desire to leave at the Home, and the keeper is required to take charge of all money, which the men may leave with him, either sending it to their friends or depositing it in the savings-bank, as they may direct. In this way, a large sum is yearly saved to the men which would otherwise be lost through their improvidence. Last March, Mr. Blake, who has had charge of the Home for the last seven years, gave up his position, having faithfully performed his arduous duties amid most discouraging opposition from the keepers of the ordinary boarding-houses, who did everything possible to injure and annoy him in the course of his business. He was always liberal to the unfortunate, and he

yearly lodged a great number of men at his own expense who were destitute through shipwreck or sickness.

Mr. Edward Rode, who has taken charge of the Home, comes to us with the strongest recommendations from those well able to judge of his qualifications. The interior of the building is now being put in complete order, and, when finished, the Home will be rendered more attractive than ever to the seamen, who have been accustomed to the wretched lodgings where they usually spend their time when on shore. Owing to the sudden departure of Mr. Blake, we have not received his Annual Report, and are, therefore, unable to give the usual statement in regard to the number of men who were lodged, and the amount of money received on deposit during the year.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

shows that there is at present a balance in the Disposable Fund to the credit of the Society, but this is owing to the receipt of the collections which in most of the churches are taken at this season, and these funds will all be required to meet our ordinary expenses during the hot summer months, when we can expect to receive but few contributions. The Treasurer's monthly reports for some time past have, however, shown a deficiency, and he has been compelled to borrow a considerable sum to pay current expenses. Had it not been for the liberality of a young gentleman of this city, who last year assumed the payment of the salary of one of your missionaries, and who generously continues to furnish the means necessary for that purpose, our work would have been much hampered by the lack of means to suitably carry it on. A donation of twelve hundred dollars was received during the year from a gentleman, "an old friend of the mission," who gives it on condition that it shall be permanently invested and the interest used to purchase books for distribution at the mission stations. This will form the commencement of a Special Fund reserved for that purpose, and is a most timely provision for supplying one of the great needs of the Society, and we hope that others may see the benefit which will result from having such a fund, and will give us contributions in addition to the very liberal one already received.

We would particularly call attention to the fact that though

there are upwards of one hundred organized parishes in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, but few of these, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, have contributed collections to aid us in the work of bringing the seamen within the beneficent influences of our church.

Besides the general acknowledgments due the individuals who have so liberally aided us, we would particularly express our gratitude for favors received from the following Societies :

New York Bible and Common Prayer-Book Society,
Church Book Society,
Evangelical Knowledge Society,
Protestant Episcopal Tract Society,
Society for Promotion of Religion and Learning,
New York Bible Society,
American Tract Society.

We have endeavored to accomplish all that was possible with the means given us, and we earnestly trust that the results we have attained will meet with approval, so that we may receive increased assistance during the coming year. From the nature of our work, it is difficult to judge how much good is done; we endeavor to plant the seeds of Eternal Truth in the hearts of these neglected men; what the harvest will be God alone can decide, and we confidently trust it to His fostering care.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, APRIL 13, 1873.



THE divine blessing has largely accompanied the efforts which have been made at this station during the past year to awaken sinful men to a sense of their danger, to confirm the wavering in their allegiance to the Saviour, and to comfort and encourage the desponding Christian. The evidences of our Heavenly Father's love and favor have been very numerous. The attendance at the services on Sunday in the church, and at the lecture-room on Friday evenings, has greatly increased. Nearly fifty names have been added to the list of communicants since last Easter, and several of the new communicants are seamen. Twelve persons were confirmed by the Bishop in May. A number of adults and children have been baptized; of the attendants at the Floating Church, a large proportion have been seafaring men. Over four thousand visits have been made by them to this beautiful little sanctuary, and twelve hundred and eighty-four have been provided with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer-books, or religious publications. The number of sailors thus supplied with books is nearly double that of the previous year.

