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I give and bequeath to THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, incorporated by the Legislature of New York, in the year 1833, the sum of \$——, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of the said Society.

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THE SAILOR'S MAGAZINE, a monthly pamphlet of thirty-two pages, will contain the proceedings of the American Seamen's Friend Society, and its Branches and Auxiliaries, with notices of the labors of local independent Societies, in behalf of Seamen. It will aim to present a general view of the history, nature, the progress and the wants of the SEAMEN'S CAUSE, commending it earnestly to the sympathies, the prayers and the benefactions of all Christian people.

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THE LIFE-BOAT.

This is a little sheet published monthly by the Society, designed for Sabbath Schools, and for a wide distribution in Congregations, to aid in awakening a more general interest in the cause of Seamen. It will contain brief anecdotes, incidents, and other facts relative to Sea Libraries or Missions.

The Life Boat will be sent *gratis* to every person who will become a collector for Seamen, and forward through the S. S. superintendent or pastor a collection for the Society. Any Sabbath School or individual who will send us \$12, for a library for our "Sea Missions" in the fore-castle, shall have fifty copies gratis, monthly, for one year, with the postage prepaid by the Society.

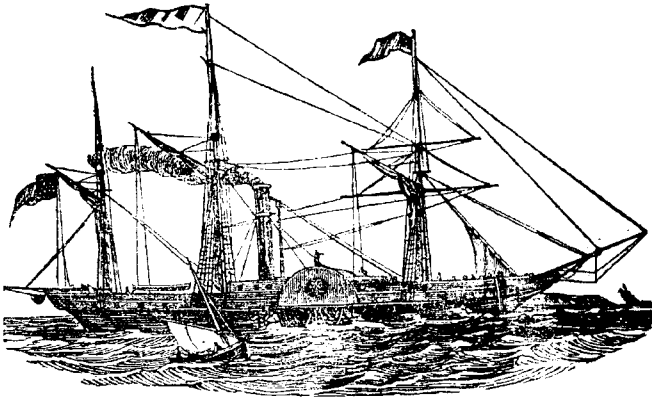
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PRESENTED BY THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

AT THE

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

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

ART. II.—The object of this 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 ministrations 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 direction 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, eight of whom shall be a quorum at a regular meeting convened. To guard against the evils of 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 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 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 seaports, 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 Thursday 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.

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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.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

In Irving Hall, New York, May 11, 1863.

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, was held in IRVING HALL on the evening of Monday, May 11th.

The President, WM. A. BOOTH, Esq., was in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. ISAAC FERRIS, D. D., Chancellor of the University of New York.

LUCIUS HART, Esq., led the congregation in singing the psalm "The Lord, the God of glory reigns." to the Tune, "*Old Hundred*," with great spirit.

An abstract of the 35th Annual Report was read by Rev. H. LOOMIS, one of the Secretaries.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. R. D. HITCHCOCK, D. D., Professor in the Union Theological Seminary of New York; H. S. GULICK, M. D., missionary of the A. B. C. F. M.; Rev. P. BOUGHTON of Detroit, and Rev. J. DURVEA, one of the pastors of the Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of this city.

The Hymn,

"Tossed upon life's raging billow,"
was sung by the Congregation; also the Doxology,

"Praise the God of all creation."

The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. R. STEWARD, Pastor of the Baptist Mariner's Church, New York.

A large audience attested the increased interest of the public in the operations of this Society, and seemed to be greatly gratified by the eloquent addresses of the speakers.

At the close of the exercises the Society met. Resolutions offering thanks to the speakers, and to Mr. Hart were adopted, and the following persons were elected Trustees of the Society for the term of three years, viz: PELETIAH PERIT, Esq., Rev. JOHN SPAULDING, Rev. JAMES EELLS, D. D., Capt. F. M. FRENCH, Capt. E. E. MORGAN, C. N. TALBOT, E. M. CHESTER, and H. P. MARSHALL, Esqs.

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THIRTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT.

THROUGH another year of war, by land and sea, have we passed to our Thirty-Fifth Anniversary;—a year of victories and defeats—of triumphs and disasters, both in our Army and Navy;—our commerce deranged, damaged, diverted from its ordinary channels;—a portion of our bravest and best seamen transferred from its peaceful pursuits to that of destructive naval warfare.

The gloom, doubt, uncertainty and excitement at the first outburst of this causeless and vile rebellion, however, have passed away. The nation is calmly working out by its army and navy the problem of the strength and permanency of a *People's* government,—of the power of *Freedom* over tyranny and oppression. The Nation, the Church, and Benevolent Societies have shown a wonderful facility in adapting themselves to circumstances. To a hitherto remarkably peaceful nation a state of war has become naturalized; and the deep conviction of the mind and heart of the people is that a peace, permanent, enduring, a real blessing to all parts of the land, *must be conquered*. To this work our citizen-soldiers, our gallant sailors, cheerfully offer themselves; and rebellion and oppression quail before them. The nation, despite itself, under the omnipotent flow of events,—the reign of the Almighty,—is brought to the "*new birth*" of Freedom,—to the reign of a *real* democracy, securing the rights of man to all classes, of all colors, in all conditions.

Amidst all these changes and derangements of commerce, the Board have found it necessary to change somewhat the mode of operation among seamen. Our chaplaincies in the Southern ports, and some of those in foreign ports, are necessarily, for the time, suspended; while more attention has been devoted to the wants of seamen in the Navy, to supplement as far as possible the Government's deficiency in the number of its Chaplains. We have aimed to reach more seamen, both in the Navy and in the merchant ships, by our Loan Library system, which is fast growing in favor both among seamen and our patrons.

SEA MISSIONS.

No department of the Society's labors have been attended with more gratifying success than the entrusting of Loan Libraries to the care of pious officers and seamen, for the use of the crews on ship board.

Although the Society had long furnished considerable reading matter, and some libraries, to vessels going to sea, the work commenced in this specific and systematic form in 1859. *Ten* Loan Libraries only, during that year, were placed in the hands of pious seamen. The next year *ninety-four*; the third year *one hundred and thirteen*; the fourth year, *one hundred and seventeen*; the past year, *two hundred and eighteen*—making now afloat *five hundred and fifty-two*. Of that number *one hundred and seventy seven* are in the Navy, and accessible to over 20,000 men. *Three hundred and seventy-five* are in the merchant service, and furnish good reading matter to nearly 10,000 men. The whole number of volumes thus put afloat is about 25,000. But few of these libraries have been lost by shipwreck, or in naval warfare. Each library is making its own history on our records, in New York and Boston. Some of them have made six or seven voyages in as many ships. From present appearances the time is not distant when every American vessel in the navy and merchant service will be supplied with one or more of our loan libraries. The system does two things;—First, it secures the active agency and co-operation of pious officers and men,—and even those moral men not professors of religion,—in the work of reform. It furnishes these men with the means of exerting a moral and religious influence on the

crews at sea, and by their correspondence and reports it keeps up a lively sympathy with the Society and its patrons on land. It is spreading over the ocean those reforming influences akin to those of the organized church and society among landsmen on land. Second: It furnishes truth to the mind, imagination, and heart of the sailor, to beguile his idle hours on shipboard—too long and too often given to mischief—to better ends and aims. The books are not all exclusively religious, but books of science, history, travels, and even romance of good moral tendency; books well selected and designed to interest, enlighten, elevate and reform. Evangelical books enough are placed in the library to disarm the skeptic, convict the self-righteous and lead the erring to Christ. The Word of God, and Pilgrim's Progress—the best commentary on it—goes in every library. No better method, perhaps, has yet been devised to reach the masses of our seamen, and that, under the most favorable circumstances, and convert them into a reading, thinking community.

To show some of the good fruits of the system, we subjoin a few brief extracts of numerous letters received from these sea missionaries or librarians:

Library 349 was placed in the hands of Mr. August Adler, an officer on the U. S. schooner *Maria J. Carlton*, one of Com. Porter's Bomb Flotilla.

"The books were read on the passage to Key West, more than any other by officers and men, and that with great interest, with profit to many and to the benefit of all. I have observed great moral changes in the men who read them, and never before have I seen Sunday pass so quietly, nearly every man having a book and reading for himself until the Sabbath is passed, and then returning it with thanks. When I told them to whom they were indebted for the privilege, they asked me to give the donors their heartiest thanks."

Our missionary on board the *Minnesota* writes: "I trust in God that the library which you put on board our ship has been the means of doing a great deal of good. The books have been faithfully read. We still hold our prayer meetings, and God is very good to us. We have had several conversions. 'I bless God for a little, and trust him for a great deal more.' One of our libraries has been sent on board the hospital ship *Benjamin Morgan*, where it has been the means of much good."

T. C. B.

No. 162 has returned from a foreign voyage in the ship *Carolina*. The captain writes: "I found the library to be very valuable. I have kept up our prayer and scripture readings all the voyage, except three or four Sabbaths. Our crew have been very attentive. All have taken hold and helped to read; and I found that those who could not read well, when we left here, improved very much: and I trust the seed sown will flourish yet. The way we conduct our meetings is, to read a hymn, and have all join in singing. Then I read a chapter in the New Testament, after that a prayer and another hymn; then I select a chapter, and have *all the crew* join with me and read, and finish with singing."

C. H.

NOVELS SUPERSEDED.

No. 81. "The Lord has wonderfully revealed himself to me. We have good meetings, and several are seeking the forgiveness of their sins. The library has been read in the forecabin and in the cabin. The first two months the crew seemed to be afraid of them, till all the novels and bad books were read, when they all found delight in reading the library books." U. W.

A SHIPMASTER'S TESTIMONY.

No. 185. The commander of the vessel in which this library has sailed, writes: "Both myself and crew have been benefited by it. It has kept our minds steady while in port, and outside. It has kept my crew on board at night, while in port, and has turned their minds to the Bethel. It has caused them to become temperate, and not only them, but myself, who used to go to the rum-shop, while in port. I now peruse the books, and attend the Bethel." E. G.

THE BOOK PRINTED FOR THE SEA CAPTAIN.

No. 296. The earnest Christian sailor who has had this library in charge, writes: "I feel it my duty to renew my sincere thanks to the *Seamen's Friend Society* for their very earnest efforts to spread the Gospel among the men of the sea; and thank God! the world can see the fruits of your labors; for it is not only on board ships, but in all parts of the world that the sailor goes. * * * We began our voyage with praising the Lord forward; but I regret to say that Satan had full charge aft. For a short time only I gave the second mate the library, and told him to leave it open so that all could read the books that wished to. * * * On the second Sunday the Lord sent me to speak to the captain; and bless His holy name! before one hour from that time we were all on our knees in the cabin except the cook and the man at the wheel; and so every night; and Sunday after the captain found peace with God. He took a book from the library called "James' Anxious Inquirer," and told me *that book was printed on purpose for him*, for that was the means the Lord used in saving his soul. * * * When we arrived in P—, the Lord made us useful in distributing his word among the shipping. * * * I spoke to a poor girl in the street, and told her to read the 51st Psalm, and told her that Jesus was ready to receive her, and left her in the Lord's hands. After we sailed from that port I learned that the poor girl had found the Saviour.

Nos. 149, 191 & 192.

U. S. ship Minnesota.

The three Libraries that you put on board this ship I am satisfied have done much good. I can truly say that God has been with us so far. We are still holding our *prayer-meetings*. Several have been converted in our ships and God is still pouring out his Spirit on the mighty deep. We want more help from our Christian friends. I thank you for the good that your Society is doing for the sailor. J. C. B.

ANOTHER LIBRARY CAPTURED BY THE REBELS.

No. 284.

Gunboat Isaac P. Smith. }
South Blockading Squadron. }

Our captain is a Christian gentleman, and some eight or ten of the crew are professed Christians. We have *prayer-meetings* on the Sabbath and a Bible class. The "Wabash" has prayer-meetings twice a week well attended. Several conversions have taken place. The prayer-meetings on board the "Vermont" are still kept up and well attended. The Lord is at work in our fleet, and I hope that he will bless the work that he has commenced on board the "Isaac Smith." Oh how good it is to have a Christian Captain! How safe we feel under his command! S. M. O.

PRAYER MEETING STARTED.

U. S. S. Housatonic, at sea.

The books of the libraries are read, and I hope will do much good. Last Tuesday night we started our prayer meeting. Friend T— took the lead of the meeting, and F— and J— spoke. Sunday the meeting was on the berth deck. Captain M— opened the meeting with prayer. A chapter was read, and friend J— related his experience and spoke many words of encouragement for us all. A— then offered prayer and said he was determined from that time to be a Christian. In our second prayer meeting, he told us all that he had been brought up to go to church and School, and that when he came on board he determined to be a Christian. Sunday we had 7 officers, 4 contrabands and 39 men present. The meetings are very solemn, and good attention is paid to all that is said. Three or four are quite serious.

Nos. 272 and 276.

V. B.

PRAYER MEETING FOUR TIMES A WEEK, AND MEN IMPROVING.

No. 293 is on board the U. S. Gunboat Huron. The sailor who has it in charge, writes: "After we got to sea we asked the Captain's permission to hold prayer meetings, and we have had the pleasure of holding them on an average four times a week, and thanks be to God that there are so many that take an interest in attending them. One of the crew has started to serve the Lord, and I hope and pray that more souls may rejoice in the redeeming blood of Christ. This vessel is much better off this cruise than the last one. There is now no ridicule of religion or disturbance of our meetings. * * The Library books have a great circulation, and no doubt are doing good. Pray for us.

F. F.

A LOST SON RESTORED TO HIS MOTHER BY BLIND TOM.

No. 112 has been three voyages. The Christian shipmaster who had it last, writes: "I shall never be able to tell the good it has done, and it will never be known till the last day of accounts when many shall seek to praise it. I have had it a long time, and it has been a blessing to many. One instance I will tell you of. Two years ago, while we were lying in New York, I noticed a young man alongside looking very much debauched and ragged. I spoke to him kindly, and he told me a fearful story about that curse of sailors, Rum. He told me he had a father and mother to whom he had not written *for seven long years*. — He asked me if he could ship with me. I told him he could if he would stop drinking. He promised to do so. He came on board. I gave him clothes and good fare. For seven days, while we lay alongside the wharf, he had hard trials, through rum and sharks, but the Lord gave him strength. He could not read. In time he learned to read and write. He wrote to his aged mother. Oh, if you could read the letter you would say, 'I know God blesses Library No. 112,' for it was through it he learned to read. I remember the morning when the Lord spoke peace to his soul. I said to him, 'What have you been reading now, that you feel so happy?' '*Blind Tom* has saved my soul, and I want to be like him. God bless '*Blind Tom*,' he said. He went home afterward to see his poor old mother and cheer her. * * I approve of the books. We need something simple and plain."

J. S., Captain.

MEETINGS TEN TIMES A WEEK.

No. 61 has been 6 voyages and in all the books have been read with interest. In a letter dated at Shanghai, China, the Missionary says: "We have religious meetings ten times each week, and a Bible class once. Our Captain takes great delight in explaining the word of God to the ship's company."

C. K.

BADLY IN DEBT, AND IN EARNEST TO WORK.

No. 167 has been two voyages, and the books have been read with interest, and have done much good. The sailor who has the Library now writes: "It seems as though I wanted to get hold of every sinner in the world and drag them to the foot of the Cross. I have served Satan long enough. I will serve Jesus the rest of my life, and if I devote all my time to Him I shall be badly in debt to him then."

S. B. C.

BLESSINGS UPON THE LITTLE ONES.

U. S. Schooner John Griffith, }
S. W. Pass, Miss. River. }

Library 347. I would embrace this opportunity of informing you how much the Library you loaned me is appreciated on board our vessel.

I know not what I should have done without it. God bless those little ones who have contributed of their mites to place Libraries upon so many vessels. There seems to be a marked change in some of our crew. God's holy name is not taken in vain so often as formerly. It is a beautiful sight upon the Sabbath, to see our hardy crew assembled upon the gun-deck, to listen to the word of life, and seek Him who is upon the water as well as the land.

Our prayer meetings in the ward-room have been well attended. The Captain attended the last one we held (for the first time), and appeared much interested. Although much given to the use of profane language, yet during the past week or two, I have noticed him engaged upon several occasions reading God's word, and inclined to converse upon the subject of religion.

BOOKS READ BY SAILORS TO CONTRABANDS.

Library No. 314. A. J. in charge of this Library on board the "Shepherd Knapp," gunboat, reports that it did good service among the Contrabands at St. Helena Sound, S. C., where the vessel lay some months.

It was sent ashore for the use of sick sailors in the hospital. While they lay in their hammocks the blacks would persuade them to read the books aloud to them, and to teach them their letters out of them. They would gather in groups around the reader, ready to listen as long as he would read, though it were from morning till night, and from night till morning again.

Library 350. I am happy to state, also, that those men that have remained with me, that could read, have called on me from time to time and exchanged, untill they have nearly, like myself, read them all. Now, my manner of dealing with my men is different from that of many other *professing Christians*; but, by the help of God, I trust that much good may arise even from my imperfect way. *I talk with them and pray for them*, and that, together with the good books, has wrought in them a great change. God grant that it may be lasting! One man especially, who could neither read or write, but was very profane, has entirely quit the bad practice—and indeed I should be astonished to hear an oath on board my vessel.

The Captain expresses the hope that one of his passengers, an English woman, was converted by reading one of the books, "James' Anxious Inquirer."

EXCLUDING THE TRASH.

U. S. S. Gunboat, Itasca.

Dear Sir: The books have been read with great interest by the majority of the crew, and the influence and respect which they have commanded has forbidden the appearance of much of that light trash always to be found on ships of war.

JOHN BUNYAN PREACHING ON BOARD A GUNBOAT.

No. 239 was put on board the U. S. gunboat Huron, having 100 men. The person who took it writes: "I have reason to trust that it was not in vain—that the story of the Cross (which is embraced in the little library), was placed within the reach of the Huron's crew. The works of John Bunyan were read with much interest, especially, the "Pilgrim's Progress," which was perused by nearly every one fore and aft. * * * I have reason to believe that these messengers of mercy are doing their work, and that the bread cast upon the water will be found after many days." F F.

ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

Library 315. On board there were three of us professing Christians: Baptist Presbyterian and Episcopalian;—all one in Christ Jesus. The second night on board we told the men we should like to have a prayer meeting. The most of them consented, and, bless the Lord! the meetings were kept up until we arrived at Belfast—all in the strength of the Lord Jesus. No matter how the winds, blew, or the sea rolled, we praised Jesus every night.

The first Sunday at sea, books from the Library were sent aft, and one of our brother seaman found the Lord Jesus precious to his soul: also another after arriving at Belfast. The books were circulated through the ship, and many took a great interest in reading them.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS.
LABRADOR COAST.

CARIBOU ISLAND.—REV. C. C. CARPENTER M. D., *Chaplain.*

We have little to report from this mission, as we can only hear from Mr. Carpenter once a year, on the return of the fishing fleet, generally in September. Mr. Carpenter with his wife returned to that station, leaving Newburyport in the fishing schooner Amelia, Captain Bayley, last May, arriving at Caribou Island June 10th, 1862, and found Miss Brodie, who had spent the winter at the inland station, in good health. From the only letter received from him, dated August 30th 1862, we learn that there had been an unusually large fleet of Colonial and American vessels at the station; that the chapel connected with the Mission House, though unfinished, is a commodious and pleasant room; that in favorable weather many sailors from the different fleets attend the Sabbath services; that the congregations are attentive to the words preached; that their social meetings are often cheered and made interesting by the prayers, exhortations and hearty singing of the seamen present; that considerable packages of reading

matter had been distributed to them, and through them to other points on the coast, and to their distant homes; and that two had given evidence of conversion while there. The Chaplain and his family at that early period were about to go into winter quarters in their log hut in the interior, to labor during the long winter among the resident fishermen and families on that inhospitable coast.

We call attention to the following letter to the Canada Foreign Missionary Society, and published in their 5th Annual Report received since the above was written. It is dated September 15th 1862.

"During the whole period of my absence (over eight months,) Miss Brodie had not, till that day, heard from the "outside world." God had graciously preserved, guided, strengthened, and blessed her amid all the dangers, privations and trials of her winter's solitude. She had "never for a moment regretted that she remained." It was quite late, (Novembor,) when she removed into the little cabin made for her in the winter settlement at Esquimaux River. This consisted of one apartement, till mid-winter, when a small room was partitioned off. The winter had been a severer one than the preceding. Some of the storms had swept most fearfully even along the sheltered banks of the river. During one of them a death occurred, and several persons were badly frozen in attending the funeral, and in the very difficult task of securing a grave. There was no fur caught during the winter, and very little game. The fisheries of the fall and summer before having failed, and there being an unfortunate scarcity of provisions on the coast, there was much want among the people. The surplus stores at the Mission-house, were distributed by Miss Brodie, and greatly relieved the condition of the more destituted families. A day school was maintained during the winter. All the children in the settlement, who lived sufficiently near, attended it, about twenty in number. Two families moved nearer to the school,—one boating their house down the river, another hauling it across the ice on huge runners, and occupying it the second day after! The same group of children gathered on the Sabbath at the Sabbath-school, with, oftentimes, many adults; while the afternoon "reading" was generally attended by all the people in the settlement. This consisted of singing hymns, prayers, exposition of Scripture, and the reading of a sermon, or from some appropriate religious paper or book. These simple exercises always interested the little audience, which would often remain two or three hours to enjoy them. We cannot but hope that by these meetings, as well as by other means employed, much religious knowledge was imparted and many good impressions made, which, if the Spirit still bless, will rippen into Christian lives.

The work of the summer has been, as usual, to a great extent among the fishermen from foreign countries. The usual Newburyport fleet was here, and several vessels from other American ports. Both these and the Nova Scotians, remained in the vicinity of the station longer than usual, and many were able to "wet their salt" without going "to the Nor'ard." The Sabbath meetings (which are now holden in the Chapel,) were always attended in good weather by sailors and shoremen. Sometimes, our seats were quite filled, and two or three times persons have been obliged to go away. One Nova Scotia sailor was drowned early in the summer, and burried in a spot selected for a grave-yard on the hillside, near the Mission-house. Two others were sick, and were brought to the station. One of them was with us nearly the whole summer. Both returned to the vessels to which they belonged, and one gave evidence of being a

"new creature in Christ Jesus." We were also greatly rejoiced and blessed in the case of another sailor anxiously inquiring for the way of salvation, and, as we hoped, commencing to walk therein. The American fishermen in our harbor all agreed to abstain from the customary practice of *hauling bait* on the Sabbath, a much-needed reform, and one which we hope, will be continued, as it certainly will be, if sanctioned by the parties at home. The vessels were regularly visited and supplied with tracts and books, appropriate for Sabbath reading. Packages of reading matter, with sailors' and children's libraries, have also been sent to families and settlements, along a region hundreds of miles from the station, and to destitute localities on other northern shores. An occurrence of much interest and importance to us, was the arrival of captain Dodge's expedition vessel, the "Lilla Rich," bringing late news, and a company of gentlemen, who were seeking health or adventure. One of the passengers, Mr. S. R. Butler, a theological student from Massachusetts, remained with us during the absence of the vessel. On its return from the Northwest coast, the packet was detained in our harbor over the Sabbath. Providence gave us a calm and beautiful day, and many of the settlers gathered. The Rev. Mr. Colburn, of New Hampshire, who was one of the passengers, preached for me in the morning; and, with Capt. Baker, a noble-hearted christian man from Cap Cod, participated in the other meetings of the day. It was a memorable day for us, so seldom do we have the presence, sympathy and assistance of Christian brethren.

My plan for the winter is to remove to Esquimaux River, the scene of Miss Brodie's labors last season. The cabin occupied by her will be enlarged by the addition of such buildings as the people will be able to put up of the few materials the country affords. This hut, though small, will be comfortable, and in the midst of the people, many of whom are removing their winter habitations to be adjacent to the mission. Here we shall gather the children for the day school and the Sabbath-school, and hold such a meetings on the Sabbath and at other times, as shall seem best. In anticipation of this work, our most earnest request as our communication closes for the winter, is that the prayers of God's children, may be offered for the descent of His Spirit to guide and strengthen us, to awaken and convert this people.

Yours, very truly, C. C. CARPENTER.

We expect to remove to the other settlement in a few days. While I write my man has just started with a load of stuff for our winter quarters, and another boat is going away up the river to cut and raft down logs for the new "hut." They bring me word of another family, arrived in their little schooner from the northward, to spend the winter in our little settlement. That will be, I think, the case from year to year, as they hear of the successful progress of the Mission-School. We expect more and better opportunities than ever before to do good this winter, and this causes us to tremble and to repeat more earnestly the request, "*Pray for us.*"

September 20, 1862.

NORWAY.

REV. F. L. RYMKER, *Sailor Missionary.*

Mr. Rymker, on account of the health of his wife and economy in the support of his family, has removed from Laurvig, Norway to Nyborg in Denmark. He, however, continues to labor in the ports of Norway during the summer season, when traveling is much less difficult, and expensive than during winter. In Nyborg is a small church to which he ministers part of the time during the winter months. In Odense, his native place, sixteen

miles distant, is another church organized through his instrumentality some years ago, but now destitute of a pastor; to that he has preached part of his time. To another church, twelve miles from Nyborg in another direction, has he given some labor. These churches are composed, to some extent, of a sea-faring community. He speaks of his preaching services and prayer meetings as being well attended, interesting and not without instances of awakening and some hopeful conversions.

He has visited many other places on the coast of Norway in his missionary tours; visiting from house to house, and from ship to ship, distributing Bibles, Testaments and tracts; preaching to individuals, and to congregations wherever he could assemble them. In these tours he has sometimes had converted sailors as his companions in travel and labors. In these labors during the year, he has traveled 1,948 miles, sold or given away 35 Bibles, 40 Testaments, 31 books; distributed 12,010 pages of tracts, made 347 visits; 209 of which were to seamen and their families; preached 187 sermons, and conducted 39 prayer meetings, and baptized 16 believers.

We call attention to a few extracts from the letters of this devoted missionary.

"I have of late been able to visit places among which is one named Walso on Sjeland where I had the opportunity twelve years ago to preach or to hold meeting for the first time in a private house. After that time others held meetings there, but the enemy disturbed the meetings several times, and threatened to kill the preachers, and the brothers and the sisters in Christ of the place. While these all live and are happy in Christ, three of their enemies have hanged themselves, two have died repenting of their sins, and one young man, a son to the man in whose house these wicked plans were devised, is converted and now preaches the faith he once sought to destroy. Now I find a great hunger after the word of God. The last Lord's day in the old year I had two very crowded meetings in this neighborhood, and on Monday evening I had a meeting in the same house in Walso, and the house was so crowded that the candles hardly could burn, and we all felt it was good to be there. An appointment to visit Fyen, 12 miles from Nyborg, compelled me to leave these dear friends. The next day at 12 o'clock midnight between the old and new year, I was with the Church in Oure, on our knees in prayer to Almighty God. There I stayed eight days and preached five times, to well attended meetings. We had prayer meetings every evening this week. From Norway I have received very encouraging letters. Since I left, seven were received into the church by baptism."

"May 1st. I left for a tour as far as Bergen, on board the steamer. I took out some tracts to distribute and Bibles to sell, through which I rejoiced to find the most part of a ship's company (the ship Loveland of Grimstad, Capt. Erikson), all converted, some of them in New York, under the blessing of God, in the Bethel ship, through our dear brother Peterson, the rest on the passage home to Christiana, where they left the ship and are now gone to their homes.

They were indeed happy in the Lord, and glad that he met them in New York. They spoke also of the happy times they had experienced on the passage home in their prayer meetings. After talking with them a few hours of the goodness of God, I was glad and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord; then I departed to seek other friends in Kragero, which I indeed found among seamen and fishermen at this place: I stayed among them 8 days, had meetings every day and evening, and the Lord was with us and blessed us indeed with his Spirit, causing both sorrow and joy, prayer and praise, from poor sinners, nearly all seamen and fishermen, mothers, wives, daughters and sisters; praised be the Lord for his grace."

"In one of his letters, this faithful Chaplain tells us of a "dear Sailor brother, H. C. Rolf, who was converted at Hamburg, where he united with the Church under the care of Rev. Mr. Ornken. Many years he prayed and labored at Eidroold in Norway, a place of renown, where the first free Constitution of Norway was given May 17, 1814. The Lord heard his prayers, and some three years ago, kindled His light and set it on the candlestick in the organization of a free Church. But this little Church was called to suffer much for the truth's sake. Yet the Lord has given them "the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that he might be glorified."

