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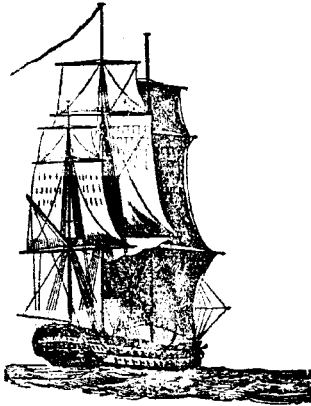
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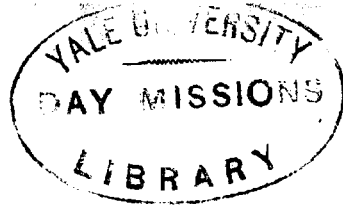
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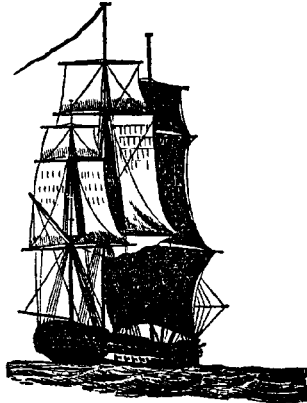


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## ANNIVERSARY.

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The Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of the American Seamen's Friend Society was celebrated in the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, on Monday evening May 8th, 1854.

The President, P. Perit, Esq., presided.

The house was well filled at an early hour. The services were introduced by a voluntary on the organ. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. N. Wyckoff D. D. of Albany. The Choir of the Fourteenth street Presbyterian Church under the direction of Mr. S. Lasar, sung the hymn,

"Star of peace to wanderers weary."

The President congratulated the Society and large congregation in a brief and very appropriate introductory address.

An abstract of the Report was presented by Rev. H. Loomis, one of the Secretaries.

Rev. J. C. Fletcher, Seamen's Chaplain at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, moved the adoption and printing of the Report, and in an interesting address, gave an account of his labors and success in his large and important field.

Rev. J. P. Cleaveland, D. D. of Northampton, Mass., next addressed the meeting, giving variety by his humorous sallies and strain of remark.

A Solo was sung by Mrs. Georgiana Stuart.

Rev. T. Brainard, D. D. of Philadelphia, followed with an address interspersed with interesting and thrilling facts.

Rev. Geo. W. Bethune, D. D. of Brooklyn, was the last speaker, and pressed home upon the audience, in a serious, earnest address, our duties to seamen.

The unwearied attention of the audience to a late hour, is sufficient proof of its interest in the cause and its advocacy during the evening.

After a Doxology had been sung, and the Benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. Somers of New York, one class of Trustees was elected for three years ensuing; and a vote of thanks to the Speakers and Choir was passed.

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This Society is charged with the duty, under God, of giving to the Church the empire of the sea.

The Board of Directors present their TWENTY-SIXTH Annual Report with mingled feelings of sadness and thanksgiving,—sadness for failures and judgments, thanksgiving for mercies and successes.

The past year has been peculiarly marked with storms, and wrecks, and disaster, and death on the sea. Deep grief fills many a stricken heart on land; dark images cluster thick around the mental vision of many a mother, and widow, and orphan, of the untold struggle and anguish in the storm and the wreck.

\* *Seventy ships, sixty-one barques, one hundred and seven brigs, two hundred and thirty-two schooners, and eleven steamers, in all four hundred and eighty-one vessels are reported as lost,—a large share of them total wrecks.*

*Of five ships, five barques, nine brigs, thirteen schooners, and one steamer, the record is, they sailed at a certain date and have not been heard of since. In these wrecks nearly eight hundred and fifty lives are known to have been lost. There could not have been less than seven hundred on board the thirty-two missing vessels: on which side shall we reckon them, or any on the treacherous sea? among the living or the dead?*

Notwithstanding God has so often in the past year spoken in the tempest, and the whirlwind, and the fire, and the still small voice, and the Society has toiled as His humble instrument, near thirty years, for the moral and spiritual improvement of seamen, "*They are no better,*" say some; "*They were never so bad,*" reiterate others; "*We never had so much difficulty to man our ships with good seamen,*" respond many merchants; and many ardent friends of the sailor among them make no reply, and the faint-hearted and weak in faith yield to despondency.

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\* These numbers do not include the wrecks on our western waters, nor do they profess to be mathematically correct; a small portion of them are foreign vessels. It is believed the numbers are less than the truth would warrant.

There is some truth, but more falsehood and error, in the assertion.

To admit the truth, and expose the error, we propose to travel a little out of the ordinary course of an Annual Report, and point out first, some of the *obstacles* in the way of the reform of seamen; secondly, show the real *advance* in the work of reform, and present advantageous position of the Society, by the history of its past year's operations, through its chaplains and sailor missionaries, on the foreign field; through its *aided auxiliaries* at home, and through the co-operation of kindred societies in this land.

We ask for a fair and comprehensive view of the whole subject; and the wonder will be, we think, not that *so little* has been done, but that, under the circumstances, *so much* has been accomplished.

### OBSTACLES.

The *material*, on which we have to work, or that peculiar class of men of which our seamen are composed, presents no common obstacles to reform.

That impulsive, restless, reckless, adventurous, roving, romantic spirit, these original characteristics of the boy who will be a sailor, the very opposite of those calm, quiet, reflective, calculating, cautious traits of mind that constitute the power of self-control, and deter from the dangers and privations of the sea, while they contain some of the noblest impulses of our nature, that indomitable energy and bravery necessary for the employment, and often lead to deeds of noble daring, and self sacrificing benevolence; there is, at the same time, a strong tendency in them to break away from all restraint, all law, all good influences human and divine.

These, to a considerable extent, were the characteristics of our seamen at an earlier day in our commercial history, when we had not more than *fifty thousand*, and most of them of New-England origin, and many of them had a pecuniary interest in the ship or cargo. But now the material is still worse. The *fifty thousand* have grown to more than *two hundred thousand*, and *four-fifths* of them of foreign origin, composed of young men trained in every variety of circumstances, and under all shades of religious belief, from a pure Christianity to the most degrading paganism. While many of the foreign seamen under our flag are, in most respects, quite equal to our own, others are of the very worst character. It is in this increase and change of material, that we are to find the ground of the truth of the assertion, "that sailors are worse now than formerly."

A *second obstacle* in the way of reform and elevation, may be found in the *character* of the government under which this material is brought.

*Necessarily absolutism.* The order on shipboard must be promptly obeyed, without question or gainsaying. Where in the history of the world has any community, deprived of all influence in the government, and any interest in the state, been elevated? The very tendency of absolutism is to dwarf men to children, and induce the helplessness of infancy. Here is one of the chief grounds of the childish helplessness and unprotected condition of this class of men.

It is not only absolutism, but it often becomes cruelly tyrannical, and excessively depressing, and hardening on the character of the sailor. Did this quarter-deck absolutism always associate with itself, as it might and should, the maternal, it would be perhaps the very best kind of government under the circumstances, for the material, and for the elevation of the governed.

We know that no marine service on earth can boast a finer set of officers, composed of more responsible, moral and humane men than ours. We know too that the feeling among them is general, and often expressed, "that the sympathies of the community are all on the side of the sailor, little left for the captain."

It is not so. We appreciate the difficulties of his position. Placed in authority over men to him unknown, often savage and ungovernable, shut up

with them at sea, feeling the necessity of keeping armed to the teeth in defence of his own life, it is not strange if the government partakes now and then somewhat too much of the *iron* and too little of the *golden* and *persuasive*. Our captains must be more than human, never to err under these trials. They need more philosophy and grace than many of us on land possess, to keep them always unruffled and calm. Nevertheless, the motto over the office-door of Captain Sherman's steamboat on Lake Champlain,—“KEEP YOUR TEMPER,” should be as a sign on the “frontlet” of every sea-captain; and coupled with it the Quaker Owen's instructions to his captain,—“John! *First*, Be sure that thy men always have their rights; *Second*, Be sure that they always obey thee;” or the obstacles to the reform of the men under a government of *absolutism* rendered tyranny are well nigh insurmountable.

A *third obstacle* is found in the small and inadequate compensation the sailor receives for his labors and hardships.

There are more evils originating here, more difficulties in the way of improving the condition of our merchant and naval service, and elevating the character of our seamen, than is generally supposed. The type-setter, the house-joiner, and mason, receive from one and a half to two dollars a day for eight or ten hours labor, even the hod-carrier and scavenger, from a dollar to a dollar and a half a day, while the sailor receives little more than half the scavenger's wages, though his week may know no Sabbath, and his day may be twenty-four hours long. Why is it? Because his avocation is so mean, so unproductive. The obvious tendency is to drive the better class, the more enterprising young men out of the service, to other employments, or the gold-fields of California and Australia, and leave in it but the dregs of the service.

With this obstacle in the way, even the operations of the Society in the reformation of the men, has a tendency to depress the service, because the reformed leave it. More than this even, it depresses the men remaining in it. It prevents them from being the possessors of the tools of their craft, the owners of the implements of their trade. It deters the sailor from those humanizing, elevating relations,—the landman's high privilege, by the gloomy alternative of leaving a wife and orphan children upon the cold charities of his employers.

Nor does the evil stop here. The wages, small as they are, have not always been honorably paid; which, altogether, has induced in the mind of the sailor the feeling that *he* is the *oppressed*, and sets him on the defensive, to gain his rights by dishonest and immoral means.

For a long time past seamen's wages have been two or three dollars less a month in England than in this country. It was common, years ago, to ship men at the monthly wages in our own ports for the voyage to Europe and back. It was by no means uncommon, though many honorable exceptions to it, indeed it had become a system almost tacitly acquiesced in, for the officers, in the expressive language of the sailor, to “work us off ship on the other side.” The simple process was, by over work and harsh treatment, to weary the patience of the crew, till they would run away from the ship, leaving her in debt to them, and the privilege of shipping a new crew at less wages, adding somewhat to the profits of the voyage, and rounding to the credit of the captain. The evil has neutralized itself by creating a greater one.

It has had more to do in fixing on the service as an incubus, and the sailor's *bane*, the system of *advance wages*, than is generally supposed. A system so entirely *evil*, so wrought into the service, that it seems almost impossible ever to eradicate it. The sailor in self defence, in combination with his helpful landlord, soon refused to ship for Europe without two or three months wages in advance, when it became his turn to run away, in debt to the ship, and quiet his conscience with, “It is only spoiling the Egyptians.” A fugitive he flies to the landlord, who receives the profits for degrading the sailor still more and enables the employer to quiet his conscience with, “The more you give the sailor the worse he is for it;” “it goes to the sharks and not to him.” But two



wrongs cannot make a right. The dire evil tendency on the sailor's moral and religious character is obvious. The tendency on the service in our ships running to Europe is equally obvious,—the better class of seamen is driven out of them, and they are manned to-day with the worst on the globe. We admit there is some ground for the assertion, "Sailors have been getting worse," but where is it? Not in us!

A *fourth obstacle* may be found in the sailor's almost entire deprivation of those *social relations*, and the sanctifying influences of those religious institutions in the enjoyment of other men. It was not good for man (*unfallen*) to be alone; it has been vastly worse for fallen man to be alone.

By the migratory life he must lead, the smallness of the compensation he receives, and his own improvident habits, he seems necessarily and hopelessly isolated,—thrown *alone* on the vast deep,—*alone* in a wilderness world; almost without a Sabbath, without a pastor, or a guide, or a *help* meet for him, without a sermon or a prayer. If all these around his tender years have not, led him to Christ, how can he be saved when deprived of them all?

But this even is not the worst of it. The yearnings of a human soul can not, will not, permit it to be isolated. If it can not associate with God, and a virtuous companionship, for its wellbeing, it will associate for its undoing.

The sailor, unheld by social ties, with a nature impulsive, warm, generous, passionate, flies for respite and refuge from a stern government, and an oppressive and unrequited service, to *protectors* and *companionship*, and the poisoned cup; but O! what protection! what companionship!

In the very *jaws* of *death*! how can he be redeemed?

Nay, you cannot snatch from him the poisoned cup by prohibitory laws; for capital must have its dividends, commerce its profits, and law its verbiage and technics, though the common sense of community be outraged, and morality rooted out.

We have been pointing out *obstacles* in our way. We have not, nor did we design to allude to those characteristics of the sailor,—those advantages in his position,—those often-recurring moments in his perilous history, that render him the most susceptible of men to the soothing notes of the Gospel of Eternal Love; nor to the riches and power of that grace which overcomes all obstacles to its work of redemption.

Now, amidst such obstacles and increasing difficulties, despite the toils and *successes* of the Society, is it strange if there should be a *grain* of truth in the assertion, "That the mass of seamen are only growing worse"?

We pass to point out the *error*, by showing the *progress* of the reform. *First*, by the Society's

## FOREIGN OPERATIONS.

The Society's Foreign Chaplaincies are in the West Indies, Brazil, Chili, New Grenada, Peru, Sandwich Islands, St. Helena, China, France, Sweden, Denmark, New Brunswick, and British America. While these Chaplaincies extending round the globe, are designed primarily to act on seamen under the American Flag; through bible and tract distribution, they are incidentally acting on the seamen of all nations, and even to some extent, on the citizens of the countries where they are located.

### BRAZIL.

RIO DE JANEIRO.—REV. J. C. FLETCHER, *Chaplain*.

The field of this Chaplain's labors under a commission from this Society, and the American Foreign Christian Union, is the metropolis of an empire,—a city of more than *two hundred thousand* inhabitants; and on whose beautiful bay, floats annually more than *twenty two thousand* seamen. Among these *thousands*, this devoted Chaplain has toiled on through another year, a

part of the time in the midst of the yellow fever, surrounded with the sick and dying; but his labors have not been in vain; he has met with most encouraging success.