The Floating Church of Our Saviour is regarded with great favor by the wandering sons of the ocean. Our chaste and beautiful services, the simple but earnest style of preaching, the books in various languages distributed by loving hands—all contribute to render the Church of Our Saviour exceedingly attractive to the men for whose spiritual edification it was erected. During the winter months, when many seamen remain in port, we have almost

invariably found from sixty to one hundred at the afternoon service, and from twenty-five to fifty holding out their hands for the Word of Life or a godly book to place securely in their chests and peruse when out upon the treacherous deep, far away on Sabbath morns from all the sacred influences of God's holy temple.

Last summer and part of the fall, there were but few sailors in this city. The demand for their services was greatly increased from the previous year, consequently the attendance at all the seamen's churches and bethels in New York was greatly reduced. Within the past few weeks, a similar demand has arisen, and we perceive its effects in the decreased attendance at the Floating Church.

The congregations who worship in this church are largely composed of strangers, seafaring men, and others. Every Sunday several new faces are seen, and countenances which had become familiar are missed, perhaps to be seen no more in this world. Several thousand persons, representatives of nearly every civilized nation on earth, have been reached by the ministrations of the writer; and, all praise be Him who changeth the hearts of men as He willeth! not a few have been led to abandon a sinful life, and to joyfully embrace the offers of salvation through the merits of a crucified Redeemer. In numerous instances, however, the same individual has been present on two or more occasions. Returning from short or long voyages, he has found his way to the Floating Church on the Sunday succeeding his arrival in port. In this way, the congregation is constantly changing, ebbing and flowing, like the falling and rising of the tide. It is delightful to witness the happy countenances of the hardy sons of ocean as they resume their accustomed seat in God's house after an absence of several months, contending with the perils of the treacherous deep, and debarred from every public means of grace. And it is no less agreeable to your Missionary when he receives the loving greeting of some recently returned member of his roving congregation.

A Bible-class for seamen, conducted by an estimable Christian lady, has been held in the Mission House, 34 Pike Street, on the morning of each Sunday. The attendance has been large at certain seasons of the year, fifty persons having been present on some occasions. Spring having appeared, when the services of sailors are in great demand, there has consequently been a proportionate decrease in the number of men who attend the Bible-class. The

Friday evening lectures have been largely attended during the winter months by seafaring men and others. A good deal of interest has been exhibited at these religious meetings. Several persons have been awakened by the Spirit of God to a knowledge of themselves as sinners, and of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of all them that believe.

The Sunday-school has been very efficiently conducted by the Superintendent, Mr. Charles Keyes, who has spared no pains to make it a blessing to the children. We have recently had an accession of some valuable teachers, which will enable us to increase the attendance; and the proceeds of a concert given for the benefit of the Sunday-school will be devoted to the purchase of suitable books for the use of the different classes. Mr. Keyes is also employed during a part of each day in performing the duties of colporteur or lay assistant to the writer. He has succeeded in inducing a large number of seamen to attend the services of the Floating Church, and has frequently visited the sick and other persons connected with the mission.

A number of Protestant families residing between Jackson Street and Peck Slip have been discovered and visited by your Missionary and Mr. Keyes. Some of the adults have been induced to attend church or the Friday evening lecture, and a number of children have been obtained for the Sunday-school. Sad to relate, a very large proportion of the men, and many of the women also, never enter the door of a House of Worship. No argument, inducement, or entreaty can prevail upon them to take the least interest in religious things. They are fast sinking into total indifference and entire apathy, "living without God and without hope in the world."

The weekly temperance meeting held at the Mission House has been productive of a large amount of good. The two large rooms have been invariably crowded by sailors and landmen. Many excellent speeches have been delivered, and a number of inebriates have been reformed, to the unspeakable comfort of their families, and to their own temporal and spiritual well-being.

The reading-room in the basement of the building continues in very successful operation. During the long winter evenings, it was largely attended by seamen of different nationalities; about five thousand visits have been made to this room during the year. A

very agreeable sight it was to witness so many neatly clothed, respectable seafaring men happily and usefully passing their time in reading profitable books and papers, looking over with childish delight volumes of *Harper's Weekly* or the *London Illustrated News*, or in writing home to their friends graphic accounts of their recent voyages and of their safe arrival in New York.