To this end he sent another sailor-brother, converted at the Sailor's Home in Boston, some four years ago, but born at Eidroold, where his mother yet lives. Brother Branett came to his home last Fall; and as his special object was to tell how much the Lord had done for his soul, he went to work, as converted sailors do, in general. He went from house to house, told his story, pointed sinners to Christ, and prayed with and for them. Soon the Lord blessed these means, and many have been converted, and the little Church is greatly comforted. Thus our dear brother Branett held very large meetings through the winter, nearly every day and sometimes twice in the day; at nearly every one of which from one to ten persons found peace, through the belief of the truth as it is in Christ; persons of all ages from 10 to 70."

In the spring brother Rymker visited the place, and in 11 days he preached 11 times to good congregations, held prayer meetings and distributed tracts, &c. He found a great desire to hear the Word, and all the believers fervent in prayer, both young and old. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

SWEDEN.

GOTHLAND.—J. LINDELIUS, *Sailor Missionary.*

This aged Sailor Missionary, from ill health, has been able to labor but part of the time during the year. He has travelled in different parts of the Island of Gothland, containing about 50,000 inhabitants; conversed with over 300 on their soul's salvation, made 83 visits, held 33 meetings for prayer and Bible reading and exposition, sold 14 Bibles, 71 Testaments, 20 copies of the Psalms, and distributed a large number of Tracts.

He reports that nearly all the families on the Island are supplied with the Scriptures; that in the State Church are some earnest evangelical preachers of the Gospel; that with the gener-

al religious movement, there has been, among the ignorant, considerable fanaticism, and some have turned from the faith; yet the true religion has made a great advance since 1849, when he first returned to his native Gothland.

DENMARK.

COPENHAGEN.—REV. P. E. RYDING, *Sailor Missionary.*

This laborious Missionary has the care of a Church in Bornholm, which, at the close of 1861, numbered 83 communicants. During that year *four* were added by profession, and *one* by letter; *two* had died, *ten* had removed, and three had been excommunicated. He has also the care, to some extent, of two churches in Copenhagen. The First Baptist Church numbered, at the close of the same year, 131 members; the Second 57 members. The additions to these churches the same year were 42 by baptism and 15 by letter, making 57 increase; 3 had died, 9 removed and 7 excluded—decrease 19. These churches have been gathered principally from a seafaring community, by the efforts of this Missionary since 1853, aided by voluntary co-laborers. They have connected with them flourishing Sabbath Schools. He has also within the past year organized a Sabbath School in Ronne, numbering 21 constant attendants, besides more occasional attendants; and one at Agers numbering 16 scholars and 4 teachers constant attendants.

From January to March inclusive, 1862, he has labored in Copenhagen, on board the vessels and in the harbor.

From April to September inclusive, he has labored by preaching, holding prayer-meetings, visiting and distributing the Word of God and Tracts in Copenhagen, Bornholm, Malmo and Amack. He speaks of Malmo as an important field for missionary work; it being the terminus of the Swedish rail road, a place of increasing commerce, only *four* Danish miles from Copenhagen, and connected with it by a steamboat three times a day. Here he found a few Christians, hired a room for preaching, and commenced a Mission Station. October and November he labored in Sjelland and Jutland. "Here," he says, "is a wide field, and the Word of

God was received with great eagerness. I held often several large meetings, and that every day. Frederick's Haven, too, is a good field for the Mission—there is much shipping. It is one of the Danish harbors where ships remain during winter." "I have put," says he, "several pious men to act in my absence, giving them tracts for distribution." "I have employed a pious but poor old lady, who goes the whole year with Bibles and Tracts; paying her according to what she sells." "In Ronne, in Ankers, in Soro, in Nexo, I have sent *five* brethren to operate in the neighborhood where they live. To two of them I have given the Holy Bible to distribute as far as possible." December he spent in Malmo. In these towns he has preached 146 times, conducted 37 prayer-meetings, made 62 visits to families, 1,065 to ships, baptized *nine* persons, distributed 527 Bibles, 554 religious books, and 10,550 tracts, and been visited by many enquirers after the way of salvation.

To give a vivid view of the labors of this Missionary, we subjoin a few extracts from his diary.

"I continued in Copenhagen to the 1st October, when I made a tour into the country, and preached in several villages. At one place, called Holbekshuse, I was permitted to preach. The woman of the house was an enemy. Only five individuals, besides those who live in the house, were present. The woman kept at a distance, but listening in an adjoining room; the Word of God touched her heart, and she was prostrated to the dust. Till that time she would not listen to the Word of God at all, but now she seemed entirely changed, and the following days she walked several miles to hear more about the Lord Jesus. May the Lord finish the good work which we trust he has commenced in her heart."

"On the 3d and 4th I preached in the Chapel at Wandlose, to several hundred individuals. The last day, particularly, was a blessed day—the Chapel was quite filled with people. The Spirit of God filled our hearts, and we praised God for his love and mercy to poor sinners. On the 5th I went to Copenhagen, happy and rejoicing on account of all the good things the Lord had permitted me to see and hear."

"On the 6th, 7th and 8th I labored in Copenhagen, and on the 9th I left for Aalborg, where I arrived on the 10th."

"On the 12th I preached at a place called Tjellerat, to a little band of souls hungry after grace. About noon I left, and went to Jjerding, where a great number of people had assembled. I preached to them, and the Lord poured out of his Spirit upon us, and we rejoiced through believing. After service I went out to a village called Seilstrup. I arrived there at night—a little flock was waiting to hear the Gospel. It was late before I ended, but I had reason to praise God who had permitted me to distribute the Word of Life to so many precious souls, and I hope and trust it will prove a blessing to many."

"On the 13th I returned to Tjellerat, and preached at a farm to an attentive number of people."

"On the 14th I went to Ooppelstrup—a great number of people assembled—the Lord was very gracious, and blessed the Word proclaimed."

"On the 15th I went from Oppelstrup to Taardrup. The Lord in His rich grace caused me great joy. There was a great desire to hear the Word, and I hope it was blessed. Many tears proved that it had touched the heart. On the 16th I went to Gunderup, and preached to a great number of people. It was the first time we had held a meeting there, and there were so many people assembled that the house was quite full everywhere. The desire to hear was very great; and, notwithstanding the great crowd, all were very quiet."

"On the 17th I went again to Seilfod, where I preached to a little flock; and on the 18th I left there for Hals, where I arrived about 7 o'clock in the evening. It having been made known that I intended to come, a great number of people had assembled from various parts, and were waiting for me. I had been detained by crossing the water; however, I was just in time. I took off my travelling coat, arranged my dress a little, and commenced the preaching. The Lord vouchsafed His blessing—several were touched by the Word, and gave glory to God."

"Sunday, 19th, I again preached at Hals. There were not many present, but they seemed to be in earnest. Hals is not a large place; it is situated at the mouth of the Firth of Livin. Most of the inhabitants are seamen and fishermen. The same day I held another meeting at a neighboring village, where a great number of people had assembled."

"On the 20th I went to the North, towards Fredericksharr. This part of Jutland is badly cultivated, and a great part is heath. The people are exceedingly poor, and live in wretched huts. If you were to see them you would scarcely think them fit for beasts, much less for human beings. Their food, also, is miserable."

"On the 21st I came to a village called Ulsted. I preached to a very great number of people, who listened with intense desire. I stayed there the next day, 22d, visited a number of houses, and distributed Tracts. There seemed to be a great hunger after the Word of God, but the people are very ignorant of the way of salvation. I preached there again that day, and the Word was received with great desire."

"From thence I went to Hjorring, where I arrived on the 26th. A rather large room had been hired there for holding meeting. I made use of it while I was there. Hjorring is a city in the North of Jjutland, with some commerce. I stayed two days, distributed Tracts, made house-visits, and preached three times to pretty good and attentive assemblies. The first meeting, particularly, was well attended."

"Nov. 1. Went to Aalborg—preached three times on the following day, Sunday 2d. A large room had been hired, which had formerly been used as a hospital. This day it had pleased God to collect a great number of people, both rich and poor; there were several hundreds assembled, and the Lord was present with his grace. But Satan could not bear that so many people assembled to listen to the Word of God; he had gathered some ungodly persons outside, who made a great noise. The whole of the day was devoted to the service of God, and I preached forenoon, afternoon and evening."

"On the 3d, 4th and 5th I labored among seamen on board vessels, and distributed the Word of God among them, and preached twice."

"On the 5th I left Aalborg by steamer for Copenhagen. On board the steamer I conversed with the people about religion and distributed Tracts. Some received the word gladly, others opposed me."

"In that part of Jutland I visited is a great seeking after truth, and many are converted to God. But there is a great want of preachers who zealously labor for the conversion of sinners."

In one of his last letters, this Missionary says :

"When I look back over the year past, I have great reason to lift my soul in thanks to God, for the victory the Gospel gained. Many of the entrenchments of Satan are fallen, and the banners of Emmanuel have been planted. Not long

ago, when one of the poor servants of the Lord went out to spread the word of God, there was immediately tumult, and the town was in uproar, and we were exposed to bodily maltreatment, or thrown in prison; but, God be praised! that time is past, and a happier time is come. Where I now come I am received with joy, but I am sorry that I cannot do more, for there is a constant demand, first from one then from another place to come and preach to them."

"In Bornholm are now five brethren who work in the service of the Gospel by preaching, and to several of them I have given Bibles and Tracts to distribute and to sell. They go about in the streets and watch-houses for the soldiers. God be praised! the joyful message of the Gospel is administered from town to town. One brother has been on the sea, and there done much good to those he was among; another has also been on the sea at a light-house in the Cattetgat; so that the words of God get administered both on sea and land. Several sinners have been brought to the feet of Jesus, and have found peace in Jesus' blood; the influence of Satan has become less; drunkenness, swearing and other vices have diminished, and many of those who before sat on the benches of the inns to drink and swear, and gamble, now on the Sabbath hear the words of God."

"In the Isle of Amager (Amack), I have in the last four months been equally successful in preaching the word of God; and some are, by the Spirit of the Lord, brought to peace in the blood of Jesus; others have awoke from the sleep of sin, and left the road of sin, and cried for mercy; others are very attentive, and it is a great pleasure to labor amongst these people, and I have never before witnessed so much desire of hearing the Word of God."

BELGIUM.

ANTWERP.—H. VOSKAMP, *Sailor Missionary.*

Antwerp is a large commercial sea port, visited by ships from all quarters of the globe, with their crews of all nations. It is truly a center of influences for a seamen's mission. It is a port also from which there is a large emigration to this country. Its prevailing religion is Romanism with its attendant ignorance, darkness and immorality. In few ports on the globe are seamen more exposed to be entrapped and ruined than here.

In this dark place has the missionary, Mr. Voskamp, labored under the direction and patronage of a very few earnest and devoted Christians for *twelve* years. Nearly 20,000 Bibles and Testaments, and many other evangelical books and tracts, in various languages, have been sold or donated by him to sailors and emigrants to all parts of the world. The Board last year heeded an earnest appeal for aid from these Christians, and appointed Mr. Voskamp as our missionary to labor in the port under our direction and support. He visits seamen in the hospital and on ship-board,

and supplies them with the Word of God, and tracts. There is no place in the city for Protestant public worship in the English language, adapted to the wants of seamen. A Sailor's Home which is greatly needed has been proposed, by the zealous friends of the mission, Mr. and Mrs. Kolkenbeck, and they have sent out an earnest appeal signed by the American, English, Austrian, Prussian, Russian, Swedish and Danish Consuls, and other residents of various nations, for aid in that enterprise. It is proposed to commence on a small scale, and make it not only a Sailor's Home, but have connected with it a room for social public worship, especially in the English language. Mr. Voskamp does not write in the English language, but his reports, translated for him by Mrs. Kolkenbeck, show an earnest Christian zeal in his Master's work, and not without striking instances of success. He has not reported the precise number of Bibles, Testaments, and other books distributed among seamen but we know it to be quite large.

We subjoin brief extracts of letters from Mr. and Mrs. Kolkenbeck :—

“The Colporteur is personally known to us as a brave, fearless, frank and noble-minded Christian, well fitted for his work. He is full of love and zeal for his Saviour ; visits the ships and hospital daily, reading to and praying with the sick, and offering his Bibles and tracts untiringly, and with frequent success, for sale. He often brings some poor wanderer home with him, in order to draw him out of temptation, demanding no payment, though he has a wife and four children. And he is contented with the bare necessaries of life.”

INCREASE OF THE SOCIETY AT ANTWERP.

“I have much pleasure in informing you that our small Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among Seamen and Emigrants at Antwerp, has lately been increased by a few more members, and, with God's blessing, we hope the efforts of our colporteur may, during this new year, be the means of bringing many souls to the Saviour.”

A SAILOR'S HOME WANTED IN ANTWERP.

“Since receiving your interesting report regarding the astonishing result of your Sailors' Home in New York, we have more and more felt the urgent necessity of establishing a similar institution in this town, where not *one single* decent lodging house for seamen is to be found ; very frequently enquiry is made by mates and sailors for a private boarding-house where no brandy is given, and where Sundays are not desecrated by card-playing and all sorts of dissipation and debauchery. I may safely assert that, in no European sea-port, the poor sailor is so utterly abandoned to vice and villainy, and to the shameful imposition of lodging-house keepers.

Although we have very little or no support to expect from the merchants and shipowners of Antwerp, to begin this work, we think it our duty, with firm reliance on God's blessing, to try to raise the necessary funds for the same, by applying to all the eminent shipowners of Great Britain, America, Germany, and the Scandinavian Islands ; to this effect, we shall issue a circular in the different languages, stating the object we wish to attain and asking for contributions.”

THE PLAN.

"Our plan with respect to the Sailor's Home, is to commence it, of course, on a very small scale; to hire for the beginning a house capable of accommodating ten or twelve boarders, and should it prove successful, as we hope, with God's blessing, it will, a larger house may then be procured, and in course of time we may be enabled to get a house built for the purpose.

From peculiar circumstances, English and American sailors are utterly deprived of an opportunity of attending divine worship in this place; in one of the Protestant churches here the service is held in German, French and Dutch; the English church is too far away, too aristocratic and too small to be visited by the generality of seamen who might wish to attend divine worship. Besides, a great many of the latter might be kept away from these churches because they don't feel at home in them, as well as because, the great majority of them being dissenters, they would prefer their own form of worship to that of the church of England.

Our next aim would therefore be to connect a small chapel or meeting-house with the Sailor's Home, in which special services and prayer-meetings would be held for sailors in general.

When the necessary funds shall have been raised, we would have to find a suitable man to conduct the Home; but in this too we rely on the Lord's blessing to help us to accomplish this work."

PORT OF ANTWERP.—LIST OF SHIPPING OF 1860, 1861 & 1862.

	1860.		1861.		1862.	
	No. of Ships.	Tonnage.	No. of Ships.	Tonnage.	No. of Ships.	Tonnage.
British.....	733	132315	821	196056	777	119423
United States.....	64	54159	113	84710	75	62232
Danish.....	365	36375	385	37865	140	17953
Prussian.....	144	38980	188	49283	148	42487
Netherlands.....	165	21165	172	23036	136	18854
Mecklenberg.....	69	17033	67	16540	60	14923
Hamburg.....	57	14778	80	20435	68	19416
Norwegian.....	161	32347	164	33245	167	35902
Swedish.....	66	11631	84	16811	47	12038
Hanoverian.....	156	18739	166	19638	95	14699
Bremen.....	8	3164	13	4866	18	8666
Belgium.....	127	41162	132	48557	134	45509
French.....	270	30995	172	26335	239	31409
Italian.....	46	10379	55	14211	46	12970
Spanish.....	36	6861	40	8871	38	8666
Russian.....	37	8280	53	14779	24	9792
	2504	528,363	2705	595,238	2212	554,939

FRANCE.

HAVRE.—REV. E. N. SAWTELL, D. D., *Chaplain.*

Dr. Sawtell still continues at this important post. The past year has not been without considerable success, and many encour-

agements. The congregations have been generally good, and there have often been indications of the Divine presence, and blessings on the ministrations of the Chaplain, both on the Sabbath and at the social meetings for prayer. There have been several additions to the Bethel Church both from residents, sojourners, and seamen; while a large number of seamen hopefully converted, have chosen to join churches at their own homes. In one of his communications he mentions the awakening, under a sermon on the "*Simplicity of Faith*," of a stranger, a young English gentleman; his call at his study as an inquirer; his subsequent conversion, and his successful labors among the sailors in the ship on his way to China. In this ship he instituted a prayer-meeting, and had regular meetings for reading the Scriptures, and books both literary and religious, furnished him by Mr. Sawtell. In a letter from China to Mr. Sawtell, he says: "I know it will please you very much to learn that the package of books, you so kindly gave me for circulation among the sailors, by God's blessing has made more than one of the sailors inquire, "What must I do to be saved?" I believe more than two have decided to follow Jesus. That sermon, "*Simplicity of Faith*," should be printed in golden letters, as through the preaching of it alone, I believe by God's blessing, many souls on board this ship will seek salvation, and have the road pointed out by which they may inherit eternal life." The Chaplain has been greatly aided and encouraged by the American Consul, Hon. James A. Putnam, to whom the Board make their grateful acknowledgment, as also to the Messrs. Monod and other friends in Havre; as also to the old friends of the Chaplaincy in England, who have the past year remitted £100 in payment of a past debt incurred by the chaplain in times of the Society's pecuniary difficulty in this country. It is fitting that this chaplaincy should be aided by English Christians at the present time, the largest proportion of the commerce at the port is English, and the larger number of seamen at the Bethel are English.

We subjoin a few extracts of letters received from the chaplain.

JANUARY 6, 1863.

"We are in the midst of a precious season of daily prayer-meetings; it being the first week of the year—a week appointed and set apart by the unanimous voice of all Christians throughout the world, who love to pray."

"During my long residence in Havre, I have never witnessed such a spirit of prayer as seems to pervade Christian hearts here at this time—a broken and

contrite spirit, humble confessions, tenderness of heart, a melting of the soul, that is truly encouraging, and gives us hope for the future."

"Last Sabbath was also a memorable day, as relates to our American Chapel. It was our regular communion season, at which many of our French brethren and sisters usually unite. And though, for the last year, we have had additions at almost every communion from the world, by an open and public profession of their faith in Christ, and numbers have been baptized, yet they were mostly females. The sailors who were hopefully converted generally chose to unite with churches in their native land. But last Sabbath three sailors made profession of their faith in Christ, two of whom were baptized before the whole congregation. They were young men, plainly but neatly dressed in their blue jackets and wide sailor's trowsers. The whole scene was impressive; and when I ascended the pulpit, after performing the ordinance of baptism, I do not think there was a dry eye in the house, nor an unmoved heart. The third was master of a ship, who had been baptized in his infancy.

They have for several months been in the Havre trade, and when in this port always punctual at the Chapel and Reading-room. All three of them have been regularly at our prayer-meetings this week, and prayed publicly and feelingly. My own heart was deeply affected on hearing them pour out their hearts in thankfulness to God—"that they were ever brought to Havre, where they have found Christ precious to their souls." I do feel greatly encouraged, therefore, in my labors here, when I behold such manifest tokens of the spirit and power of God accompanying the preaching of the Word."

In a recent letter Dr. Sawtell says :

"Last Sabbath was our regular Communion: an unusual number of communicants present, many for the first time: one received by baptism and public profession of her faith in Christ. Great solemnity pervades our entire congregation. Numbers still call at my study for prayer and personal conversation on the subject of their soul's salvation. Several Christian praying families have come to Havre to spend the winter, and have become regular attendants at our chapel. I look upon this fact as among the special mercies of God, and desire to be grateful. We have also had, for the last few Sabbaths, a great increase of seamen, principally from British ships, as we have but little American commerce to this port at present."

Shortly after he writes again :

"We had a precious prayer-meeting last Sabbath: many seamen present. It was quite affecting to hear them, in their prayers, blessing God that their steps had ever been directed to the chapel where they have found Christ precious to their souls. A few days since a lady who had been absent about a year in England was giving me a reason for her return to this place. Said she: 'That little American chapel brought me back. Everything in England seemed so cold and heartless.' To God be the glory! His presence and His spirit make the difference."

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

The American shipping has somewhat diminished at Marseilles, since the outbreak of the rebellion.

Mr. Mayers still visits the Hospital and on shipboard. He speaks of some pious sailors with whom he had much pleasant intercourse, both on shipboard and in the hospital. His ministrations on the Sabbath, in the English Church, are attended by a few seamen and officers' wives, and often by American travelers.

In one instance he received a vote of thanks from a party of Americans, for a discourse in behalf of the Lancashire operatives, in which he represented the inconsistency and injustice of the English government in its sympathies with the slaveholding oligarchy in this struggle.

In a recent communication, after alluding to the small number of American ships in port, and to two or three hopeful conversions of American seamen in the hospital, Mr. Mayers says:

"I repeat it, I have had more scope among British seamen; and I am sure your Society will rejoice to know that you can return good for evil in the spirit of that blessed Master who has commanded us to love our enemies, and to do good to them who despitefully use us. If England connives at letting loose upon you an Alabama and a Florida—if her people madly sympathise with the Southern slave owner and driver—you hold out the bread of life and waters of life to her seamen. Verily, you will not lose your reward. I have visited many British vessels—have distributed hundreds of tracts—prayed with and published the glad tidings of great joy to many a seaman. I have met with great encouragement."

CHINA.

HONG KONG.— - - - *Chaplain.*

A floating Bethel was completed in this port Nov., 1857, by our then Chaplain, Rev. J. C. Beecher, at a cost of a little over \$6,000, borne by the foreign residents and seamen in the port. Our report of last year stated that, on Mr. Beecher's leaving Hong Kong, he had this Bethel towed to Whampoa, where it would be safe from typhoons, and the pulpit supplied by the Canton Missionaries. We are informed, however, that the Bethel was soon after condemned and sold, and broken up by the Chinese. What disposition was made of the avails of sale, we are not informed.

WHAMPOA.—REV. J. G. SCHILLING, *Chaplain.*

It was stated in the report of last year, that the Bethel Trustees, in Whampoa, had in hand over \$10,000, the indemnity paid by the Chinese government for the burning of the Bethel, Jan., 1857. Out of this fund a hulk was purchased, and a new Bethel and Parsonage fitted up on it, and dedicated March, 1862, principally through the efforts of Dr. S. Wells Williams. Rev. J. G. Schilling, a Missionary of the Southern Baptist Board, was employed temporarily as a Chaplain, while an appeal was made to

this Society for the appointment of a permanent Chaplain; as business and shipping were returning to this port, and making it an important position for labors among seamen.

Mr. Schilling removed with his family on board soon after it was finished, and preached to congregations of seamen and residents, till Sabbath, July 27th, when the terrible typhoon, which did so much damage at Whampoa and Canton—in which Mr. Schilling estimates that 20,000 people perished—utterly destroyed the Bethel and Parsonage, sweeping all from the deck of the hull. Mr. Schilling and family barely escaped with their lives to the hold, from which, after five hours, they were rescued by Captain Dunbar and the crew of the American ship *Alhambra*, which by the storm was driven nearly on board of the hulk. The hulk, though not much damaged, was afterwards sold; the whole damage diminishing the Bethel fund about \$3,500, leaving still nearly \$7,000.

The Board hope, when commerce returns to its old channels, and affairs become more settled, to resuscitate this its oldest chaplaincy.

FUH CHAU.

In consequence of the revolutions in China, the troubles in this country, and the general derangement of commerce, the appeals from the Missionaries, Consuls, and foreign residents at Fuh Chau, made in 1857, for a seamen's Chaplain to be stationed at Pagoda Island, *ten* miles below the city, has not yet received its merited response from the Board.

SHANGHAI.—REV. W. H. POWNALL, *Chaplain*.

We learn that within the year Mr. Pownall has returned to England with his motherless children. We suppose the Bethel is supplied by the Missionaries in Shanghai.

NING PO.—AMERICAN AND ENGLISH MISSIONARIES.

A Seamen's Bethel was dedicated in this port July 28th, 1860, under very favorable auspices. We have had no communication from it during the past year.

JAPAN.

KANAGAWA.—REV. J. GOBLE, *Missionary.*

The report of last year stated that a communication had been received from Mr. Goble, asking for Tracts, and for some pecuniary aid to enable him to visit the few ships in the harbor. The Tracts were sent, and an offer of the aid requisite to hire or purchase a boat for visiting the shipping. No reply has yet been received.

MICRONESIAN ISLANDS.

Very greatly to the advantage of the Missions of the American Board, the whaling business has almost entirely fallen off at these islands, and seamen have almost entirely disappeared.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

HONOLULU.—REV. S. C. DAMON, *Chaplain.*

This Chaplaincy has completed the *thirtieth* year of its existence. Mr. Damon enters on the *twenty-third* year of his ministry. The past year the *third* colony has left the Bethel church to form the English Episcopal church. It is hoped their teachings will be as earnest and evangelical as in the old Bethel. Eighty-four have been added to the Bethel church since its re-organization in 1850. A larger number, probably, during the time have been hopefully converted, and joined other churches. The past year, as we learn from Mr. Damon's letters, has not been without cases of religious interest, especially in the hospital. We call attention to the following Annual Report of the Chaplain :

**TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONOLULU
CHAPLAINCY.**

BY REV. S. C. DAMON.

"In the kind providence of God, I have been spared to send forward to the Parent Society a report of the 22d year of my labors under the patronage of the American Seamen's Friend Society. The past year has been one of uniform health to myself and family. While it has been my privilege, as a Minister of the Gospel, to visit many who were confined to beds of sickness, and my duty

THE BLACK VALLEY RAILROAD.

THIS Temperance Document, originally published in the *Sailors' Magazine* for the use of Seamen, is now published in the form of a two-paged Tract, for more general circulation. It is read with interest by that class of persons who do not read ordinary Tracts, or hear sermons upon the subject. The Committee of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance, in a resolution passed May 26, 1863, say: "We earnestly recommend it to the public as a correct representation of the evils of Intemperance, and well suited to do much good, both at home and in the army." Rev. Dr. Swain, of Providence, writes: "Capital! capital! It is a minnie ball, and will do execution." Gail Hamilton, in a letter to the author, says: "Your plan of battle seems so admirably arranged that I do not think any other suggestion could improve it, than the enclosed one dollar," etc. Rev. H. James, Chaplain of the Massachusetts 26th Regiment, says: "It is just the thing for circulation among soldiers." A sailor Missionary from a *man-of-war* writes: "It is the best thing I ever saw in print." "This pocket six-shooter should be at every officer's and soldier's girdle, and sent through all our Rum honey-combed community," writes another.

The pictorial cut upon the Handbill represents the Train of the Black Valley Railroad passing Drunkards' Curve. The engine is a Distillery, from which a cloud of black smoke is issuing. The cars are Liquor Saloons, from which the victims of the traffic whose money is gone are being thrown out as the Train flies on toward a dark chasm, over which a black cloud is dropping thunderbolts. Upon the left of the foreground is a company of travelers who have left the Train in a forlorn condition, and are taking the stages of the Temperance Alliance. On the right are those who have been thrown out, and for whom Ambulances are in waiting.

This Handbill, posted up in Depots, Post Offices, Stores, Shops, etc., answers the purpose of a perpetual Temperance Lecture.

One hundred of the Tracts will be sent, *post-paid*, to any address in the army or elsewhere for 25 cents, or 50 for 15 cents. Four of them can be sent in a single postage letter to your friend.

Eight of the Handbills will be forwarded to any address, *post-paid*, for 25 cents.

Write to **REV. S. W. HANKS,**
LOWELL, MASS.

to officiate at numerous funerals, yet my own family has enjoyed a degree of health which is quite remarkable. I may say, such has been our experience during the entire period of our residence upon the Sandwich Islands.

On the 19th of October I preached a sermon; that day being the twentieth anniversary of my arrival in Honolulu. That sermon has been published in "The Friend," and from it may be gathered many facts respecting my labors among seamen in Honolulu.

In most respects my labors, during the past year, correspond very nearly to those of previous years. I have preached regularly in the Bethel, visited the Home, Hospital, upon shipboard, and been otherwise constantly occupied in the duties of the Chaplaincy. Although the number of whale ships has very much diminished, yet there has been a small increase of merchant vessels, and according to present prospects this increase will be permanent. The intercourse between the Western coast of America and the great nations of China, Japan and Australia, is becoming more frequent and settled. The coming year a line of steamers commence running between San Francisco and China, touching at Honolulu; hence, it will be readily seen, that a Seamen's Chaplain, in Honolulu, is as much needed now as in former years: and if faithful, he will find abundant work for hands, head and heart. I have always found enough. I will arrange my remarks and statistics for the past year under the following heads. viz:

BETHEL.—Public service every Sabbath, except during four weeks in the Summer, when there were scarcely any seamen in port, and the stated congregation joined with the Fort Street Church. During that Summer vacation I visited Hawaii and Maui, with my family, but preached while absent several times, including twice in the Bethel at Hilo. On my return I preached for the Rev. Mr. Corwin, so that he might enjoy a summer's vacation. My congregation at the Bethel, during the year, has been uniformly good, even since a colony left to form a new religious society under the direction of Missionaries sent out from England. Quite a number of individuals and families left the Bethel on that occasion, some of whom have been regular attendants upon my ministry for years. They left with the kindest expressions of esteem. Since they left others have come to fill up their vacant seats. In proportion to the number of seamen in port, I think the attendance has been as good as in any former year of my ministry. As other places of religious worship are open, seamen frequently find their way thither. It affords me happiness to know that they go elsewhere, if they do not always visit the Bethel. Some of them do precisely as I should, if a sailor visiting a port like Honolulu, i. e., visit every church where there was preaching on the Sabbath; looking in at the native churches, although I might not understand a word.