In a communication dated Sept. 20th, he says, "I cannot look back upon the past year without gratitude to God. Have only been prevented twice by sickness from preaching, and have had the glorious privilege of seeing some souls turn from death unto life, and have also had the melancholy pleasure of witnessing the triumph of many who fell asleep in Jesus. Sad too are the reflections that many others have gone down to a dark eternity. I cannot conclude without also stating that the Bethel cause has gained ground in Rio, and that the servant of the Lord has now three times the influence that he had one year ago.

To God be the praise."

Again in another communication he says. "I have commenced new measures for disseminating the truth among our sailors, and new endeavors to induce them to attend Bethel services. Instead of putting up notices of the services in public places as formerly; I determined if possible, to visit all American vessels each week, thus announcing my meetings, distributing bibles and tracts, and visiting the sick. Now each Friday beholds me going over my "parish," in a boat rowed by a Madeira man, and a Negro, who are filled with wonder to see the "Padre Americano" under a son of only 90°, climbing the side of every vessel from the "Estados Unidos." The result has been most encouraging. The numbers at my meetings have not only been swelled by seamen, but by Captains." "Your Chaplain is probably the only person in the harbor, besides the government officials, who can move among the shipping with perfect freedom. This privilege has been obtained of the Government through the influence of the American Minister, Hon. Robert C. Schenck, who has been most kind to our undertaking."

In Letters to us, and to bereaved friends he gives detailed accounts of hopeful conversions, and triumphant deaths. Such were the triumphs of a true faith in the trying hour, in one instance, that the Romanists standing around were moved to tears, and exclaimed, "we have never seen anything like it before." He speaks of the avidity with which sailors of various nations have received Bibles and Tracts.

Notwithstanding the importance and success of the mission, such is the expensiveness of the station, that the Chaplain fears he cannot be sustained; but we are sure, that bereaved parents, the eyes of whose sons he has closed, and followed to the grave, that the church at large will say to the Board, he *must* and *shall* be sustained at almost any cost.

## CHILI.

VALPARAISO.—REV. D. H. WHEELER, *Chaplain*.

The Chaplain says, "the average number of vessels in this port at one time is *one hundred and thirty*, of which *forty* are English, and *ten* are American, the balance are from various other nations. The average number of the crews of English, American, French and German vessels, is about *thirty*, of the vessels of other nations about *twenty*," which would make more than *three thousand* seamen constantly in port. "About *twenty* sick seamen on an average, are at the American Hospital, and from *fifty to sixty* at the English Hospital. The average number of American and English seamen in the city prison is about *thirty*." To all these institutions the Chaplain has had free access.

Mr. Trumbull has been so occupied with other duties, that he found it necessary to employ Mr. Wheeler to do the work, in this large and interesting field. During the past year, Mr. W. has been the acting Chaplain, and sustained by this Society.

He has labored faithfully and with considerable success. "In the American

Hospital," he says in one of his communications, "six have professed hope in Christ." He has devoted much time to visiting ships in the bay, distributing Bibles, books and tracts in various languages. Conversing personally with the men of the soul's salvation, has generally been received with great kindness by officers and men. Some Captains and officers in the Navy, especially in the English Navy, have aided him in the work of Bible and Tract distribution. He has preached regularly on shipboard, often with manifest evidence of the presence of God's spirit in congregations varying from *four* to *sixty* persons. He speaks with much feeling of the hard usage men often receive on shipboard, of the inadequate comforts and medical attention at the American Hospital, for the want of sufficient aid from our Government, and mentions one valuable life of a young officer, from Maine, lost in consequence.

Mr. Wheeler left the station in February last. Mr. Trumbull will still devote what time he can spare to the work; but both concur in the opinion that there should be a Chaplain to devote all his time to the work, and another man to open and keep a Sailor's Home.

### PERU.

CALLAO.—REV. FRANK W. BILL, *Chaplain*.

This is a new station about midway between Panama and Valparaiso. Callao is the port of Lima, the capital of Peru. Lima has about *fifty thousand* inhabitants, and Callao, nine miles distant, and connected by a Railroad, has *fifteen thousand*. The guano trade at the Chinca Islands, about one hundred miles distant, has made it a place of large and increasing resort for ships, mostly English and American. During the year 1852, 825 vessels of 249,510 tons, carrying 13,023 men, entered this port. "On the 19th of February of the present year, there were at the Islands *one hundred and sixty* vessels of various sizes from 300 to 2,200 tons burden; averaging, probably, 800 tons. The estimated average time for loading with guano was forty days."

It is contemplated that the Chaplain will spend part of his time at the Islands. In the name of humanity, it is hoped that he may be able to do something to protect the rights of the poor Chinese, deceived, brought from home and enslaved by British sea Captains.

The importance of the station, the wretched and unprotected condition of seamen resorting there, and the great need of a seamen's Chaplain, has been urged upon the Board by a resident American merchant, for the last eighteen months. At the meeting of the Board in March, the Rev. Frank W. Bill was appointed Chaplain at Callao and the Chincha Islands, and is expected to sail soon to this important and interesting field of labor.

### NEW GRENADA.

PANAMA.—REV. J. ROWELL, *Chaplain*.

This energetic and devoted Chaplain is still at his post, dividing his labors between Panama and the Island of Taboga, ten miles distant on the Pacific coast, where the shipping principally lie. The annual arrivals of seamen at this port now amount to over *six thousand*; the number will doubtless, be greatly increased when the railroad across the Isthmus is completed, which will be probably during the present year.

In one of his communications Mr. R. says, "Goodness and mercy follow me, my cup runs over. I have constant occasion to sing "Bless the Lord, O my soul." I scarcely ever take up my pen now, to report to you, but I have new mercies to record. I have occasion daily to contrast my present situation and prospects, with what they were but a short time since. I can never forget those trials, and difficulties that so trod on one another's heels, during

those past months. I hope I shall not forget, how manifest has been the hand of God, in their gradual and successive removal. In almost every particular, my circumstances and prospects of usefulness, are greatly improved." In a description of one of his Sabbath services at Taboga, he says, "There were present quite a number from the shipping in port, the principal business men of the place, nearly all the ladies, and quite a crowd of laboring men. We had gathered in the parlor of the Pavilion Hotel. But the audience, unwilling to sacrifice the rare beauty of the evening, requested an adjournment to the piazza. The breeze soon wiped out our lights, and then only God's own silver lamp above lighted us, while we preached and prayed and sung, and the forests echoed back our song. It was a holy scene, for every heart felt that God was there. It reminded me of those days of Adam's innocence, when he used to hear "the voice of the Lord, as he walked in Eden, in the cool of the day." All seemed to feel that it was "Good to be there." I preached both morning and evening." In other communications of his, there are detailed and interesting accounts of several hopeful conversions of seamen in the hospital at Panama, and of calm and peaceful death-bed scenes. Long may this faithful chaplain stand in the gateway of nations to point wanderers to the gate of Heaven.

"Taboga," he says, "is a lovely island, and when you have here a preacher laboring exclusively in your service, he should reside there, and this will probably be necessary after another year."

#### ASPINWALL.—REV. D. H. WHEELER, *Chaplain*.

This is a new town rapidly growing up on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus at the eastern terminus of the Railroad. The arrivals at this port during the year ending November 1st, 1853, were 239 vessels, with 13,496 seamen, besides, there is a resident population, of about 2,000, most of them American, and throngs of passengers to and from the Land of Gold.

Mr. Wheeler, on his way home, spent a Sabbath here and preached two or three times. So desirous were the people for his return, and so destitute and promising did the field appear to him, that he has decided to make it the place of his future labors. He was appointed Chaplain by the Board at their meeting on the 26th of April, and sailed for Aspinwall on the 5th of May, and is the only Protestant minister in the place.

#### SANDWICH ISLANDS.

##### HONOLULU.—REV. SAMUEL C. DAMON, *Chaplain*.

These Islands have ceased to be Foreign Mission grounds, having become Christian, and from some indications it would seem *possible*, if not *probable*, that our Chaplaincies may cease to be *Foreign* Chaplaincies. A fact or two in the history of this Foreign mission may be admissible in this report, as a most conclusive argument that the condition, if not the character of seamen, has been *improved* at these Islands. In the year 1825, the life of the Missionary at Labaina, was in imminent peril, as well as the lives of his wife and helpless children by a mob composed of the captain and crew of the British whale ship Daniel, enraged at the passage of a law by the Chiefs, protecting female virtue and honor, against the brutal lusts of seamen.

In the year 1826, not only the lives of the missionaries, but of the Chiefs, and of the native inhabitants of the town, for the same cause, were threatened under the guns of the United States schooner, Dolphin, commanded by a Lieutenant of the United States Navy, and the law set at defiance, and rendered inoperative.

Would any crew of any nation dare attempt the same outrages now? Can any officers be found so regardless of character, so base now? If there has not been an improvement in character, there certainly has in the strength of

law, and in the condition of seamen at the Islands. But another significant fact, occurring the past year, may serve to show the change.

A Chief from the far off Marquesas Islands with his son-in-law, a Lahaina sailor who had been left sick, by a whale ship at Fatuhiva, had resided three years on the Island, learned the language, married his daughter, and now acting as his interpreter, appeared at the Sandwich Islands, with the urgent Macedonian cry for Missionaries. The cry was heeded, and a new mission established in the Marquesas Group, through the influence of a sailor.

"During the shipping season of the past year," says Mr. Damon, "from September 1st to December 28th, 1853, two hundred and fifty-two whale ships, carrying not less than seven thousand men, are reported to have touched at the islands; adding to these the vessels of war and merchantmen arriving, and it will appear that not less than ten thousand seamen have arrived at the islands within four months." "To meet the spiritual wants of this class of men, more effort has been put forth than ever before. Many extra meetings have been held among seamen by the colporteur of the Hawaiian Tract Society, with encouraging results." Again the Chaplain says, "I doubt not, many seamen have attended meetings at Honolulu this fall, who are savingly benefitted, although they are far away from us." In a more recent communication he says, "At our monthly communions during the four months past, eleven had joined the Bethel church. I witness enough to convince me that praying Christians in the United States have abundant encouragement to continue their supplications, in behalf of those going down to the sea."

The era of steam navigation has commenced among the islands, furnishing facilities for a more intimate intercourse among the inhabitants. He speaks of the changes in the mode of conducting the whaling business, and of its moral influence on the character of seamen. Whale ships now often fill up two or three times, transhipping the oil to freight ships, for the United States; consequently crews are discharged and paid off more at the Islands, and are in the habit of shipping for the season. This has caused an urgent necessity for a Saving's Bank for them.

Another probable effect will be the permanent residence at the islands, of the families of Captains and officers of whale ships. The beneficial moral influence is obvious.

#### LAHAINA.—REV. S. E. BISHOP, *Chaplain.*

Mr. Bishop, as reported last year, arrived at this station on the 8th of February, 1853; met with a most cordial reception from the inhabitants of the place, testified by a donation of \$300, to aid him in the commencement of house-keeping.

A house has been purchased from the American Board of Commissioners, for Foreign Missions, by the Board of this Society, at a cost of \$2000, for a parsonage to this station.

Mr. Bishop has preached to good congregations on the Sabbath. A reading room has been opened by the inhabitants, for their mutual improvement, and that of seamen touching at the port. He mentions one case of earnest enquiry, by an Irish sailor, for the way of salvation.

#### HILO.—REV. TITUS COAN, *Missionary of the American Board.*

Mr. Coan has for many years labored with much success among the seamen resorting to this port, and still continues his labors among them; though we regret we have not, as in former years, received a communication from him, reporting his labors and successes among seamen.

### MICRONESIA ISLANDS.

#### ASCENSION ISLAND.—REV. S. H. GULICK, *Mis'y of Am. B. of M.*

This Island within the bounds of the present Micronesian Mission, is in

lat, 6° 41' North, long, 158° 24' East. This most interesting mission has been commenced in part probably, through the incidental influence of seamen on the minds of the native chiefs. An argument by the way, that seamen among the Islands are somewhat improved.

Mr. Gulick says in a letter to one of the Secretaries, dated Feb. 7th, 1853. "Since January 5th, 1851, *forty-two* vessels have anchored in this one harbor of Rono Kittle, besides a few others in other harbors of the island. Undoubtedly the number touching here will every year increase." He speaks of the kind treatment the missionaries had uniformly received from the Captains, and of the interest some Captains have taken in Bethel operations here. A house and bowling alley had been purchased of a foreigner wishing to leave the island, by two sea Captains; the house made over to the missionaries, and the bowling alley given to this Society for a Seamen's Bethel. We transcribe the deed of conveyance from the original owner to the Captains; which, though not encumbered with the verbiage and technicalities of law, is straight forward and sailor-like in execution, and the title indisputable.

(COPY.)

ISLAND OF ASCENSION, }  
Jan. 25th, 1853. }

This is to certify that I, Elisha Reynolds, now being in my right mind and sober senses, do agree for the sum of sixty dollars, to give to Capt. La Fayette Rowley, and Capt. Joseph R. Gorham, all the right and title I have on the Island of Ascension, consisting of my two dwelling houses, bowling alley and canoe house.

(signed)

ELCENZO T. REYNOLDS.

— CORGAT, } Witnesses.  
L. H. GULICK, }

ATOR'y, N. COLVIN.

The Bowling Alley was to be fitted up for a Reading Room and Bethel, by the natives and residents, and a Bethel flag was called for.

The island is described as well supplied with timber for ship building, and very productive; and it is confidently expected by the Missionaries, that at no distant period, the field will be of sufficient importance for the exclusive labors of a Seamen's Chaplain.

**STRONG'S ISLAND.—REV. MR. SNOW, *Mis'y of A. B. C. F. M.***

At this island also a few whale ships touch, and Mr. Snow has written for Bibles, Hymn books, and Tracts for seamen, and will devote a part of his labors to them, during the shipping season.