The sick seamen and other invalids confined to the wards of the Brooklyn City Hospital have been visited and provided with Testaments, religious books, and papers as often as the other duties of the writer would admit. The communion alms, the trifling sums deposited in the poor-box, and the beneficence of two large-hearted Christian friends have enabled the writer to assist a number of poor, deserving widows and three helpless, infirm old men.

An ex-member of the Board has most generously subscribed for two hundred copies of the *Parish Visitor*, to be distributed among the seamen who attend the Floating Church and through the wards of the Brooklyn City Hospital. This admirable paper, circulated as the donor desires, will supply a deficiency which has long been felt and lamented, and will doubtless be productive of great spiritual benefit to the attentive reader.

Statistics for the year ending Easter, 1873:

Services on the Lord's day, held in the Church.....	108
Services on other days, held in the Mission House, Church, New Sailors' Home, and elsewhere.....	99
Total Services for the year.....	207
Aggregate attendance in the Church on Sundays.....	12,845
Aggregate attendance of seamen in the Church.....	4,268
Average attendance at each service.....	119
Average attendance of seamen.....	40.
Aggregate number receiving Books, Tracts, Papers, etc.....	1,284
Number of Communicants.....	71
Number of Communion services in Church.....	12
Baptisms: Adults, 4; Infants, 32. Total.....	36
Marriages.....	9
Burials.....	12
Sunday-School Teachers and Pupils.....	45
Aggregate number of visits to the Reading-Room.....	5,059
Communion offerings, \$76 51; Poor Box, \$37 69; For Books, \$26 00; total.....	\$140 20
Collection for the Indian Commission.....	\$6 50

BOOKS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles	65
Testaments in eleven languages.....	410
Prayer-Books.....	118
Miscellaneous books in nine languages.....	1,264
Tracts, Religious Papers, Magazines, etc., about.....	7,000
Vessels visited by Colporteur during the year.....	3,982
Houses visited by Colporteur during the year.....	1,631
Seamen visited in the Hospital by the writer, about	500

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER.

NEW YORK, Monday in Easter Week, 1873.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY COMFORTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, APRIL 13, 1873.

ANOTHER year of labor has passed away in the work of our mission among the seamen and boatmen of our city, and it becomes our duty as well as privilege to record the results of our labors for the information and encouragement of those who are interested in and contribute the means for extending the benefits of the Gospel among the men of the sea.

It is often supposed and represented by many that these men are so ready and so eager for the reception of the Gospel that we need do but little more than to open our chapels and to send forth our invitations to induce them to "fly as the doves to their windows," or to rush with eager haste to listen to the Word of truth, and to embrace the offers of mercy. But such a representation is calculated to make a wrong impression upon the minds of those who feel interested in their behalf, and to cause them to expect greater results from the use of the ordinary instrumentalities than reason will warrant; and when these enlarged expectations are not realized by a candid report of results, they naturally produce disappointment, if not discouragement. But we should remember that seamen are men of like passions with ourselves; possessing all the natural hostility to God and his cause that is found in the hearts of those who dwell upon the land; and that these passions and this hostility most generally become intensified by the associations and circumstances by which they are so constantly surrounded. We have, therefore, great reason to rejoice if the instrumentalities we

employ are as successful among these men as the same instrumentalities are found to be among those who are much more highly favored than they by a residence in the midst of Gospel privileges. And when we test the results by this rule, we shall find that the missions for seamen are as fruitful of good as those which are established for the benefit of any other class.

Our Mission on the North River is deprived of the advantage of being surrounded by seamen's boarding-houses, where they generally reside while in port, and our labors are in a great measure confined to those who are employed on the smaller vessels that are engaged in our inland commerce; and during the close of river navigation in the winter months, the most of these men are scattered abroad, so as to leave very few who can be reached by the Gospel message.

But notwithstanding these disadvantages, we have had many encouragements to hope that our labors are not in vain, and that much good has been effected among those who would otherwise be entirely overlooked. They have been visited frequently on board of their vessels, which has afforded an opportunity for giving instruction and advice which could seldom be given in the public congregation; and also of giving them such religious tracts and papers as could scarcely fail to make a salutary impression upon the mind, and to lead them to serious reflection and amendment of life.