SABBATH SCHOOL.—This has been a most interesting department of labor. After closing the morning service, I descend from the pulpit, and officiate as Superintendent of our Sabbath School; thus following out Dr. Tyng's suggestion that a Pastor should also be a Superintendent. Until the colony left us, our School averaged 75 pupils and 10 teachers. Sometimes we would have nearly 100 present. Since the separation, our average has been 55 or 60, with the same number of teachers. Many of our children are connected with families more or less connected with the sea-faring community. During the period which our Sabbath School has been in existence, some most interesting young persons have been connected with it, including the King and Queen and most of all the older children of the numerous Mission-families residing in Honolulu. Most of these families are now connected with Fort St. Church, and of course, their children attend that Sabbath School. One who was Librarian of our School a few years ago, is now preparing for the ministry, and is connected with the Junior Class in the College at Oakland, California; while another Librarian was the Rev. W. F. Snow, now Chaplain of the Fifth Massachusetts Regiment, now in North Carolina. This interesting young Chaplain is son of Capt. Snow, a member of my congregation, who is an old retired ship-master, being engaged in the trade on the North-west coast of America.

HOSPITALS.—After leaving the S. S. exercises, and taking dinner, I usually go to the U. S. Hospital, where I preach and distribute reading matter among the inmates: if any are very sick, conversing and praying with them privately. During the year I have attended the funerals of the following persons, most of whom have died while inmates of the Hospital:

January 12. Mr. L. C. Ryder, late 1st officer of the "Thomas Dickinson." His friends reside in Cleveland, Ohio, and New Haven, Ct. I wrote them. January 13—Mr. John Lynch, alias Jackson, 2d officer of the "J. P. West." He died very suddenly, at the Merchant's Exchange Hotel. February 1—Mrs. John W. Smith. She was a member of the Bethel Church, and her husband now resides in Honolulu. Feb. 12—Mr. Henry A. Neilson, late Secretary of the King. He was a native of New York City. Feb. 24—Phillis E. Molineaux. She was a very respectable colored woman, who came to the islands as a servant in the family of the late Hon. Mr. Chase, U. S. Consul, of Lahaina. I have now her Saving's Bank Book in my hands upon which something is due, and the legal heir can have it by communicating with me. This woman, I think, came from some part of the British Provinces. March 2—Edward Law, alias Thompson. He died at the Hospital. His friends reside at St. Andrews, New Brunswick. April 4—Thomas Gibson, an Englishman. He had resided a long period in the islands. April 16—Mr. Charles Candage, of Castine, Maine. April 17—Mr. Joseph Heywood. A native of New York State, but resident in the islands about twenty years. He died at the Queen's Hospital. April 23—William Doughey, belonging to Brooklyn, New York. He was a blockmaker by trade, and came out in the "Daniel Wood." May 15—Capt. Abel Harris, a native of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. May 19—Capt. Bumpus, of Fairhaven, Mass. He had sailed for several years out of this port. May 25—Capt. John P. Hempstead, a native of New London, Ct. He was master of the "Catherine." June 7—John O. Banks, alias John H. DeWitt, belonging to Mt. Bethel, Penn. Sept. 11—Henry Wish, a Danish sailor, from U. S. Hospital. Sept. 16—John Mason, a colored seaman, from U. S. Hospital. Oct. 19—Edward Telford, belonging to Toronto, Canada. He had been six years head Steward of the U. S. Hospital in Honolulu. Dec. 4—Samuel Powers, a very old colored man, who had resided many years at Honolulu. Dec. 4—Mrs. Rosa Richards. The deceased had resided several years in Honolulu, and worked at dress making. She never communicated anything respecting her friends, by which I could learn to whom to write. She had friends in New York and New Jersey. Dec. 16—John Argyle, a native of England, and came to the islands on board an American ship from the Australian Colonies. Dec. 23—John Blackadar, late officer on board the "Harvest." He belonged in St. Johns, New Brunswick.

I have attended several other funerals, but I can see no good which may result from reporting them.

THE FRIEND.—I have concluded the XIX. vol. of "The Friend." Its publication cost \$587.00. Received from subscribers, donors, &c., \$549.25. Debt, January 1, 1863, \$37.75. I am continually receiving intimations from seamen and others, that this monthly sheet is contributing most essentially to promote the welfare of seamen, and the general cause of religion and morality in the Pacific ocean. Of late I have endeavored to urge forward the vigorous prosecution of foreign missions in remote parts of Polynesia, including the Marquesas and Micronesian Islands. In this way I hope some will be blessed. It is, of course, quite impossible to think of establishing Seamen's Chaplaincies at each one of the small islands, or ports, in this vast ocean where seamen resort, but our missionaries act as chaplains, e. g. Bro. Snow at Strong's Island; Bro. Sturges, at Ascension; Bro. Bingham, at Apaiang, and Doane at Ebon. I supply all these missionaries with copies of the Friend, for gratuitous distribution, besides I send copies of the Friend and other reading matter to the remote Guano islands, viz: Jarves', Howland's, McKean's &c. I supply the English Missionaries (with files of the Friend) scattered over the remote islands of the South Pacific.

SAILOR'S HOME.—I am happy to report that this institution continues its career of usefulness. The H. S. H. Society held its 8th Annual Meeting Nov. 20, 1863. The Treasurer reported the Home free from debt. The receipts and expenditure about balanced. About \$250 had been contributed for its support. Mrs. Oat continues her valuable services as Matron and manager of the institution.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.—This year I have distributed 205 Bibles and 134 Testaments. Total during twenty years, 7,634 Bibles; 4,960 Testaments.

In regard to tracts and packages of religious reading, I keep no special record, for it is a common daily business with me. Scarcely a day passes that I do not supply some China-bound ship; or some remote Guano island; or some whale or merchant vessel; or some Hospital, or some sailor bound away.

REPAIRS ON THE BETHEL.—The Bethel building was erected in 1833, and hence it is getting rather old, and during the past year I have expended in re-

pairs and incidental expenses, \$331.25. Received from contributors, \$254.30. Debt, January 1, 1863, \$76.95. The building has been shingled anew and otherwise repaired, so that now the Bethel premises are in excellent order, having just received a fresh coat of paint throughout.

As I renew my labors from year to year, while I see much that I could wish had been done more in accordance with the mind of my Divine Master, and the Great Head of the Church, I am not altogether blind to the good which has been accomplished through this chaplaincy. I think a candid view of the whole field, would lead to the conclusion; that the chaplaincy should not be given up by the parent society, certainly when it can be supported at no larger appropriation than \$800 per annum, or even twice that amount if actually necessary to keep it up.

The Cost of Chaplaincy for 1862.

Contributed by American Seamen's Friend Society.....	\$400 00
Subscription by the Bethel Congregation.....	700 00
Repairs in Bethel.....	331 25
Cost of "The Friend.".....	587 00
Sailor's Home.....	250 00
	\$2,268 25

SAMUEL C. DAMON, *Seamen's Chaplain.*

Honolulu, 8th January, 1863.

NATIONAL VESSELS AT HONOLULU, 1862.

ARRIVALS.	Nation.	Class.	Name.	Commander.	Guns.
In port Jan. 1.	Russian...	Steamer ..	Morge.....	A. Crown.....	6
" Mar. 3..	"	"	Calavala	Davidoff	11
" July 8..	U. S. A	"	Wyoming	McDougall	6
" " 31..	British	"	Charybdis	G. D. Kean.....	21
" Aug. 22..	"	"	Termagant... ..	R. Hall.....	25
" Oct. 15..	Russian	"	Abrek.....	Pilkine	5
" " 19..	"	"	Calavala	Admiral Pophoff..	11

Merchant Vessels at the Ports of the Hawaiian Islands, 1862.

NATIONALITY.	HONOLULU.				LAHAINA.		HILO.		KOLOA.		TOTALS.	
	INSIDE.		OUTSIDE.		No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.								
American	51	22398	22	16353	4	941	2	617	1	57	80	40366
Hawaiian.....	13	1663	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	26	14	1689
British.....	5	1809	2	797	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	7	2606
Oldenburg.....	2	657	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	2	657
Hamburg	2	602	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	2	602
Russian	2	1046	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	2	1046
Hanoverian.....	..	.....	1	363	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	363
Danish.....	1	170	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	170
New Granadian ...	1	268	1	270	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	2	538
French Protectorate	1	32	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	32
Dutch.....	1	618	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	618
	79	29263	26	17783	4	941	2	617	2	83	113	48687

*Whaling Vessels at the Ports of the Hawaiian Islands, 1862.

NATIONALITY.	HONOLULU.		Lahaina.	Hilo.	Kawai- hae.	Kealake- kua.	Koloa.	TOTALS.
	Inside.	Outside.						
American.....	29	8	11	5	3	..	1	57
Hawaiian	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
French	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	5
Oldenburg	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
	42	9	12	5	4		1	73

Transshipment of Oil and Bone.

SPRING SEASON.				
		Sperm Oil. galls.	Whale Oil. galls.	Bone. lbs.
Honolulu bound to the United States....		.....	94,955	.....
" " " Bremen.....		.....	8,479	.....
Total Spring shipments.....			103,434	.....
FALL SEASON.				
Honolulu bound to the United States....		12,522	217,433	85,525
" " " Bremen.....		.....	139,540	108,395
Total Fall shipments.....		12,522	356,973	193,920
Year's shipments.....		12,522	460,407	193,920

* The figures in this table show the number of Entries at the different Ports, many of the vessels having called at more than one port during the same season.
The actual number of different vessels touching at the Islands during the Spring Season was 17, of which 10 were American, 5 Hawaiian, 1 Oldenburg, and 1 French.
The corresponding number in the Fall Season was 37, of which 30 were American, 3 Hawaiian, 2 Oldenburg, and 2 French.

LAHAINA.— ———, *Chaplain.*

Only *twelve* whale-ships and *four* merchant vessels touched at this port during the year 1862: so there is little prospect, at present, that another chaplain will be appointed to this Station.

HILO.—Rev. TITUS COAN, *Missionary.*

Only *five* whale-ships and two others have visited this port during 1862. In a letter received, June 24th, 1862, Mr. Coan says:

"No where do I meet a man to whom my doors open more readily, or my heart more warmly, than the sailor who can appreciate Christian friendship and sympathy. Rocked by the tempest, exposed to the extremes of heat and cold, floating in a nutshell over fathomless caverns, far away from wife and sister, from father and friend, from mother and home, it is a pleasure and a privilege to hail him welcome to our heart's best wishes, our counsels, and our prayers.

But it is but little we can do for this class; other duties press hard and leave but little time and strength for our marine friends.

Ships also are falling off at these islands. Last season we had only thirteen whalers, and this year about double the number that recruited at Lahaina. I endeavor to preach in English, when ships are in port; but I have given it up *between* seasons.

Our good people, however, keep up a reading service, which is respectably attended. Last year we had interesting interviews with many seamen.

I think I supplied every ship with a liberal package of religious reading."

• In one dated December 25, 1862, he says :—

"Ships, as you are aware, have almost forsaken our islands. Last Spring we had but *one*, this Fall only *three* whale-ships. For all that visit us we shall try to do what good we can; and as God gives us strength and opportunity, we will stand upon our 'watch tower,' to hail the wave-rocked and wind-buffed mariner, and point him to a haven of eternal peace. It is a pleasure to *watch* for these sons of the sea, to do all we can for their temporal good, and to toil in persuading them to seek a habitation not rocked by storms, not invaded by death, —to lay up treasures never reached by flood, or fire, or thief, or corruption."

PERU.

CALLAO.— ——— ———, *Chaplain.*

A correspondence has been kept up with the "Union Christian Association," organized in 1860. The Board had offered to apply the \$2,000, the avails of the sale of the floating Bethel, towards the erection of the Bethel donated by Wm. Wheelwright, Esq., provided that association would raise the balance necessary for its completion, and let the property be held by trustees, half of whom to be appointed by this Board, and half by the Association there, the *seventh* to be Mr. Wheelwright or one of his appointment. These trustees to hold the property in trust for the use of the Mission. To this liberal offer no decisive answer has yet been received. As Mr. Wheelwright was expected to visit Callao this Spring, it is hoped through his influence the arrangement may be effected, if the building has not already been sold. Should the Union Christian Association accept the offer and erect the Bethel, the Board will feel under obligation to appoint a chaplain and aid in his support.

CHINCHA ISLANDS.— ——— ———, *Chaplain.*

Earnest appeals have been made by seamen at the islands, and one of our correspondents in Callao, for the appointment of another chaplain at the islands. The station is a very important one for labors exclusively for seamen: the Board only await events in Peru and this country, and the *man* for the position to make the appointment.

CHILL.

VALPARAISO.—Rev. D. TRUMBULL, *Pastor.*Mr. JAMES MULLER, *Bible Colporteur.*

The Colporteur, Mr. James Muller, commenced his labors *principally* among the shipping in the port, and seamen in the hospitals, August 13th, 1861, under the Direction of a Bible Society in Valparaiso. He is a German and speaks the German, English, and Spanish languages, has labored among seamen of various nations with great earnestness, fidelity, and not without encouraging success, as the following extracts of letters from Mr. Trumbull and himself show :—

VALPARAISO, March 18, 1863.

During the last 12 months our colporteur has made 463 visits on board ships anchored in our roadstead; 124 times he has visited hospitals, most of the patients with whom he has had intercourse being seamen. He has conversed personally with all to whom he could obtain access. His exertions have been blessed to comfort and convert. A German mate, having come here an infidel, has gone away rejoicing in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. 255 times prayer has been offered in families, on board ships and in hospitals. 12,000 tracts have been distributed, and 3,800 papers.

The U. S. steam-ship "Lancaster," has just gone to the North. At our last communion a number of the seamen, besides the Admiral and Paymaster, sat down with us. By invitation of the Chaplain I attended the men's prayer-meeting on board. About twelve were at it. Ere we had finished tea in the ward-room the sound of their voices, in sacred song, came floating through the ship. We could hear it clearly. We joined them then. They had curtained in a space on the berth-deck; put benches and a table; provided candles as an extra for the occasion; and prayed and sang with an evident and intelligent interest. I was delighted to see this company faithfully confessing Christ before all the world, and singing his praise though all the world might hear. The behavior of these Christian men has been exemplary when ashore on liberty. One would think the Government, as well as those commanding ships of all kinds, both naval and marine, might come to feel that the spread of religion among the men is desirable. Here, for instance, men have come ashore on liberty, and out of 500 full fifty have returned to the ship disabled through intemperance and other forms of vice for any kind of service for days and weeks. The sick bay was crowded. How much better that men should be "psalm-singing," "saints," "praying fellows," if by that they are led through the fear of God to walk purely and to behave themselves.

The opposition or indifference on this subject is one of the most marked tokens of the blind disregard for God, that we find in labors among seamen. Yet all are not so. Recently we have had five or six captains with us at a time in our prayer-meetings. At the Sabbath services our average recently has been about 25 to 30 seafaring men, distributed throughout the congregation.

Dr. Page has the destitute American Seamen again in his hospital. They are comfortable now; the quarters are good.

VALPARAISO, April 2, 1862.

"We have been encouraged to think, four at the least, have become savingly interested in the Gospel, all of them being Germans. One a merchant, and hitherto a Romanist, has recently united in Christian profession with us.

An American seaman, named Albert H. Thompson, of New Hampshire, is con-

fined in prison here for manslaughter, sentenced for ten years, though he avers it was done in self-defence. He and a Londoner wrote me recently for something to read—a history, or an old copy of the Bible. I went to the jail to see them and supplied them. They were very grateful.”

“To-day I have received a letter from them. In it they mention the effect of reading their Bible. Possibly you may find an extract from their letter interesting. Though signed by two, it is written in the first person singular.

“REVEREND SIR :—I write to thank you for the books and papers you brought us ; we find them very entertaining. I was reading the Bible the other day to some of the prisoners, as they were so anxious to know what the book contained, therefore I had to translate it into Spanish. And not with a little difficulty I got them to understand. They seemed greatly pleased, and asked me many strange questions respecting the writer of the Bible, and the commandments. They told me all English Bible were prohibited ; they say that the priests are enraged against them. So, therefore, I had to explain that to them about the priest keeping them without Bibles, on account of keeping them in ignorance with thir eyes closed, so that they shall not know the mystery of religion. I told them their priests only picked out a few points to suit their own interests ; the rest would not do, else they would be preaching in the pulpit against their own evil doings ; they could not preach and act, for conscience would not let them sleep. They all said that it was quite true what I had told them, and that their priests were great rascals.”

Soon after the turnkey came in and saw me explaining the Scriptures to them. He told me that the English Bible was prohibited. I told him for why it was ; and at the same time the prisoners told him that's why it was the *estrangeros* (foreigners) knew so much more than they ; and that was why they were kept in the dark in ignorance, and that they believed that the Bible I had was a true history. . . . In fact, he had a long conversation respecting religion. . . . I now have to keep the Bible out of the way when the turnkey comes.

Now, listen to that, friends of seamen ! You may say indeed, “Is Saul among the prophets ?” But the poor fellow is trying to let his light shine even in prison, and when under the cloud of accusation. One thing, at least, I promise, he shall have the Winter clothes.”

Farewell,

DAVID TRUMBULL.”

VALPARAISO, *March 2nd*, 1863.

“It was on the 29th of August, '61, the first time that I bowed my knee before the throne of grace, in the American hospital, with a young German. Not expecting to see him on earth as a pilgrim any longer, I sent up my petitions to God, that he may give him a new heart, and save his poor soul. After repeating this several times, the Lord heard my requests, and he became a true follower of Christ. From this time he became from day to day more earnest in prayer until he left Valparaiso. He has gone from here to Iquique, and from there to Hamburg. Shortly after I got a letter from him, and heard that two Germans, (blacksmiths) who live in Iquique, and with whom I conversed about 5 years ago, and to whom I gave many times my exhortation and tracts, have been converted.

Another old American sailor, with whom I prayed about ten times, during his stay here in Valparaiso, (about three months) found peace two weeks before he died. He came into the hospital a Universalist. Three days before he died I asked him again, if he is reconciled with Jesus, and if he knows that the Lord has forgiven him his sins. He then gave me a joyful answer, and said with a weak voice : “I am ready to meet my Saviour, he is mine, and I am his.”

Another American sailor, to whom I paid my attentions many times, died, after losing his speech, likewise in peace.

In the English hospital was the most remarkable conversion I have ever seen. An English soldier became so full of wrath as I offered to him several times some tracts, that he turned round, and said, “You must not come and talk with me, go

to the others, I don't want your tracts. It is nothing but humbug, you are all hypocrites," &c. This man was very ill, and I found it my duty to try it again; but I heard nearly the same words. I still did not give him up, and tried again the third time, and asked him: "Now, dear friend, do you not wish to pray with me?" He gave me no answer, and I joined in prayer with some others near to his bed, and prayed also for him, that the Lord may save his poor soul. The Lord heard my prayer, and I was astonished to see him the next time with a Bible in his hand coming towards me, and said: "Mr. Muller, please read a chapter with me and another, and join in prayer?" Who was happier than I? He told me he had had no rest, because all my words in prayer made such influence on him, that he is willing to serve Jesus from this present hour. He gave me a kiss, and became from this day a dear brother to me. Some weeks later he went home to his family. What a joy must it be for wife and children to see quite a different husband and father in him.

Many happy hours I spend on board of American and English vessels, and can say that I found not so much opposition as on German ships. Often I heard that sailors were not polite people, but I can say that I labor among them with my greatest pleasure to bring to them the Gospel.

May the Lord sustain me in all my efforts, strengthen me to overcome sin, and to make me daily more useful for his kingdom, is the earnest prayer of your friend and brother in Christ,

FRANCIS MULLER.

BRAZIL.

RIO DE JANEIRO. ——— Chaplain.

The Society has had no Chaplain at this port since Mr. Fletcher left in 1855, yet there is not a more needy field on this continent for a Seamen's Chaplaincy. Rio de Janeiro is the third city on this continent in size, having over 200,000 inhabitants—the metropolis of an empire of over 6,000,000.

More than 20,000 Seamen enter this port annually.

We append the following appeal, received February 20, 1863; hoping our patrons will read and heed it, and that the Board will be able soon to respond favorably to it.

"RIO DE JANEIRO, DEC., 1862.

Dr. Baird, Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, and to the Secretary of the American Seaman's Friend Society:

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned residents of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, feeling the necessity for a Protestant Service, and knowing from the past what great good is to be done here by an active, earnest and sincere Minister, who will devote his whole time and energies to the furtherance of such a Christian undertaking, wish to represent to you our wants and necessities, believing that, once known, you will send us such a person as will be well calculated to fill so very important a mission. We at the same time beg to assure you that funds will be provided to pay for the rental of a room and the proper fitting up of the same, and suitable for such services, if you will provide us with a competent and earnest Missionary; you being responsible for his salary and expenses to this port.

We earnestly ask your early attention to this matter, and refer you to the Rev. A. G. Simonton, long a resident Missionary of this city, from the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society, of New York, and now on a visit to your city.

We are yours most respectfully,

GEO. H. BURRITT, *U. S. Consul*,
ROBERT DUNCAN,
M. MILNOR ROBERTS,
H. C. COVERT,
GEORGE CLARK,
ANDREW L. CLARK,

GEO. N. DAVIS,
HENRY E. MELFORD,
THOMAS P. BALDWIN,
THOMAS RAIREY,
C. J. HARRECK,
JACOB HUSBAND.

“RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 22, 1862.

DEAR BROTHER:—As Missionary to the native population of Brazil, I feel the deepest interest in the matter which this paper brings to your notice, and I most heartily give my approval to all that has been said; and I do most earnestly hope a speedy and favorable response may be given.

There are a few of our countrymen here, and whose names are above, who will, if aided and encouraged, do all in their power to sustain and advance the cause of our Master among our fellow men in this city.

Yours in the cause of Christ Jesus,

A. L. BLACKFORD.

NEW GRENADA.

ASPINWALL—PANAMA.

The Society, at the request of and aided by members of the Panama Rail Road Company, had sustained Chaplains at this gateway of the nations, from January, 1852, to April, 1858; since which time it has been vacant till the past year. The Panama Rail Road Company having sent out the Rev. C. Bancroft to minister to the officers and employees of the company at Aspinwall, a small appropriation was made by this Society, in consideration of which he was to devote a portion of his time to Seamen.

We rejoice to learn that a commodious Church is in course of erection at Aspinwall, through the liberality of members of the Rail Road Company, for the accommodation of its officers and employees at that point. All honor to the company which has shown such an interest in the moral and spiritual welfare of its operatives. They will find that such investments pay good dividends.

The Society hope to continue their efforts for Seamen at that port through the same agency.

We subjoin brief extracts of letters received from the Chaplain:

MY FIELD OF LABOR.

"Aspinwall, a small town at the head of Navy Bay, on the Island of Manzanillo, the Atlantic terminus of the 'Panama R. R.,' of about 1,500 inhabitants, and previous to the beginning of said road was hardly known. We have public service twice every Sabbath; Sunday school at 2, P. M., and at 3 or 4 visit the naval ships to address, pray with and distribute books and papers to the crew. This, with occasional visits to Panama, to preach the word, leaves but few spare moments to the chaplain."

FRUITS OF LABOR.

"Here and there we have seen a tear, have listened to some good promises for the future, from wanderers far from home, have been thanked for the interest shown, and have been sought for to help those who were desirous of the good man's hopes, &c., &c. But in most cases we must wait until the great harvest comes before we can count our sheaves. With us it is emphatically 'a work of faith.'"

OUR OCEAN FIELD

Embraces both Panama and Aspinwall. While the former makes a fair show of shipping, the latter presents a wide field of usefulness. As to and from this port steamers and sailing vessels are rapidly multiplying, visiting all lands. Statistics I am gathering show (and as I proceed my mind is more and more persuaded of) the importance of this port.

"As yet our work is small, but we are looking forward in hope, when our beautiful house of worship (erected by the P. R. Co.,) shall be finished, that it will prove a 'Bethel,' a beacon light to many of the 'Tribe of Zebulon,' and cause us again to bless the Lord that our lot was cast even here. So, dear brethren, we will 'scatter our bread on the waters,' and if not in our day, the gathering time will come. The soil looks hard, the field is not inviting, but 'Jesus shall reign,' &c., &c."

Yours in the Master,

GEO. C. BANCROFT,

Chaplain at Aspinwall.

November 22, 1862.

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO.—REV. JOSEPH ROWELL, *Chaplain.*

As a testimonial of the zeal, energy, fidelity and success of this devoted Chaplain, we need only add his

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

OUR SEA MISSION.

At the close of another year of labor, prayer and watching, we have to record the continued and enlarged mercies of our God. We had hoped to have been able to speak to-day of a great revival of God's work, and the conversion of many souls. But though we cannot make this joyful report, we still record, with thankfulness, that at least *the deus* of God's grace has not failed us, and that from the beginning of the year to its end, there has been no time in which

the presence and working of the Holy Spirit have not been manifest among us, either in the conviction and conversion of sinners, or the growth in grace of his children. This year has been, by far, the most prosperous year of our work, and that in almost every branch of it.

THE CHURCH.

We have received to the church twenty new members—most of them by profession of their faith—a larger number than in any previous year. The church has also been in a more active and efficient state than ever before, and a larger number of the members have engaged in active labors for souls, in the streets, the Sabbath school, and on ships.

OUR WORKING FORCE

Has been greatly enlarged. For eight months of the year we have enjoyed the faithful and persevering labor of our Missionary, J. A. Wirth, and the good results of his labors are manifest. For four months also, we have been favored with the zealous aid of our brother John Byrne, well known here and elsewhere as a faithful and successful Missionary to Seamen. I desire to record here my own gratitude to God and to these dear brethren, for the important help they have rendered me in various branches of my own work.

Through the mercy of God, another helper has also been given us, and that in a part of our field hitherto most neglected of all. A young woman, whom God had prepared for the work in his own wise way, has been sent among us, to open a day school in the church, to labor in the Sabbath school, and to visit among the families that reside in our neglected part of the city. Her labor is already bearing good fruit, and promises most important and beneficial results.

Besides these special works, the faith and love of the members of the church have been more manifest than before, in labors for souls, both on ship and shore.

OUR SEA MISSIONS

Are also in a prosperous state. Six of our new members were received from the U. S. steamer *Lancaster*, during her visit to this port last summer, as the fruits of the labors of our brother Wirth, on board that vessel. We have our men at this time upon three of the United States vessels upon this coast—the *Lancaster*, the *Narragansett*, and the *W. L. Marcy*—and we hope to hear of good fruit from their labors. We have had, during all or a part of the year, twenty-six of our members laboring for God upon the sea. Some of these have been furnished with libraries of religious books, for loaning among their shipmates, and others with packages of tracts and other religious reading. All these are charged to labor zealously for the salvation of souls, and we know that some of them have labored, both with zeal and success. We lay great stress on this branch of our work, and design to enlarge it as much as possible. We believe that the greater part of God's work for the sea must be done upon the sea, through the personal efforts of converted sailors.

We keep a strong hold upon our absent members, by means of the correspondence which their church covenant requires them to maintain with us, and we have yet to hear of the first of our sea-members who has denied his Savior by falling into sin.

THE HOSPITAL

Has been the scene of much earnest and fruitful labor during this year, in which our Missionaries have borne their full share. At no time has the work of God ceased there. At no time have we visited there without finding inquirers after salvation among the patients, and not a few of them have found peace and joy in Christ. I would that all who care for the salvation of seamen, might see what I have seen there, of the power of God's grace. That growling, cursing Swede—a true Arctic bear—now lying month after month in almost unintermitted agony, but speaking now the language of patient resignation and trust in Jesus Christ. The raving maniac, like him of old among the tombs, brought

to sit meekly, in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus. That poor wretch, paralyzed, blind, and dumb, with hardly any sense left him, but that of hearing, yet who, by uncouth but expressive signs, gives evidence that God's light is shining into the only window to his soul.