**CHINA.**

**CANTON.—REV. EDWARD H. HARLOW, *Chaplain.***

The openings in California and Astralia, and the unsettled state of affairs in China, owing to the revolution in the empire, has tended somewhat to diminish for the time, the commerce of this port. The congregations to whom the Chaplain has ministered, have consequently been smaller than in former years. It is hoped, however, that the Chaplain's labors in Bible and tract distribution, and personal conversation, have not been without good results. A comfortable hospital, long needed, has been fitted up in connexion with the floating Bethel at Whampoa, by the generosity of English and American residents and seamen, and placed under the care of the resident American physician. Quite a number of sick seamen have found kind attentions in it, from the physician and the chaplain.

It is confidently expected that this station, and other ports in China, will, ere long, when the strange and wonderful revolution in the empire shall have been completed, become more important and interesting than ever before.

## ST. HELENA.

REV. JAMES MCGREGOR BERTRAM, *Chaplain.*

Mr. Bertram arrived at his station in October, to renew his labors among the many seamen touching at this port, and the grateful congregations he had previously gathered on the island;—grateful to him for past missionary labor, and through him to the American churches, for benevolent aid. Owing to a change in *port charges and regulations*, it is expected there will be an increase of shipping at the port, and a necessity for a chaplain's entire labors among seamen.

## WEST INDIES.

ST. THOMAS.—REV. ELISHA WHITTLESEY, *Chaplain.*

At a meeting of the Board in November, the Rev. Elisha Whittlesey was appointed chaplain at this port, in place of Rev. T. H. Newton, resigned. He arrived at his station December 16th, 1853, was most cordially received by the citizens, merchants and sea captains. Of the *importance* of the station, in a recent communication, he says, "Its importance as a Chaplaincy station of the Seamen's Friend Society is unquestionable. Vessels are constantly arriving from all parts of Europe, from the Atlantic and Pacific shores of the Western Continent, and the far off Isles of the Pacific. Many are driven or put in here for supplies or repairs, which lie here often for weeks, sometimes for months. From *thirty to sixty* sail are constantly riding at anchor in our beautiful little harbor; among which the stars and stripes predominate. Often and at certain seasons of the year this number is greatly increased." Again he says, "In estimating its importance, we should not overlook the facilities for circulating the Scriptures, Evangelical books, and tracts in Romish and *formally* Protestant lands in Europe, the West India Islands, and the South American States. I have distributed the Word of God and religious tracts in nearly all the languages of Europe; and the avidity with which these rough sons of the ocean receive and fall to the perusal of the books and tracts, especially those in Foreign languages, is perhaps the most pleasant feature of my labors. It is sowing the good seed of the kingdom in the field which is the *world.*"

The chaplain has preached to attentive and often deeply interested congregations, varying in number from *twelve to forty*, on ship-board on the Sabbath. He mentions a few cases of series inquiry after the way of salvation. He speaks also of the interest seamen often manifest in the Chaplains at other stations, as at Rio and the Sandwich Islands. During the distress and suffering occasioned by the yellow fever, last year, a hospital has been provided by the citizens, for sick seamen. The Board would thankfully acknowledge the interest and labors of Rev. Mr. Knox, and other pastors in St. Thomas, among the sick and dying seamen at that time.

## FRANCE.

## HAVRE.

The Rev. C. C. Adams, after having labored at this important port for *ten* years, felt it his duty to resign the Chaplaincy, much to the regret of the Board, and the congregation in Havre, and sailed thence on the 8th of June, 1853. Owing to some disappointments and failures in our negotiations, the Board have been unable as yet to fill the vacancy, though it is hoped soon to have another man in the field. There has been occasional preaching in the Bethel since Mr. A. left, and part of the time an evening service by a resident English clergyman. The reading room has also been kept open for sailors.

MARSEILLES.—REV. M. JOHN MAYERS, *Chaplain*.

There are occasionally *eight* or *ten* American merchant ships in this port at a time, and our men-of-war often lie here for weeks. The Chaplain is sustained principally by the British Government to labor among the larger number of British seamen. The Board have appropriated a small amount to aid him in his labors among *our* seamen also.

As by the port regulations neither light nor fire is allowed on shipboard in port, the Chaplain urges the necessity of a reading-room, as a place of resort for seamen; and a place of meeting them for social and moral improvement. He has visited regularly the American ships, distributed tracts and Bibles, and conversed personally with officers and crews, and persuaded some of them to attend public worship on the Sabbath.

He speaks of the regular attendance at church of Capt. Ingraham, and the officers of the U. S. ship St. Louis, and of their uniform kindness; and also of Commodore Stringham, and the officers and crew of the U. S. ship Cumberland. He speaks also of the kindness and upright conduct of some of the officers in our merchant service, and of the skepticism and gross infidelity of others. His most successful labors have been among the sick in the hospital. A few have given some evidence of a change of heart and life; one had died a triumphant death.

BORDEAUX.—REV. J. L. SCHIEF, *Chaplain*.

From *thirty* to *forty* American vessels visit this port annually.

The Chaplain's labors are devoted chiefly to the Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Russian, and Prussian seamen, to many of whom he preaches the Gospel in their own language. In addition to this, he visits the American ships, and distributes Bibles and tracts in the English language. He is in a position for the distribution of the Scriptures in almost every language in Europe, among the seamen of all nations.

## DENMARK.

COPENHAGEN.—PETER E. RYDING, *Sailor Missionary*.

Our devoted Sailor Missionary, F. O. Nelson, after having labored under the patronage of this Society for nearly *ten* years in Sweden, and having awakened a religious interest, still spreading among the people of that land,—for which he was banished from his native country,—has labored with much success among seamen in Denmark since July 5th, 1851, till the month of April of the past year; when he found it his duty to conduct over *one hundred* of the persecuted Christians in Sweden,—many of whom had been converted through his instrumentality,—to this country, for a refuge from the persecutions, and the storm gathering and ready to burst on Europe. He arrived with his flock in New York last June, having had an interesting work of grace among passengers and crew on the voyage, and is at present laboring among the Swedes and Norwegians in the State of Illinois.

Mr. Peter E. Ryding has been appointed in his place in Copenhagen.

## SWEDEN.

GOTLAND.—J. LINDALIUS, *Missionary*.

This converted sailor and missionary is still laboring with his accustomed zeal and success. In a communication he says: "Notwithstanding the raging of the enemy, the Lord's work is successful unto the conversion through grace of many souls, and of all ages." And again: "There are somewhat above *three hundred* souls who seriously pray to the Lord our God, that through his grace, He would bless all the undertakings of your Society."



He mentions three hopeful conversions at Stockholm during a visit he made at that metropolis, to attend a meeting for the promotion of religious liberty.

Our old, long-trying and judicious friend, Mr. Keyser, a resident of this city, has died during the year. An earnest appeal has been recently made to the Board for the appointment of another sailor missionary at Stockholm, to take the place of A. M. Ljungberg, resigned on account of ill health.

#### GOTTENBERG.—E. ERICKSON, *Missionary.*

This active missionary has continued his visits to seamen on shipboard and in their boarding-houses; has distributed many Bibles and thousands of tracts. In one communication he says: "Depraved as our seamen generally are, yet it is evident that good has been done among them. I frequently meet with such cases that will make the hearts of angels and good men to rejoice. Yes, thanks be to God! It is not now a rare case to meet with stout-hearted seamen who are anxiously inquiring the way to Zion, and others who rejoicingly pass on in the right course for the New Jerusalem." He speaks of extensive and interesting revivals of religion in various parts of the country, with persecutions, and fines, and imprisonments, on this field of F. O. Neilson's former labors and influences, yet operative and spreading. In one instance a tailor had been instrumental in the conversion of several, and had collected a little flock of the faithful. On his trial before the Court, was the instrument of the awakening and conversion of a Bishop, by retorting upon him our Saviour's reply to Nicodemus,—“Art thou a master in Israel and knowest none of these things?” The Bishop now preaches the faith he once destroyed.

#### BRITISH AMERICA.

##### ST. JOHNS, N. B.—REV. E. N. HARRIS, *Chaplain.*

This station is one to which the Board have extended aid in the time of its infancy. It seems fast growing to the vigor and maturity of manhood.

Through the activity of the very efficient Chaplain, early last year a Sailor's Home was opened, capable of accommodating *sixty* boarders at a time. It was soon filled, and *ten* applicants a day sometimes turned away for want of room. *Twenty thousand* dollars have been subscribed by the citizens of St. Johns, and six thousand granted by the Provincial Parliament, a site purchased, and arrangements making for the erection of a large and commodious Sailor's Home. "Indeed it is heart-cheering," says the Chaplain, "to find gentlemen, who laughed at our supposed weakness and folly eight months ago, now among the first to contribute and cheer us on." While the Chaplain has thus labored in this important enterprize, he has not forgotten the preaching of the Gospel to seamen, and the more direct labors for their conversion to God.

The Board most cordially greet our British friends on their liberality and success in the good work.

#### UNOCCUPIED PORTS.

We have thus in our review passed around the globe, and found our Chaplaincies in almost every quarter of the world, and our Chaplains and Missionaries zealously and successfully laboring among the thousands of seamen resorting to them; let not our friends, however, think that the work is done, or withhold their hands from giving, or their hearts from prayer.

Important ports are open to us, had we the men and the means to fill them;—in *China*, in *India*, in *South America*, in the *West Indies*, and other islands of the sea.

AIDED AUXILIARIES,  
 IN OUR OWN PORTS.  
 MAINE SEAMEN'S UNION.

By an arrangement with the Maine Seamen's Union, an Agent of the American Society, the Rev. Wm. Bushnell, occupies this field in collecting funds for the general objects of the Society, while a small amount is guaranteed, to be raised principally in Portland and immediate vicinity, for the support of the

PORTLAND BETHEL.—REV. J. R. FRENCH, *Chaplain.*

In a recent communication, Mr. French says: "The Lord has moved the friends of the sailor to engage in the establishment of a Home for seamen in Portland, and some \$10,000 have been secured for this object, a beautiful location on which there is a fine house purchased, a charter obtained from the Legislature, and Capt. C. T. Bailey, of Boston, secured to take charge of it when it shall be in readiness for occupancy."

"During the year there has been some pleasing religious interest, *ten* or more hopeful conversions; *three* added to the church, who have proved themselves to be worthy members. About 62,000 pages of tracts have been distributed among the shipping and sailor boarding-houses; steamboats and other vessels have been gratuitously supplied with Bibles to the amount of some \$85. *Seventy-nine* sailors have pledged themselves to total abstinence from all that intoxicates, and have received each a Bible with the pledge."

BOSTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

By an arrangement with this branch of the American Society, an Agent, the Rev. S. W. Hanks, occupies Massachusetts in raising funds for the general cause, a portion of which is retained for the objects of the Society in Boston, and the balance paid into the treasury of the Parent Society. Under the care and direction of this branch is

THE BOSTON SAILOR'S HOME.

A model institution of the kind for this country and the world, kept by Capt. J. Chaney. The number of boarders received into the Home for the year has been 2,387. The number of shipwrecked and destitute seamen aided, 118, at an expense of about \$537. The Society has also sustained preaching to seamen during the year at the

MARINER'S CHURCH, *cor. of Sea and Summer sts.*—REV. G. W. BOURNE  
*Chaplain.*

For a detailed account of the operations of the Boston Society we must refer to their own forthcoming Annual Report.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—REV. J. O. BARNEY, *Chaplain.*

Mr. Barney has kept up an evening service for seamen a part of the year, under the direction of the Providence Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society, and sustained by a small appropriation out of the funds collected in Providence for the general cause. Mr. Barney has also visited the sick among them, relieved the destitute, and distributed many thousands of tracts and religious books among the thousands of seamen frequenting this port. In a communication he says: "There have been a number of instances of reform in reference to intemperance, profanity, and other vices, I every year witness improvement

among seamen. They all come into port sober, and were they not tempted by those on shore, would be temperate men. So far as the Maine Law has been enforced in this city, the effect has been good, and many sailors say, they wish it were rigidly enforced; then they would be sober men, and keep their money." He speaks also of the good evidence some seamen give of the genuineness of conversion under his ministry of former years.

#### NORFOLK SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, VA.

The Board last year made a small appropriation to aid this Society in relieving itself from the loss occasioned by the burning of the Bethel in Norfolk. The Bethel has been rebuilt. There has been regular preaching once a Sabbath to respectable congregations of seamen by the different pastors in the city. The Society has on hand \$11,345 towards the erection of a Sailor's Home; is about to purchase a site and commence the building. A faithful seamen's Chaplain, and means to sustain him, are greatly needed in this port.

#### WILMINGTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, N. C.—REV. WM. J. LANGDON, *Secretary*.

Over *eight thousand* seamen engaged in the foreign and coastwise trade annually arrive at Wilmington. The Board have extended aid to this Society in their efforts to erect and furnish a Sailor's Home in this port. Chiefly through the efforts of their energetic Agent, Rev. Mr. Langdon, about \$12,000 have been secured for the object, a site purchased, with a house, now partially occupied, but about to be fitted up for a more commodious Sailor's Home. It is hoped that this efficient auxiliary will soon have a Bethel also, and a faithful seamen's Chaplain to labor among these thousands.

#### MOBILE PORT SOCIETY, ALA.—REV. A. MCGLASHEN, *Chaplain in the City*; REV. JOHN GRIDLEY, M.D., *Chaplain in the Bay*.

As noticed in the Report of last year, Mr. Gridley was appointed by the Board to labor as Chaplain and Physician among the thousands of seamen in the Bay of Mobile, during the shipping season, and as Agent to raise funds among the churches South during the remaining months of the year. He entered upon his service the *first* of May, 1853; arrived in Mobile the middle of December. The Bethel ship was fitted up, both for a Bethel, and Hospital, and residence for the Chaplain, and dedicated on the 5th of February, 1854, and is riding at her anchors among the shipping in the Bay.