The numbers attending our Chapel have not been as large as those of others on the eastern side of the city, in consequence of the causes already mentioned; but those who have attended have generally been of a very promising class, who have listened with the most serious attention to the Gospel message which your Missionary has endeavored most earnestly and faithfully to deliver. And when the public services have ended, and an invitation has been given, many of them have come forward to receive the books which we have been prepared to bestow, and which they have received with the most evident tokens of gratification and thankfulness.

This distribution also gives us an opportunity to make a more personal address than we are able to make in the public discourse; and it is often exceedingly interesting to notice the close and serious attention with which they listen to the short and pointed appeals. Sometimes the tear will bedew the browned and furrowed cheek of the veteran who has braved many a storm when some casual remark reminds him of the home of his childhood and the prayers and in-

structions of a pious mother, or recalls the sins of his past life, and which he is conscious will expose him to the displeasure of Him before whose bar he will be summoned to appear to render an account for the deeds done in the body.

On several of these occasions, men have remained after the others have departed and requested the missionary to draw up a pledge of abstinence from intoxicating drinks which they desire to sign, as an aid in carrying out the resolution they have formed to break off their sins by righteousness, and to secure the salvation of the soul. The thirst for these destructive stimulants is one of the greatest barriers in the way of all reformation, and they feel sensible that nothing can be done in the way of amendment unless they can conquer this terrible besetment. May God give them grace to overcome it!

During the past four months, we have had the assistance of a colporteur who has been engaged in visiting the vessels in our neighborhood, as well as the families which are destitute of all religious associations; and there is no doubt but that his labors have a tendency to improve the prospects of our mission for doing good among those who are thus destitute. He is the first assistant we have ever had in our portion of the work; and we can but hope that, when the river is opened, and the usual number of men are engaged in their regular work, he may be able to bring a greater number under the influence of religious instruction.

One of our most serious impediments in the way of reaching the mass of the people is the widespreading practice of Sunday excursions. Steamers and barges in great numbers are employed in this species of Sabbath-breaking, and thousands who might otherwise be disposed to spend the day in the sanctuary of the Lord are led away by the solicitations of their companions to join in these unhallowed recreations, and they soon become insensible to the voice of conscience and the claims of religion, and nothing but the power of the Almighty can arrest them in their career of wicked and destructive dissipation. All we can do is to leave them in His hands, while we labor to rescue them from impending ruin.

I have to acknowledge with much thankfulness the gift of a beautiful Bible and Prayer-book for the desk in the Chapel by the scholars of Chelsea Institute, under the management of the Misses Rogers, in Twentieth Street, near St. Peter's Church.

The following are the statistics for the year :

Statistics for the year ending Easter, 1873 :

Services on the Lord's day.....	108
Services on other days.....	30
Total.....	138
Average general attendance.....	36
Average attendance of Seamen and Boatmen.....	8
Aggregate number receiving books.....	308
Number of Communicants.....	24
Average number receiving Communion.....	15
Baptisms (Infants).....	7
Marriages.....	4
Burials.....	5

BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles.....	10
Testaments.....	80
Prayer-Books.....	25
Miscellaneous books.....	370
Tracts (pages).....	16,000

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion offerings.....	\$36 52
Box for the poor.....	24 60
Box for books.....	9 31
For Aged and Infirm clergymen.....	5 00
For trimming Chapel.....	27 00
For the Jews.....	1 00
For St Stephen's Church, Ridgeway, S. C.....	22 25
Total.....	\$125 68

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FLOY ROBERTS.

New York, Monday in Easter Week, 1873.

His first Report.

REPORT OF REV. ISAAC MAGUIRE,

AS

MISSIONARY AT LARGE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING EASTER, APRIL 13, 1873.