And that other great sinner, stricken with mortal disease, and with strong conviction for sin, who careless of the gibes and curses of those around him, gave himself, with all his soul, to the great work of finding Jesus; who found him too, and rested on him, with no doubtful trust, and to whom God granted a dying testimony, such as few are privileged to witness, and which struck that blaspheming crowd dumb with wonder and awe. No other part of our field is so rich in present fruits, as the hospital; chiefly because no other affords such an opportunity for continuous labor.

OUR RELIGIOUS MEETINGS

Have been multiplied beyond former practice. We have two preaching services, a Sabbath school, and a prayer and experience meeting, on Sunday, besides a preaching service, by our Missionaries, on the wharves. On Tuesday evening, a Bible class in the church, and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, prayer-meetings in the church, at temperance sailors' boarding house and the Sailors' Home—make five evening meetings during the week. These are none too many for our peculiar field; indeed, had we a sufficient laboring force in the church, they might be profitably increased.

THE SAILORS' HOME.

We have great reason to thank God for the present condition and influence of the Sailors' Home. It has been so conducted by former superintendents, as to prove a great hindrance to our work. But now it has passed under the superintendence of Capt. Stewart who is a deacon in our church, and already we feel the beneficial influence of the turn in the tide, which we believe will bring into our port many a rich cargo, hitherto kept waiting outside. Of the operations of the Home, it is not my province to speak, as the institution is not under the control of the Port Society; yet we have a deep interest in its management, because it must ever exert a powerful influence, for good or evil, upon our work.

LABORS OF THE CHAPLAIN.

My personal labors, also, have been increased beyond those of any former year, though I have been greatly embarrassed by difficulties and labors that ought never to come in a chaplain's way. I have delivered 117 sermons and public addresses, administered the ordinance of the Lord's Supper 13 times, and the rite of baptism to five persons, and officiated at four funerals and six marriages. I have made visits—pastoral, 161; to Sabbath schools, 44; to the Hospital, 154; to vessels in port, 434; to boarding houses, 48; and of others connected with my official work, 1,208. I have distributed, chiefly in the Hospital and on shipboard, 202 Bibles, 219 Testaments, and other religious reading matter equivalent to 385,963 pages of tracts, besides considerable other reading matter, not of a religious character. I have written 102 pastoral letters, and received 79. I have received 120 official calls. The pressure of a multitude of duties prevents my opening an office, or the number of these calls would be very much greater. I have held 1,853 conversations regarding personal religion. Twenty-eight persons have been hopefully converted to God, and I have conversed with more than a hundred who were enquiring the way to salvation, most of whom have soon disappeared; and in regard to many of these, I feel confident that the Spirit has already finished the work he had before begun. I have written 18 articles for publication, attended 336 prayer meetings, 38 meetings of the Bible class, and of other religious meetings 38.

A NEW CHURCH NEEDED.

Our Sabbath congregations have been increasing during the year, and on some Sabbaths we have felt the need of more room in our building. Had we a lar-

ger house in a better place, twice as many hearers as now might be gathered in. We trust the Lord will move the hearts of those able to do it, to provide us with the needed room.

And now we bid farewell to another year of labor. Its record is made and stored away against the day of judgment. While we mourn our own deficiencies, we rejoice at the good hand of our God upon us, and pray that to-morrow may be as this day, only much more abundant.

J. ROWELL, *Chaplain.*

SOUTHERN STATES.

Southern Secretary.

Of necessity our operations have been suspended for the past two years. The attention of the Board, however, has recently been turned to that field in connexion with the Navy. Under existing laws, Government can only appoint a chaplain to a ship carrying 500 men. The vast increase of our Navy by Gun-boats and Monitors carrying a much less number, has consequently caused a great deficiency in the number of Chaplains. The deficiency has in part been met by our loan libraries—every U. S. vessel sailing out of the Brooklyn or Charlestown Navy yards, having one or more of them, entrusted to the care of religious men on board. Some have also been sent to other yards and to vessels in the blockading squadrons. At the meeting of the Board in March, it was determined to employ one or more Chaplains to labor among seamen in the Navy.

NEW YORK.

BROOKLYN.—REV. E. O. BATES, *Missionary.*

The report of last year stated that Mr. Bates after seven years of labor under the patronage of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the M. E. Church in South Brooklyn, was appointed by the Board to devote his labors more exclusively to the numerous canal-men and their families living in the canal boats wintering in the Atlantic Basin, and the increasing number of seamen at the Atlantic Docks. He was directed soon after his appointment to devote a large share of his attention to the thousands of seamen

in the Navy Yard, and especially to the supply of all our U. S. vessels, as well as merchant ships on the Brooklyn side, with our loan libraries. How well and faithfully he has executed the trust, will appear from his

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

"In reviewing my first year's labor in this new field, we have cause of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his goodness to us. We have been kindly received by the thousands among whom we have labored, and the labor bestowed has not been in "vain in the Lord." After laboring during the summer, it became evident that to render our efforts more efficient among seamen and their families, a place of worship was necessary at which they could meet and feel at home. A Hall was hired and fitted up in President-st., near the Atlantic Basin, where there has been during the winter an average of 250 canal boats on which a number of families reside, of over 300 persons, and at times over 100 sea going vessels lie at the Atlantic docks with their crews.

In our Hall we have met the strangers, some of whom have informed me that they had not attended a place of worship for years past. Here we have presented Christ as the Saviour of the believing penitent, and have furnished them with the word of life and other religious reading matter, and here several have professed to have found peace with God through faith in Christ.

In visiting foreign vessels as well as our own, we have had many pleasant interviews with officers and men, and have furnished many who were destitute, with bibles and testaments. Among others, I would notice our visits to a bark from Italy with a crew of 13. It was encouraging to witness the readiness with which they received the scriptures in their own language, from the Captain to the Cabin boy; in subsequent visits I enquired how they liked their new books, their answer was "very much, because they tell us of the Saviour; we love to read them and shall carry them home to our friends." The crews of other vessels have expressed their thankfulness for the bible and other religious reading matter furnished them, and many listen with attention to instruction.

We have a Sabbath School of over 100 children; also a weekly Temperance Meeting, numbering over 100 members, among whom are those who a short time since were intemperate but now sober and industrious, and their homes quiet and happy.

I have baptized 34 children and attended 24 funerals, a portion of which are seamen or members of their families.

Here is a vast field for missionary labor. The shipping interest in our city is large; about one-sixth of the business of the port of New York is done in this city, besides a large portion of freight brought through our canals."

U. S. NAVY YARD.

"I have devoted a large share of my time in visiting U. S. vessels in commission at the Navy Yard. This to me is the most important and interesting part of my work. Here we have been received kindly by officers and men. I have placed nearly 50 of your valuable Libraries on board of nearly as many different U. S. naval vessels. The officers and crews of which number over 5000 men. These libraries contain about 2,250 volumes of good and suitable books. We have also supplied several merchant vessels with libraries. I have circulated nearly 1,000 copies of your valuable publications—*Sailor's Magazine*, *Seaman's Friend*, and *Life-Boat*, with several thousand pages of tracts and papers, which have been received readily. I find that many of the officers feel an interest in behalf of their crews, and highly appreciate your libraries and publications; saying this is what we need, and they readily volunteer to take charge of the same, for the use of their men.

If the children and friends who contribute of their means to furnish these libraries could but witness the pleasure manifested by many on the receipt of a library, they would be encouraged to persevere in this good work which is leading many to embrace the truths of Christianity, that when the voyage of life is over they may gain the port of eternal blessedness. I feel an increasing interest in this work, and rejoice that so much is being done through the American Seaman's Friend Society, at home and abroad, for the multitudes whose business is on the waters.

Yours in Christian bonds,
Brooklyn, April 29, 1863.

E. O. BATES.

NEW-YORK CITY.

SAILOR'S HOME—MR. JOHN H. CASSIDY, *Superintendent*.

The number of boarders during the year is 3,010, making a total since the Home was opened, *twenty-one* years ago, of 64,076. Shipwrecked and destitute men and boys have been relieved as in former years. The boarders have deposited in the hands of the Superintendent, for safe keeping, while remaining in the house, \$40,468.00, of which \$16,100 have been deposited in the Savings Bank, and \$11,738 sent to friends at home. The Sailor's Homes in our own and foreign ports have become a safe medium of exchange through which sailors often remit their wages to friends abroad. Of these boarders at the Home, 730 after paying their bills, have shipped without "advanced wages"—a fact of great importance as illustrating the improved character and provident habits of seamen. For the religious condition of the Home we refer to the following extracts from the Superintendent's first Annual Report:

"The morning and evening worship is well attended, and all listen to the Word with deep interest, so much so that one on leaving said, 'Who can go in and out without feeling its influence.'

Our meetings for prayer and experience on Monday and Saturday evenings, are often crowded to overflowing. People come from all parts of the city and Brooklyn to hear the sailor speak for his Master. Only five minutes is given to each one, and this is kept up for nearly two hours.

One who came from Brooklyn last meeting, rose and said: 'This is my first visit to the Sailor's Home, and bless God for it. O what a blessed home for the sailor. It has been a glorious place to me to-night. This is just such a home as Christ makes for all his people. Yes, He makes a happy home whenever He enters. He made one for me, and I have been happy ever since.' Language would fail to tell how God has manifested his power in those meetings and at this Home. Glory to God! Some *forty-five* have come on board the 'old ship Zion,' and signed articles to live and die for Jesus and his cause: How many more have gone away deeply impressed, and may hereafter sign articles in God's good time we know not."

Respectfully yours,

JOHN H. CASSIDY, Sup't.

COLORED SAILOR'S HOME—WM. P. POWELL, *Superintendent*.

On Mr. Powell's return from England, whither he had been

for the education of his children, because the foolish and wicked prejudices of Americans would not permit them to enter our institutions, he has again opened a Sailor's Home for the seamen of his race. The Society became responsible for furnishing the house, and aided at the outset in the payment of rent. Though a few boarders had been received previously, the Home was hardly in operation till the first of August. The whole number of boarders received during the nine months is 270. Of this number 61 were shipwrecked and destitute—several of them captures of the pirate Alabama—and relieved at the expense of the Society. For a time this new and worthy enterprise for the benefit of our colored seamen was bitterly opposed by a combination of colored sailor landlords preventing the shipping of seamen from Mr. Powell's house. Through the persuasive influence of the Home Committee, however, that has happily ceased, and the New Colored Sailor's Home is prosperous.

A Beneficial self-protective Society for colored seamen has been organized among themselves which promises good to that class and to the interest of commerce, so far as affected by the improvement of our colored seamen.

SAILOR MISSIONARY.—MR. J. B. TULLOCH.

The board have recently appointed Mr. J. B. Tulloch as Sailor Missionary, to visit Seamen's Boarding Houses attend social meeting, for the purpose especially of making the acquaintance of religious seamen and officers in whose care he can trust our loan libraries. He devotes a large portion of his time to visiting the ships in port, to increase the circulation of these libraries, and this 'sea mission' agency. He has been very efficient, devoted, and somewhat successful as his following report will show.

SAILOR'S HOME, 190 Cherry Street, April 1863.

To the Secretaries of the A. S. F. Society.

"Rev. Gentlemen,—I have now served you two months and a half. During that time, I have been actively, if not usefully, employed. I have visited few boarding houses, but many vessels and meetings. In the meetings, I often pray and exhort. I also get sailors to go with me. The vessels, in East River and North, I daily visit, Sunday excepted, I have spent five, six and seven hours a day in visiting. On Sunday, spend two or three hours in visiting, chiefly small vessels having their crews on board. I have visited from ten to twenty vessels a day. My chief object is to find suitable vessels for libraries. I have supplied sixty vessels with libraries from the office. These I have mostly delivered on board, receiving receipts for them. As to pious seamen, I have found a few of them, but I often sheer alongside of one, only to find that he is not a man

for a library. He is going on the coast, or on the lakes, going home, or has left the sea. Thus I am often disappointed.

I am well received on board the vessels. Captains, officers, and sometimes owners, invite me into their cabins. Of course, I remind them of their duty to God. I exhort them to become Christians. How can I do less? It is equally my duty and my privilege to preach Christ, especially to my brother seamen. I am encouraged to do so. After a little acquaintance, I am often welcomed on board. That God has already blessed my humble labors in this port, I cannot doubt. I sometimes pray with mates in their cabins, and sailors in their fore-castles. And through my labors, some have gone to sea convicted, if not penitent. The mate of a large ship did the other day. I hope to see him return a Christian. One sailor I trust has been converted through my labors. He is a fine, talented young christian. To one, in the Home, I talked about an hour the other night. How could I help it? He wept and lamented most of the time. Then, grasping my hand, he begged me to pray for him, and not give him up. "No one," said he, "has talked to me as you have." After exhorting an outward-bound crew, I was invited to dinner in the fore-castle. Says one, "I want to hear more from you." "Why," he bitterly asked, "does none like you visit us when we get ashore?" My answer did not satisfy him; he repeated his sorrowful question. He was most impatient to get to sea, where the library may profit him. Perhaps, he had been boarding in some grog-shop. Some sorrowfully tell me they once boarded in the Home; but are now "boarding in little hells!"

For the sake of such, I would say a word about the Home. I have been in many parts of the world; and have known many Sailor's Homes. I have also known some good Homes; but a better than this, I have not known. Boarders give similar testimony. The Monday and Saturday night prayer meetings are no small recommendation. Some say, they never attended better. Many have been awakened in them, and some converted. About a dozen stood up for prayer in last Saturday night meeting. Yes, this Home has been the birthplace of precious souls. Why, then, do not more sailors come here, bringing their ship-mates. Thank God for bringing me here. When I came here, I was almost dead; for I came from the polar regions of spiritual death. I came from churches cold as ice-houses. I came from the midst of professors cold as death. Their hearts, their looks, their hands, their prayers, all were cold. I felt about as comfortable among them as I did amongst the ice-bergs off Cape Horn. But I had not attended many meetings at the Sailor's Home, and the Mariners' church, before I began to revive, I thank God. O that many such Homes were provided for my brother seamen.

Captains and owners, speak highly of the Society. Some are astonished to hear that the libraries are supplied gratis. "But, does the Society charge nothing?" one often asks. Not a cent, says I; you are to have all the profit. "What a good Society!" exclaims a pious sailor. "The man who first got up the Society must have been a good Christian." The libraries are thankfully received. Indeed, the demand for them is greater than the supply. You remember Capt. F—— coming twice to the office for a library. I took one, No. 604, on board his fine ship. An elderly lady looked at it, and then burst into tears. Said she, "I thank God for the sight of these good books. I rejoice to see some sign of Christianity on board; for my dear boy is going in the ship." A ship-library was one means of my conversion. Yes, a ship-library helped to reclaim me, when a wild Arab of the deep. Doubtless, it is partly through this Society that the Ocean begins to bloom. The Society's monthly periodicals are also well received. I want more Seamen's Friends and Lite Boats to circulate.

I am, Rev. Gentlemen, your obedient servant, JOHN B. TULLOCH.

MR. LUTHER P. HUBBARD.—*Financial Agent.*

To enable the Society to extend its operations to the U. S. na-

vy, to sustain more Foreign Stations, and a largely increased circulation of our sea libraries, and to pay its remaining debt, the Board, having heard of the honorable discharge of Mr. L. P. Hubbard from his long and successful labors in the Port Society, have appointed him to solicit funds in New York and vicinity in aid of its Treasury, and to perform such other services as may be required. Mr. Hubbard's long acquaintance with the work, and the merchants of this city renders it unnecessary to commend him to their confidence and liberality.

AUXILIARIES AND BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society.

REV. S. BONHOMME, *Acting Secretary.*

From the NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Pennsylvania S. F. Society, we learn that libraries composed of *eleven hundred and seventy-five* volumes have been placed on *eighteen* U. S. vessels, and *nine* merchant ships, during the year; that 1205 Bibles and 1541 Testaments have also been distributed to seamen and boatmen in the port, and a large number of religious tracts. Receipts of the Society, \$1,287 73.

SAILOR'S HOME.—THOMAS MCGUIRE, *Superintendent.*

"The Home has boarded during the past year 905 sailors, 45 of whom were utterly destitute, who were provided with suitable voyages without expense to the Society. Since the establishment of this Home, upwards of 14,000 mariners have shared its privileges. The influence exerted there has led many to sobriety and an experimental acquaintance with Jesus Christ. Eternity alone can fully reveal all the moral and religious benefits of this institution."

"Our meetings have been well attended, and lately we held our additional meetings on Wednesday evenings. Rev. Mr. Ewing occupies about half an hour in explaining the Scriptures, and the men like it well. On Friday evening, a Baptist Missionary conducts the meeting in the same manner."

THE PHILADELPHIA FEMALE SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

MRS. THOMAS WOOD, *1st Directress.*

MRS. SARAH J. HALE, *Cor. Secretary.*

This Society has rendered its accustomed aid to the destitute families of seamen. Its receipts for this work have been \$294 53.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

EVAN. SEAMEN'S FR'D SOC'Y.—REV. J. M. H. DOW, *Chaplain*.

This Society has within the year fitted up a commodious Hall near the water, in a central position for a Bethel, and is prosecuting its work with renewed vigor and increasing success. The congregations are increasing in numbers. The Sabbath School connected with it, is also increasing in numbers and interest. "There have been several hopeful conversions in the congregation during the last winter." Efforts are being made to pay off the debts of the Society, and place it in a good financial condition with encouraging prospects of success.

Maine Seamen's Union.

PORTLAND.—REV. SAMUEL H. MERRILL, *Chaplain*.

SAILOR'S HOME.—CAPT. NELSON, *Sup't*.

In addition to the Chaplain's labors in this important port, he has been commissioned by the American Society to act as Agent for a few Sabbaths in the churches in Maine. The following is his report.

PORTLAND, April 7, 1863.

"The life time of nearly two generations has passed away since the Lord put it into the hearts of good men to inaugurate the first efforts ever made in this place for the special benefits of the men of the sea. The history of this, like that of all similar enterprises, has its lights and its shadows. The history of the last year does not differ materially from that of many former years.

We have held on our way, not without evident tokens of the Divine favor. Our Sabbath School has never before been in so good a state. The number of seamen attending the Bethel service is not less than last year, and several have become the hopeful subjects of grace. In view of the past and the present, we feel constrained to thank God and take courage. We have had abundant evidence that Christian labor for seamen is not spent in vain—that even the most degraded can be converted.

A vessel entered this port and dropped anchor. Within less than an hour one of the most violent storms known here for many years burst forth in all its fury. Considering the position of the ship a few moments before, her escape seemed almost miraculous. In that crew was a sailor so hardened that the warning made no impression. A few hours after he was drunk in the streets; and yet a few days later, he came into our meetings, was convinced of sin, and soon became a rejoicing convert.

Another arose, and with choked utterance remarked: "I wish to say something, but shall not be able. When I consider what I have been, and then what I hope I am, and where I am, my feelings overcome me. A little time ago, what was I? A poor drunken sailor. Now, by the grace of God, I am permitted to hope in His mercy, and here I am among Christian people enjoying their confidence and sympathy."

Another sailor, the son of godly parents, had turned a deaf ear to their prayers and counsels, plunged into dissipation and seemed fast ripening for destruction. But on ship-board a Christian tract, God's providential hand had placed there, met his eye and brought him to Christ. I first made his acquaintance in this port. He earnestly sought the salvation of his shipmates. Among the large numbers God gave him as seals of his fidelity, was a young man of firm mind but inclined to dissipation. That once reckless sailor is now the Christian Commander of one of the finest ships that floats, and that convert is his first officer.

With such encouragements who would not labor in the seamen's cause?

Yours, in the sailors' behalf,

SAMUEL H. MERRILL.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

BOSTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The Thirty-fifth Anniversary was held at the Park-street church, May 27th, 1863.

Prayer was offered by the venerable Doctor JENKS, the first preacher to seamen in Boston.

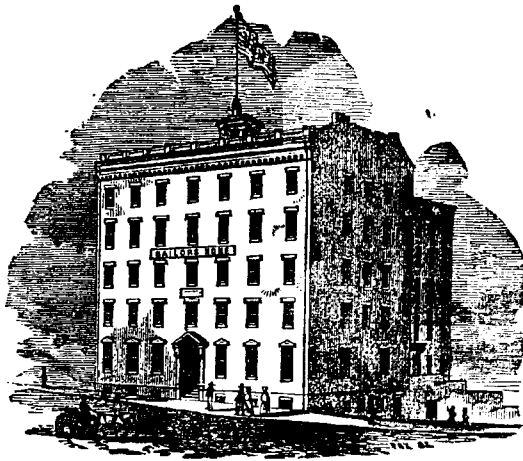
Hon. ALPHEUS HARDY, President of the Society occupied the chair.

Interesting addresses were made by Rev. E. KELLOGG, Chaplain of the Mariner's Church, Boston; Rev. J. C. SMITH of New York, Rev. S. W. HANKS, District Secretary, and Wm. A. BOOTH, Esq., President of the *American Seamen's Friend Society*.

The meeting was one of great interest, and as usual, was attended by a great crowd of the friends of the cause.

THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
BOSTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,



PRESENTED BY THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
AT THE
ANNIVERSARY MEETING,

Boston, May 27, 1863.

OFFICERS
OF THE
BOSTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ALPHEUS HARDY, PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM ROPES, VICE-PRESIDENT.
FREDERICK A. BENSON, SECRETARY.
THOMAS D. QUINCY, TREASURER.
ABNER KINGMAN, AUDITOR.

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HENRY LINCOLN.	EDWIN LAMSON.
ABNER KINGMAN.	FRANKLIN SNOW.
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ALPHEUS HARDY.	ABNER KINGMAN.
WILLIAM ROPES.	NATHAN CARRUTH.

*Corresponding Secretary of the Boston Seamen's Friend Society, and District Secretary of
the American Seamen's Friend Society.*

REV. S. W. HANKS.

Correspondence.

Communications may be directed to Rev. S. W. HANKS, Corresponding Secretary, 13 Cornhill, Boston.

Remittances of funds may be made to Rev. S. W. HANKS, or to Mr. THOMAS D. QUINCY, Treasurer of the Society, 34 Commercial Street, Boston. Remittances for Seamen's Libraries should be made to Rev. S. W. HANKS, 13 Cornhill, Boston.

Mariner's Church.

Rev. ELIJAH KELLOGG, Pastor. The Mariner's Church is situated in Summer Street, corner of Sea Street.

Public Worship.—Three services each Sabbath.

Sabbath School—for the whole congregation, at half-past one o'clock, P. M.

Bibles and Tracts for Seamen,
May be had at all times at the Sailor's Home.

ANNUAL REPORT.



In meeting again the friends of seamen, the managers of this Society would for their encouragement place before them these facts which testify of the work of grace upon the sea.

The great number of men absorbed by the navy, and also the army, some regiments from Maine and Massachusetts being to a great extent composed of seamen, has not only diminished the *number* of sailors at the Home, but what is of more consequence as respects their moral improvement, so great has been the demand for them, from the various sources of the navy, the army, the fisheries and the Lakes, to transport the Western harvests, that they have scarcely remained long enough on shore to admit of any religious influence being exerted upon them, often arriving one day and departing the next. There have been received as boarders at the Home during the past year 1,700 seamen, 77 of whom were destitute, or shipwrecked; and board and clothing to the amount of \$540 25 has been given them.

The Society has been called during the past year to lament the loss of Deacon Charles Scudder, who became one of its directors in less than a year after the formation of the Society, in the day of small things, when it was in its rudimental state. In respect to whom, while we miss his genial society, are deprived of his counsel and regret his loss, we can also say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Notwithstanding the exigencies of the times, the friends of seamen never had so much reason for encouragement as to-day. War has effected no more in respect to the work of grace among seamen than to shift the theatre of operations and change the points of contact. Those who were a few years ago bearing their part in our meetings, are still all doing the same work to much better purpose at sea.

The moral condition of seamen is not disastrously affected by war like that of landmen. It does not place them in an unnatural state. The seaman is a natural warrior, and his vocation is conflict. In a prayer-meeting at the Mariner's Church, when a brother had been lamenting the effects of the war upon seamen, and cherishing gloomy apprehensions, a sailor arose and said, "What is war to me? What is war to us? It brings no increase of peril, only another kind. We have always faced danger and death. What does it matter to us whether it comes from storms or batteries. I can kneel down between the guns and pray as well as in my room at the Soldier's Home, and have as sweet communion." As the disciples by reason of the persecution that came, after the death of Stephen, went everywhere preaching the word; as the autumn tempests scatter the seeds of the forest trees, the grains of many a harvest; thus this rough blast of war has diffused, not diminished, the religious influence, by placing earnest Christian seamen on board Men-of-War, has opened to them new territories of enterprise and effort.

There have been at the Mariner's Church the past year, nineteen conversions, four in the Sabbath school, which consists of a hundred and twenty-nine scholars. The prayer meetings at the Sailor's Home and the church have been well sustained and blessed of God. The Sabbath evening prayer-meeting, which has to so large an extent been sustained by a noble band of young men, who have the cause of seamen at heart, and who for five years have labored in connection with the Pastor and members of the Mariner's Church, has still been the birth-place of souls. Every evening for the last ten weeks we have heard the voice of the young convert, or of the convicted sinner, saying, "Pray for me." Eighty-eight young men, sixteen of whom were teachers in the Sabbath-school and members of the Mariner's Church, and all of

whom were habitual frequenters of the meeting, have gone out of it into the army. But others have come to fill their places; their numbers are not materially diminished, nor the interest in the least abated.

The labors of Capt. Bartlett, the missionary of the Society at Chelsea Hospital, have been greatly blessed. He has labored earnestly and devotedly with these sick and dying seamen, distributed tracts, conversed and prayed at the bedside, and performed the funeral services to the dead. He has attended meetings there on Thursday and Sabbath evenings of each week, and as the result of these efforts thirty-one seamen have been brought to Christ. Since the commencement of the war, eighteen thousand seamen have been for a longer or a shorter period on board the Receiving ship Ohio. There he has held meetings one evening in the week, and visited the ship and distributed books and tracts and conversed with the men at other times. The other evenings of the week the meeting has been sustained by the young men of the Christian Association. There has been a great deal of interest in the meetings during the year, and there is no doubt that hundreds of conversions have taken place. The seaman has gone from the place of prayer to do his duty, or meet his death prepared for his baptism of fire by that of the Holy Ghost.

Capt. Bartlett also had the care of the Libraries, 330 of which he has placed on board of vessels, 100 on board men-of-war, and obtained by letter the most cheering encouragement of the manner in which they are appreciated. There are at this time more God-fearing men in the Navy and merchant service of this country than there were ten years ago in the whole world. Capt. Buffum, who formerly kept the Sailor's Home in this city, writes: "I was furnished with a letter from Admiral Foote to Admiral Dupont, and you will rejoice as I did to know it was just such a letter as one Christian brother would write to another; an honor to them both. Admiral Dupont expressed himself highly gratified with the purpose of my visit; stated that he had there then 40 vessels under his command, and only one Chaplain to the whole squadron, whose duties confined him to the Wabash, where there were 600 souls. He gave me a letter addressed to all the officers of the squadron. Last Sabbath I preached on board the Housa-

tonic, where there were 14 Christians. They sustain a prayer-meeting every Sabbath on the quarter-deck, and the Captain always meets with them. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. I was pleased to see that he was not too proud to kneel again and again upon his own quarter-deck when men of his crew offered prayer. When one finds dear brothers some of the highest officers of the Navy, not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, it is certainly cause of thanksgiving, and should serve to encourage us in our work. Prayer-meetings are held on board the Lancaster, the Ironsides, Wabash, Housatonic, Minnesota, Kanawha, Huron and San Jacinto, and conversions are frequent. There are thirty pious seamen on board the Wabash."

Is it not true, then, that the spiritual influence has been diffused and quickened rather than diminished by the exigencies of war? The Libraries are doing a good work. When the Library which was to replace those battered books worn by the hard hands of seamen seem like veterans returning with the scars of conflict, came on board the Minnesota, the seaman to whom they were entrusted says: "I received your kind letter, likewise that good Library. My dear brother, I prefer these more than so much gold! When it arrived, I was so much overjoyed that I knelt down alongside of it and lifted my heart in prayer to God, that He would make it the means of saving some poor soul from a miserable eternity, and that He would bless the friends of the poor sailor, who sent it to us."