During the month of March there were regular Sabbath services. *Twenty-seven* had been received into the hospital, *twenty-one* had been discharged, and *two* had died.

In connection with the morning and evening prayers, the Chaplain has a Bible-class on board. The Chaplain is not without encouraging indications that souls have been benefited as well as bodily maladies healed.

Says the Chaplain: "I have never before so fully realized the importance of the work of our mission in the Bay, comprising as it does efforts to relieve the bodily sufferings, and to administer to the religious wants of the often uncared-for "sons of the sea."

It is in contemplation to have on this ship a reading-room, post-office, and a Bay light. May it be a light indeed to guide many a mariner to the Haven of eternal rest.

The Sailor's Home in the port, and the Bethel on land, are still in successful operation, under the ministry of the Rev. A. McGlashen, and sustained by the Port Society.

#### NEW YORK PORT SOCIETY.

By an arrangement with this oldest Seamen's Friend Society in the land, a

share of the funds collected for the cause of seamen, from the churches in this city, is appropriated towards sustaining its Chaplaincy.

The past year has been a year of loss and mourning to this Society, to many seamen frequenting the port, to many poor in the city, and to the friends of seamen generally.

Father Chase, one of the members of the Board, so long and so well known among seamen, after having preached the Gospel with so much faithfulness and affection to them for *thirty-three years*, has closed his career on earth. His last sermon in the Bethel, which he preached with such unction and earnestness, "as though he ne'er should preach again," was from the text, Job vii. 16, "I would not live always." The Thursday following, 7th of July, he was attacked with paralysis, occasioned by congestion of the brain, and in thirty-two hours entered into everlasting life. Anson G. Phelps, also, one of the earliest friends of the cause, at one time President of the Society; and Capt. William A. Spencer, of the U. S. Navy, both members of the Board, have died within the year.

Preaching has been regularly maintained in the Bethel in Roosevelt street by stated supplies; and efforts, as yet unavailing, have been made to find a successor to Mr. Chase.

On account of its supposed bad location, the Bethel has been recently sold, a church in Monroe street temporarily rented until a better location can be secured, and a new Bethel built.

#### SAILOR'S HOME.—CAPTAIN D. TRACY, *Superintendent*.

The Home, after having been occupied for *eleven* years, has been thoroughly repaired, painted, and refurnished, and made thus more attractive and comfortable to its increasing number of boarders. Mr. Daniel Tracy took charge of the Home on the 1st of May, 1853. The number of boarders for the year has been 3,460; whole number since the house was opened, twelve years, 40,056. The number of shipwrecked and destitute seamen relieved during eleven months is 140, at an expense of \$646 68. Temperance meetings in the large hall of the house are kept up once a week; sailors often take part in these meetings, and give them no little interest; during six months of the year 200 have signed the temperance pledge, and it is estimated that about \$10,000 have been deposited by boarders in the Savings Bank, besides about \$30,000 carried away with them to their homes. There has been a tolerable attendance at the religious service morning and evening, and at the weekly prayer-meetings. The prospects of the institution for extensive and permanent good to the sailor were never perhaps more encouraging.

#### COLORED SAILOR'S HOME.—MR. ALBRO LYON, *Superintendent*.

This Home, which has sometimes been aided by the Board, has received the past year 533 boarders, 35 of whom have been relieved, at an expense of \$690 26 by Mr. Lyon, a large share of which has been honorably repaid. It is exerting a good influence upon the colored seamen of this port; many of them are becoming provident in their habits, and saving their money for their own thrift and comfort.

#### SHIPS' LIBRARIES.

A number of ships have been supplied with libraries to the amount of 1,167 volumes, at an expense to the Society of \$216 39. Through the agency of Mr. Pierson, Agent of the Marine Bible Society, a number of owners have been induced to purchase libraries for their ships and thus extend the good influence of a better sea literature. A larger number of sea captains and officers are taking a deeper interest in the work of Bible, book and tract distribution than in former years, and with obvious good results in many instances.

Through the same agency 7,600,000 pages of tracts, in various languages, have been put on board ships sailing from this port, for distribution through the world.

Hopes were entertained a year ago, that a considerable legacy devised for this specific object, would have been available ere this to carry out the will of the testator, but the will has been contested, the case carried up to the Supreme Court, where it now rests undecided.

### SAILOR'S MAGAZINE.

We are now issuing the *twenty-sixth* volume of this periodical. Although there has been a considerable increase in the subscription list during the year, it is not now, nor ever has been, sustained wholly by its paying subscribers. Yet its agency among the friends of the cause is found to be indispensable, and in an indirect way, financially profitable to the Society.

It is found to be a welcome companion to the sailor in the fore-castle, and the Board regret we have not the means to give it a wider gratuitous distribution among seamen. Its monthly issues are now 8,500 copies.

### KINDRED SOCIETIES IN THE U. S.

Under this head we include all those local Societies, some of them under denominational patronage, co-operating with us in the work of reforming seamen, though independent of our aid or control.

They are located in all the principal seaports of the United States and on the Western waters. On account of the unusual length of our Report, we cannot enter into our accustomed details of the doings of these auxiliaries.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—REV. MR. TAYLOR, *Chaplain*.

There is in this port a floating Bethel and an efficient preacher to seamen, sustained by the citizens of the place.

#### NEW ORLEANS, LA.

There is in this city a Sailor's Home and two seamen's preachers. The Port Society has formerly received aid from the American Society.

The number of boarders received into the Home during 1853 was 1,753, 700 of whom have attended religious services. About 1,000 were foreigners. Efforts are now making in New Orleans to raise \$15,000 to complete the original design, by erecting the front building of the Home; a considerable portion of which sum has been secured. "The boarders," says the Superintendent, "as a body, have conducted themselves with propriety and decorum. There had not been half the difficulty in their management as formerly. In the temperance cause there is a marked improvement." A combined and violent effort had been made by the rum landlords to prevent seamen from entering the Home, or shipping from it. This violence has thoroughly aroused merchants and citizens to action, which it is hoped will result in the overthrow of the system of "advance wages," and rum landlords with it.

#### SAVANNAH, GA.—REV. T. HUTCHINS, *Chaplain*.

In addition to the Mariner's Church in this port is a SAILOR'S HOME—CAPT. O. C. PARKER, *Superintendent*. About 1,000 sailors have boarded at the Home within the year.

"Their deportment," says the Superintendent, "has been decidedly better than in any previous year. Many of the boarders have carried away money with them. Several have become serious, and resolved to seek the Lord as their portion." A new and larger building is much needed.

CHARLESTON, S. C.—REV. WM. B. YATES, *Chaplain.*

“There has been,” says the Chaplain, “a good attendance at the Bethel. Several hopeful conversions have taken place during the past year. I have lately heard of not a few who signed the temperance pledge in our Bethel years ago, who are now occupying offices of profit and trust. A number of sailors who signed ten years ago are now captains of first class vessels in Europe and this country.”

The merchants have contributed \$3,510 50, and paid the debt on the Sailor’s Home. The number of seamen who have been boarders is 450, some of them at several times within the year.

BALTIMORE.—REV. H. BEST, *Chaplain.*

In this port is a Sailor’s Home and Bethel, and a faithful Chaplain.

PHILADELPHIA.

More than *one thousand* have been admitted into the Sailor’s Home within the year; a good number of these have signed the temperance pledge. Several have become members of different churches. There are *four* sailor’s churches in this city. The Colporteurs among seamen have sold or given away *three thousand* Bibles and *five thousand* Testaments during the past year.

NEW BEDFORD.—REV. MOSES HOW, *Chaplain.*

A good Sailor’s Home, the gift of one benevolent lady, and a Bethel poorly sustained by the citizens.

BOSTON.

Exclusive of the Boston Society’s Home and Bethel, there are *four* seamen’s preachers, and Capt. Sullivan, the “Marine Missionary,” at large, all actively and successfully engaged in saving the souls of seamen; and a good Sailor’s Home at North Square, and several other good temperance boarding houses for seamen. The keepers have entered into a combination to ship no more seamen on the Sabbath. The Maine Law is working favorably for seamen.

SALEM.—REV. MR. CARLTON, *Chaplain.*

Two temperance boarding-houses for seamen and a Bethel.

NEW YORK.

In this city, and Brooklyn, and at the Snug Harbor, and the Seamen’s Retreat on Staten Island, are *ten* ordained ministers preaching the Gospel to seamen under the Bethel flag; besides several lay colporteurs distributing Bibles and tracts in many languages among them with various success and good results. Eight of these seamen’s preachers are sustained by the churches of the different denominations; one at the Snug Harbor by the Randall legacy; and one at the Retreat by the State. There are *four* good temperance boarding-houses for seamen, and of considerable size, besides the Sailor’s Home, and the Colored Sailor’s Home.

THE SEAMEN’S SAVINGS BANK

Has now about \$6,000,000 on deposit, over \$2,000,000 of which belong to seamen. \$40,000 are known to have been deposited by seamen during fifteen consecutive days. This fact alone is an argument that outweighs a thousand assertions affirming “that seamen are not improved.”

### WESTERN WATERS.

On the various channels of our inland commerce, THE AMERICAN BETHEL SOCIETY, and THE WESTERN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, and the PHILADELPHIA SABBATH ASSOCIATION, have been pursuing their work with diligence. The former has sustained on the canals of New York and New Jersey *twenty-three* missionaries, besides chaplains at Buffalo, Whitehall, and on the Hudson River, and raised for their support \$8,175. There is also a Bethel and chaplain at Albany, sustained by the citizens. The Western Seamen's Friend Society has sustained twenty-one laborers, missionaries and chaplains on the Western lakes, rivers and canals, and has raised for their support \$10,000, besides \$20,000 more which has been expended in the erection of chapels. The Philadelphia Sabbath Association has sustained *eight* chaplains and missionaries on the canals of Pennsylvania, and have raised for their support \$2,864 68.

### FINANCES.

The total receipts of the year ending May 1st have been \$27,724 91, which is an increase of \$2,441 29 over last year. The expenditures during the same time have been \$27,389 60. This does not include the receipts into the treasuries of the local Societies on our seaboard and at the West, which must amount in the aggregate to over \$60,000 a year, for their current expenses, besides more than \$65,000 raised principally during the past two years for the erection of Bethels and Sailor's Homes.

A more detailed statement of receipts and expenditures is found in the Treasurer's Report.

### CONCLUSION.

In view of the history of the Society's operations the past year, its present position, after near thirty years of toil, in the foreign field and at home, and by the co-operation of its auxiliaries, we ask again, is it *true*, "that nothing is doing, nothing done"? "No improvement made, but seamen are getting worse and worse."? While we appreciate fully the difficulties of owners and officers in consequence of bad and incompetent seamen, and the entire sincerity with which the assertion is often made; while we admit that there were never so many bad men in the increasing mass; we assert at the same time, sustained by the facts in the Report, that there were never so many competent seamen, so many moral and religious men and officers among them as now. While we have admitted fully in the introduction to the Report, all the truth there is contained in the assertion, and pointed out somewhat at length, some of the chief causes of the deterioration of seamen,—found in the increase of the number,—the foreign element,—the bad government,—the inadequate wages,—the deprivation of social and moral influences; causes not under our control, but to some extent under that of those pressed most with the difficulties; we cannot for a moment admit the truth of the broad assertions, "that no advance has been made in their reform;" "that they are worse now than thirty years ago." No improvement! To render the assertion *true!* some Vandal power must be let loose, to raze to the ground more than *sixty* Bethels in the principal ports of this and other lands, and seal the lips of more than *sixty* ordained Chaplains, and turn as many sailor congregations away from the invitations of the gospel, back to the noisy corrupting throngs of strange cities, without a Sabbath or a house of prayer; to bind the hands of as many lay missionaries and colporteurs, now scattering the Word of God and evangelical books over every sea; to ransack almost every fore-castle and cabin, and steal thence every Bible and Hymn Book, and the living words, and burning thoughts of the mighty dead, and replace them with the licentious, debasing sea literature of former times; to demolish every Sailor's Home and Temperance Boarding-house, and turn their thrice ten thousand inmates from comfort and respectability, back to the

drunken, filthy dens of shame and infamy; to draw out more than *two millions* of sailors' money from savings banks, and disperse it among the "sharks," and draw other *millions* from the happy homes of the sailor's wife and children, and turn these into *homes* of desolation and want; to break up all our Foreign Chaplaincies, drive those devoted men home, and in many a debauched and sickly port, leave the sailor's death-bed as cheerless, as hopeless as the gateway of despair; to turn the quiet of your Sabbaths in every port into the bustle of the great lucky sailing day, and tumble on board your drunken, debauched crews, and add to your ships' stores the *necessary barrels* of rum and whiskey, and wreck many of them because the captain was drunk, or because in the midst of the peril the crew had taken to the whiskey barrel, to have the benefit of dying while drunk, and turn the government of law on shipboard to the government of the handspike, and the quiet, respectful order and reply, to the foul blasphemies of Pandemonium, and settle every, and *many* petty broils by a few fairly dealt rounds of "fist-cuffs;" to make the stars and stripes—the flag of his beloved land, a terror to every missionary on the globe; to drag down from stations of trust and respectability many a sea captain, and rich merchant too, to become again the beastly, drunken, rolling sailor, and strip the church of some of its brightest ornaments, and plunge them back into the mire and filth of sin. Nay; it must assail Heaven, and drag thence thousands of redeemed ones, and drive them to eternal wailings; and turn back the increasing flow of the Church's gold and silver in the work, and dry up the gushing fountains of her benevolence, and wither every sympathy of the Church for the sailor, and close Heaven to her every prayer, and every returning answer, and throw around her vision fixed on this dark mass of men, the gloom of the night of utter hopelessness and despair.

