

Annual Report of the <sup>Union</sup> East Side Station  
Society

As the feast of Easter draws nigh,  
it is a fresh reminder of  
another year's work accomplished.  
During the past twelve months  
it has been a matter of great  
surprise to find how many persons  
there are, even among the clergy,  
who know so little, and in most  
cases, absolutely nothing of the  
Church's work to seamen.

Hence it has seemed good, for the  
information of <sup>such</sup> ~~these~~ persons, to  
give in brief outline a sketch  
of the kind of work the East Side  
Station of the Seamen's Society  
is doing, ~~with~~ hoping that

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this report may perchance  
reach them and arouse their  
interest.

Our efforts are primarily for  
the sailor, although besides, we  
administer to many families  
dwelling in the neighborhood.  
The little <sup>floating</sup> church of our Saviour,  
which seats three hundred people,  
was described by one in 1845;  
~~as~~ thus, "It is moored in the  
East River, at the foot of Pike St.  
a short distance from the  
wharf, ~~securely~~ <sup>securely</sup> protected from  
the influence of the tides, the  
currents, ice and the

surrounding shipping, by large booms extending in a connection about it, and is entered by a gang plank on to a wide deck."

Services— Here are conducted two services on Sunday - The Church service is used in all its simplicity - the pages of the prayer book being announced - thus enabling those most unaccustomed to our liturgy, to find the places easily, and to respond heartily. This they do with a vim, and it is now one of the noticeable characteristics of the congregations assembled in the Floating Dock. There has been a large increase

attendance of sailors over last year, especially during the winter months - There have been more persons present at the celebrations - and this year the Thanksgiving service was held in the Church for the first time with a very good congregation. The Bishop of the diocese made his annual visit<sup>ion</sup> in October, and administered the rite of confirmation to fifteen persons. At the Sailors' Home, which has been placed under the supervision of the East Side Station, there have been

given  
~~held~~ on Monday Evenings,  
 informal receptions for sailors,  
 followed by a service with  
 any amount of music suited  
 to the occasion.

The effects of this new feature  
 of the work <sup>cannot be over estimated.</sup> ~~are inestimable~~.

In this way we are not only  
 brought in closer contact with  
 the sailor already known  
 to us, but also it gives  
 us the opportunity of reaching  
 a class of sailors, that seldom,  
 if ever frequent Missions.  
 Another service with a short  
 lecture is held in the Mission

House on Friday evenings, to which the sailors are invited from the reading room below and respond most willingly. Before all services, or meetings of any kind, the Colporteur visits the boarding houses notifying the sailor, and extending to him a cordial invitation.

Auxiliaries—

The Ladies Hope Club composed of the women <sup>connected with or</sup> interested in the Church, was organized in 1889 having for its sole object the promotion of social intercourse. It has now developed into a

strong and useful Church  
Society - Too much credit  
cannot be given to these  
faithful ones for the amount  
of work ~~done~~ <sup>achieved</sup> this year.

They have presented a chancel  
carpet, have ~~given~~ raised one  
hundred dollars for various  
objects, and have practically  
supported the Sunday School -  
Never was this Club in a more  
flourishing condition -

The organization which has  
been longest in existence,  
and which accomplishes  
much practical good is the

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Floating Church Temperance  
Society - Since 1873 -

9328 men have been  
persuaded to sign the pledge

This Society under the leadership  
of its President - Mr. Daniel  
Montgomery, is doing excellent  
work, teaching the sailor to  
save his money, and to avoid  
the so-called good fellowships  
which lead to ruin -

In many respects, one of our most  
helpful auxiliaries, is the  
Men's Hope Club, organized  
in 1888. Its membership



<sup>composed</sup>  
is almost entirely of sailors,  
470 having been admitted since  
its existence -

In the words of the constitution  
the object ~~of this club~~ is "for  
mutual improvement, raising  
the moral and religious standard  
of its members, social advancement  
and rendering assistance  
when necessary."

It is under the direction of this  
club that the Saturday night  
entertainments for Seamed  
<sup>which nothing has been allowed to interfere with for many years,  
& which is undoubtedly the great night of the week</sup>  
are conducted - The sailor  
has learned from long  
experience that any Saturday

that, happens to be  
 night - he ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> in port, if he  
 comes to 34 Pike St. he will  
 always ~~find~~ <sup>find</sup> a ~~particular~~ <sup>crowd</sup> of  
~~pleasant evening~~ <sup>jolly</sup> companions,  
 Nothing has seemed <sup>so especially</sup> to strike  
 our friends, who are familiar with  
 the work, as the spirit and  
 interest with which sometimes  
 150 men will spend the  
 evening together in our meeting  
 room, amusing themselves.

Our reading room, <sup>which</sup> as mentioned  
 above is under the meeting  
 room, is cozy, homelike and  
 popular, and has sometimes  
 by the sailors, been <sup>pleasantly</sup> called

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the forecabin. It is <sup>well</sup> stocked  
with reading ~~matter~~ in  
different languages. Here  
the sailor may read, write ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup>  
receive letters, or play games.  
A package of reading matter is  
given to each seaman before  
sailing, and we are therefore  
constantly in need of large  
quantities of Magazines and  
papers in the different languages.  
There simply remains to mention  
the sewing school conducted by  
eight ladies, who have kindly  
volunteered their services  
and ~~is~~ a well attended

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Sunday School, which is in sad  
want of teachers to help the  
Superintendent Mr. Benj. G.

Natson in his faithful efforts.

In reviewing the results of the  
past year, and comparing  
statistics, we find there has  
been marked progress, for  
which all those interested in  
the uplifting of seamen  
should be devoutly thankful.

A detailed account of what  
daily transpires, would prove  
~~most~~ interesting, and would be  
conclusive evidence of the  
practical good done, but this

would take too long - we only ask  
you to visit us -

Grateful thanks must be given  
to all who have in anyway  
assisted this much needed East-  
Side work & Seaman -

Especially thanks is due Mrs. E. E.  
Williams, The Rev. W. G. H. Anthony  
and Mr. Benj. G. Watson for  
presentations to the Church -  
Also to Mrs. H. Calkoun, Mrs.  
Risbrow, & Miss M. L. Bishop  
for donations to the sewing school

# Statistics for the year.

No. of services held in the Floating Ch. ✓ 106

No. of services held elsewhere. ✓ 125

Total - 231

Aggregate attendance at Church - ✓ 4874

Aggregate att. at <sup>all</sup> week day services - ✓ 4436

Total attendance 9310

No. of seamen attending all services. 9034

No. of seamen receiving books. 373

No. of seamen attending reading room 34598

No. of Sunday-school teachers 6

No. of Sunday-school scholars. 60

No. of Sewing-school teachers. 9

No. of Sewing-school scholars. 100

Total number signed the pledge since <sup>the</sup> beginning -	9199
No. signed the pledge the past year -	129
Baptisms -	18
Burials -	7
Marriages	20
No. of Communion Services in Ch.	12
Private Communion	3
Confirmations	15
<u>Books Distributed</u>	
Bibles.	64
Testaments.	72
Prayer Books.	169
Miscellaneous Books.	417
Total -	<u>1322</u>

Packages of reading matter to seawen <sup>before</sup> sailing 661

Total number of religious matter distributed 2000  
 Letters written - 1044  
 Letters received - 1405  
 No. of visits by Colporteur to boarding H. & vessels 4982

Contributions -

Communion Alms & Poor Boxes - \$92.66  
 Special contributions - ~~\$325.65~~  
 \$342.15

Respectfully submitted  
 Archibald R. Maughey