Two hundred and three conversions have taken place on board of vessels where the Libraries are placed. Does this record, connected with the revivals that are springing up all over the land, look as though the country was forsaken of God? A few years ago great apprehensions were expressed because two-thirds of the soldiers in the army and sailors in the navy and merchant service were foreigners. It was said, "We have opened our ports to all the poor and oppressed of Europe. They swarm in our fields and workshops—their temples rise beside our temples—their children go to school with our children, and they cast their votes at our polls." A few months ago a Norwegian sailor came to this country on purpose to enlist in our cavalry. Four hundred men, mostly foreigners, have gone from the Sailor's Home into the

Navy, and seventy-five into the Army. A Swedish sailor, now a sergeant in the 4th Regiment of R. I. Volunteers, thus writes to the Superintendent of the Home: "I don't know how long it will be before I reach Boston again, but I trust God will spare me to return to my friends in the North. God save our Union. I am fighting for the Flag of Our Country, and never, no never will I desert it as long as one star remains."

Another Swede, returning from a voyage, said: "This country it seems, is at war. I am going to fight for it. To be sure it is not my country, but it has done more for me than ever my country did. For five years I have sailed under and been protected by this Flag, and enjoyed more privileges under it than I ever did under my own; and now it is in danger I am going to fight for it and the country that has done so much for me. Where shall I go, to the army or navy?" Being advised to enter the navy, the next day he was on board the Ohio. Did these men in the hour of danger sting the breast that had nourished them?

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BOSTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated "THE BOSTON SEAMAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY," and shall be considered a Branch of the American Seaman's Friend Society.

ART. 2. The object of the Society shall be to furnish regular evangelica ministrations for Seamen, and to employ such other means for their spiritua and temporal welfare, as are contemplated by the National Institution.

ART. 3. Any person paying annually not less than three dollars, shall be a member. The payment of twenty dollars by a person, shall constitute the individual so contributing, a member for life.

ART. 4. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting, and twelve Managers, who shall fill their own vacancies. These officers shall constitute a Board of Directors. Five of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

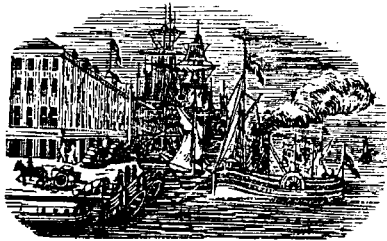
ART. 5. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society, at such time as the Directors shall appoint, when a Report shall be exhibited, and officers shall be chosen for the ensuing year. All elections of officers shall be by ballot.

ART. 6. The Directors shall fix the times of their meetings, and the mode of calling the same, and adopt rules of proceeding, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ART. 7. The first, second and fourth articles of this Constitution shall be unalterable, as they embrace fundamental principles, which have led to the institution of the Society. The other articles may be altered; but only at Annual Meetings, and upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

TWENTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE
AMERICAN BETHEL SOCIETY.



PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING,

HELD AT

Mount Morris, April 19th, 1863.

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1863.

PRESIDENT,

HON. ADDISON GARDINER, ROCHESTER.

VICE-PRESIDENTS,

MOSES BRISTOL..... Buffalo.	HON. SAMUEL A. FOOTE..Geneva.
JOHN A. GRANGER..Canandaigua.	BRADFORD R. WOOD.... Albany.
HARVEY C. FENN.....Rochester.	HON. JOHN PORTER..... Auburn.
REV. JAMES B. SHAW..Rochester.	J. M. SCHERMERHORN... Homer.
JUDGE ALLEN..... Oswego.	HON. GEO. HASTINGS..Mt. Morris.
HON. JOHN FINE..... Ogdensburg.	SIMEON BENJAMIN..... Elmira.
SPENCER KELLOGG.....Utica.	EDGAR B. DAY.....Oatskill.
HON. WILLIAM J. BACON..Utica.	GURDON GRANT.....Troy.
HON. HENRY A. FOSTER... Rome.	T. T. FLAGLER.....Lockport.
RECORDING SECRETARY.....THEODORE BUTLER..... Buffalo.	
CORRESPONDING ".....REV. TIMOTHY STILLMAN...Dunkirk.	
TREASURER.....NOAH H. GARDNER..... Buffalo.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

J. D. SAWYER.	GEORGE HOWARD.
JOSEPH DART, Jr.	S. H. FISH.
JASON SEXTON.	P. M. VOSBURGH.
F. P. WOOD.	JESSE KETCHUM.
WILLIAM DODSWORTH.	

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Society shall be denominated the “AMERICAN BETHEL SOCIETY.”

ARTICLE 2.—The object and business of this Society shall be to superintend Bethel operations upon the inland waters; to constitute a bond of union for the local societies, and aid such societies in obtaining funds and chaplains, especially to EXTEND efforts in the cause, organize new societies, establish new Bethel stations, and carry into effect such measures as are adapted to promote the improvement of that class of men who do business upon the inland waters of our country.

ARTICLE 3.—The officers of the Society shall be—a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and thirty Directors, who shall be annually appointed by the Society; and who, together with the Directors for Life, shall constitute a Board, seven of whom shall be a quorum, at any meeting regularly convened.

ARTICLE 4.—The Officers and Directors shall appoint two persons from each of the Evangelical Churches in the City of Buffalo which contribute annually to our funds; who, together with the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary, shall be an Executive Committee—five of whom shall be a quorum, at any meeting regularly convened. This Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, form its own rules of business, and fill any vacancies in its own number which may occur during the year, and convene special meetings of the Board or Society; shall appoint agents and instruct them as to the field and manner of their labors; shall have disposal of the funds; and do such other business as the interests of the institution may require; and shall make an Annual Report of their proceedings to the Society.

ARTICLE 5.—Any one may become a member of this Society by contributing annually to its funds. Twenty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a member for life; and fifty dollars paid at one time shall constitute a Director for life; and any person, on the payment of a sum, which in addition to any previous contribution to the funds shall amount to fifty dollars, shall be a Director for life.

ARTICLE 6.—Any Bethel or Seamen's Friend Society may become auxiliary by agreeing to pay into the Treasury of this Society its surplus funds, and sending to the Corresponding Secretary a copy of its Constitution and Annual Report.

ARTICLE 7.—This Society shall meet annually, at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall designate.

ARTICLE 8.—No alteration shall be made in this Constitution without a vote of two thirds of the members present, at the annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
AMERICAN BETHEL SOCIETY.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the American Bethel Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Mount Morris, on Sunday evening, April 19th, 1863. Hon. GEORGE HASTINGS, one of the Vice-Presidents, in the Chair. After prayer, by the Rev. LEVI PARSONS, Jr., the Treasurer's Report was presented, showing the total receipts for the year to have been \$6,809 34 which was distributed among fifteen laborers in different portions of the field. The Report of the Executive Committee was also read, accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed; after this the audience was addressed by

Rev. M. T. WINTON, Missionary on the Chenango Canal.

Deacon DAVID DICKEY, Missionary at Rochester.

Deacon ISRAEL STARKS, Missionary at Brockport, and

Rev. T. STILLMAN, Corresponding Secretary.

The Officers of the Society were re-elected.

ANNUAL REPORT.

We can in no way exhibit the present aspect of our Society better than by contrasting the past with the present, that we may learn what God has accomplished by our instrumentality.

In the commencement of our enterprise inland commerce was comparatively in its infancy. True the Erie canal was in successful operation, connecting our seaboard with the Lakes; and other artificial works were rapidly approaching a completion which would unite the Great Lakes with the Father of Waters. Still all these vast channels of inland navigation did not furnish employment for one-fifth the present number who are engaged there, nor one-fifth of the tonnage of the boats and vessels that are now necessary to bring forward the surplus produce of our rapidly growing country. Then it was deemed sufficient for us to attempt sustaining a chaplain at Buffalo, Cleveland, and Oswego, these being the only inland ports of sufficient importance to demand the services of a chaplain. Now Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Milwaukie, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Pittsburg have reached a commercial importance greater than Buffalo or Cleveland had attained a quarter of a century ago. Then it seemed utterly impracticable by any contrivance to reach those who were employed in navigating our canals, except where they might happen to be at some terminus of their route, because they were considered, so separated from the common relations of life, and so far removed from the ordinary restraints of family relations and so destitute of the noble and generous characteristics which distinguish ocean sailors that they could not be reached by any Christian influences with which we were then acquainted. Now scarcely a boat can pass through any of these artificial channels of commerce without receiving some salutary Christian influences from a Colporteur Missionary. Then our work was so small as to call for comparatively little sympathy from the benevolent. Now the entire field both inland and ocean, affiliated as it is in a friendly co-operation, brings our cause to a

level with some of the most important Christian enterprises which characterize the age. Then a Christian sailor or boatman was rarely to be seen,—now they may be found in large numbers at some of our seaports where daily prayer-meetings are held among them, and such meetings are sustained on many of the naval ships of our country. Then improvement in the external character and conditions of the men employed in inland commerce was so small as to be scarcely perceived from year to year. Now those whose point of observation enable them to contrast the moral aspect of our Lakes, Rivers and Canals with what it was a quarter of a century ago, bear their united testimony, that in no department of Christian Missions, is the improvement so manifest as in this field, and while looking at it and the means employed to accomplish it they exclaim, “What hath God wrought.”

As to the labors of the year we can say in general we have sustained Chaplains and Missionaries, as in former years. Fifteen have been employed, and with the usual success.

At Buffalo, in the commencement of the year, Rev. P. G. Cook was appointed chaplain, who, after six months of service, felt it his duty to accept an invitation to a chaplaincy in the army which was tendered to him by the united voice of the field officers, most of whom were his attached friends. On his resignation Rev. S. L. Church was appointed his successor. We are happy to say that notwithstanding these changes the cause has steadily advanced, and seems now to be established upon a surer basis than ever before. A flourishing Sabbath school gives promise of great and permanent good to that section of the city. The meetings on the Dock, we regard as a very important aid in our work, and have been more largely attended and more deeply interesting than during any former season. The Pastors up town and many citizens have rendered important aid by their presence and their cheerful and hearty co-operation in sustaining these out-door services. On the Erie Canal we have sustained two Missionaries, who have long been in our employ, and six who are expecting hereafter to preach Christ crucified in some field to which their Heavenly Father shall appoint them. Of these it gives us pleasure to say they seem to be learning lessons for the future, which are not to be found in books, and which cannot be taught by the Professors

in our Colleges and Theological Seminaries—still they are lessons which teach them of new avenues to the heart and consciences of men which will no doubt be valuable hereafter. We have also had one Missionary on the Genesee Valley Canal, one on Seneca Lake and the adjacent canals, one on the Chenango and North Branch Pennsylvanian Canal. All of these Missionaries in their reports give an encouraging account of the progress and improvement, at least in the outward character, of the watermen. True they find some, ready to scoff at any attempt to do them good, but these, are almost invariably new men in the field, who have never before met with those who care for their souls. As a specimen of their report we present the following extracts:—

One says:—

“On an average I visited about 35 boats daily. Visiting station barns was the most trying part of my work, but even here I found a good opportunity to labor for Christ.

One evening I called to see a sick driver whom I had seen before. I approached him and gave him a Testament. He said, “Do you think they would receive me into the Church?” He also remarked that his mother taught him to pray when quite small, but he had joined the army, became reckless and wicked, and lost his arm, and that during the few days past that he had been unable to work, he had thought more of religion than he had done before for years. I tried to point him to the way of salvation, and I then talked with two old men near him, one of whom was a professor of religion, and who after I left conversed and prayed with the sick man for more than an hour.

The next morning I returned and left with the sick man “Baxter’s Call to the Unconverted,” one-third of which he had read through when I had returned in the evening, and another driver also had read portions of it.

After conversing with him for some time, some drivers at the far end of the mow reading tracts, observing that I was there, came to us. When I had talked with them for more than an hour, as I was leaving one of them who came down the stairs before me, stopped me on the tow-path, and said “won’t you pray for me. I once enjoyed religion, but have strayed away, and want now to get back.” I talked with him for a time, and as I left him, he pressed my hand like a man in earnest and said “don’t forget,” which he repeated several weeks after when I met him. I met this man and the sick man afterward, and their appearance and conversation were such as to give me hope of meeting them on high.

If Christ condescended to preach the Gospel to the poor, the maimed, the halt, the Bethel cause should surely have the Christian’s sympathy.”

Another reports as follows:—

“This being a new kind of labor to me and a new class of men, I had to feel my way cautiously at first, in order to make sure of some success. As my acquaintance with the work and intercourse with the boatmen increased, I was surprised to find them so uniformly kind, free to converse on the subject of religion, and always, without a single exception, willing to accept the tract or Testament offered, with generally, an assent to my request to read it. I preserved some very good incidents illustrating the importance of labor among the boys of the Canal, some I am forced to hope were permanently benefitted. One old man 73 years old, once a member of the Meth. E. church, I have good reason to believe, was led back to the fold from which he had for 25 years been a wanderer.

The difficulty of knowing how much is directly accomplished, you fully understand, for many of the persons labored with, it is very likely you will not see twice in the course of the Summer. I found a good deal of encouragement from some

pious women who are, indeed, "Missionaries" on the canal; also, from a few merchants and boat-owners along the route of the Canal. Oh that their numbers were increased! I distributed about 6 doz. Testaments, and I think about 2,000 tracts. In addition to this I collected several hundreds of secondhand S. S. papers from the churches which I visited on the Sabbath. These are very readily taken and read by the drivers, and, in fact, by all on the boats. I had several earnest requests for the *Bible*, from men who, I believed, would read them, these I obtained and supplied."

Still another :—

"I entered upon my work last May with reluctance. From the class of men with whom I was to spend a long vacation, I then expected nothing but rebuffs and curses. And then, too, my faith in the results of this labor was small.

I had not labored long, however, before the prospective horrors of the work began to vanish. The boatmen, I found, usually looked upon me as a friend, and that many of them were grateful for any efforts to benefit their souls. In only one instance was I ordered off a boat. In a very few instances was I directly abused. The cases were more frequent but not by any means numerous in which ridicule was resorted to; and in all these cases I believe "Those of the contrary port were ashamed" before the close of the interview. I remember a crew which seemed to be lost to virtue and even to shame. I began to speak to them of heaven and the christian's inheritance. The youngest began to dispute and blaspheme. I found that I was truly in a company of Belial's children. Standing upon the deck of the boat and lifting up my voice so that even the driver could hear, I read and expounded, and applied to the consciences of that crew the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. I endeavored to use great plainness of speech. They finally resorted to means of ridicule, base enough to make the most abandoned blush. But the more they opposed the more plainly was I enabled to declare the terrors of the Lord. At last they seemed awed by the power of the truth, and gathering around me listened in silence and solemnity. When I left them, each seemed thankful to take a tract, promising to read it. One poor drunkard promised that he would try to abandon his cups, read the Bible and seek the Saviour. It was a surprising change, at least in external behaviour, which I observed in that boat's crew, not only then but in frequent meetings with them afterward.

Tracts were received far more readily than I could have anticipated. As it is in our army, so on our canals—the scarcity of reading makes the irreligious even eager to get tracts. Usually the hands on the boats were reading their tracts in a very few minutes after their distribution, and it was not uncommon for them to be so much absorbed in their perusal as to forget the business of the moment. Such was the way in which they were generally welcomed, and they were hardly ever refused except by Catholics, and *very frequently* not by them.

I was more and more convinced of the unspeakable preciousness of these labors upon our inland waters by what I was permitted to observe on my own field. The promise is, "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it *after* many days." When we reflect that most of these souls we can see but for a few minutes—that we can only drop in their ears a few sentences of instruction, warning or encouragement, and then (leaving a few pages of Baxter or Knill to preach after we are gone,) depart, perhaps to see them no more on earth. We may be grateful enough if even after "many days" we are permitted to gather any fruit, to the praise of Him who giveth all the increase.

I have heard from many boatmen, who themselves were not Christians, unqualified and hearty testimonies to the vast good of which these labors have been instrumental on the field I occupied.

I will mention an instance or two which came under my observation :

The wife of one of the Captains had very nearly lost her little son by an accident. I asked her if she did not feel that the Saviour who had been long refused entrance into her heart, had knocked loudly that morning for admittance. She assented with great solemnity. I then spoke of the long suffering of Jesus Christ, that he had called her again by his Providence to come to him, and warned her to take heed lest if she should longer neglect him he should give her over to final impenitence. I then repeated some of His own glorious promises, and as I did this she burst into tears. There was another lady in the cabin, and she also wept. I saw that Captain's wife again in a few weeks, and found that she was being taught of

God, her need of Christ. I could but say a few words, give her some suitable tracts and leave her with Him who came to seek and to save the lost.

It was a rainy day, and I was trying to make my way higher up the canal. I fell into conversation with the steersman. He had been two or three years before a member of a M. E. Society. The walk of some of his brethren had been a stumbling block to him. He had fallen into sin and been excluded from the Society. He had then gone gradually down on the course of sin; had become addicted to strong drink; had lost his property, and had left a wife and child at the West. When he spoke of her, it was with tears, for he said she had been a lovely Christian wife, but through his influence had back-slidden. He was in a situation where as a boat hand he had to be at the service of the Captain, who ran his boat on the Sabbath. Hence he said he must leave the canal before he could turn to his God, and live a Christian life. I presented before him the command of God, and urged the thought that this was probably his last opportunity. He said he had neither Bible nor testament with him. I said, "Will you, if I give you a Testament, read and pray morning and evening?" He said, "I will, sir. I have nothing to repay you for your kindness except to thank you, and improve in what you have told me." I found the next day that he had left the canal, and have reason to believe that he returned to his wife at the West, and can only hope that he has returned to his Father's house."

DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL.

Mr. Isaac Farrel, who has occupied this field for five years, reports his labors for the last season, as being increasingly interesting to himself and profitable to the Boatmen in his field. Especially he reports great progress in his attempt to secure an influence among the Roman Catholics there. He represents them as giving him a most cordial welcome last May, when navigation commenced, and many of them expressed the liveliest interest in our Missionary work on that Canal. They do not hesitate to say openly that a great change for the better has been made among the Boatmen within a few years past, and that it is much easier getting along than it used to be, "when no men cared for their souls." Often I hear from them as I leave, "God bless you and your little books and papers." Some of them have learned to pray to God the Father instead of the Virgin; they have found that God hath power on earth to forgive sin, and they go no more to the Priest for pardon, and occasionally I meet with one who has left the Romish Church and united with the Church of Christ, and are now rejoicing in the blessedness of sins forgiven." During the season he has distributed 43,500 pages of Tracts and 300 Testaments. Mr. Farrel has had associated with him the past year Mr. J. J. Eckhart, a Deacon of the Reformed Dutch Church. This appointment was made to meet the demands of an increasing field, and with the expectation that friends would be raised up in the vicinity whose benefactions would enable us to meet the in-

creased expense. We fondly hope we shall hereafter be able to keep two Missionaries in that field.

This Society, its Chaplains and Missionaries, have always exerted a direct and comparatively powerful influence in reference to the desecration of the Sabbath ; an influence which has resulted in greatly diminishing the open and unblushing profanation of the day of rest. They have also in various ways called public attention to this subject, and brought it directly before our Rulers and Legislatures. Though merely a collateral part of our work, it has always received much direct attention and effort, and we cannot but rejoice that now there is an organization in our State which has this distinct object in view, which they are prosecuting zealously, and we cordially unite with the Christian world in bidding them "God speed."

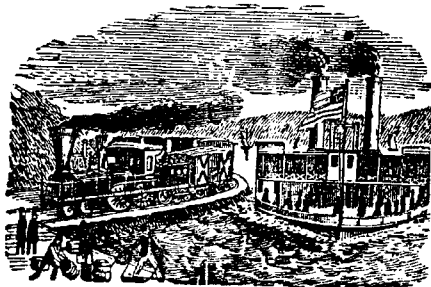
Our Treasury shows an increase of receipts over last year of \$800, notwithstanding the public mind is almost entirely absorbed in efforts to suppress sedition and rebellion, thus embarrassing the benevolent operations of the day by directing a large portion of the benefactions of the day into the channel of Patriotism, rather than Philanthropy, and furnishing an excuse to the covetous for withholding theirs altogether. Of this we feel no disposition to complain, when we remember that unless the supremacy of the Government is maintained, we have already reached the end of those glorious schemes of benevolence which characterize the age in which we live.

In looking forward to the labors of another year, we appeal again to our friends for the aid we need to enable us to prosecute our work among this friendless class. They need our sympathies and our prayers. We owe them much because of the benefits they confer upon us by their toils in the midst of surrounding dangers. We owe them much because they are less likely to secure eternal life on account of the vocation they follow, and the evil influences which surround them. We owe them much because Christ has said, "Whatsoever ye would men should do to you, do ye even so to them." If we pass them by like the Priest and the Levite, we are guilty of a neglect as disastrous in its consequences, and as criminal in the sight of God, as though we directly assisted them along the broad road, and our final Judge will make us responsible.

FIFTEENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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ANNIVERSARY.

The *Fifteenth Anniversary of the Western Seamen's Friend Society*, was held in the city of Cleveland on the 17th and 18th of May, 1863.

At 11 o'clock A. M., on the 17th, the usual annual discourse was delivered to a large audience in the M. E. church, St. Clair street, by Rev. H. Loomis of New York, Secretary of the *American Seamen's Friend Society*.

The sermon was an eloquent and able discourse on the influence of commerce and its uses in the spread of Christianity. The Anniversary services were held in the evening in the Stone Church, Rev. Mr. Goodrich's, commencing with singing by the choir, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Wolcott of Cleveland. The Treasurer, J. B. Parrish, Esq., presented his report.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. H. Leonard, read extracts from the reports of the Board of Directors and Managers of the Society.

Rev. H. Loomis of New York, Rev. Timothy Stillman, Secretary of the Am. Bethel Society, Rev. F. T. Brown of Washington City, and Deacon Starks, severally addressed the audience. The interest of the large audience was kept up to a late hour.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Bignell, the reports presented by the officers were ordered printed in the usual form.

Officers were then elected for the ensuing year.

The 107th Psalm was spiritedly sung by the choir, and the audience dismissed with the Apostolic benediction.

On the morning of the 18th the Missionaries, Chaplains and Secretaries of the American Seamen's Friend, Am. Bethel, and Western Seamen's Friend Societies met in the Bethel church and had a very pleasant and profitable reunion, and interchange of views with regard to fields and labors.

In the evening the Society met in the Mariner's Church; singing by the choir, prayer by Rev. J. W. Wightman. Rev. J. H. Leonard of Chicago, Deacon Starks of the Bethel Society, N. Y., and Mr. Frankland of Cincinnati, each addressed the meeting, giving many touching and thrilling incidents of their missionary lives, awakening in the hearts of all a deeper interest in the cause.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
WESTERN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The onward and westward march of Christianity has ever followed its forerunner, commerce. Into what sea or lake or gulf or river, or island or nation, has commerce gone and left Christianity far behind? She clings to commerce as by instinct, or Divine decree.

No nation on earth occupies a more important or prouder position in the merchant service, ocean bound and inland, than ours. No nation is more clearly denominated by the decrees, prophecies, and providence of God as the great medium for the dissemination and spread of pure Christianity, through an enlightened and sanctified commerce.

But to accomplish all this our Christianity must return, at least partially, to her original purity and simplicity. True, a Gospel and a style of Christianity fitted and confined to the wealthy and the upper classes of a commonwealth, can hardly fail to accomplish much good. But true Christianity, designed as it is to elevate the race, must find its way to the millions and the multitudes of the laboring and the lowly—aye, and to the humble homes of the suffering poor and degraded masses, and to the squalid dens of infamy and crime, and to the fore-castle homes of the rude mariner.

Let the 500,000 seamen and boatmen of the United States become practical Christian men—rude and boisterous though they may be, like their own ocean element; they would constitute a moral power scarcely equalled by so many paid and commissioned

missionaries. At any rate, as much superior to the influence of the same number of laymen, as the man who travels round the world four times a year, coming in contact with hundreds of thousands of people, is greater than the plodding farmer, who spends his three score years and ten on his ten acre lot in Goshen.

If by some magic power we could translate the patrons of this Society to some lofty eminence, like that on which the Psalmist stood overlooking God's vast system of seas and lakes and rivers, covered with sail and boats and ships and fleets and navies, manned by millions of human beings, contributing to the life, luxury, wealth, happiness and protection of the human race and extension of the church of God—like the Psalmist, in their enthusiasm, they would shout, "Sing unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea and all that is therein." And then, if we could lift them up a little higher, and give them a little of his prophetic fire, they would mingle their shouts with the strains of the old prophet, Isaiah, who stood there twenty-six hundred years ago, gazing on the very scenes they now behold, and in a glow of excited anticipation, declared, "The abundance of the sea shall be converted to Thee."

And then, if we could lead you down to the beautiful vale, and along the shores of the sea of Gallilee, that you might see Jesus standing on the ship, proclaiming liberty to the captive, giving light to those sitting in darkness, and hear him say to Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, and others, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." We think the Bethel ship would soon be manned, provisioned and stored, for a cruise of conquest, on lake or river, to port and harbor, on all our western waters.

The reports of our Missionary brethren are many of them full of interest, and all of them show the field white to the harvest, and the readiness of many of those for whom we labor to receive with joy the word of life.

At one of our stations a revival of much interest and power has been enjoyed; at others much interest has been manifested and souls have been converted.

A few years ago it was found difficult to conduct a prayer-meeting at a Bethel church, as there were so few sailors to take part.

This year at a single meeting sailors from six different nations assisted in the services.

It is our joy and rejoicing to feel and to know that the benediction of Heaven has rested on the efforts of the last year or two, on behalf of the sailor and his family; especially so on the labors of the *American Seamen's Friend Society*, the mother institution.

The pious men who have gone from our Bethels into the navy, both East and West, are many of them signally useful as missionaries among their shipmates.

The labors of the *Western Seamen's Friend Society* during the past year have been nearly confined to the loyal free States of the West. The society find it exceedingly difficult to do much in the rebellious or seceded States.

We have had the same number of men employed as last year—*sixteen* in all.

These Brethren have labored on nearly all the waters, including lakes, rivers, and canals, in the great valley between the Alleghenies and the Rocky Mountains.

And we claim a greater reformation and improvement in intelligence, morals and usefulness, among seamen on these Lakes, since the Bethel Flag was unfurled over these waters, than among an equal number of men, in any employment or profession in any part of our land, or any land.

THE TREASURY.

We are most happy to say to the Society, that our appeals for the means to carry forward this enterprise have never been more cheerfully responded to than during the past year; enabling us to reduce materially a large floating debt which has greatly embarrassed our operations for years.

Our receipts during the year 1861, were \$11,277 48; the past year they have been \$12,919 44; besides a lot of land in Cincinnati, valued at \$1,500.

Our Sabbath schools are a marvel in their way. We have at this time about 4,000 children in these schools—from two to three thousand of these little ones are poor and destitute. Many of them homeless and friendless—some of them reduced to worse

than poverty and want, by the dissipation of parents ; others by the ordinary casualties of navigation, and many by the cruelties of this wicked war.

These children have placed themselves under the guardian care and protection of this society. They look to us not only for counsel and advice, but many of them for food and clothes, for education and for moral and religious training, and even for house and shelter. And we are most happy to be able to say, that not one of these dear little defenceless wanderers has ever applied to us in vain ; and while there is a dollar in the treasury, or a loaf on the table of any one of this noble band of missionary brethren, the widow or the orphan of the self-sacrificing sailor shall never knowingly want.

Finally, in presenting this summary of their fifteenth year's labors, the Trustees feel constrained to say, never, more than now, have we felt the greatness and goodness of this mission. A wide and spreading field opens before us, limited only by the unparalleled growth of the vast commerce of the broad prairies and valleys and lakes and rivers, stretching their almost limitless lengths and proportions all around us.

Impressed with such feelings, we submit this report—earnestly appealing to the friends and patrons of this important charity for increased sympathy and large support.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.

ST. LOUIS. ——— ———, *Chaplain.*

Our Bethel work in this great and important commercial city was almost entirely broken up at the very beginning of the *reign of terror*, in *Rebeldom*, and but little has been accomplished since. Still we hope in the course of the present year to resume our labors in this city of boats and boatmen.

MILWAUKEE.—REV. JOHN NATE, *Chaplain.*

The city of Milwaukee is now already one of the most important commercial cities and seaports on our Lakes. The rapid growth and increased shipping of this port, make it a large and important field for the operations of this Society.

The citizens of Milwaukee are manifesting considerable interest in the Bethel, and our new enterprise here promises future prosperity and usefulness.

Chaplain's Report.