When this Vandal work is all done, then turn the dial of time forty years back, and you have simply the state of things before Stafford, and Eastburn, and Jenks, and Chase begun: and who would, might croak amidst the gloom of the night of this desolation, "*Your enterprize among seamen is a failure.*" "*Seamen are only growing worse.*"

It is too late in the day to roll back such desolations. The reform has made, and is making progress. The work cannot be undone. It must and will go forward to completion. We hail the somewhat restless and earnest movements and measures of merchants in all our large ports, to increase the number and efficiency of our seamen as auspicious signs, and sure proofs of progress. We suggest a better way, however, than petitioning Congress and Legislatures, who are generally so occupied with their own peculiar business as to have little time for anything else. Let merchants unite in all our principal ports, and organize Boards, and furnish capital to commence nautical schools for boys, and agencies to gather in the idle lads, and boys from the country wishing to go to sea. Once under way, it will be easy to get appropriations from Congress, out of a full treasury, in aid. Let inducements be offered to better men, by better wages paid when, and only when earned. Let the ship be arranged to accommodate the sailor as if he were a *man*, and have its library of science, of literature, and religion; and since our ships are growing to the size of Noah's Ark, why should they not like the Ark contain the whole family, especially of masters and officers? If *two millions* of men must inhabit the ocean, why must they be doomed to dwell alone? It will not always be so, we see signs of change. Almost all our Foreign Chaplains speak of the increasing number, and good influences of captain's wives residing on ship-board, and making the ship a happy home. There is work on ship-board that can be performed by stewards' and sailors' wives. We merely offer the suggestion. The time may come when economy and profit to the owner will dictate the employment of sober married men as seamen, rather than the single, riotous, and prodigal. Let interest, and benevolence, and enlarged philanthropy bring to the aid of this work every man, and means to improve and elevate, and render honorable and honored all the agencies and influences of American commerce. Let the



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whole Church of God pray the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers, and furnish means, till there shall be Homes, and Bethels, and Chaplains in every port on the globe; and the Board will cheerfully toil on till the triumph predicted by the Prophet is achieved, "The abundance of the sea converted to the Church."

LIFE DIRECTORS AND LIFE MEMBERS  
OF  
THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

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**DIRECTORS FOR LIFE,**

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTY DOLLARS,

MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1854.

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## MEMBERS FOR LIFE,

BY THE PAYMENT OF TWENTY DOLLARS,

MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1ST, 1854.

- Abbott, Joseph G., Sanbornton, N. H.  
Adams, Mrs. Susan, E., Wilmington,  
N. C.  
Adams, Rev. G., Conway, Mass.  
Adams, Samuel, Castine, Me.  
Adams, Mrs. Francis, Nashua, N. H.  
Adams, Mrs. Emma, New York.  
Adams, Stephen, West Medway, Mass.  
Alkin, Mrs. Saml. C., Cleveland, Ohio.  
Aitchinson, Rev. William, Missionary.  
Alden, Miss M. H., Yarmouth, Me.  
Allen, Mrs. Mary, Oberlin, Ohio.  
Anderson, Mrs. Clarissa, Manchester, Vt.  
Arnold, William E., Providence, R. I.  
Armes, Jn. D., Great Falls, N. H.  
Atterbury, Lewis, Patterson, N. J.  
Averill, Rev. James, Plymouth Hollow,  
Ct.  
  
Bailey, Nathan, West Andover, Mass.  
Baker, John R., Piermont, N. J.  
Barker, Asahel, Hinsdale, Mass.  
Barnes, Edward M., Bristol, Ct.  
Barrows, Experience, Dorset, Vt.  
Bates, Rev. Edwin O., Huntington, N. Y.  
Bassett, Miss Annis E., Plymouth Ct.  
Benedict, George, Norwalk, Ct.  
Bennett, Miss Mary, Norwalk, Ct.  
Benjamin, Dea. E., New Haven.  
Beecher, Rev. William, Reading, Mass.  
Berren, Almira, New Haven, Ct.  
Bigelow, Mrs. Mary B., Malden, N. Y.  
Bishop, Timothy H., New Haven, Ct.  
Bissell, R. H., Greenwich, Ct.  
Blake, Elial, Medway Village, Mass.  
Board, Miss Phebe, Chester, N. Y.  
Board, Miss Susan, Chester, N. Y.  
Boardman, Chauncey, Bristol, Ct.  
Bones, John, Augusta, Geo.  
Bond, Dr. A., Columbus, Ga.  
Booth, A., New York.  
Boorman, Robert, New York.  
Boorman, J. Marcus, New York.  
Boyce, Dea. James, Providence, R. I.  
Bradley, Mrs. Richard, Concord, N. H.  
  
Briggs, Capt. Nathan, Sippican, Mass.  
Briggs, Rev. William T., North Andover,  
Mass.  
Brown, Mrs. John T., Concord, N. H.  
Brooks, Mrs. Catherine, Williamsburg,  
N. Y.  
Burnham, Joseph W., Manchester, Vt.  
Burdick, Rev. Alfred, B., Westerly, R. I.  
Buxton, Rev. Edward, Boscawen, N. H.  
Bullard, Rev. C. H., Rockville, Ct.  
  
Case, Rev. M. P., Newburyport, Mass.  
Carlton, Dea. Edward, Methuen Mass.  
Chandler, Isaac, Hopkinton, N. H.  
Chatfield, H. W., Bridgeport, Ct.  
Chittenden, Miss Sarah B., Guilford, Ct.  
Chenery, Miss A. D., Montague, Mass.  
Churchill, Capt. William, New York.  
Clark, Rev. P. K., Hinsdale, Mass.  
Clark, Rev. Joseph B., Clarendon, Vt.  
Coffin, Joseph D., Newburyport, Mass.  
Cooper, Ezra J., Morristown, N. J.  
Colton, George, Lowell, Mass.  
Colton, Miss Sarah E., Hartford, Ct.  
Colton, Rev. Hen., South Woodstort, Ct.  
Cook, Mrs. Hannah, New York.  
Cornell, Mrs. E. C., New York.  
Cressey, Sarah, Marblehead, Mass.  
Cross, Miss Mary E., Rahway, N. J.  
Cross, Rev. J. W., West Boylston, Mass.  
Cummings, Rev. Preston, Leicester,  
Mass.  
Cushman, Rev. R. S., Orwell Vt.  
Cushing, Rev. C., North Bridgewater,  
Mass.  
Cutler, Mrs. Adaline H., Leverett, Mass.  
Curtis, Rev. Corban, Sanbornton, N. H.  
Curtis, Mrs. Emily C., Woodbury, Ct.  
Currier, William, Newburyport, Mass.  
  
Dales, Rev. John B., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Darling, Rev. George, Lowell, Mass.  
Day, Henry E., Catskill, N. Y.  
Denney, Joseph A., Leicester, Mass.  
Denning, Ralph, Stockbridge, Mass.

- Dinsmore, L. F., Williamsburg, N. Y.  
 Dodge, Issacher, Francistown, N. H.  
 Doolittle, Elisha, Great Barrington, Mass.  
 Downer, Miss Jane A., Norwich, Ct.  
 Dunning, Rev. Halsey, Richmond, Va.
- Eaton, Rev. J. M. R., Henniker, N. H.  
 Edwards, George W., Williamsburg, N. Y.  
 Edwards, Walter, Astoria, N. Y.  
 Emerson, Miss Nancy, Middlebrook, Va.  
 Emerson, Mrs. M. E. "  
 Emmons, Monroe, Hinsdale, Mass.
- Fales, Capt. Nathaniel, Hilo, S. I.  
 Farr, Philena, Lowell, Mass.  
 Field, John, West Cambridge, Mass.  
 Fisher, Mrs. H. B., N. Amherst, Mass.  
 Fisher, Rev. George, N. Amherst, Mass.  
 Fisher, Moses, Francistown, N. H.  
 Fletcher, Mrs. Saml., Concord, N. H.  
 Flint, Amos, Francistown, N. H.  
 Foote, Miss Emily F., New Haven, Ct.  
 Forsyth, Mrs. E. R., Salem, Mass.  
 Foster, Charles, Machias, Me.  
 Foster, Rev. Eden B., Lowell, Mass.
- Giddings, Edward, Great Barrington, Mass.  
 Gilbert, Mrs. Asa M., New Haven, Ct.  
 Goddard, Wm. N., New York.  
 Goodwin, Mary J., Marblehead, Mass.  
 Greenough, Mrs. Ellen M., Groveland, Mass.  
 Gritten, G. W., Richmond, Va.  
 Grover, Lewis C., Newark, N. J.
- Hames, D. H., Bridgehampton, N. Y.  
 Hall, Valentine G., jr., N. Y.  
 Hale, Sarah W., Newbury Port, Mss.  
 Hanmore, John W., Malden, N. Y.  
 Hannon, E. C., Montgomery, Ala.  
 Hawes, Rev. Alfred, Manor Grant, Pa.  
 Higgins, Rev. S. H., N. Haven, Ct.  
 Higgins, Capt., T. S., N. Y.  
 Hinks, John W., Bridgeport, Ct.  
 Hitchcock, Rev. William D., Exeter, N. H.  
 Hoppin, Benjamin, 3d, Salem, Mass.  
 Hoisington, Rev. H. R., Williamstown, Mass.  
 Hosmer, Sarah V., Lowell, Mss.  
 Hovey, Rev. J. P., N. Y.  
 Hovey, Mary G., Groveland, Mss;  
 Hovey, Rev. Jonathan, N. Y.  
 Horton, Gilbert, Greenwich, Ct.  
 Horton, Rev. Francis W., Cambridge, Mass.  
 Hubbell, Rev. Stephen, North Stonington, Ct.  
 Hubbell, Charles B., Bridgeport, Ct.  
 Hubbard, Rev. C. H., Pennington, Vt.
- Hudson, Rev. Cyrus, Dorset, Vt.  
 Huntington, Edward, Lebanon, Ct.  
 Hyde, Rev. A. Benson, Vt.
- Isham, Joseph H., N. Y.  
 Ives, S. R., Hartford, Ct.
- Jenkins, Rev. Abram, Fitzwilliam, N. H.  
 Jennings, Rev. Isaac, Bennington, Vt.  
 Johnson, John, Columbus, Ga.  
 Johnson, James S., N. Y.  
 Johnson, Jacob, Newark, N. J.  
 Jones, Rev. Elijah, Minot, Me.  
 Joseph, Thomas, Montgomery, Ala.  
 Joy, Joseph F., N. Y.
- Kellogg, Aaron, Vernon, Ct.  
 Kelsey, Eliza A., South Weymouth, Mss.  
 Kendall, Miss A. M., Dunstable, Mass.  
 Kittredge, Charles J., Hinsdale, Mass.  
 Knight, Susan G., Marblehead, Mass.
- Lacey, R. B., Bridgeport, Ct.  
 Lathrop, Mary E., Rahway, N. J.  
 Leary, Capt. W. H., N. Y.  
 Little, Mrs. Mary B., Chester Village, Mss.  
 Littlefield, Mrs. William, Newport, R. I.  
 Lord, Rev. William H., Montpelier, Vt.  
 Loomis, Charles F., Suffield, Ct.  
 Lovejoy, Mrs. Betsey, Ridgefield, Ct.  
 Loyd, Capt., Thomas S., N. Y.  
 Lyman, Rev. David B., Hilo, S. I.,  
 Lynn, Charles, Montgomery, Ala.
- Mackie, Captain, James, N. Y.  
 Manchester, Mrs. Phebe, Pautucket, R. I.  
 Manwarren, Chauncey, Clinton, Ct.  
 Mallory, M. A., Hartford, Ct.  
 Mason, David G., West Swanzy, N. H.  
 Mason, Theodore L., Greenwich Ct.  
 Marsh, Miles W., Bakersville, Ct.  
 McGregor, George R., Derry, N. H.  
 McGuffey, Rev. Dr. Charlottesville, Va.  
 McElwain, Dea. George W., Hinsdale, Mss.  
 McIntire, Mrs. Sarah, Wabash co., Ind.  
 McLean, Dudley B., Simsbury, Ct.  
 McGaw, John A., N. Y.  
 Means, Rev. John O., East Medway, Mss.  
 Meigs, Miss Mary E., Madison, Ct.  
 Merrill, Richard, Freeport, Me.  
 Merrill, Mrs. Lucy, Norwalk, Ct.  
 Mills, Rebecca B. N., Bridgewater, Mss  
 Mills, Rebecca W., Andover, Mss.  
 Morgan, Dea, Fred., Colchester, Ct.  
 Morgan, Dana M., Meriden, N. H.  
 Morse, Willis, Plymouth, Ct.
- Nash, Dea, Edward T., Hinsdale, Mss.  
 Nelson, Dea, Levi M., N. Gloucester, Me.