On the 16th of June, 1872, the writer was requested to take charge of the Outdoor Station at Coenties Slip. It was with much fear and trembling that he entered upon the work, but He who has promised to perfect His strength in our weakness has enabled him to continue to the present. The congregations during the summer months often amount at each service to some hundreds of men; the greater part of these are boatmen and bargemen who labor on the canals and rivers of this and other States, and who periodically find their way into this city. It is a most interesting spectacle to see over a hundred of these hard-working, weather-beaten men sit down under cover of a barge or on the edge of the wharf attentively listening to the Word of God. While many take part in the exercises, occasionally there is a slight disturbance caused by some exciting incident on the adjoining boats or pier; again, there are those who come to laugh and mock, and, if possible, disturb others disposed to listen; from personal observation, the writer has seen many of the former class of persons assume a different countenance and disposition, and seemed deeply impressed by what they heard. And on the whole, the missionary has cause to return thanks to God that he has met with so little opposition.

Owing to the migratory life of those who compose the congregation, the results which God has promised shall attend the preaching of His Word, and which we so much desire, are not always seen;

still, there is evidence that all the seed has not fallen on barren soil. On more than one occasion has the writer received the iron grasp of a son of the sea in grateful acknowledgment of the benefits derived from our service, while others said it was good, they had been there, and after receiving a few words of friendly advice, with religious books and papers, went away with tears of joy, feeling better prepared to resist the trials and temptations of life.

Your missionary started a Sunday-school last summer, intended for the instruction of boatmen's children. On the first Sunday, there were present fifteen or sixteen boys and girls. Many of these being entirely ignorant of the very first principles of religious truth, they are, in a certain sense, shut out from the world; born and brought up on the boats, following the example and precepts of their parents, they generally grow up to be profane and godless, seldom rising above the level of their parents, mentally or morally; they are wise and cunning in many ways, but know nothing of "the simplicity that is Christ." As already stated, the result of our efforts on the first Sunday was encouraging, and the school kept on for a few weeks; but as the winter approached, and the boats removed from the city, our scholars disappeared. As soon as navigation is opened on the canal and rivers, the same opportunities will be afforded for reaching these children, and the school will be reopened. The following incidents as illustrative of our work may be interesting to the friends of the Seamen's Society:

One afternoon, as service was concluded on the dock, the captain of a Spanish vessel said he was delighted with the work and objects of the Society, thanked God that the poor sailor was not forgotten by the Christians of New York, told the missionary he had a Spanish Bible and other books in the same language, but he wanted some Spanish tracts to distribute amongst the crew and elsewhere, as opportunity offered. The missionary on the day after received a large package of tracts, and left them on the vessel in charge of one of the officers, and, from the cordial reception he met with, feels assured that they were faithfully handed to the captain.

Three little girls who attended our Sunday-school for some time, requested the missionary to call and see their mother, as they were to leave the city in a few days; he went down into the boat, received a hearty welcome and many thanks for the kindness showed to the children in the school. Truly God was present in the little cabin

on that Sabbath evening as he read a portion of the divine Word and offered a brief prayer! As the missionary rose to leave, the children were bathed in tears, the mother wept, while the father looked on in solemn silence. The boat did not leave the slip, owing to the ice in the river, and on the following Sunday the three little girls were seen leading the father by the hand to our service, where he sat and humbly and respectfully listened to the Word of God, the first time in fifteen years.

The following are the statistics since last annual report:

Services in the open air at Coenties Slip,	76
Services in the room, 22 South Street,	30
Services in the New Sailors' Home, etc., about,	16
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Total number of Services,	122
Seamen and Boatmen supplied with Bibles, Papers, etc.,	2,280
Baptisms,	2
Marriages,	4
Deaths,	4

BOOKS, ETC., DISTRIBUTED.

Bibles, English,	40
Bibles, German,	1
New Testaments in various Languages,	751
Common Prayer-Books,	85
Miscellaneous Books,	1,458
Present at the open-air service for the year,	6,366
Present at the indoor service, 22 South Street,	701
Average attendance at the open-air service,	84
Average attendance at the indoor service,	23

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC MAGUIRE.

SPECIAL FUND.