Dear Brother LEONARD :

"It is with feelings of gratitude to the Great Father that I present this, my First Annual Report. As I look back over the past year of toil, and in some respects hardship for the Chaplain and his family, yet the consciousness that something has been done towards the salvation of the sailor makes toil seem easy and hardship pleasure. During the first half of the year we had no place of worship. I could only visit the vessels, speak kindly to the sailor, give him a tract, which was always gladly received, and implore God's blessing upon him. In these visits I have always been kindly received, the reading matter thankfully accepted, and in most cases I have every reason to believe faithfully read. I regard this port as a very important field. More *wheat* has been shipped from the port of Milwaukee during the past year than from any other port in the world, Chicago not excepted. I only name this fact as suggestive of the great number of seamen that must visit this city every year. True, such are the facilities for loading vessels with grain, that they usually stay but two or three hours in port. Still, during that short stay the faithful chaplain, through God, may be the means of leading some to Christ.

Finding it necessary to obtain some place of worship, I immediately set to work to secure such a place. I found a suitable room, 50 by 60, with a reading room or office adjoining, which could be had at an annual rent of \$150, provided we would finish the building, at a cost of about \$300. The work was commenced on the first of October, and on the 7th of December our chapel was opened for Divine service. An eloquent and appropriate sermon was delivered on the occasion by Rev. C. D. Helmer of this city. It has been necessary for the Chaplain to continue to act as agent for the Society to a great extent, in order to provide for these outlays. This has been a temporary hindrance to our Bethel work.

We have a Sabbath school with an average attendance of 45 teachers and scholars. Mrs. Nate solicited funds to purchase a good melodion, worth \$75. We now have regular service, morning and evening. We look forward to the future with strong faith that God will be with us in this port.

Milwaukee, May 1, 1863.

J. NATE, *Chaplain.*

CHICAGO.—REV. J. H. LEONARD, *Chaplain.*

Our Bethel at Chicago is still one of our most efficient and useful stations. The labors of the Chaplain seem to have been greatly blessed—in the Bethel, on the ships, in the Marine Hospital, and in families of sailors. We give below his Annual report.

To the Corresponding Secretary of the W. S. F. Society :

DEAR BROTHER :—The Bethel Flag is kept unfurled in this port, and must be, in all coming time. Chicago is now a large commercial city—the most so of any on our inland seas. We frequently have over two hundred vessels at our docks at one time ; and a large proportion of them of immense tonnage. More than twenty thousand sailors and boatmen visit our port in the course of the year ; many of them remaining here during the suspension of navigation on our Lakes and Rivers, in the winter. Much more ought to be done for the re-

religious benefit of these men in this place, than we are able to do with our present poor and limited facilities.

The Lord Jesus Christ sought the sea first. He made the poor fishermen of Galilee, and other sea-faring men, the *first* object of his sympathy and benevolence; but in this day of Christian effort, the sailor is the last one thought of. Thousands of churches, and tens of thousands of Christians in our country never contribute a dime to give the Gospel to the sons of the ocean; and many among the foremost in supporting some objects of benevolence, and charity, wholly overlook Jack, or 'pass him on the other side.'

I preach regularly in the Bethel on Sabbath mornings and evenings, and also at the Marine Hospital in the afternoon, making three sermons every Sabbath. The congregations are very fluctuating during the season of navigation. In the winter season the attendance is more uniform, and much of the time our house is well filled.

Our meetings for prayer and conference, at the Bethel, every week, are regularly held and well attended; and generally seasons of great spiritual good to all present. I have recently conducted a protracted meeting in the church, which was continued over three weeks. We had a sermon every night nearly, followed by a prayer meeting and other appropriate exercises. The meetings were well attended, and God was in our midst through the whole. Glory to his name! Christians were greatly revived in their religious enjoyment and life; and a considerable number of sinners were converted to God, and the work is still going on. At the close of my sermon, a few evenings since, I gave an invitation to such in the house as were determined to turn to God, and lead a new life, to come forward to a seat in front of the desk, where Christians would unite with them in prayer for their conversion. A man in the congregation at once arose and said: 'My friends, I am a stranger to you, and a stranger to God, but I am not ashamed, nor afraid to go forward to that seat, and there seek the salvation of my poor soul. Last Monday I was out in the worst gale that I ever experienced on these lakes. The sea rolled over our vessel for several hours, and all aboard expected to go down. I found that I was not prepared to die, and I promised God that if He would spare my life, it should in future be devoted to His service; and now I want religion.' He came forward; we united in prayer for his conversion; he plead with God for his own soul, and finally obtained the blessing sought. Peace took possession of his troubled mind, and he blessed God for converting grace. Standing up, and addressing the audience, he said, 'My wife is a member of the church, and has often tried to get me to go to the house of God with her, but I refused; and for six years past I have not entered a church until to-night, except occasionally the Universalist church. I tried to be a Universalist, but when death stared me in the face that system failed me. It wont do to die by. God helping me, I will now be a christian, and unite with my wife in trying to train up our little family for heaven, and gain the port of everlasting life.' The Great Captain was aboard our ship that night. Sinners trembled, and saints 'shouted aloud for joy.'

Our Sabbath school at the Bethel is doing remarkably well. Children and teachers are regular in their attendance, and take a deep interest in the prosperity of the school. God has recently given His approbation of our labors in this way, in the conversion of a number of the teachers and larger scholars. To His name be all the praise. The dear children evince such a love for the school and everything connected therewith, sing our hymns and songs so sweetly, and make such rapid improvement in their knowledge of divine things, that I am almost ready, at times, to conclude that they are all Christians. God bless them!

Another important part of my work is Tract distribution. I devote a large portion of my time to this, going from vessel to vessel and from house to house, putting the little messengers of truth and love into the hands of sailors and

boatmen, and their families, wherever I can find them. I endeavor to keep the men at the hospital supplied not only with tracts, but also with larger publications, and books. Altogether, I have distributed a very large amount of reading matter during the past twelve months.

HOSPITAL.

At the hospital there are constantly from one hundred to two hundred and twenty patients, sailors and soldiers, a large proportion of whom are always able to leave their wards and attend divine service in one of the halls in the building. Our meetings here are characterized for great solemnity and marked attention; and what is better, a considerable number have turned to God, and given good evidence of a work of grace. We have also a weekly prayer meeting, and a Bible class, at the hospital. Many of the young men become deeply interested in these meetings, and are greatly profited by them.

In all cases of death at the hospital I am called to perform funeral service. The men in the institution are generally present, and they often prove to be seasons of great solemnity and profit. I devote considerable time to the instruction and encouragement of the sick and the dying among the sailors and soldiers, and not unfrequently with good results. I was called one night at ten o'clock to the hospital to see a sailor who was near his end. I repaired at once to the bed-side of the dying man. He looked at me and said, 'Sir, I am a great sinner, and I have sent for you to see if you think there is any hope in my case. I ought not to be the bad man that I am. My father and mother in the old country are Christians. I have a brother in the city of Baltimore, a merchant, who is a praying man, and I had an angel of a sister who died a few years ago, and is now in heaven. But I am the prodigal of the family, and now my end has come.' I pointed him to Jesus, quoted the invitations and promises of the Gospel, sang several hymns, and spent some time with him in prayer. He wept, and prayed fervently for pardon and acceptance; and before I left he seemed calm in his mind, and to be trusting in the atonement. I called the next morning, and enquired of him as to the state of his mind, when he said, 'O sir, I am better in both soul and body. I have had constant peace in my mind ever since you were here last night. God has blessed my soul, and after all my sinning Jesus is my saviour.' After a season spent with him in conversation, prayer and singing, I left him happy in God. The next day I found him in great peace of mind, and waiting patiently for his change to come. I had another season of worship with him, in which he took a part, and was greatly profited. On leaving I said to him, 'My brother, when I come back again you will probably be gone.' He replied: 'Very likely, but if so, I trust I shall be in a better land.' He continued in that happy state of mind until the following morning at eight o'clock, when he calmly fell asleep in Jesus.

The cause is prospering on this station. I am greatly encouraged in my work. God be praised.

Chicago, April, 1863.

JOSEPH H. LEONARD.

DETROIT.—REV. N. M. WELLS, *Chaplain.*

Our Bethel in Detroit has enjoyed the labors of Father Wells for nine years past, and now at the advanced age of 82 years he closes labors among us, and his active labors for the Church.

Father Well's long life has been one of constant activity and usefulness; and he retires from the more active ministry with warm sympathies and affections, not only of sailors and their friends, but of all who know him "only to love him." May he

yet live many years in his quiet retirement among his children, and as a venerable counsellor in the Church of God.

The Bethel here has been moving through the year much as usual. The congregations have been fair, and the Sabbath school one of much interest. With proper management and diligent efforts this Bethel may be made a great moral power for good on the Lakes.

CINCINNATI.—B. FRANKLAND, *Missionary.*

The Bethel in Cincinnati is one of the great moral powers for good in this great city of enormous influences for evil.

The visible effects of the Gospel on the multitudes who come to the Bethel is most gratifying and encouraging. But we will let the report of our Missionary speak for the Bethel.

REPORT OF THE CINCINNATI BETHEL.

Dear Brother Leonard:—The Bethel work has gone on without interruption during the year, and has accomplished, we have reason to believe, a large measure of usefulness. The Divine blessing has seemed to rest upon us, and the hand of Christian sympathy and benevolence extended to our support.

Our Bethel meetings have been attended regularly and at times with a marked interest. Some extra services have also been held. The attendance has probably been as good as could be expected under the circumstances. Our steamboats are largely engaged in Government service, and there seems a growing tendency to clear from port on Saturday night, frequently leaving our wharf almost deserted on Sunday. We have also to contend with inveterate habits of neglect in regard to religious duty. But we have had cheering evidence that the spirit of the Lord is working for and with us, and feel by no means discouraged. The stern hand of death, the rude shock of affliction, and many circumstances which seemed to the outward view dark and gloomy, have brought us in contact with those who have found their only source of comfort in the consolation of religion—the wayfaring man and the stranger have stopped in and tarried with us for a season, and the children, too, have helped to swell the band of worshippers before the throne of a merciful Heavenly Father.

Our system of missionary visitations still opens a large and increasing field of labor. In this connection a large number of Bibles, Testaments, tracts, and other religious reading matter has been distributed. The opportunity of meeting and talking with the people on their own ground, and dropping a word of advice and encouragement, in regard to both temporal and spiritual wants, is eminently calculated to produce beneficial results. We get a fuller insight into their conditions and surroundings, and are brought into more living sympathy with their trials and difficulties, can by degrees remove many prejudices, arising from the wide and deep separation that still exists and has a tendency to increase in our social system, between rich and poor. We nearly always are courteously received, and in very many cases an anxiety for a renewal of these visits is manifested.

Our Sunday School still maintains its efficiency, both in numbers and influence. It has an average of about 700 scholars, the number in attendance sometimes exceeding 800 on a Sunday afternoon; and made up from an aggregate of nearly 2,000 different children, who attend for a period more or less extended.

Our success in this field we attribute mainly to two facts: 1st.—We treat our scholars, as nearly as may be, with strict equality, if any difference it being in favor of the forlorn and destitute, and 2d, to the patient, persevering Christian co-operation of a band of from 30 to 40 teachers, who are testifying their love to their Master, by ministering to his wandering and lonely little ones. We think the hold we are securing among the children and youth of the class among whom we labor, if maintained with faithfulness, as among the hopeful signs of moral and religious progress among the masses.

We have been able to relieve a considerable amount of suffering among the poor, through our benevolent system. Some provisions, some aid in money, in cases of sickness and death, and about 2,000 garments, nearly 300 of which mostly in families, have been distributed directly by myself, and the balance, some 1,700 to our Sunday-school scholars, through the Ladies' Bethel Aid Society, who by kind and effective aid, have relieved us of a heavy burden, in this matter. In this department we have been most liberally sustained by the public, in the way of contribution. The Bible in one hand, and a loaf of bread or a garment in the other, we find to be the most powerful weapons we can employ in our warfare.

The work at a station like this, necessarily extends beyond the class, whose welfare it is the first object of your Society to promote. The boatmen on our Western waters, are not, as a class so distinct or permanent in their occupation as the sailor in the ocean service. While undoubtedly some continue in the service for extended periods, or for life, very many resort to it as a temporary expedient,—if young men, unless cut down in the midst of careers of dissipation, until they become tired of a roving life, and feel desirous of settling down to more quiet life; if men of families, till they find profitable employment on shore. Then many of them who reside in the ports at which they stop, come to look on the boat in the light of a workshop, and in hours of leisure withdraw as much as may be from the river and its surroundings. The families, too, have to be looked after, as much as the father, who is so much taken away from home and its influences. We are thus from our position, and the nature of our work, brought right into the work of city Evangelization, and we are by no means unmindful of its importance, and how much of patient labor is required for its accomplishment.

The peculiar trials, temptations, and evils incident to a city population, and which seem to increase and grow stronger with its growth, are so terrible in their nature, so fruitful of desolation and woe, as to become not only hindrances to moral and religious progress, but the means of undermining the very foundations of social and national existence. And in their eradication we have to encounter opposing forces, from different directions. In the first place from very familiarity with scenes and objects of suffering, there is a tendency to become indifferent in regard to their cause and consequences; we are apt to come to the conclusion that they are inevitable and no particular concern of ours; we overlook the fact that in every case of a child being permitted to grow up in ignorance and degradation, there is almost a certainty that it will in some way become a burthen to society, and that it will infect the very atmosphere from which we draw our moral life. Self-interest alone demands efforts to remove from society this great and increasing mass of pauperism. And in the second place, the surroundings and habits of the poor themselves are fearfully against them. Without self-respect, there can be no true manhood. Dirt lessens self-respect. The crowding of so many families under one roof, and in families of both sexes into one room, destroys the finer feelings, and sensibilities. Again the very common custom among the poor of using malt and alcoholic liquors, at meals, as a stimulus in the place of the tea and coffee ordinarily used in a family, creates an appetite in early life, which, alas, often leads to early ruin and a dishonored grave. These, with diminished reverence for the good and true, caused by swearing, Sabbath breaking, and kindred evils, create a perfect wilderness of moral corruption.

And where shall we turn for those who will go up to the help of the Lord

against the mighty, if not to the Church of Christ, whose principles teach not only purity and holiness to the Lord, but also point to a true brotherhood of man, and a responsibility resting upon every member of that church, if they would share in the triumph, to labor for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is still the power of God unto salvation, and to be preached to every creature. And this, our mission, is simply the great mission of the Church in this direction, to enlist the sympathy of the more favored in outward circumstances to this work of love for Christ and humanity and to point the lowly, erring, wanderers to a Saviour, who for our sakes took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made obedient unto death, that we might live. And in full hope of the ultimate triumph of these principles, we press forward. We have encouragement from past observation and experience, have faith to believe that the work of your Society will, if pursued with faithfulness yield a rich harvest to the glory of God. Yours truly,

Cincinnati, May 1st, 1863.

B. FRANKLAND.

TOLEDO.—REV. S. M. BEATTY, *Missionary*.

Toledo is really a very important port for Bethel operations. The commerce here is constantly and rapidly increasing, and the amount of shipping, and the number of sailors and boatmen is large.

It is hoped through the sympathy and co-operation of the citizens to see this station much more efficient.

The preaching services during the past year have usually been held on board vessels or the docks; often with large attendance.

CLEVELAND.—REV. WM. DAY, *Chaplain*.

Our condition at this Station has been more than usually various. We have not had a settled chaplain here for three years past, and, like other congregations and other people, frequent changes, with great uncertainty in the pulpit supply, often cause empty pews. The Bethel has been supplied a portion of the year by the old Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Day, and latterly by Rev. Mr. Ingersole, both of whom have been blessed, and much good has been accomplished.

There have been several hopeful conversions of sailors under the labors of each of these brethren. At one communion five persons were received to the fellowship of the church on profession of their faith in Christ.

One of this number writing recently from Albany, N. Y., says : —“It is my whole desire to live the remainder of my life to the glory of God.”

PITTSBURG.—REV. J. WIGHTMAN, *Chaplain.*

Our Bethel which has been so prosperous and useful for many years has been greatly disturbed and interrupted since the beginning of this terrible war. Still there are times when quite a fleet of boats return and the labors of the chaplain are as abundant and important as ever. Indeed his labors are quite arduous even when most of the steamers with their crews are absent; for the small packets, rafts, lumber, and coal-boats on three rivers, scattered over a large field, afford ample work for the most indefatigable chaplain.

The business men of Pittsburg manifest a warm interest in the Bethel here, and it is hoped we may soon be able to build a chapel and place the institution on a firm and permanent basis.

Below we give a brief extract from the chaplains's report :—

PITTSBURG, April 29, 1863.

REV. R. H. LEONARD.—*Dear Brother* :—You know my labors at the Bethel commenced on the 15th of April, 1862, and continued up till the 16th of June, at which time I went to the army, leaving the pulpit to be supplied for four weeks, at which time I expected to return. But falling into rebel hands and being detained in prison during most of the Summer, the Bethel was closed, as to preaching, on the second Sabbath of July, since which time there has been no regular service held. The Sabbath school has continued throughout the year, and although not large, is still an encouraging feature of the work. The average attendance is about 70, with over 100 on the roll. Our teachers numbering 12 in all, are faithful and devoted. We are in the receipt of two monthly papers—“*The Child's World*,” and “*The Child at Home*.” Early in the Summer we purchased an organ harmonium for the use of the school, which adds many attractions for the children. Lately we have received a number of recruits to our little army, and this is a promising feature of the work here. The reason for discontinuing preaching is the lassitude of commercial trade, and the scarcity of boatmen at this point, all growing out of the state of the country. During the time of my presence here I have continued the distribution of tracts, many thousand pages of which have been cast as bread upon the waters, and have also as I found opportunity, visited in the families connected with the Bethel.

With an earnest desire for the success of the Bethel, I am yours,

J. W. WIGHTMAN.

MISSIONS.

Our itinerant missionaries have many of them labored with great interest and success during the past year.

One of these brethren reports having visited 1850 vessels, 360 families, preached 125 times, and distributed 18,000 tracts among sailors.

Some of our missionaries speak in a most impressive manner of their labors in the marine and naval hospitals.

Many now in the naval service have been hopefully and savingly converted in our Hospitals, and by the labors of those missionaries, and their noble testimony in the last hour is cheering. One of our missionaries speaking of these men says :—

“In the midst of their afflictions, no word of complaint—not even a murmur was heard. The patience and fortitude they evinced were truly remarkable.

In conversing with these soldiers and sailors, as they lay sick and wounded on their cots, several who were quite upon the verge of the grave, gave me the happy assurance that they were ready and waiting the change, through which they were expecting soon to pass.”

APPENDIX.

In order to give as complete a history of the progress of the Seamen's cause in this country as possible, we place in an appendix brief reports so far as we can obtain them, of local, independent, but co-operative societies.

BALTIMORE.

M. E. BETHEL.—REV. WM. H. LANEY, *Chaplain.*
SEAMEN'S UNION BETHEL.—REV. H. FURLONG, *Chaplain.*
SAILOR'S HOME.

No reports.

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA SABBATH ASSOCIATION.—REV. J. MILLER, *Cor. Sec.*
REV. WM. HANCE, }
REV. W. B. VOORIES, } *Canal Missionaries,*
MR. ENOCK S. REED. }

From Twenty-second Annual Report of this Association we learn that these devoted missionaries on the Canals of Pennsylvania and New Jersey have distributed over 100,000 pages of religious tracts, a considerable number of Testaments among the boatmen, conversed with many of them of the interest of the soul, and preached to them in various places of resort. The missionaries report several cases of awakening and conversion, and a general diminution of profanity, intemperance, quarreling, and Sabbath desecration : and a manifest improvement in the moral character and habits of the men.

Receipts of the Society..... \$2,786 53.
Expenditure of the Society..... \$2,211 87.

* EASTBURN BETHEL.—REV. CHAS. H. EWING, *Chaplain.*

The Chaplain in a brief report says :—

“The congregation has very much diminished of late years, through various causes. Within eighteen months past, however, it is cheering to see a gradual and perceptible improvement. The number of members reported to Presbytery this Spring is 165. A dozen accessions during the year, all upon profession save one or two. We are at present enjoying God's gracious presence which has been vouch-

safed for several weeks past, and the youth of the church, its baptized children and Sabbath school scholars, are coming to Christ out of the families of "those who go down to the sea in ships, and do business on the waters." The church has been revived, backsliders have been restored, and a spirit of believing prayer prevails. The Sabbath school has waned, and numbers now only about 75, with a great lack of teachers. We have some two services on the Sabbath and during the week regularly held. There has been an extensive tract distribution at the points where seamen are found as boarders and lodgers. They are well received and read, and I trust are working. Being but recently led into this field I cannot, at present, give you a more detailed and extensive account of God's work in the field.

BAPTIST BETHEL—REV. JOSEPH PERRY, *Chaplain*.

EPISCOPAL BETHEL.—REV. SEPTIMUS JONES, *Chaplain*.

METHODIST BETHEL.—REV. D. C. PATTERSON, *Chaplain*.

No reports.

NEW BEDFORD PORT SOCIETY.

THOMAS A. GREEN, *President*.

REV. J. D. BUTLER, *Chaplain*.

MR. DANIEL ILLSLEY, *Supt. Sailor's Home*.

Says the Annual Report:—

"In surveying the field of our operations, your Agent is deeply impressed with its importance, not only to the class for whom we especially labor, who receive from it blessings more valuable to them than untold gold, but to the community at large in its influence upon the cause of good morals and vital religion. The bare fact that during the past year (one of limited operations and results as compared with many of the former years of its history) over 250 persons have received religious instruction every pleasant Sabbath day shows it to be an element of moral power in the community that cannot be dispensed with; and when we take into account the fact that the congregations are constantly changing so that thousands in the course of the year are brought under the influence of the Gospel, we are still more deeply impressed with the importance of our loved and cherished institution.

"The great demand for sailor's in the U. S. Navy as well as in New York and Boston, has affected during the last, as well as the previous year, the attendance at the Bethel. From returns of the U. S. Naval Rendezvous, we learn that about 900 seamen have been shipped in the Navy since our last Report, making a total since May, 1861, of 2,800 men.

"The New Bedford Port Society for the Moral Improvement of Seamen, was inaugurated on the 2d of June, 1830.

"It is estimated that not less than 60,000 sailors have been brought under the influence of the ministrations of the Bethel and its instrumentalities since it first went into operation. At least thirty thousand Bibles and Testaments have been distributed, besides a very large number of tracts, pamphlets, and miscellaneous reading, to say nothing of the ships' libraries which have been furnished in many cases.

"For one-third of a century the New Bedford Port Society, through its various agencies, has formed 'the missing link' in the moral regeneration of the sailor. Is it too much to say that through it hundreds have been saved from moral ship-wreck?

"It is emphatically the Society of the Merchants of New Bedford. As they have made their ships the winged couriers of material light upon every sea, so this organization has sought to diffuse spiritual light to those who for their sake have braved the perils of the deep."

BOSTON.

BOSTON PORT SOCIETY.—REV. E. T. TAYLOR, *Chaplain*.

Father Taylor continues his efficient labors. Says the Annual Report of the *Seamen's Aid Society*, "We rejoice in the continued life, ministrations and prayers of the Bethel Pastor. The attendance at the Bethel is estimated at about 500, one-half of whom are sailors and their families.

BOSTON SEAMEN'S AID SOCIETY.—A. HAMILTON, *Sup't.* MARINER'S HOUSE.

At this excellent institution 1,564 sailors have found a home during the year. Says the Annual Report:

"The reputation which our house has attained for order, sobriety, and Christian influence, is such, that not unfrequently a soul hungering for the bread of life is attracted to it. An instance of this kind occurred last summer. A young navy officer, who was boarding in Cambridge, felt impressed, as he expresses it, to come here. "I was boarding," he said, "at a good respectable house, but there was no religious influence; and I felt one morning, while riding in the horse-car to my business at the Navy Yard, that I ought to go to the Mariner's House, where I should find the influence my soul needed and longed for." He came, and was not disappointed in his expectations. Is it not blessed to have been instrumental in giving a cup of cold water to even one thirsting brother?

A man returned after eight years' absence, who tells his experience thus, "That he left us a profane, drinking man; but the advice given while at your house, and the influence emanating therefrom, had followed him, and led him to a very different life, as he was then trying to honor God by keeping all his commandments and living in his fear."

BOSTON EPISCOPAL MISSION TO SEAMEN.—REV. J. T. BURRILL, *Chaplain.*

This Mission has been established eighteen years, and all this time has been quietly and unostentatiously doing its share in the great work of disseminating the Gospel among seamen. The means employed are preaching the Divine Word, the gratuitous distribution of Bibles, Prayer books, Tracts, and religious papers, and furnishing articles of clothing to destitute sailors. The present condition and future prospects of this Mission are such as to justify the full expectation of its continued usefulness. The expense of sustaining its operations has been about \$2,000 per year.

Chapel 291 Commercial street, head of Sargent's Wharf. Services ever Sunday, at 10½ A. M., 7½ P. M. Prayer meeting every Tuesday evening.

THE FREE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.—REV. JOHN P. ROBINSON, *Rector.**Extracts from the Eighteenth Annual Report.*

"It was with devout gratitude that, one year ago, I was able to announce, that, during the trials and troubles of the first year of a grievous and civil war, the charities of this parish and mission had been unimpaired. With even a more profound gratitude, I now can say, that, for the second year of the war, our charities have been not only not impaired, but increased.

The general condition of St. Mary's is better than ever before.

The public services of the church have been well attended; not, indeed, by so many seamen as in other years, but by an increased number of those who were eager to pray for the loved husbands, sons, and brothers, far away on the great deep, and now exposed not only to its ordinary perils, but to the added dangers of war, and in many cases of pestilence also.

The Sunday school continues with two sessions, viz., at 9 A. M., and 2 P. M.; and holds its full measure of prosperity. Twenty-three children and four adults have been baptized; thirteen persons have received the rite of confirmation; fourteen couples have been joined together in holy matrimony; and the burial services of the church have been used at fifteen funerals.

The distribution of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer-books, and other books for seamen, has been less than in some former years.

The following will show the number of books, &c., given to seamen:

Bibles—English, 400; German, 8; Danish, 7; Swedish, 6; Spanish, 4; Portuguese, 25; Italian, 3; French, 8; total, 461. Testaments—English, 500; German, 10; Danish, 30; Swedish, 35; Spanish, 18; Portuguese, 50; Welsh, 20; Dutch, 12; total, 675. Prayer-books of our church, 400; German, 17; French, 10; Portuguese, 7; Church of England, 75; total, 509. Other volumes for seamen, 400; and Tracts and papers in all languages without count.

BAPTIST BETHEL.—REV. PHINEAS STOW, *Chaplain.*

No Report.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK PORT SOCIETY. { REV. ———, *Pastor*.
 { CAPT. S. ELLIOTT, *Missionary*.
 REV. P. E. STEVENSON, *Agent*.
 MR. WM. S. TURNER, " "

The Rev. C. J. Jones, after over *nine* years of zealous and successful labors as Chaplain of this Society and pastor of the Mariner's Church, numbering last year 650 members gathered during Mr. Jones' ministry, has resigned and become Chaplain at the Snug Harbor. Since, the pulpit has been supplied in part by the city pastors. We learn the Society have a prospect of securing the services of Rev. A. McGlashan as successor of Mr. Jones. May his ministry be as successful. We are without details of the labors of the past year, as the Society have not yet made their Annual report.

BAPTIST MARINER'S CHURCH.—REV. J. R. STEWARD, *Pastor*.

We call attention to the following brief but comprehensive report of the Pastor :

" Respected Sir : In accordance with your request, I herewith enclose an abstract of our Annual Report. We have changed the base of our operations from the unpleasant place which we formerly occupied in Cherry street, to the very pleasant place we now occupy on the corner of Oliver and Henry streets. Our success has not been as great as in some former years, still we have had conversions every month in the year, and 27 have been added to the church.

The following labors have been performed by the Pastor, one and steady Colporteur, and two or three volunteers :

Sermons preached by Pastor, 466; preached for him, 12, making 508; attended 64 funerals, received 708 letters and addressed 401, wrote 891 pages, attended 910 religious meetings, made 1,187 visits, and received 1,403 visits from sailors besides landmen. Visited the Navy Yard once a week for conversation and meetings, and preached three times a month on Staten Island, at the Retreat and Snug Harbor.

COLPORTEURS' JOINT REPORT.

No. of visits to seamen, 6,951; No. of visits to vessels and boarding houses, 2,190; No. prayer meetings and addresses, 206; No. persons induced to attend church, 3,051; No. signed Temperance Pledges, 54; No. pages of tracts and books distributed, 3,662,76; No. found destitute of Bibles, 1,776; No. supplied with the same, 1,723; No. Vessels supplied with religious reading, 237.

Respectfully submitted.

IRA R. STEWARD, *Pastor*."

SCANDINAVIAN BETHEL.—REV. O. P. PETERSON, *Pastor*.

MR. KASTENDICK, *German Missionary*.