- Newhall, Mrs. Henry A., Concord, N. H.  
 Newton, Israel, Colchester, Ct.  
 Newton, I. C., Worcester, Mass.  
 Nichols, Jonathan S., Haverhill, N. H.  
 Nimmo, Rev. Joseph, Huntington, N. Y.  
 Noyes, Rev. G. W., Cornwall, Vt.  
 Nutting, Elizabeth, Marblehead, Mass.
- Olmstead, Charles, Norwalk, Ct.  
 Osborn, Rev. Elbert, Sharon, Ct.  
 Otto John, Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Oviatt, Rev. George, Cabotville, Mass.
- Parsons, Rev. B. F., Dover, N. H.  
 Parsons, Rev. B. B., Madrid, N. Y.  
 Parsons, Lemuel, Hinsdale, Mass.  
 Pardo, Eliza C., Hadley, Mass.  
 Palmer, Charles, New Hartford, N. Y.  
 Partridge, Rev. George, Greefield, Mass.  
 Payu, Mrs. Sarah, Troy, N. Y.  
 Pendleton, Rev. G. W., Colchester, Ct.  
 Pendleton, Captain C. B., Ship Lucy  
 Thompson.
- Penfield, Capt. Norman, New York.  
 Pierson, Jonathan, Newark, N. J.  
 Pitman, Benjamin, Hills, S. I.  
 Pitts, Capt. Edward, New York.  
 Prescott, Miss Hannah C., Concord, N.  
 Hampshire.
- Price, David, Newark, N. J.  
 Prouy, Mrs. Jas. B., Sunderland, Mass.  
 Purney, Rev. R. C., Newburgh, N. Y.
- Randolph, Hon. J. F., Trenton, N. J.  
 Rankin, Isaac N., Newark, N. J.  
 Reed, Joseph, South Weymouth, Mass.  
 Reeve, Samuel, Richmond, Va.  
 Rhinehart, William, Shawagunk, N. Y.  
 Roberts, Israel, Montgomery, Ala.  
 Rockwood, Rev. L. B., Rocky Hill, Ct.  
 Roe, Nathaniel, Chester, N. Y.  
 Rose, Mrs. C. L., Sag Harbor, N. Y.  
 Russer, Charles H., New York.  
 Russell, Augusta K., West Andover,  
 Mass.
- Sanderson, Rev. Henry W., Walling-  
 ford, Vt.  
 Sanford, Saml S. T. W., Ravenswood,  
 N. Y.  
 Sanford, Mrs. Jane E., Ravenswood,  
 N. Y.  
 Scott, Rev. Charles, Brunswick, N. Y.  
 Seligwick, Miss Grace, Lenox, Mass.  
 Sheldon, Elizabeth, Hartford, Ct.  
 Shiverick, Capt. A. M., New York  
 Silden, Dea. Hezekiah W., Hartford,  
 Ct.
- Shelton, Mrs. Betsey, Birmingham, Ct.  
 Sinclair, John C., Newburyport, Mass.  
 Slater, J. Frank, Providence, R. I.  
 Smith, Rev. Ambrose, Boston, N. H.  
 Smith, Rev. Albert, Vernon, Ct.  
 Smith, Miss Susan A., Madison, Ct.  
 Snow, Edwin M., Providence, R. I.  
 Somers, Miss Emily, Newtown, Ct.  
 Soule, Hon. Rufus, Freeport, Me.  
 Soutter, James T., Astoria, N. Y.  
 Sparrow, Mrs. Ardelin, Colchester, Ct.  
 Sauron, Miss Lizzie, Clinton, Ct.  
 Stannard, Capt. Elbert, Westbrook, Ct.  
 Steinger, Conrad, Newark, N. J.  
 Stone, Mrs. Hannah, Beverley, Mass.  
 Stone, Rev. James P., Greensboro, Vt.  
 Strong, Rev. Thomas C., Newtown,  
 N. Y.  
 Strong, Rev. David L., Deerfield, Mass.  
 Sutherland, Rev. David, Bath, N. H.
- Taylor, Mrs. H. T. H., Francistown,  
 N. H.  
 Taylor, James C., Derry, N. H.  
 Tenney, Rev. Charles, Chester, N. H.  
 Terbell, Charles, Bridgewater, N. Y.  
 Thayer, Dea. W., Randolph, Mass.  
 Thompson, Denise, Freehold, N. J.  
 Thompson, James B., Pepperill, Mass.  
 Tobey, Rev. Alvan, Durham, N. H.  
 Torbert, Dr. H. D., Camden, N. Y.  
 Townsend, Rev. Luther, Troy, N. Y.  
 Tröwidge, William J., New Haven,  
 Ct.
- Tucker, Mrs. Anna, Halliston, Mass.
- Vail, Rev. Joseph, D. Somers, Ct.  
 Van Dyck, Joseph, New Paltz, N. Y.  
 Vincent, Joseph R., Wisterly, R. I.
- Wales, Dea. Ephraim, Randolph, Mass.  
 Walker, Rev. Charles, Pittsford, Vt.  
 Wardwell, Thomas J., Providence, R. I.  
 Ward, Langdon S., New York.  
 Warner, William P., Stockbridge, Mass.  
 Weeks, Capt. Hiram, Colchester, Ct.  
 Wells, William H., Newburyport, Mass.  
 Wetherbee, Dea. Asa, Lowell, Mass.  
 Wetmore, Charles M. D., Hills, S. I.  
 Whitmore, John, Fitzwilliam, N. H.  
 Wickes, William W., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Wilcox, Rev. G. E., Fitchburg, Mass.  
 Williams, Chs. B., Richmond, Va.  
 Williams, Thomas, Hopkinton, N. H.  
 Wilman, Rev. J., Derry, N. H.  
 Wood, Rev. G. L., Ellington, Ct.  
 Worth, John, Hills, S. I.  
 Wyckoff, Richard L., New York.

# DONATIONS

## TO THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

FROM APRIL 15, 1853, TO APRIL 15, 1854.

The following List of Moneys Received, will not agree precisely with the Treasurer's Account in another part of this Report, as that is calculated from May 1, 1853, to May 1, 1854; whereas this List comprehends the moneys acknowledged in the Magazine of the year, commenced with April 15th, and ending April 15th.

MAINE.	<i>Castine.</i>
<i>Augusta.</i>	John H. Jarvis, - - 20 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 20 01	<i>Camden.</i>
<i>Auburn.</i>	A few Friends, - - 4 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 16 00	<i>Cumberland.</i>
<i>Bath.</i>	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 9 35
Winter St. Soc'y, - 17 84	<i>East Machias.</i>
Central Soc'y, - - 9 57	Individuals, - - - 29 00
First Parish S. School, 20 00—47 41	<i>Freeport.</i>
<i>Bangor.</i>	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 40 00
First Church, - - - 45 00	<i>Gloucester North.</i>
S. School, First Parish 30 00—75 00	Baptist Church, - - 6 00
<i>Biddeford.</i>	<i>Gorham.</i>
Second Soc'y, - - - 17 70	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 25 00
<i>Bluehill.</i>	<i>Kennebunkport.</i>
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 3 00	South Congl. Soc'y, - - 20 00
<i>Brunswick.</i>	<i>Lewiston Falls.</i>
Rev. Dr. Adams' Soc'y, - 16 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 23 00
<i>Brewer Village.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 11 61	

<i>Minot.</i>	NEW HAMPSHIRE.
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 20 00	<i>Atkinson.</i>
<i>Newcastle.</i>	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 13 76
Friends, - - - - 10 25	<i>Bath.</i>
<i>New Gloucester.</i>	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 22 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 20 00	<i>Boscowan.</i>
<i>North Belfont.</i>	West Parish, - - - 20 00
Seamen's Concert, - - 12 00	First Congl. Soc'y, 20 00—40 00
<i>Petersham.</i>	<i>Concord.</i>
Rev. A. B. Foster, - - 3 00	Ladies' Sea. Fr. Soc'y, 230 00
<i>Phippsburg.</i>	Mrs. T. D. Merrill, - 5 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - 8 80	First Soc'y, - - - 15 00—250 00
J. C. Whitmore, - 1 00—9 80	<i>Chester.</i>
<i>Saccarappa.</i>	Friends, - - - - 8 58
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 14 34	<i>Derry.</i>
<i>Thomaston.</i>	Mrs. D. McGregor, - 10 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 9 00	First Soc'y, - - - 20 00—30 00
<i>Waldoboro.</i>	<i>Dover.</i>
Friends, - - - - 19 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 23 00
<i>Warren.</i>	<i>Durham.</i>
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 10 60	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 23 50
<i>Wells.</i>	<i>Dunbarton.</i>
First Soc'y, - - - 14 21	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 15 00
<i>Wiscasset.</i>	<i>Exeter.</i>
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 30 63	First Soc'y, - - - 12 68
<i>Woolwich.</i>	Ladies' Sea. Fr. Soc'y, 20 00—32 68
Congl. Soc'y, - - - 5 83	<i>Fitzwilliam.</i>
<i>Yarmouth.</i>	Congl. Soc'y, - - 34 00
A Friend, - - - 20 00	John Whitmore, - 10 00—41 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - 15 61	<i>Francistown.</i>
Bapt. Ch. and Soc'y, 6 50—42 11	Congl. Ch. and Soc'y, - 81 50
Total, - - - \$603,85	<i>Gilsum.</i>
	Friends, - - - - 3 00
	<i>Greenland.</i>
	Congl. Soc'y, - - - 13 00

<i>Greenfield.</i>		<i>Manchester.</i>	
Evan. Congl. Soc'y, -	8 00	Friend, - - - -	5 00
<i>Great Falls.</i>		<i>Mason.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	24 50	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	3 00
<i>Haverhill.</i>		<i>Nashua.</i>	
First Soc'y, - - -	28 00	Pearl St. Soc'y, -	38 35
Union Meeting, -	7 00—35 00	Olive St. Congl. Soc'y,	46 00—84 35
<i>Hancock.</i>		<i>Newport.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	6 54	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	9 56
<i>Hampton.</i>		John Trask, - - -	1 00—10 56
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	20 00	<i>New Alstead.</i>	
<i>Henniker.</i>		Friend, - - - -	5 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	22 00	<i>N. Groton.</i>	
Meth. Epis. Church,	3 72—25 72	D. Cummings, - - -	2 00
<i>Hinsdale.</i>		<i>Northampton.</i>	
Seamen's Concert, - -	3 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	15 30
<i>Hollis.</i>		<i>Portsmouth.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	39 72	North Church, - - -	17 50
<i>Hopkinton.</i>		<i>Ridge.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	40 00	Ladies' Sew. Soc'y, -	15 00
<i>Jaffray.</i>		<i>Sanbornton.</i>	
Fem. Ben. So. 1st Ch.,	13 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	24 00
First Soc'y, - - -	7 53—20 53	Mrs. S. C. Gerrish,	20 00—44 00
<i>Keene.</i>		<i>Sullivan.</i>	
First Soc'y, - - -	29 93	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	14 00
<i>Lebanon.</i>		<i>Troy.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	13 00	Trin'n Soc'y, - - -	8 00
<i>Londonderry.</i>		Rev. L. Townsend,	5 00—13 00
Pres. Church, - - -	16 00	<i>West Swanzey.</i>	
<i>Lyme.</i>		David G. Mason, - - -	20 00
Young Ladies' Sea. Fr.		<i>West Concord.</i>	
Soc'y, - - - -	20 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	10 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	20 00—40 00	<i>Windham.</i>	
		Pres. Church, - - -	12 00
		Total, - - -	<u>\$1,190 70</u>



VERMONT.		<i>Middlebury.</i>	
<i>Benson.</i>		Congl. Soc'y, - - -	39 00
Congl. Church and Soc'y,	21 00	<i>Montpelier.</i>	
<i>Bennington.</i>		C. Bowen, - - -	2 00
Congl. Soc'y,	20 07	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	59 00
Second Congl. Soc'y,	2 27—22 34	S. M., - - -	5 00—66 00
<i>Brandon.</i>		<i>New Haven.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y,	32 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	18 30
Bapt. Church,	8 00—40 00	<i>Newbury.</i>	
<i>Castleton.</i>		First Congl. Soc'y,	13 41
Congl. Soc'y,	33 10	<i>Orwell.</i>	
F. Parker, - - -	1 00—34 10	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	20 00
<i>Charleston.</i>		<i>Pittsford.</i>	
Orleans Conference -	12 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	20 00
<i>Clarendon.</i>		<i>St. Albans.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	20 00	First Soc'y, - - -	30 61
<i>Cornwall.</i>		<i>St. Johnsbury.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	21 00	J. P. Fairbanks, - - -	20 00
<i>Craftsbury.</i>		<i>Wallingford.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	5 00	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	22 20
<i>Durset.</i>		<i>West Rutland.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	20 41	Congl. Soc'y, - - -	50 00
Experience Barrows,	20 00—40 41	<i>West Halifax.</i>	
<i>East Bennington.</i>		S. S. Arnold, - - -	3 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	17 75	Total, - - -	\$771 33
<i>Greensboro.</i>		-----	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	22 00	MASSACHUSETTS.	
<i>Johnsbury.</i>		<i>Amherst.</i>	
North Soc'y, - - -	76 76	Ladies' & Gents' Benev. Soc'y,	47 33
Second Soc'y, - - -	63 49—140 25	<i>Barre.</i>	
<i>Ludlow.</i>		Congl. Soc'y, - - -	56 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	20 00	<i>Beverly.</i>	
<i>Machester.</i>		Ladies' Sea. Friend Soc'y,	20 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	33 16		
Mrs. Burnham, - - -	20 00—53 16		

<i>Boston.</i>		<i>Millbury.</i>	
Seam. Fr. Soc'y, 1,186	35	Second Soc'y, - - -	17 14
T. S., - - -	3 00—1,189 35	<i>Newbury Port.</i>	
<i>Conway.</i>		Ladies Bethel Soc'y, -	80 00
Young Ladies Sew. Soc'y,	27 00	<i>Northampton.</i>	
<i>Easthampton.</i>		Fem. Seam. Fr. Soc'y, First	
First Parish, - - -	21 00	Parish, - - -	37 84
<i>Fitchburg.</i>		Gent. Ben. Soc'y,	123 00
Trinitarian, - - -	9 25	A Friend, - - -	20 00
<i>Great Barrington.</i>		Fem. Benev. Soc'y,	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	53 04	Edw Ch., - - -	26 50
<i>Groveland.</i>		Gent. do. do. do.,	39 66—247 00
Fem. Seam. Fr. Soc'y, -	26 00	<i>North Hadley,</i>	
<i>Hampshire Co.</i>		Class S. S. Scholars, -	2 53
Life Member, - - -	10 00	<i>North Adams.</i>	
<i>Hadley.</i>		A Friend, - - -	2 00
Ladies Sea. Fr. Soc'y, 1st		<i>Plainfield.</i>	
Parish, - - -	35 67	Mrs. H. Hallock, -	1 00
George Dickinson, 30 00—	65 67	Friend, - - -	2 00—3 00
<i>Hinsdale.</i>		<i>Reading.</i>	
Con. Soc'y, - - -	94 22	Bethesda Jun. Ben. Soc'y,	3 00
<i>Lee.</i>		<i>Sheffield.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	77 45	Rev. Jas. Bradford, -	5 00
<i>Leicester.</i>		<i>Sippican.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	90 00	Seam. Fr. Soc'y, -	20 00
<i>Lenox.</i>		<i>South Hadley.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	76 42	P. Allen, - - -	5 00
<i>Leverett.</i>		<i>Southboro.</i>	
Ladies Benev. Soc'y, -	27 00	Pilgrim Ch. and Soc'y,	10 90
<i>Lowell.</i>		<i>Somerville.</i>	
Little George, - - -	50	M. M. Dean, - - -	2 00
<i>Marion.</i>		<i>Stockbridge,</i>	
Congl. Soc'y, - - -	4 74	G. P. Bradley, -	2 00
<i>Middletown.</i>		Congl. Soc'y, -	44 00—46 00
Rev. Mr. Wood's Soc'y,	5 75	<i>Sudbury.</i>	
		Union Church, - - -	11 05