*The Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York, in account
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Dr.	Cr.
To Cash paid for 300 copies of Life of John Burn..... \$105 00 " Cash paid American Tract Society for books..... 80 10 " Cash Investment on Bond and Mortgage in connection with "Permanent Fund,"..... 200 00 " Balance to new account..... 44 88 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> \$429 98	By Balance from last Report..... \$145 98 " Contribution from an "Old Friend of the Mission," as a fund to be kept invested, and interest used for purchase of books for distribution among seamen. Cash..... 200 00 And \$1000 First Mortgage Bond of West Wis- consin Railway Company—12 months' in- terest..... 84 00 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> \$429 98 By Balance brought forward, cash..... \$44 88

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To Cash paid for repairs on the New Sailors' Home..... \$400 00 " " for repairs, 34 Pike St..... 36 75 " Investment on Bond and Mortgage at 7 per cent. interest..... 5,800 00 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> \$6,236 75 " Balance (income)..... \$106 04	By Balance per last report..... \$5,807 71 " Cash received for interest..... 323 00 " Balance, overdrawn, of income..... 106 04 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> \$6,236 75 N.B. Six months' interest on \$5,800 will be due May 10.

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Ang. Bleecker.....	"	2 50	E. A. Fraser.....	1873	5 00
John S. Betts.....	"	2 00	H. W. Ford.....	1872	2 00
James M. Brown.....	"	25 00	J. Foulke.....	1873	5 00
Stewart Brown.....	"	25 00	J. P. G. Foster.....	"	5 00
H. K. Bogert.....	"	5 00	F. G. Foster.....	1872	25 00
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H. H. Butlerworth.....	"	2 00	G. D. H. Gillespie.....	1872	5 00
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Wm. Barton.....	"	2 00	E. H. Goodwin.....	"	5 00
D. C. Blodgett.....	1873	5 00	Mrs. T. Gibbes.....	1873	3 00
Mrs. R. S. Buchanan.....	"	3 00	Fred. R. Gillespie.....	1871-73	3 00
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Walter Barnes.....	"	5 00	Miss A. J. Garner.....	1873	10 00
W. T. Booth.....	"	5 00	William Halsey.....	1872	2 00
Samuel D. Babcock.....	1872	25 00	Charles Halsey.....	"	2 00
Meigs D. Benjamin.....	"	5 00	Bailey J. Hathaway.....	"	5 00
Wm. Borden.....	1873	5 00	Samuel Hopkins.....	"	15 00
George Briggs.....	1872	5 00	Jacob Hendel.....	1873	5 00
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Mrs. H. S. Craig.....	1872	2 00	D. Huntington.....	"	5 00
John J. Clisco.....	"	5 00	John Halsey.....	"	5 00
Cyrus Curtiss.....	"	5 00	W. O. Hoffman.....	1872	2 00
T. B. Coddington.....	"	5 00	Henry Hopkins.....	"	5 00
Samuel Coulter.....	1873	5 00	R. J. Hubbard.....	"	5 00
W. E. Chisholm.....	"	5 00	Frederick Hubbard.....	"	5 00
Elie Charlier.....	1872	5 00	H. H. Holly.....	"	5 00
Miss Elizabeth Crane.....	1873	1 00	D. L. Holden.....	"	5 00
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Mrs. John Caswell.....	"	5 00	Mrs. Esther Hicks.....	"	2 00
A. H. Clark.....	"	5 00	Marcus Hunter.....	1872	5 00
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George C. Collins.....	"	5 00	Mrs. R. J. Hubbard.....	"	5 00
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David Clarkson, Jr.....	"	5 00	C. C. Hastings.....	"	5 00
C. H. Conloit.....	"	5 00	John Jones.....	1873	2 00

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John A. King, Jr.....	"	5 00	Thomas Rowe.....	1873	5 00
James Knight.....	"	5 00	B. T. Rogers.....	"	2 00
Mrs. Charles King.....	1873	5 00	B. T. Rogers, Jr.....	"	2 00
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Cambridge Livingston.....	"	5 00	E. B. Sutton.....	"	5 00
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George D. Morgan.....	"	5 00	L. F. Therasson.....	"	5 00
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