MR. HANS JOHNSON, *Swedish* "

The Rev. O. P. Peterson, Missionary, writes concerning his work the past year and at present :

" We have preaching four times and prayer-meetings four times in the week, and three class-meetings. Our Sabbath morning congregations were never larger or more attentive, an unusually large number of Scandinavian vessels being now in our port, and so indeed the case has been during the past year.

We cannot report any special work of grace, but a steady growth and a steady increase. The present state illustrates the general condition of our work. There are now several persons under deep conviction. One said last night in our meeting that the burden of his sin had become intolerable, and fell down upon his knees and cried for mercy. We all united with him in prayer. Four of our precious brethren have left us for the land of life during the past year—three from America, and one from Sweden having gone home to visit his parents and friends, among whom he was regarded as a burning and shining light.

Brother Johnson, our ship-keeper, is also a fellow-helper in the Gospel. He has made over two hundred visits to Scandinavian vessels, and more to boarding-houses, successfully inviting parties to church, and distributing among them a vast amount of reading in tracts and books. He has also, with myself, distributed two hundred and thirteen volumes of the sacred Scriptures."

EPISCOPAL MISSION TO SEAMEN.

FLOATING BETHEL, *E. River*.—REV. R. G. QUENNEL, *stated supply*.FLOATING BETHEL, *N. River*.—REV. H. F. ROBERTS, *Rector*.OPEN-AIR STATION, *South street*.—REV. R. J. WALKER, *Missionary at large*.NEW SAILOR'S HOME.—J. MARETT, *Superintendent*.

We subjoin brief extracts from the Society's NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

"The field occupied by the Society remains the same as at the date of the last Annual Report; the services at the two floating chapels—one upon the East River and the other upon the Hudson River—and at the station on South street, near Coenties Slip, on Sundays, and the Wednesday evening service, at the Home for Sailors on Franklin Square, having all been continued.

The Floating Chapel of our Saviour, foot of Pike street, East River, has been open for divine service twice on each Sabbath. The average attendance has been about 76, of whom a little more than one-third were seamen. During the year 19 persons have been baptized, 5 couples married, and 1 funeral attended. The services have mainly been conducted by the Rev. R. G. Quennell, temporarily in charge."

"The Chapel of the "Holy Comforter," located at the foot of Hubert street, Hudson River, has continued under the charge of the Rev. Henry Floy Roberts, and has also been open for divine service twice each Sunday, except during the afternoons of the months of June, July, August and September, when the services were held in the open air, on the wharf or pier near the chapel. The average attendance at each service has been about 75, of whom about one-third were seamen or boatmen. The number of communicants averaged 24. There have been 11 infants and 1 adult baptized, 3 couples married, and 6 funerals attended."

"The success which attended the open-air services at this station has decided the Board to continue them during the periods of the year suitable for the purpose.

"At the open-air station on South street, near Coenties Slip, the services have been conducted, as heretofore, by the Rev. Robert J. Walker, whose faithfulness and zeal in the midst of great discouragements at times, is beyond all praise. No matter what the season or the weather, he is to be found at his post of duty, and when a too inclement day prevents an open air service, a little congregation is gathered in the Society's room to hear the blessed gospel of peace and love. The services are held morning and afternoon. The average attendance through the year has been 80 at each service, of whom about 60 were seamen and boatmen; 2,407 persons visited the room at the close of the afternoon service. To these have been distributed 26 Bibles, 876 Testaments, (some of them in French, Italian, Portuguese and Danish,) 51 Prayer-books, 91 Berrian's Manual of Devotion, and 1,589 miscellaneous books; 53,000 pages of tracts have also been distributed, besides several thousands of copies of religious papers, pamphlets and magazines."

"The Sailor's Home in Franklin Square continues under the charge of Mr. J. Marett, and during the last year has afforded a comfortable home to 610 seamen. Weekly evening services have been sustained at the Home by the Rev. Messrs. Roberts and Walker, and we have reason to believe that many serious impressions have been made upon the hearers at these meetings. The large sum of \$5,341 has been taken care of, for the seamen at the house, and either deposited in the Savings Banks or sent to their friends at home by the Superintendent."

Receipts of the Society, \$7,176 89. Disbursements of the Society, \$6,593 97. Balance in Treasury of the Society, \$582 92.

MARINE COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK BIBLE SOCIETY.

JOHN S. PIERSON, Esq., *Agent*.*Extracts from their Thirty-ninth Annual Report.*

"The total number of vessels supplied is about 1,109, mainly of the following classes:—

83 *new vessels*, furnished with large print Bibles (with name of vessel lettered on the cover), as a permanent supply for the cabin table, &c. Of these, 33 were river or ocean steamers, some of them of large size, as the Eagle, San Juan (for a route on Lake Nicaragua), Salvador; and six steamers for the China trade, the Shang-see, Sze-chuen, Che-Kiang, Ta-Kiang, Hu-Quang, and Firecracker.

130 large vessels (generally clipper ships), bound on *long voyages* to the Pacific or

East Indies, have been supplied with Testaments in various languages (to accompany other reading matter) for giving to destitute sailors at sea.

536 *emigrant ships*, bound to European ports, have received small packages of cheap Testaments in English, Welsh, German, French, and Italian, for distribution among their living freight while on the passage to this country. About 9,000 vols. have gone in this direction during the year, upon the following classes of vessels :

258 packet-ships bound to Liverpool, 63 to London, 27 to Havre, 19 to Antwerp, 10 to Rotterdam, 111 to Bremen, 45 to Hamburg.

305 American vessels, bound to *Roman Catholic ports*, have been used as vehicles for sending the truth to various points of nominal Christendom, in the shape of a Spanish, French, or Italian Bible (as the case may be) placed on the cabin table for the perusal of persons visiting the vessel from the shore—custom house officers, merchants, workmen, &c. ; or of a few Testaments placed on the captain's book-shelf, for lending or giving as opportunity might offer.

The American Bible Society have furnished us some 1,197 volumes, for such cases of this class as transcended our scope as a local Bible Society.

259 Testaments have been distributed for use among young men and others bound to California, by captains of two of the Aspinwall steamers.

54 grants, embracing 3,829 volumes, have been made to various persons and organizations engaged in benevolent labor among seamen in this port ; the several Seamen's Bethels, the missionaries of the Port Society and of the Episcopal and Methodist missions, the Sailors' Homes, &c. Our thanks are due to Captain Elliott, in this connection, for placing some 2,500 Testaments in the hands of seamen in their boarding-houses.

The preponderance of other matter in the Annual Report, of greater interest just now, obliges us to curtail the usual extracts from Mr. Pierson's journal ; a few of which, however, are appended."

JOHN E. PARSONS,
Chairman of Marine Committee.

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OF THE
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

Constituted during the year ending May 1, 1863.

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RECEIPTS

OF THE

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

FROM MAY 1, 1862, TO MAY 1, 1863.

MAINE.

Augusta, South Parish ch,	31 48
Bangor, First Cong. ch,	9 00
Hammond st. S. school,	25 00
Bath, Winter st. Cong. ch,	50 18
Biddeford, Second Cong. ch,	12 00
Bucksport, Cong. ch,	15 00
Gorham, First Cong. ch,	11 95
Kennebunk, Second Cong. ch,	48 50
Kennebunk Port, S. ch,	10 00
Portland, Washington Ryan,	8 00
Waldoboro, Cong. ch,	15 50
Wells, Cong. ch,	6 00

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Alstead, Dea. Sawyer,	2 00
Alton, Pastor's Family,	2 00
Auburn, Friends,	3 00
Barrington, Rev. C. Willey,	2 00
Boscawen, Cong. ch,	17 25
Cong. ch. S. school,	3 78
Bristol, Cong. ch,	20 00
Brookline, Cong. ch,	6 00
Candia, Cong. ch,	17 75
Lydia Lane,	10 00
William Dudley,	1 00
M. J. Dudley,	1 00
Mrs. Deacon Patten,	2 00
Mrs. A. G. Merrill,	5 00
S. Church,	28 32
Canaan, M. Gould,	1 00
Chichester, Cong. ch,	4 50

Concord, Ladies S. F. Soc'y,	80 00
Danville, Rev. J. Eastman,	5 00
Dalton, Cong. ch,	1 00
Dover, First Cong. ch,	22 65
Free Baptist ch,	5 50
Dublin, Rev. O. Bissell,	1 00
Epsom, Cong. ch,	7 00
Exeter, Second Cong. ch,	32 75
Farmington, Second Cong. ch,	5 25
Fisherville, Cong. ch,	4 38
Fitzwilliam, John Whittemore,	5 00
Franceston, Cong. ch,	35 37
Gilsum, Cong. ch,	5 00
Great Falls, Friends,	10 00
Greenfield, Cong. ch,	5 00
Hampton, Cong. ch,	4 25
Haverhill, Cong. ch,	20 82
Hinsdale, Cong. ch,	5 00
Hopkinton, Cong. ch,	9 00
Baptist ch,	7 25
Lebanon, Cong. ch,	25 00
Littleton, Cong. ch,	20 00
Lyme, Ladies' S. F. Soc'y,	30 00
Boys' Missionary Soc'y,	11 85
Lyndboro, R. C. Boutell,	1 00
Cong. ch,	6 40
Manchester, Misses' Sewing Circle,	20 00
First Cong. ch,	14 50
Mason Village, Cong. ch,	9 39
Merridith Village, Cong. ch,	5 93
Baptist ch,	3 00
Mount Vernon, Cong. ch,	13 05
Nashua, First Cong. ch,	55 23
Olive st. Cong. ch,	39 06

Nelson, Rev. T. W. Duncan,	50
New Ipswich, Cong. ch,	26 00
North Conway, Cong. ch,	3 00
Orford, Cong. ch,	10 00
Ossipee, Centre ch. S. school,	3 00
Peacham, S. school Miss'y,	10 00
Pelham, Sarah Church,	20 00
Cong. ch,	23 00
Piermont, A Friend,	2 50
Cong. ch,	10 00
Raymond, Cong. ch,	5 00
Reed's Ferry, Friends,	11 55
Rindge, Cong. ch. S. school,	16 23
Rochester, Cong. ch,	5 12
Sanbornton Bridge, Friends,	12 25
Sullivan, Dea. C. P. Lock,	20 00
Swansey, Cong. ch,	4 69
Walpole, Simeon N. Perry,	130 00
Wentworth, Cong. ch,	13 25
West Concord, Cong. ch,	6 00
West Moreland, Cong. ch,	2 00
Wilton, Cong. ch. S. school,	2 88
Wolfboro, Cong. ch,	8 00

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VERMONT.

Bethel, Cong. ch,	10 00
Bradford, S. McKeen,	1 00
Campton, Cong. ch,	7 50
Castleton, Cong. ch,	17 76
Chelsea, Cong. ch,	25 00
Meth. Epis'l ch,	5 00
Clarendon, Friends,	8 10
Georgia, Cong. ch,	10 06
Manchester, Cong. ch,	31 00
Newbury, Cong. ch,	18 00
North C.raftsbury, Cong. ch.	
S. school,	12 00
Peacham, S. school,	7 66
Class of Little Girls,	12 00
Pittsford, Cong. ch,	8 00
Royalston, Mrs. Candace Bul-	
lock,	5 00
Rupert, Cong. ch,	5 24
A. Johnson,	5 00
Rutland, Cong. ch,	26 50
Springfield, Cong. ch,	32 00
St. Albans, First Cong. ch,	40 62
St. Johnsbury, E. & T. Fair-	
banks,	100 00
Second Cong. ch,	35 93
Stratton, Friends,	1 50
Thetford, First ch,	10 00
Mrs. Abigail Bartholomew,	20 00
Waterbury, Cong. ch,	51 68
Meth. Epis. ch,	5 00

Westminster, Cong. ch,	10 00
West Brattleboro, S. school,	5 00
Wells River, C. Webster,	1 00
Cong. ch,	7 20
West Westminster, Friends,	11 67
Woodstock, Cong. ch,	32 49

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MASSACHUSETTS.

Abington, First Cong. ch,	24 25
Agawam, Cong. ch,	14 46
Amherst, College ch,	20 00
Second Cong. ch. S. school,	10 00
Ladies' and Gent. Asso'n.	40 85
Andover, Chapel Congrega n,	30 25
South ch,	35 78
Abbott Fem. Academy,	10 00
Ashby, Orthodox Cong'n,	18 00
Ashfield, Second Cong. ch,	15 00
B. S. H.,	1 00
First Cong. ch,	9 56
Auburndale, Cong. church S.	
school,	12 00
Barre, Evang. ch,	16 63
Berkley, Cong. ch,	5 00
Anonymous,	10 00
Bernardstown, Cong. ch,	3 41
Beverly, Ladies S. F. S.,	20 00
Dane st. ch,	24 48
Boston, Thomas D. Quincy,	30 00
Mount Vernon S. school,	17 71
T. Snow,	10 00
Rev. F. D. Huntington,	10 00
Mount Vernon ch,	122 22
Capt. U. S. ship Niagara,	25 00
Late Mrs. E. Williams,	1,100 00
Mount Vernon ch,	7 00
M. A. Quincy,	1 00
Laurence Day & Co.,	10 00
J. W. Tyler,	2 00
Central ch,	95 00
Essex st. ch,	205 81
Park st. ch,	86 47
Phillips ch,	75 00
Shawmut ch,	235 05
Old South,	84 92
Salem st. ch,	42 42
Friend,	80
Mary N. Edwards,	10 00
Bridgewater, J. N. Leonard,	10 00
Brookline, Harvard ch,	71 70
Buckland, First ch,	6 01
Cambridge, First ch,	77 25
A Friend,	10 00
Cambridge Port, East Cong ch,	31 97
Campbello, Cong. ch,	27 37

Chatham, Cong. ch,	19 00	Lee, Cong. ch,	43 03
Chicopee, First Cong. ch,	11 55	Leicester, Cong. ch,	9 00
Second Cong. ch,	14 84	Lenox, Cong. ch,	40 10
Third Cong. ch,	54 00	Leominster, Cong. ch. S. school,	8 16
Chriton, Baptist ch,	7 75	Littleton, Cong. ch,	8 00
Evan. S. school,	22 18	Long Meadow, Gent. and La-	
First Cong. ch,	20 00	dies' Benev. Soc'y,	146 86
Cohasset, Cong. ch. S. school,	12 00	Lowell, J. W. Butrick,	10 00
Conway, Cong. ch,	13 22	John st. ch,	44 84
Cotuit Port, Cong. ch,	15 00	Appleton st. ch. & S. school,	20 64
Dalton, Cong. ch,	26 16	Kirk st. ch,	66 40
Dorchester Village, Cong. ch,	17 71	High st. ch,	36 10
Dracut, West Cong. church &		Friend,	1 00
school,	26 00	Hurd st. Meth. Ep. ch,	14 80
Dunstable, Cong. ch,	1 00	Ludlow, Friends,	4 76
East Douglass, Cong. ch,	12 00	Lynn, Central ch. S. school,	10 00
East Granville, Cong. ch,	6 25	Central ch,	27 09
East Randolph, Winthrop ch,	22 89	Marblehead, Third Cong. ch,	1 50
East Abington, Cong. ch	15 00	Malden, Trinitarian ch,	17 10
C. P. W.,	1 00	Mansfield, Orthodox Cong. ch,	30 80
East Weymouth, Rev. Mr.		Marshfield, Cong. ch,	50 49
Lane's ch,	13 30	Marlboro, Union ch,	20 00
East Medway, Cong. ch,	24 13	Manchester, Rev. F. V. Ten-	
Enfield, Benev. Soc'y,	140 00	ney's ch,	18 51
Fair Haven, Cong. ch,	16 17	Medford, Mystick ch,	17 33
Falmouth, Cong. ch. & school,	30 00	Medfield, S. G. Goodale,	2 00
Fall River, Central ch,	60 58	Medway Village, Cong. ch,	9 05
Fitchburg, Relig. Char. Soc'y,	174 14	Rev. C. Kimball,	5 00
A Friend,	10 00	Middleboro, Cong. ch,	17 20
Florence, A. L. Williston,	100 00	Central ch,	14 72
Foxboro, Orthodox Cong. ch,	80 00	Middletown, Cong. ch,	17 20
S. school,	10 00	Central ch,	14 72
Cong. ch. and school,	71 10	Millbury, First Cong. ch,	33 00
Bapt. ch,	25 10	Second Cong. ch,	11 00
Gardner, Evang. ch. S. school,	3 78	Monson, Cong. ch,	64 59
Granby, Cong. ch,	10 50	A. W. Porter,	100 00
Granville, Cong. ch. Children,	3 00	Montague, Cong. ch,	16 98
Great Barrington, Cong. ch,	54 58	Newbury, Rev. Mr. Thurs-	
Greenfield, Second Cong. ch,	50 00	ton's ch,	10 24
First Cong. ch,	28 65	Newburyport, David Wood,	5 00
Groton, Central ch,	20 88	A Friend,	25 00
Groveland, Cong. ch,	7 00	Michael Titcomb,	10 00
Hanover, First Cong. ch,	4 50	Ladies' Bethel Soc'y,	30 00
Hadley, Ladies' S. F. Soc'y,		Female Bethel Soc'y,	40 00
1st ch,	100 00	Belville ch,	38 83
Russell Gen. Benev. Soc'y,	13 16	Newton, Centre ch,	50 72
First Cong. ch,	11 26	Eliot ch,	89 45
Hatfield, Cong. ch,	59 30	Northampton, Florence ch,	11 00
Harvard, Evang. ch,	21 00	J. D. Wells,	1 00
Hinsdale, Cong. ch,	92 00	John Clark,	40 00
Housatonic, Cong. ch,	6 00	First ch,	117 90
Holliston, Cong. ch,	32 88	Gent. Benev. Soc'y,	34 00
Hopkinton, First Cong. ch,	11 25	Ladies' Benev. Soc'y,	17 00
Ipswich, George W. Hurd,	10 00	A. L. Williston,	30 00
Jamaica Plains, Martha ch,	35 05	North Amherst, Cong. ch,	93 10
Lakeville, Cong. ch,	4 00	North Becket, Cong. ch,	16 00
Lancaster, Cong. ch,	32 56	North Falmouth, Rev. L.	
Lawrence, Lawrence st. ch,	65 25	Wheaton,	20 00

North Dighton, Mary Ide,	10 00	Southwick,	2 35
Northboro, Cong. ch,	25 25	Springfield, South Cong. ch,	24 48
North Bridgewater, Porter		J. S. Kilbon,	5 00
Evang. ch. S. school,	17 00	North Cong. ch,	28 00
Ladies' Benev. Soc'y,	20 00	First Cong. ch,	64 29
North Middleboro, Cong. ch,	20 39	Olivet Cong. ch,	10 50
Norton, Cong. ch,	42 08	South Cong. ch,	47 08
North Weymouth, Rev. J.		Sutton, Cong. ch,	16 51
Emery's ch,	17 37	Taunton, Trin. Cong. ch,	50 26
Pilgrim ch,	8 69	Templeton, Trinitarian ch,	15 00
North Brookfield, First Con.ch,	40 67	Townsend, Cong. ch,	19 64
Pepperell, Cong. ch,	21 75	Children,	1 87
Mrs. S. H. Blany,	12 00	Upton, Cong. ch,	8 81
Phillipston, Cong. ch,	6 75	Walpole, Cong. ch,	5 41
Pittsfield, Busy Bee,	54 70	Westfield, Second Cong. ch,	28 20
Cong. ch. S. school,	12 00	First Cong. ch,	26 00
A Friend,	5 00	West Springfield, First Cong.	
A. H. Caldwell,	20 00	ch,	22 00
First Cong. ch,	83 46	Second Cong. ch,	7 77
Second Cong. ch. S. school,	20 71	Westboro, Cong. ch,	42 74
Plymouth, Church of the Pil-		Webster, Cong. ch,	46 00
grims,	20 62	West Boylston, John B.	
Plainfield, Mrs. H. Hallock,	1 00	Gough,	50 00
Princeton, Cong. ch,	13 82	West Amesbury, Cong. ch,	35 50
Randolph, Friends,	36 67	West Andover, S. F. Soc'y,	73 76
S. school,	18 00	West Newton, Cong. ch,	33 44
E. Alden,	10 00	Miss Simons' S. S. Class,	10 00
Raynham, Cong. ch,	7 00	Westford, Cong. ch. and S.	
Trinitarian ch,	15 00	school,	6 00
Reading, Bethesda ch,	29 61	A Friend, and Union ch,	12 50
Rockport, First Cong. ch,	22 00	Westchester, Rich. Clark	5 01
Roxbury, Evang. ch,	1 50	Weymouth Landing, Cong. ch,	25 25
Eliot ch. and S. school,	125 73	Union ch,	7 00
Salem, Late Mrs. D. T. Froth-		South Cong. ch,	16 00
ingham,	300 00	Whateley, Cong. ch,	26 15
Saxtonville, Rev. Mr. North-		Mrs. David Sanders,	60 00
rup,	2 00	Winchenden, Martha Butler,	8 05
Sheffield, Late Mary Canfield,	1,000 00	North ch,	10 65
Cong. ch,	11 83	Williamstown, First Cong. ch,	8 00
Shelburne Falls, Cong. ch,	24 28	E. P.,	1 00
P. Thayer,	10 00	Cong. ch. and S. school,	28 00
Shrewsbury, Cong. ch,	29 00	Windsor, Lydia C. Hume,	1 00
Shelburne, Ladies' and Gent.		Rev. T. C. Perry,	30 00
Association.	11 85	Winchester, Cong. ch,	54 00
Cong. ch,	13 30	Winslow, Cong. ch,	16 00
Stockbridge, Cong. ch,	45 50	Worcester, Central ch,	92 07
Somerville, Cong. ch,	26 55	Late Mrs. E. Williams,	30 00
Cong. ch. S. school,	10 00	Miss Blatchford,	20 00
South Danvers, Cong. ch. and		Union Cong. ch,	41 60
Children,	53 61	Yarmouth, Cong. ch,	45 15
South Reading, Cong. ch,	57 83		
Southboro, Pilgrim Cong. ch,	15 62		
South Dennis, Cong. ch,	3 45		
Southampton, Cong. ch,	8 00		
South Weymouth, Union ch,	44 00		
South Hadley Falls, Cong. ch.	22 00		
South Attleboro, Fanny W.			
Bowers,	12 00		
			\$9,662 58
		RHODE ISLAND.	
		Barrington, Cong. ch,	20 00
		Providence, Members of St.	
		John's Epis. ch,	42 00

Providence, Robert H. Ives,	25 00	Ellington, Daniel A. Peck,	1 00
First Baptist ch,	47 00	Ellsworth, Cong. ch,	10 65
Brown st. Baptist ch,	33 00	Essex, Cong. ch,	30 25
Benificent ch,	16 00	Fair Haven, Second Cong. ch.	
A. C. Barstow,	10 00	S. school,	5 00
Richmond st. Cong. ch. S.		Fairfield, Cong. ch,	47 73
school,	10 00	S. school,	6 00
Central Cong. ch,	114 50	Mrs. A. H. Kellogg,	5 00
Westerly, Seventh Day Bap-		Farmington, Cong. ch,	32 00
tist ch,	11 06	Female Industrial Soc'y,	10 00
Cong. ch,	8 05	Greenwich, Second Cong. ch,	96 65
		Green's Farms, Cong. ch,	16 84
		Griswold, Cong. ch,	25 00
		Groton, Rev. T. Tallman,	5 00
		Guilford, Late Tim. Hotchkiss,	36 00
		Haddam, Cong. ch,	12 39
		First ch,	11 75
	\$336 61	Higganum, Cong. church S.	
		school,	12 00
		Hamburg, Cong. ch,	8 76
		Hampton, Sundry Friends,	12 00
		Hartford, South Cong. ch,	25 00
		Mrs. A. Bull,	12 00
		Mrs. L. Sigourney,	30 00
		Mrs. Them. S. Williams,	20 00
		Late Thom. S. Williams,	500 00
		North Cong. ch,	62 50
		Pearl st. Cong. ch,	84 75
		Center ch,	109 25
		Hotchkissville, Judah Bald-	
		win,	20 00
		Huntington, Cong. ch.	20 00
		Jewett City, Cong. ch,	6 00
		Killingworth, Cong. ch,	20 00
		Lebanon, Exeter Cong. ch,	8 00
		Goshen Parish Cong. ch,	31 50
		Eleazer Huntington,	20 00
		Two Ladies,	10 00
		Litchfield, First Cong. ch,	82 50
		Lisbon, First Cong. church S.	
		school,	17 25
		Madison, Ladies' Union Soc'y,	28 00
		Second Cong. ch,	3 00
		Mansfield, South Cong. ch. &	
		school,	40 00
		Meriden, First Cong. ch,	34 19
		Friend,	5 00
		Middlebury, Cong. ch,	2 00
		Milford, First Cong. church &	
		school,	47 00
		Plymouth ch,	23 38
		Plymouth ch. S. school,	10 00
		Millington, Cong. ch,	5 00
		Montville, Cong. ch,	22 85
		Morris, Rev. D. L. Parmalee,	1 00
		Mystic Bridge, Cong. ch,	1 00
		Naugatuck, A. Friend,	5 00
		S. school,	29 00
CONNECTICUT.			
Ansonia, Cong. ch,	30 00		
Avon, Cong. ch,	15 00		
Barkhamsted, Cong. ch,	3 25		
Berlin, Second Cong. ch,	5 50		
Bethel, Cong. ch,	34 06		
Birmingham, Cong. church S.			
school,	39 00		
Cong. ch,	35 50		
Black Rock, Cong. ch,	15 35		
Branford, Cong. ch,	20 47		
Bridgeport, First Cong. ch,	30 37		
S. D. Eams,	20 00		
Second Cong. ch. S. school,	10 00		
North Cong. ch,	50 10		
South Cong. ch. S. school,	10 00		
Pres. ch,	27 74		
Bridgewater, Cong. ch,	1 50		
Canton Centre, Cong. ch,	12 00		
Canterbury, First Cong. ch,	7 00		
Friend,	3 00		
Centerbrook, Cong. ch,	15 00		
Central Village, Cong. ch,	6 00		
Chester, Cong. ch,	24 00		
Cheshire, Cong. ch,	22 58		
Colchester, Cong. ch,	42 00		
Cornwall, Cong. ch,	4 31		
Cromwell, Cong. ch,	15 00		
Danbury, First Cong. ch,	38 48		
Darien, Cong. ch,	12 00		
Derby, E. H.,	1 00		
First Cong. ch,	24 78		
Deep River, Cong. ch,	7 73		
East Hartford, Cong. ch,	38 00		
East Haven, Cong. ch,	14 00		
East Haddam, Rev. J. Parsons,	3 00		
First Cong. ch,	7 50		
East Windsor, First Cong. ch,	12 00		
Rev. F. Munson,	1 00		
East Woodstock, Cong. ch,	15 00		
East Lyme, Cong. ch,	6 00		
Eastford, Cong. ch,	4 00		
Ellington, Cong. ch,	25 00		