<i>Townsend.</i>		First Baptist Ch.,	20 00
Con. Soc'y,	- - 30 00	Congl. Soc'y,	13 00—56 77
<i>Watertown.</i>		Total,	- - \$1,369 27
Capt. S. Stickney,	- 2 50	<b>CONNECTICUT.</b>	
<i>West Granville.</i>		<i>Branford.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y,	- - 12 00	Congl. Soc'y,	- - 20 00
<i>West Stockbridge.</i>		<i>Birmingham.</i>	
Rev. S. Bryant,	- - 1 00	Congl. Soc'y,	- - 96 93
<i>Westford.</i>		<i>Bethlehem.</i>	
Orthodox Soc'y,	- - 5 00	Judah Baldwin,	- - 8 00
<i>Williamstown.</i>		<i>Black Rock.</i>	
First Soc'y,	- - 37 50	First Society,	- - 11 44
<i>Worcester.</i>		<i>Bridgeport.</i>	
Congl. Soc'y,	68 39	First Society,	- - 85 00
Late Eliz Waldo,	1,300 00—1,368 39	<i>Bristol.</i>	
Total,	- - \$3,883 32	Congl. Soc'y,	- 56 63
<b>RHODE ISLAND.</b>		Meth. Epis. Ch.,	6 09
<i>Bristol.</i>		A Little Child,	- 1 62—64 34
Congl. Soc'y,	- - 10 00	<i>Cheshire.</i>	
<i>Newport.</i>		Congl. Soc'y,	- - 35 19
A Friend,	- - - 20 00	<i>Chester.</i>	
<i>Pautucket.</i>		E. G. Swift,	- - - 5 00
Ladies Sewing Soc'y,	- 20 00	<i>Clinton.</i>	
<i>Providence.]</i>		Mrs. G. Buckingham,	20 00
Benif. Con. Soc.,	263 75	Ladies Benev. Soc'y,	25 00—45 00
Members of High,		<i>Colchester.</i>	
St. Ch.,	38 37	Wm. Stebbins,	1 00
First Bapt. Ch.,	335 13	First Soc'y,	- 64 54
St. John's Epis. Ch.,	112 00	Sewing Soc'y,	20 00
Richmond St. Ch.,	44 00	Baptist Soc'y,	20 00—105 54
Central Cong. Ch.,	134 25	<i>Danbury.</i>	
Dea. J. Boyce,	20 00	First Soc'y,	- - 53 15
Joseph Manton,	10 00	<i>Deep River.</i>	
Edw'd Carrington,	300 00	Late Mrs. U. R. Spencer,	75 00
Dr. Fearing,	- 5 00—1,262 50	<i>Derby.</i>	
<i>Westerly.</i>		First Congl. Soc'y,	- 60 00
Rev. A. B. Burdick's			
Soc'y.	- - 13 77		

<i>Easton.</i>		Lady, - - 1 00
C. T. Prentice, - - 2 00		Ladies Benev. Soc'y, 21 00—42 00
<i>East Haddam.</i>		<i>Litchfield.</i>
First Ch. of Christ. - 10 00		First Congl. Soc'y, - 88 31
<i>Ellington.</i>		<i>Lisbon.</i>
Congl. Soc'y, - - 22 00		First Soc'y, - - 6 36
<i>Fairfield.</i>		<i>Lyme.</i>
First Soc'y, - - 51 08		First Congl. Soc'y, - 34 00
<i>Farmington.</i>		<i>Madison.</i>
First Soc'y, - - 36 59		Y'g Ladies Sew. Soc., 30 00
<i>Fitchville.</i>		Ladies Union Soc'y, 36 00—66 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - 20 00		<i>Mansfield.</i>
<i>Goshen.</i>		Female S. School, - 2 25
Congl. Soc'y, - - 25 00		<i>Manchester.</i>
<i>Guilford.</i>		First Congl. Soc'y, - 52 00
Third Congl. Soc'y, 13 00		<i>Meriden.</i>
First " " 35 00—48 00		Congl. Soc'y, - - 29 11
<i>Green's Farms.</i>		<i>Milford.</i>
Congl. Soc'y, - - 30 00		First Congl. Soc'y, 31 00
<i>Greenville.</i>		Second " " 30 05—61 05
Congl. Soc'y, - - 17 16		<i>New Milford.</i>
<i>Greenwich.</i>		Ladies Mite Soc'y, 5 25
Mrs. Mary E. Mason, 20 00		Mrs. Merwin, - 1 00—6 25
Second Cong. Soc., 118 26		<i>New Haven.</i>
First Soc'y, - 40 00—178 26		College St. Soc'y, 58 18
<i>Hartford.</i>		South " 65 08
Pearl st. Con. Ch., 133 00		Howe St. " 23 30
Ladies Sea. Fr. Soc., 20 00		Center " 296 22
First Eccle'l, Soc'y, 279 75		North " 94 60
North Congl. Soc'y, 86 76—519 51		Third " 82 00
<i>Hisganum.</i>		Abby Salisbury, 20 00
Congl. Soc'y, - - 9 00		Chapel St. Soc'y, 70 23
<i>Huntington.</i>		S. School Center Ch., 30 76—740 37
A Friend, - - 90 00		<i>New London.</i>
Betsy Punderson 10 00—30 00		Second Soc'y, 139 50
<i>Lebanon.</i>		First " 168 20—307 70
Mrs. Mary Huntington, 20 00		<i>North Woodstock.</i>
		Congl. Soc'y, - - 25 12

<i>Norwalk.</i>		<i>Sharon.</i>	
First Soc'y,	- - 80 76	Balance,	- - 75
		Meth. Epis. Ch.,	8 25
		First Soc'y,	28 25—37 25
<i>Norwich.</i>		<i>Simsbury.</i>	
Wm. W. Williams,	20 00	D. B. McLean,	- - 10 00
First Soc'y,	- 25 00		
R. Hubbard,	- 20 00		
Second Con. Soc'y,	137 84—202 84		
		<i>Somers.</i>	
		Congl. Soc'y,	- - 20 00
<i>Portland.</i>		<i>Stamford.</i>	
H. Talcott,	- - - 3 00	Congl. Soc'y,	- - 60 87
		<i>South Orange.</i>	
<i>Plainfield.</i>		Pres. Church,	- - 18 37
Congl. Soc'y,	- - 13 00		
		<i>Springfield.</i>	
<i>Pomfret.</i>		Pres. Ch.	- - - 19 25
First Congl. Soc'y,	- 33 52		
		<i>Suffield.</i>	
<i>Plymouth Hollow.</i>		Ladies Sea. Fr. Soc'y,	- 28 50
Congl. Soc'y,	- - 27 00		
		<i>Thompson.</i>	
<i>Plymouth.</i>		Congl. Soc'y,	- - 20 00
Congl. Soc'y,	- - 42 52		
		<i>Terrysville.</i>	
<i>Quinebang.</i>		Congl. Soc'y,	- - 12 15
Union Meeting,	- - 4 74		
		<i>Trumbull.</i>	
<i>Rahway.</i>		Congl. Soc'y,	- - 14 00
Mrs. Mary E Lathrop,	- 2 00		
		<i>Torrington.</i>	
<i>Ridgefield.</i>		Friends,	- - 6 00
First Soc'y,	- 55 00		
Meth. Epis. Ch.,	5 00—60 00	<i>Torrington.</i>	
		Congl. Soc'y,	- - 23 21
<i>Rockville.</i>			
First Soc'y,	- 21 75	<i>South Norwalk.</i>	
Second "	- - 33 00—54 75	Congl. Soc'y,	- - 20 00
<i>Rocky Hill.</i>		<i>South Woodstock.</i>	
S. School,	- - - 10 00	Con. Soc. and Sch'l,	15 54
		Y'g Ladies S. F. Soc.,	8 00—23 54
<i>Saybrook.</i>			
Congl. Soc'y,	- - 24 00	<i>Stonington.</i>	
		First Soc'y,	- 100 37
<i>Salisbury.</i>		S. Carew,	- 5 00
Congl. Soc'y,	- - 42 00	Capt. Brewster,	3 00—108 37

<i>Union Village.</i>		<b>NEW YORK.</b>	
Second Soc'y, - -	8 97	<i>Astoria.</i>	
<i>Vernon.</i>		Ref. Dutch Church,	53 29
Aaron Kellogg,	20 00	R. M. Blackwell,	5 00
Friends, - -	1 25	Pres. Church, -	108 28-166 57
Ladies, - -	20 00-41 25	<i>Bridgehampton.</i>	
<i>Wallingford.</i>		Pres. Church, - -	40 00
Congl. Soc'y, -	20 00	<i>Brooklyn.</i>	
Sunday School,	10 00-30 00	Pilgrim Church,	628 64
<i>Watertown.</i>		Wm. W. Wickes,	25 00
Congl. Soc'y, -	27 75	First Ref. Dutch Ch.,	71 16
Mrs. L. Deforest,	20 00-47 75	Plymouth Church,	160 11
<i>Waterbury.</i>		Ref. Dutch Church,	
First Soc'y, -	44 78	Heights, -	163 80
Second Soc'y, -	34 78-79 56	Second Pres. Ch.	397 34
<i>Westbrook.</i>		John H. Hurtin,	3 00
Seam Frd. Soc'y, -	14 20	Congl. Soc'y, Clinton	
<i>Westport.</i>		Avenue, -	97 60
Congl. Soc'y, - -	58 50	Third Pres. Church,	67 50
<i>West Hartford.</i>		South Pres. Ch.,	133 00-1,747 15
Sun'y Sch'l Congl. Soc'y,	22 00	<i>Catskill.</i>	
<i>West Woodstock.</i>		Pres. Church,	52 88
Congl. Soc'y, - -	15 00	E. B. Day, -	20 00
<i>Woodstock.</i>		Ladies Bethel Soc'y,	50 00-122 88
Congl. Soc'y, (balance,)	2 00	<i>Chester.</i>	
<i>Wolcottville.</i>		Pres. Church, - -	66 81
Congl. Soc'y, - -	20 00	<i>Fishkill.</i>	
<i>Woodbury.</i>		Ref'd Dutch Church,	57 03
Ladies Bible Class, -	20 00	Miss A. Rankin,	25 00-82 03
<i>Wolcott.</i>		<i>Flatlands.</i>	
A Friend, - - -	5 00	Ref. Dutch Church, -	50 00
Total, - -	\$4,540 58	<i>Geneva.</i>	
		C. H. Cook, - -	10 00
		<i>Graves End.</i>	
		Ref. Dutch Church, -	20 00
		<i>Harlem.</i>	
		Ref. Dutch Church, -	53 12
		<i>Huntington.</i>	
		Pres. Church,	22 79
		Meth. Epis. Church,	21 87-44 66

			Amity st. Baptist Ch.,	80 00
			R. S. Fellows,	20 00
Ladies Sea. Fr. Soc'y,	25 00		Brick Church	106 35
			A Friend, -	75 00
		<i>Jamaica,</i>	North Pres. Ch.,	65 04
Pres. Church, - -	58 64		First Pres. Ch.,	615 00
			A Friend,	10 00
		<i>Jasper.</i>	B'way Tabernacle,	169 17
Three Friends, - -	3 00		J. T. D. Lanier,	50 00
			Broome st. Pres.	
		<i>Kingsboro.</i>	Church,,	152 00
Mrs. A. Potter, - -	5 00		A Friend, -	100 00
			Seventh Pres. Ch.,	100 00
		<i>Kinderhook.</i>	Late A. M. Bogart,	50 00
Ref. Dutch Church, -	47 29		J. S., -	25 00
			Joseph Walker,	25 00
		<i>Madrid.</i>	Capt. W. H. Leary,	20 00
Congl. Soc'y, - -	20 00		Jas. Demarest,	15 00
			Ref. Dutch Ch., Man-	
		<i>Marbletown.</i>	hattan, -	20 00
Rev. C. L. Van Dyke,	8,00		L. B. Kip, -	15 00
			Thirt'h Pres. Ch.,	128 50
			Refd. Dutch Ch.,	
			Wash. Square,	322 18
			S. P. Holmes,	20 00
			Spring st. Pres. Ch.,	143 27
			Refd. Dutch Ch.,	
		<i>Malden.</i>	Market st.,	123 21
Pres. Church,	88 81		Lady in Rev. J.	
Chs. Isham, -	10 00—98 81		Marselus' Cong.,	6 00
			Jasper Corning,	20 00
		<i>Morristown.</i>	Amity st. Bapt. Ch.,	100 00
Capt. R. B. Chapman, -	4 00		Church of the Pu-	
			ritans, -	480 23
		<i>Newtown.</i>	Rev. J. N. Lewis,	15 00
St. James Church,	6 56		North and Lafayette	
Meth. Epis. Church,	2 52		Re. Dutch Ch's,	134 04
Ref. Dutch Church,	35 12		Late Hannah Curtis,	200 00—4,274 26
Pres. Church, -	30 00—74 20			
			<i>New Utrecht,</i>	
			Refd. Dutch Church,	23 50
		<i>Newburgh.</i>		
First Pres. Ch. bal.,	39 64		<i>New Lots.</i>	
A Friend, -	50 00		Ref. Dutch Church, -	6 00
Meth. Epis. Church,	20 00—109 64			
			<i>Newport.</i>	
		<i>New York City.</i>	N. Post, - - -	10 00
Eleventh Pres. Ch.,	40 00			
Friends, -	54 00		<i>New Paltz.</i>	
I. C. Whitmore,	25 00		A Friend, - - -	20 00
A. G. Phelps,	100 00			
Dr. Ritter, -	50 00		<i>Patchogue.</i>	
A Brother, -	50 00		Congl. Soc'y, - -	6 00
Four'th Pres. Ch.,	400 31			
R. L. & A. Stewart,	100 00			
E. J. Woolsey,	50 00			

<i>Piermont.</i>		<i>Greenwich.</i>	
J. R. Baker, - -	8 51	Pres. Church, - -	9 00
<i>Port Jefferson.</i>		<i>Jersey City.</i>	
Meth. Epis. Church, -	5 42	First Refd. Dutch Ch., -	50 00
<i>Pokeepsie.</i>		<i>Mendon.</i>	
First Ref. Dutch Ch.,	46 41	Pres. Church, - -	33 47
Theodore, -	10 00	-	
Second, - -	34 46—90 87	<i>Mendham.</i>	
<i>Shawangunk.</i>		First. Pres. Church, -	23 00
Ladies Ben. Soc'y, -	40 00	<i>Morristown.</i>	
<i>Southampton.</i>		First Pres. Church,	35 50
Pres. Church, -	24 54	Friends, - -	11 00
W. R. Post, -	5 00—29 54	P. A. Johnson,	14 76
<i>Southold.</i>		Bapt. Church,	7 67
Pres. Ch., - -	2 00	Friend, - -	5 00
<i>Troy.</i>		Second Pres. Ch.,	62 74—136 87
Mrs. S. Payne	100 00	<i>Newark.</i>	
Miss A. A. G.,	5 00—105 00	First Pres. Ch.,	113 25
<i>Valatie.</i>		Central Pres. Ch.,	40 69
Pres. Church, - -	10 69	Park Place Ch.,	101 85
<i>Warsaw,</i>		Third Pres. Ch.,	163 78
T. Fisk, - -	2 00	Second " "	34 36
<i>Williamsburgh.</i>		First Congl. Soc'y,	32 18
First Pres. Church,	41 38	High st. Pres. Ch.,	30 00
Pres. Ch., S'th 3d st.,	64 64—106 02	Conrad Steigner,	20 00
Total, - -	\$7,594 61	Rev. Wm. Bradley,	5 00
<b>NEW JERSEY.</b>		Late Miss S. Baldwin,	326 25
<i>Aquackanok.</i>		Late M'ry Congar,	1,000 00—1,867 36
Friend, - -	5 00	<i>New Providence.</i>	
<i>Bloomfield.</i>		Pres. Church, -	15 00
Pres. Church, - -	43 77	Meth Epis. Church,	4 09—19 09
<i>Connecticut Farms.</i>		<i>New Brunswick.</i>	
Pres. Church, - -	20 00	First Refd. Dutch Church,	11 75
<i>Freehold.</i>		<i>Orange.</i>	
Refd. Dutch Church, -	30 13	Late Abr. Harrison,	10 00
		Second Pres. Church,	53 00—63 00
		<i>Patterson.</i>	
		Mrs. Atterbury, - -	20 00
		<i>Pluckermín.</i>	
		A Friend, - - -	1 00



<i>Springfield.</i>		<i>Macon.</i>	
Pres. Church, (balance)	21 75	Meth. Epis. Ch.,	51 00
<i>Trenton.</i>		Pres. Church, -	63 00—114 00
Hon. J. F. Randolph, . -	20 00	Total, - -	\$355 53
<i>Woodbridge.</i>		<b>VIRGINIA.</b>	
Second Pres. Church,	9 50	<i>Charlottesville.</i>	
Total, - -	\$2,384 49	Pres. Church, -	20 00
<b>PENNSYLVANIA.</b>		Bapt. Church, -	15 00—35 00
<i>Harrisburg.</i>		<i>Middlebrook.</i>	
Rev. J. Miller - -	5 00	Miss Nancy Emerson,	50 00
<i>Philadelphia.</i>		<i>Petersburgh.</i>	
Associate Refd. Church,	20 00	Washington st. Meth.	
<i>Williamsport.</i>		Epis. Church	50 00
Jane H. Faries, - -	1 00	First Pres. Church,	34 50—84 50
<i>York.</i>		<i>Richmond.</i>	
Sam'l Small, - -	5 00	United Pres. Ch.,	90 37
Total, - -	\$31 00	Michael Gritten,	20 00
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.</b>		Third Pres. Church,	20 00
<i>Washington.</i>		G. W. Gritten,	1 00
A Lady, - - -	5 00	Mrs. M. Trent,,	1 00—132 37
<b>MARYLAND.</b>		Total, - -	\$301 87
<i>Indianapolis,</i>		<b>OHIO.</b>	
Com. C. K. Striebling, U.S.N.,	15 00	<i>Bloomingsburgh.</i>	
<b>GEORGIA.</b>		Pres. Church, - -	6 24
<i>Augusta.</i>		<i>Steubenville.</i>	
Ind. First Church,	95 00	Mrs. Dr. Heming, -	2 00
Robert Campbell,	50 00	<i>Marietta.</i>	
John Bones, -	20 00	Rev. A. Darrow, - -	1 00
A. Gould, -	10 00	<i>Walnut Hills.</i>	
Ind. Rev. Mr. Bin-		Miss M. Overaker, -	20 00
ney's Church,	13 00—188 00	Total, - -	\$30 24
<i>Columbus.</i>		<b>INDIANA.</b>	
Pres. Church, - -	53 53	<i>Wabash Co.</i>	
		Mr. McIntire, - -	30 00

<b>ALABAMA.</b>		
<i>Montgomery.</i>		
Pres. Church,	50 00	
Thomas Joseph,	60 00	
Meth. Epis. Ch.,	20 00—130 00	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>		
Native Ch., Hilo, S.I.,	100 00	
		Hon. R. C. Schenck,
		Rio de Janeiro, 20 00
		A Sailor, - 1 86
		Chaplain at Panama, 20 00
		Preaching by Secre-
		tary, - - 20 00
		For the Spiritual
		good of Seamen, 10 00
		Old Sailor, Michigan, 5 00—186 00

GRAND TOTAL.

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MAINE, - - - - -	\$603 85
NEW HAMPSHIRE, - - - - -	1,190 70
VERMONT, - - - - -	771 33
MASSACHUSETTS, - - - - -	3,883 32
RHODE ISLAND, - - - - -	1,369 27
CONNECTICUT, - - - - -	4,540 58
NEW YORK, - - - - -	7,594 61
NEW JERSEY, - - - - -	2,384 49
PENNSYLVANIA, - - - - -	31 00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, - - - - -	5 00
MARYLAND, - - - - -	15 00
VIRGINIA, - - - - -	301 87
GEORGIA, - - - - -	355 53
OHIO, - - - - -	30 24
INDIANA, - - - - -	30 00
ALABAMA, - - - - -	130 00
MISCELLANEOUS, - - - - -	186 00
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	\$23,422 79

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The AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY in Account with CHARLES N. TALBOT, Treasurer.

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1854.		1853.		
May 1.	To Cash paid Expense of Annual Meeting, - - - -	\$ 103 75	May 1. By balance brought forward, - - - -	\$ 1,551 52
"	" Honolulu Station, - - - -	1,031 19		
"	" Rio de Janeiro Station, - - - -	1,342 57		
"	" Canton " - - - -	100 00	1854.	
"	" Labaina " - - - -	211 24	May 1. " Collections and Donations from May 1853, - - - -	2,667 34
"	" Havre " - - - -	386 19	" Legacies, - - - -	3,631 25
"	" Panama " - - - -	761 10	" Cash on account of Sailor's Magazines, - - - -	1,817 29
"	" Valparaiso " - - - -	508 71	" " " Ships Libraries, - - - -	157 51
"	" St. Thomas " - - - -	440 00		
"	" St. Johns " - - - -	525 00		
"	" Sweden " - - - -	325 00		
"	" Marseilles " - - - -	100 00		
"	" St. Helena, " - - - -	250 00		
"	" Bordeaux, " - - - -	60 00		
"	" Mobile Station, fitting up Floating Chapel and sustaining Chaplain, - - - -	1,895 51		
"	" Portland Station, - - - -	450 00		
"	" Providence " - - - -	265 00		
"	" Port Society, New York, their proportion of Collections in City Churches, - - - -	1,000 00		
"	" Wilmington, N. C., - - - -	620 00		
"	" Aspinwall Station, - - - -	100 00		
"	" Callao " - - - -	12 00		
"	" Ships Libraries, - - - -	216 31		
"	" Hymn Books, - - - -	144 46		
"	" Sailor's Magazines, - - - -	2,749 62		
"	" Secretaries Salaries, - - - -	2,666 66		
"	" Secretary for New Hampshire and Maine, - - - -	680 51		
"	" Assistant Treasurer and Agent, - - - -	1,200 00		
"	" Travelling of Secretaries, - - - -	341 59		
"	" Interest on Mortgage, - - - -	697 66		
"	" On account of Mortgage on Sailor's Home, - - - -	1,390 00		
"	" Rent and Annual Report, - - - -	608 49		
"	" Sailor's Home, Repairing, Painting and Furnishing, - - - -	5,147 05		
"	" Sailor's Home Taxes, - - - -	327 89		
"	" " Insurance, - - - -	157 59		
"	" Shipwrecked and destitute Sailors, - - - -	646 68		
"	" Postage, Clerk, Fuel, and Office Expenses, - - - -	319 11		
	To Balance, - - - -	835 31		
		\$27,724 91		
			1853.	
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			May 1. " Collections and Donations from May 1853, - - - -	2,667 34
			" Legacies, - - - -	3,631 25
			" Cash on account of Sailor's Magazines, - - - -	1,817 29
			" " " Ships Libraries, - - - -	157 51
			E. E. New York, May 1, 1854.	
			CHARLES N. TALBOT, Treasurer.	
			Examined and found Correct,	
			RUFUS DAVENPORT, } Auditors.	
			E. RICHARDSON, }	\$27,724 91

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

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**ARTICLE I.**—The name of this Society shall be “THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.”

**ART. II.**—The object of the Society shall be to improve the social and moral condition of seamen, by uniting the efforts of the wise and good in their behalf; by promoting in every port, Boarding Houses of good character, Savings Banks, Register Offices, Libraries, Museums, Reading Rooms, and Schools: and also the ministration of the Gospel, and other religious blessings.

**ART. III.**—Any person contributing two dollars annually, shall be a member of this Society, or by paying twenty dollars at any one time, shall be a member for life; and any person paying fifty dollars, either at one or two payments, shall be a director for life.

**ART. IV.**—The control and disposal of the funds, property, and estate of the Society, and the directions of its concerns, shall, in accordance with the act of incorporation, be vested in a Board of Trustees, consisting of twenty four persons, who shall be chosen by the members of the Society, at its annual meeting, and the Trustees last chosen shall hold their office until others are chosen, eight of whom shall be a quorum at any meeting regularly convened. To guard against inexperienced legislation, the Board shall be divided alphabetically into three classes of eight each, one class of which, and one only, shall go out at the end of each year, and these be re-eligible. To guard furthermore against sectarian predominance, a majority of the Trustees shall at no time be of one denomination. Said Board shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur therein; to appoint from their own number, a President, a Treasurer, and such other officers, as the interest of the Society may require. They shall furthermore appoint such standing committees as they shall deem needful to mature business for execution by the Board.

**ART. V.**—The Board shall have power to appoint their own meetings, form their rules of business, and, when necessary, convene the Society; they shall

## CONSTITUTION.

have the disposal of its funds, take such security of the Treasurer as they shall think proper, employ such means for accomplishing the object of the Society, as in their judgment, its exigencies may require, keeping regular minutes of their proceedings.

ART. VI.—Any Society whose object is the welfare of Seamen, may become *auxiliary* to this Institution by expressing its desire, forwarding its Constitution, list of officers and annual report, and such surplus funds as may not be needed for its local use. Each auxiliary shall be entitled to send one delegate to all the meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Trustees.

ART. VII.—Societies for the same object in our large sea-ports, which may prefer to become *branches* of the National Society, with a view of forming their own auxiliaries, and thus enlarging the sphere of their operations, shall be received as such upon the terms above specified for auxiliaries; and shall be entitled to three delegates at all the meetings of the Society and the Board, and to any other privileges which, in the progress of the Institution, the Board shall deem it expedient to grant.

ART. VIII.—Seafaring men, who are disposed to promote religious privileges while at sea, may become connected with this Society, its Branches, or Auxiliaries, as *Floating Committees*, under such regulations as the Board may adopt and shall receive the sanction and assistance of the Society.

ART. IX.—This Society shall meet annually, on the Monday preceding the second Tuesday in May, in the City of New York, when the Report of the Board shall be presented, and a new Board constituted, according to the provisions of the 4th Article.

ART. X.—All moneys already contributed, or that may hereafter be contributed, for the purpose of purchasing or erecting a building or buildings, for the use of the Society, shall be faithfully applied to that purpose, and no other. And no conveyance of real estate by this Society shall be made without the written consent of at least two-thirds of the Trustees for the time being.

ART. XI.—No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, unless requested at an annual meeting, and sanctioned by two-thirds of the members present.