Brooklyn, Lafayette Avenue		New York, L. H. Vermilye,	5 00
Pres. ch,	129 87	Friends,	167 81
R. W. Adams,	5 00	Morris K. Jesup,	20 00
Clinton Av. Cong. ch,	197 35	I. C. Whitmore,	50 00
Plymouth ch,	185 44	A Lady,	25 00
Reformed Dutch ch, on the		H. T. Morgan,	50 00
Heights,	66 70	Refd. Dutch ch, 34th st.,	40 00
Catskill, Ladies' Bethel Soc'y,	70 00	Mercer st. Pres. ch,	265 65
Pres. ch,	81 01	Mrs. Emma Williamson,	5 00
Rev. C. W. Howard,	5 00	John T. Johnson,	25 00
Refd. Dutch ch,	9 51	A Friend,	15 00
Champlain, Pres. ch,	18 30	B. L. Kip,	10 00
Pres. ch. S. school,	23 14	A Lady Friend,	5 00
Chester, Pres. ch,	19 00	An Old Sailor,	5 00
Coxsackie, First Refd. Dutch		Thirteenth st. Pres. ch,	54 52
ch,	15 61	Capt. Newcomb,	5 00
Second Refd. Dutch ch,	20 00	H. Dollner,	100 00
Craigville, Dr. M. Sayres,	5 00	Market st. Refd. Dutch ch,	80 00
East New York, Refd. Dutch		Broadway Tabernacle,	132 26
ch,	43 36	John C. Baldwin,	50 00
Elba, Rev. G. S. Corwin,	20 00	Refd. Dutch ch, Washington	
Flushing, Refd. Dutch ch. S.		Square,	75 23
school,	10 00	Wm. M. Halsted,	50 00
Graves End, J. J. Lake,	1 00	First Earnings of an only	
Harlem, Refd. Dutch ch,	37 15	Son, deceased,	10 00
Hempstead, Pres. ch,	22 88	Irish Pres. ch,	9 00
Hopewell, Refd. Dutch ch,	24 44	Church of the Puritans,	34 80
Hudson, Pres. ch,	23 50	Refd. Dutch ch, Mission S.	
Jamaica, Pres. ch,	51 76	school,	12 00
Refd. Dutch ch,	20 32	Fifteenth st. Pres. ch,	33 00
" " S. school,	12 00	J. D. Dix,	25 00
Jewett, Pres. ch,	2 00	C. S.,	5 00
Lansingburg, L. Osborn,	2 00	J. Baker,	30 00
Malone, Meth. Epis. ch,	5 17	North and Middle Dutch	
Cong. ch,	34 13	churches,	95 40
Cong. ch. S. school,	27 75	Atlantic Marine Ins. Co.,	100 00
Middletown, Mrs. M. Genung,	1 00	Phelps, Dodge & Co.,	25 00
Moors, S. S. Class,	2 00	Wm. A. Booth,	10 00
New Hackensack, Rev. C. Van		Pacific Mutual Ins. Co.,	55 00
Cleaf,	2 00	Mercantile Ins. Co.,	50 00
New Lotts, Refd. Dutch ch,	5 74	Messrs. Weston & Gray,	100 00
New Rochelle, Pres. ch,	45 58	Legrand Lockwood,	100 00
Newtown, Refd. Dutch ch,	22 04	Two Ladies,	100 00
New York, U. S. Gunboat Ar-		West Pres. ch. S. school,	
thur,	35 00	Reservoir Square,	22 00
Charles N. Talbot,	10 00	West Pres. ch,	183 54
D. Moffatt,	100 00	Wm. B. Crosby,	50 00
West Pres. ch, balance,	14 00	Walsh, Carver & Chase,	20 00
David Hoadley,	50 00	H. K. Corning,	200 00
Mrs. H. Ireland,	70 00	Wm. Vernon, Jr.,	20 00
Fourteenth st. Pres. ch,	272 62	George A. Talbot,	20 00
Miniature Bethel ch,	5 00	H. K. Bull,	20 00
Seventh Pres. ch,	46 00	Parker Handy,	20 00
Reformed Dutch ch, Green-		David Hoadley,	100 00
wich,	17 90	Nath. L. & Geo. Griswold,	100 00
George D. Morgan,	100 00	A'fred Lockwood,	25 00
Fourth Av. Pres. ch,	13 24	Mrs. Penelope Bullard,	25 00
C. R. Robert,	100 00	Henry Day,	10 00

New York, Mrs. Burritt,	3 00
John David Wolfe,	20 00
S. L. M. Barlow,	10 00
Wm. B. Isham,	10 00
Woodhull & Co.,	20 00
J. P. Tapscott,	10 00
Hugh Aikman,	5 00
C. V. S. Roosevelt,	20 00
James Brown,	100 00
J. Punnett,	5 00
Joseph Sampson,	100 00
Lucius Hopkins,	25 00
B. W. M.,	10 00
E. H.,	10 00
Geo. S. Stephenson & Co.,	50 00
David W. Wetmore,	10 00
J. Wilbur,	5 00
Bucklin & Crane,	25 00
James Lenox,	300 00
A Friend,	200 00
John Dowley,	50 00
A. Morse,	100 00
R. Hoe,	10 00
Cash,	5 00
J. Lenthal Sheffield,	5 00
F. Hathaway,	5 00
D. S. Williams,	3 00
C. A. Hedges,	25 00
James Demarest,	50 00
Ira Bliss,	10 00
Adam Norrie,	10 00
F. A. Palmer,	10 00
S. Brown,	20 00
J. Butler Wright,	10 00
M. O. Roberts,	20 60
Albert Clark,	5 00
Cash,	5 00
Northville, Cong. ch,	15 00
North Jasper, Mrs. C. Lamson,	1 00
Peekskill, Second Pres. ch,	25 00
First Pres. ch,	52 00
Plattsburg, Pres. ch,	31 06
Pokeepsie, Mrs. M. Myers.	25 00
First Refd. Dutch ch,	18 75
Second " "	20 28
Port Ewen, Rev. C. L. Van Dyke,	5 00
Prospect Hill, Refd. Dutch ch,	8 22
Saugerties, John Field,	25 00
Shelter Island, Pres. ch,	9 00
South Buslwick, A Friend,	2 00
Southampton, Pres. ch,	34 50
Mrs. Burnett,	3 00
Spencerport, Sam'l Weaver,	5 00
Staten Island, Reformed Prot. Dutch ch,	83 08
Syracuse, Friends,	10 00

Tarrytown, John Butler, Jr.,	40 00
Mrs. Jane G. Phelps,	25 00
Second Refd. Dutch ch,	68 00
Second Refd. Dutch ch. S. S.	45 62
Thompson, E. F. Richardson,	5 00
Westchester, Mrs. Wilkins,	25 00
Williamsburgh, New England Cong. ch, South 9th st,	34 74
Pres. ch, South 3d st,	38 16
Yonkers, Mrs. R. L. Clapp,	20 00
Pres. ch,	65 51

\$7,706 87

NEW JERSEY.

Belvidere, Pres. ch,	15 00
Bloomfield, Pres. ch,	46 64
Meth. Epis. ch,	3 36
Prem. on Silver,	1 00
Centerville and Slaterville, Refd. Dutch ch. S. school,	5 00
Caldwell, Pres. ch,	40 76
Pres. ch. S. school,	24 00
Connecticut Farms, Friends,	1 50
Cong. ch,	15 00
Dover, Pres. ch. S. school,	12 00
Jersey City, First Reformed Dutch ch, Van Voorst,	176 45
do. do. S. school,	12 00
Lewis C. Whiton,	12 00
Mendham, First Pres. ch,	22 85
Milburn, S. school,	10 00
Morristown, Second Pres. ch,	147 24
First Pres. ch,	150 00
South st. Pres. ch. S. school Missionary Soc'y,	20 00
Newark, John Stegner,	5 00
First Pres ch,	100 67
Third Pres. ch,	107 66
A Friend,	6 00
Second Pres. ch,	45 00
High st. Pres ch,	33 04
South Park Pres. ch,	22 89
Miss J. A. Davidson,	4 00
Miss A. Davidson,	5 00
J. Davidson,	2 00
Central ch,	30 00
Newton, First Pres. ch,	76 00
Orange, First Pres. ch,	61 61
Second Pres. ch,	36 75
Patterson, Mrs. B. Atterbury,	5 00
A Supercargo,	10 00
C. B. Atterbury,	10 00
Pennington, Pres. ch,	33 00
Perth Amboy, Pres. ch,	16 00
Six Mile Run, A Friend,	20 00
South Orange, Pres. ch,	35 70

Springfield, Pres. ch,	24 87
Pres. ch. S. school,	12 00
Free ch,	7 50
West Creek, Lizzie Peach,	3 00
	<u>\$1,427 49</u>

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mercersburg, Rev. J. R. Ag-	2 25
new,	2 00
Philadelphia, Miss J. Faries,	<u>2 00</u>
	\$4 25

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Young Ladies' Bi-	10 00
bble Class,	

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, Hanover st. Pres.	20 00
ch, .	

OHIO.

Amsterdam, Jas. Butcher,	1 00
Elyria, S. school Pres. ch,	12 00
Springfield, Mrs. E. A. Robin-	1 00
son,	
Walnut Hills, Miss M. Over-	10 72
aker,	<u>10 72</u>
	\$24 72

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

White Salmon, N. L. J.,	2 50
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MICHIGAN.

Milford, Mrs. R. Tracy,	1 00
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MINNESOTA.

Lewiston, Conrad Stegner,	20 00
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WISCONSIN.

A Friend,	20 00
Fond du Lac, Mrs. C. W. Lat-	20 00
ham,	<u>20 00</u>
	\$40 00

CALIFORNIA.

Mare Island, Harvey Copley,	10 00
Marysville, Pres. ch,	75 55
Meth. Ep. ch,	12 60
Sacramento, Cong. ch,	60 00
San Francisco, Cong. ch,	178 70
Pacific M. S. Ship Co.,	150 00
Cal. Steam Nav. Co.,	100 00
Halliday & Flint,	50 00
Flint, Peabody & Co.,	50 00
Santa Cruz Cong. ch,	15 15
O. B. Jennings,	20 00
L. J. Hensley,	50 00
W. T. Coleman & Co.,	50 00
Dickson, De Wolf & Co.,	50 00
Wm. C. Talbot & Co.,	25 00
Johnson, Bond & Co.,	25 00
Hawley & Co.,	25 00
Stevens, Baker & Co.,	20 00
Mrs. H. Stowell,	10 00
Bray & Brother,	10 00
Sundry Friends,	54 00
Swedish ch,	32 50
Pres. ch,	60 00
Daniel Gibbs & Co.,	25 00
Thomas H. Selby,	25 00
Dupuy, Foulks & Co.,	25 00
C. Adolph Low & Co.,	25 00
Stanford Brothers,	25 00
Moses Ellis & Co.,	20 00
Tubbs & Co.,	10 00
A. B. Forbes,	10 00
Friends on board ship Mame-	
luke,	15 00
Miner's Foundry,	25 00
Koopmanschop & Co.,	25 00
Falkner, Bell & Co.,	25 00
Donahoe, Ralston & Co.,	25 00
Trinity Church,	65 15
First Pres. ch,	45 60
Anniversary Meeting,	30 80
A. B. Thomas,	25 00
H. M. Newhall & Co.,	25 00
B. Sather,	20 00
A. G. Stiles,	20 00
Benchley & Co.,	20 00
Sundry Individuals,	190 50
Macondray & Co.,	25 00
Haynes & Lawton,	25 00
C. P. Lalor,	20 00
D. Dickinson, Jr.,	20 00
Stockton, Union meeting,	83 25
	<u>\$2,028 80</u>

TOTAL DONATIONS AND LEGACIES FOR THE YEAR.

Maine,.....	242 61
New Hampshire,.....	996 60
Vermont,.....	579 51
Massachusetts,.....	9,662 58
Rhode Island,.....	336 61
Connecticut,.....	5,078 35
New York,.....	7,706 87
New Jersey,.....	1,427 49
Pennsylvania,.....	4 25
Maryland,.....	10 00
Delaware,.....	20 00
Ohio,.....	24 72
Wisconsin,.....	40 00
Washington Territory and Minnesota,.....	23 50
California.....	2,028 80
	<u>\$28,181 89</u>

American Seamen's Friend Society in Account with Samuel Brown, Assistant Treasurer.

May 1, 1862.	Dr.	May 1, 1863.	Cr.
To balance brought forward.....	\$584 23	By Collections and Donations.....	\$25 245 89
May 1, 1863.		" Legacies.....	2,536 00
To Cash paid expenses of:—		" Cash on account of Sailor's Magazines.....	689 78
Annual Meeting.....	33 50	" Cash on account of Hymn-Books and Life-Boats.....	23 00
Havre Station.....	1,630 86	" Cash on account of Rent of Sailor's Home, N. Y.....	900 00
Honolulu ".....	423 44		
Lahaina ".....	80 00		
Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Antwerp Stations.....	670 91		
Aspinwall ".....	41 65		
Labrador ".....	247 64		
San Francisco.....	2,003 80		
Ships' Libraries.....	2,184 79		
Sailor's Magazine.....	2,080 43		
Hymn Books.....	112 23		
Life-Boat.....	162 15		
Sailor's Home, Insurance, Taxes, Repairs and Furniture.....	914 50		
Colored Sailor's Home, N. Y.....	480 00		
Annual Report.....	94 18		
Salary of Secretary for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts.....	1,400 00		
Secretaries' Salaries, New York.....	3,275 00		
Assistant Treasurer and Agent.....	1,200 00		
Missionary in Brooklyn and Navy Yard.....	515 50		
" in N. York among Merchant Seamen.....	62 50		
Collecting Agent.....	104 17		
Travelling Expenses, Secretaries.....	406 63		
Boston Seamen's Friend Society.....	4,675 50		
Shipwrecked and Destitute Sailors.....	529 50		
Permanent Loan.....	4,060 00		
Temporary Loans.....	684 85		
Postage, Fuel, Rent, Clerk, Stationery, &c.....	1,035 83		
To Balance.....	170 65		
	<u>\$29,774 67</u>		
		Audited and found correct.	
		NATH'L BRIGGS, } Auditing	
		EL. P. MARSHALL, } Committee.	
			<u>\$29,774 67</u>

RECEIPTS

OF THE

BOSTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

	Dr.		Cr.
1861-62.		1861-62.	
By Balance,	\$114 87	CASH RECEIVED:	
CASH PAID :		Rent Stores under Sailor's Home,	777 78
Bill Coal,	39 62	Legacies—S. Keep,	1882 20
Bill of Music for Church,	192 00	Mrs. Charlotte Lovett, \$20, Cap-	
Interest Account,	1629 91	tain U. S. Steamer Niagara,	
Supplying Pulpit,	208 00	\$25, Mrs. D. T. Frothingham,	
Andrew Bartlett's Salary,	750 00	\$300,	345 00
Postage Stamps for Reports,	5 50	E. W. Williams, \$1,000, M. A.	
Sundries for Church,	34 63	Quincy, \$2,	1002 00
Repairs on Church,	90 22	In aid of Capt. Bartlett's salary,	205 00
Paid on Account Note to Suffolk		J. C. Strout, Pew Rents Collect-	
Savings' Bank,	3000 00	ed to Dec. 31, 1862,	61 37
E. Kellogg's Salary,	1500 00	Rent Stores under Church,	600 00
J. C. Stout's services as Sexton	175 00	Interest,	24 00
Boston Gas Light Co. Bill,	45 91		
J. O. Chaney, bill board Captain		DONATIONS.	
A. Bartlett to April 1, 1862,	162 00	Mount Vernon Ch. & So. Boston,	129 22
J. O. Chaney, bill board Destitute		Essex-st. Ch. & So. do.	205 81
Seamen to April 1, 1862,	928 82	Phillips's do. do.	75 00
Bill Printing,	90 00	Old South do. do.	84 92
Bates Goldthwait's Bill,	32 47	Salem-st. do. do.	42 42
Use of Music Hall,	30 00	Central, do. Worcester,	64 00
City Tax on Stores under church,	105 00	Central Cong. do. Fall River,	60 85
Playing Organ at Anniversary,	5 00	1st Cong. do. Holiston,	32 88
J. F. Breamstead & Co.'s bill,	15 09	Contuit Port Monthly Concert,	15 00
Capt. Bartlett's Travelling Exp's.	9 00	Park-st. Church, Boston,	86 47
Insurance,	45 20	Harvard Church, Brookline,	71 70
	\$9,228 24	Winthrop Church, Charlestown,	73 32
		Lawrence Nichol's Legacy,	937 25
Balance Old Account due Treas-		Amer. Seamen's Friend Society,	2282 08
urer,	\$167 97	Shawmut Church, Boston,	2 00
		Bal. to New Act. due Treasurer,	167 97
			\$9,228 24

RECEIPTS

OF THE

A M E R I C A N B E T H E L S O C I E T Y .

Astoria, E. J. Woolsey,	50 00	Brockport, Pres. ch,	20 55
Albion, Pres. ch, 23 09; Meth.		Canandaigua, Cong. ch, 78 24 ;	
Epis. ch, 3 65,	26 74	Bapt. ch, 2 00,	80 24
Alden, Pres. ch,	5 10	Canadea, Individuals,	1 26
Athens, Pa., Ref. Dutch ch, 5 42;		Clarence, Pres. ch, 10 31 ; Meth.	
Meth. E. 3 80,	9 22	E. ch, 5 54,	15 85
Attica, Pres. ch, 2 86; Bapt. ch,		Clarendon, Meth. E. ch,	2 88
2 43,	5 29	Clarkson, Pres. ch,	9 71
Akron, Pres. ch, 3 15 ; Bapt. ch,		Cambria, Meth. E. ch,	1 24
1 99 ; Meth. E. ch, 3 05,	8 19	Canestota, Meth. E. ch,	2 13
Alexander Bay, Ref. Dutch ch,	2 50	Camillus, Pres. ch, 12 76 ; Bapt.	
Amboy, Pres. ch,	1 85	ch, 12 20 ; Meth. ch, 5 00,	29 96
Arcade, Cong. ch,	4 94	Clayton, Bapt. ch, 9 30 ; Meth.	
Auburn, Ist. Pres. ch,	70 50	ch, 3 58,	12 88
Bath, Individuals,	16 00	Cazenovia, Pres. ch, 22 50 ; Bap.	
Batavia, Pres. ch,	18 88	ch, 5 80 ; Meth. E. ch, 6 20,	34 50
Belfast, Meth. E. ch,	1 45	Charlott, Pres. ch,	5 06
Bellona, Pres. ch, 17 65 ; Meth.		Chili, Pres. ch, 12 86 ; Meth.	
E. ch, 1 00,	18 65	E. ch, 3 23,	16 09
Bergen, Cong. ch, 7 00 ; Rev. J.		Chitteningo, Ref. Dutch ch,	11 08
Butler, 1 00,	8 00	Churchville, Cong. ch, 7 31 ;	
Bergen, Stone ch,	2 11	Mr. Morse, 0 25,	7 56
Binghampton, Pres. ch, 22 00 ;		Clinton, Individuals,	28 00
Bapt. ch, 6 00 ; Meth. E. ch,		Clockville, Bapt. ch,	1 90
10 00 ; Cong. ch, 7 00 ; An-		Clove, Ref. Dutch ch, 3 60 ;	
nual meeting, 7 56,	52 56	Gen. Harnden, 5 00,	8 69
Bennettsburgh, Bapt. ch,	6 00	Castile, Pres. ch, 10 80 ; Bapt.	
Buffalo, Ist. Pres. ch, 160 73 ;		25 11 ; Univer. ch, 0 75 ;	
North ch, 53 29 ; Lafayette-		Meth. E. ch, 1 50 ; Mr. Post,	
street ch, 51 00 ; J. Ketcham,		1 00,	39 16
10 00,	275 02	Carlton, Meth. E. ch,	6 65
Black Creek, Pres. ch, 1 10 ;		Clifton, Bapt. ch,	8 20
Miss S. Tubbs, 1 00,	2 10	Courtland, Pres. ch, balance,	
Burdett, Union meeting,	6 29	2 00 ; Individuals, 8 00,	10 00
Brighton, Cong. ch,	10 25	Corfu, Pres. ch,	11 42
Boonville, Pres. ch, 13 00 ; Bapt.		Corning, Individuals,	12 00
ch, 3 60 ; Meth. E. ch, 2 20,	18 80	Covington, Meth. E. ch, bal.	3 00
Byron, Pres. E. ch, 6 96 ; Meth.		Clyde, Meth. E. ch, 3 56 ; Capt.	
E. ch, 0 82,	7 78	Spencer, 3 00,	6 56

Dale, Ladies' Bethel Soc.	6 90	Hume, Pres. ch,	1 05
Dansville, Pres. ch,	10 00	Huron, Pres. ch, balance,	7 00
Dresden, Pres. ch, 5 53; Meth.		Ithaca, Pres. ch, 21 21; Ref. D.	
E, ch, 3 75,	9 28	ch, 11 00; A. King, 5 00;	
Deanville, Individuals,	8 00	Judge Dana, 2 00; Mrs. G.	
Eagle Harbor, Meth. E. ch,		1 00,	40 21
18 01; Wesleyan ch, 1 91,	19 92	Johnsonburgh, Meth. E. ch,	1 35
Earlsville, Meth. E. ch,	5 70	Jordon, Meth. E. ch,	1 15
East Avon, Pres. ch, 7 05; Bap.		Kendall, Pres. ch, 5 75; Meth.	
2 56; S. School, 4 54,	14 15	E. ch, 0 67,	6 42
East Bloomfield, Cong. ch,	20 00	Kenyonville, Meth. E. ch,	2 87
East Palmyra, Pres. ch, 4 09;		Knowlesville, Pres. ch, 18 41;	
Meth. E. ch, 1 44,	5 53	Bapt. ch, 6 26; Meth. E. ch,	
East Porter, Meth. E. ch,	1 27	2 35,	27 02
Elbridge, Bapt. 8 54; Meth. E.		Lakeville, Pres. ch, 2 00; Mrs.	
ch, 0 90,	9 44	Bosley, 5 00,	7 00
Elmira, Pres. ch, 23 00; Cong.		Lackawaxen, Pres. E. ch.	1 25
ch, 11 50; Bapt. 6 75; Meth.		Lagrange, Bapt. ch,	8 25
E. ch, 10 00; John Arnet,		Ladd's Corner, Meth. E. ch,	3 85
2 00,	53 25	Le Roy, Pres. ch, 15 00; Bapt.	
Fairport, Cong. ch, 9 95; Bapt.		ch, 8 00,	23 00
10 05; Free Bapt. 1 28,	21 28	Lyndon, Pres. ch, 2 40; Bapt.	
Fayetteville, Pres. ch, 6 70;		ch, 8 00; Meth. E. ch, 11 50,	21 90
Bapt. 9 12,	15 82	Lewiston, Pres. ch,	6 25
Fenner, Bapt. ch,	2 24	Livonia, Pres. ch,	25 54
Fort Covington, Pres. ch, 2 50;		Lockport, Pres. ch, 31 00;	
Bapt. 1 57; Meth. E. ch, 0 60	4 67	Cong. ch, 6 74,	37 74
Fowlersville, Cong. ch,	8 00	Lodi, Meth. E. ch,	1 08
Gasport, Cong. ch,	6 97	Lyons, Pres. ch,	32 00
Gainsville, Pres. ch, 6 50; Meth.		Marion, Cong. ch, 7 00; Bapt. ch,	
E. ch, 2 41,	8 91	2 54; Christian ch, 4 32,	13 86
Geneva, Individuals,	33 00	Manlius, Pres. ch, 6 90; Bapt.	
Greece, 1st Bapt. ch, 11 41;		ch, 1 75,	8 65
Meth. E. ch, 0 19,	11 60	Manlius, North, Bapt. ch, 4 10;	
Green, Cong. ch, 3 36; Meth.		Meth. E. ch, 3 75,	7 85
E. ch, 5 00; F. J., 2 00,	10 36	Manchester, Bapt. ch,	9 75
Geneseo, Meth. E. ch, 5 02; Mr.		Marathon, Union meeting,	5 00
Walker, 1 00,	6 02	Marcellus, Cong. ch, 14 29;	
Hamilton, Individuals,	22 00	Meth. E. ch, 7 80,	22 09
Hampton, Cong. ch, 3 00; Epis.		Medina, Bapt. ch, 2 71; Meth.	
ch, 3 50; Meth. E. ch, 3 14,	9 64	E. ch, 6 58,	9 29
Havanna, Meth. E. ch, 4 19;		Middleport, Meth. E. ch, 6 19;	
Individuals, 8 00,	12 19	Univer. ch, 2 48,	8 67
Hartland, Bapt. ch,	3 79	Milo, 1st. Bapt. ch, 11 00; 2nd	
Henrietta, Cong. ch, 6 50; S.		Bapt. ch, 21 75,	32 75
School, 2 25,	8 75	Monroe, Bapt. Association,	22 75
Holley, Pres. ch, 5 94; J.		Montrose, Pa., Pres. ch, 4 00;	
Onderdonk, 10 00; Mrs. O.		Meth. E. ch, 1 80,	5 80
C. Bushnell, 5 00,	20 94	Millville, Pres. ch, 4 31; Meth.	
Homer, Cong. ch, 29 00; Bapt.		E. ch, 1 25; Individuals, 0 79,	6 35
ch, 22 54; Meth. E. ch, 29 00,	41 90	Morrisville, Individuals,	5 00
Honesdale, Pres. ch, 37 00; R.		Mount Morris, Pres. ch, 10 00;	
F. Lord, 20 00; R. Lord,		Bapt. 1 00,	11 00
4 00,	61 00	Mixville, Meth. E. ch,	1 40
Hopewell, Pres. ch, 3 31; Cen-		Moscow, Pres. ch,	3 52
ter Meth. E. ch, 1 45,	4 76	Montezuma, Bapt. ch, 1 00;	
Horseheads, Pres. ch, 2 38;		Meth. E. ch, 2 65,	3 65
Meth. E. ch, 3 12,	5 50	Memphis, Union & Meth. E. chs,	2 88

Newark, Pres. ch, 17 40; Bapt. ch, 5 48; Rev. Mr. Fisk, 1 00,	23 88	Phelps, Pres. ch, 10 50; Bapt. ch, 7 50; Rev. Mr. Hibbard, 5 00,	23 00
Newfane, Bapt. ch, 6 85; Meth. E. ch, 1 00,	7 85	Prattsburg, Pres. ch, 10 47;	
New Hudson, Cong. ch,	2 09	Bapt. ch, 2 06,	12 53
New Hartford, Pres. ch,	2 90	Portage, Pres. ch,	2 00
New York, J. L. and Friends, 700 00; Del. & Hudson Canal Co., 400 00; W. B. Astor, 50 00; W. B. Crosby 25 00; Phelps, Dodge & Co. 10 00;		Port Jervis, 7 56; Bapt. ch, 1 10; Meth. E. ch, 2 13; S. Farnam, 5 00,	15 79
C. R. Robert, 5 00,	1,190 00	Portville, Union meeting,	3 73
North Bergen, Pres. ch,	7 00	Pottsdam, Pres. ch,	9 30
North Parma, Bapt. ch, 6 07;		Ransonville, Bapt. ch, 5 27;	
Free. Bapt. ch, 0 61,	6 68	Wesleyan Meth. ch, 2 52,	7 79
Norwich, Pres. ch, 2 50; Bapt. ch, 9 89,	11 39	Reed's Corners, Rapt. ch,	0 95
Ogden, Pres. ch, 15 00; Mite. 3 00; Bapt. ch, 6 73; Miss Voorhies, 5 00,	29 73	Rome, Pres. ch, 48 00; Bapt. ch, 14 90; Meth. E. ch, 9 00,	71 90
Olcott, Meth. E. ch,	1 13	Roundout, Pres. ch, 25 00; Mr. Sykes, 5 00,	30 00
Ontario, Pres. and Bapt. chs, 10 16; Meth. E. ch, 2 33,	12 49	Rosevalley, Meth. E. ch,	1 01
Orleans, Bapt. Asso. 14 15; Bapt. ch, 3 00,	17 50	Royalton, Center Meth. E. ch,	2 74
Oramal, Pres. ch, 0 77; Meth. E. ch, 0 35; Individuals, 1 00,	2 12	Riga, Cong. ch,	4 95
Orangeville, Pres. and Bapt. chs	8 47	Rochester, 1st Pres. ch, 53 41;	
Oneida, Bapt. ch, 10 50; Meth. E. ch, 2 65,	13 15	Brick ch, 55 32; Central ch, 22 55; Plymouth ch, 29 62;	
Oneida Castle, Pres. ch,	1 87	A Champion, 50 00,	210 90
Oneota, Pres. ch,	1 50	Rushford, Union meeting,	3 11
Oriskany, Individuals,	4 75	Sacket's Harbor, Pres. ch, 5 23;	
Ovid, Pres. ch,	22 00	Meth. E. ch, 1 50,	6 75
Owego, Individuals,	40 00	Scottsville, Pres. ch, 7 21;	
Oxford, Pres. ch, 5 00; Bapt. 3 00; Meth. E. ch, 1 90,	9 90	Meth. E. ch, 0 31; H. Smith, 5 00,	12 52
Palmyra, Pres. ch,	63 39	Scranton, Pa., Individuals,	30 00
Paltz, Ref. Dutch ch,	12 00	Spencerport, Cong. ch,	3 72
Parma, Cong. ch,	1 73	Schenactady, Pres. ch,	44 00
Parma Center, Pres. ch, 2 63;	6 83	Skaneateles, Bapt. 4 85; Mr. Lapham, 1 00,	5 85
Meth. E. ch, 4 20,	10 00	Seneca Falls, Pres. ch, 3 00;	
Parma Corners, Bapt. ch,	10 00	Meth. E. ch, 3 21,	6 21
Parishville, Cong. ch, 3 50;	4 40	Shortsville, Pres. ch,	4 53
Bapt. ch, 0 90,		Sodus, Centuary Meth. E. ch, 5 30; Mr. Polwine, 1 00,	6 30
Pavillion, Pres. ch, 6 65; Bapt. ch, 7 58,	14 03	St. Lawrence Co., by A. L. Green,	22 00
Pembroke, Bapt. ch,	2 00	Sweeden, Pres. ch,	9 93
Penfield, Pres. ch, 5 00; Bapt. ch, 9 92; Meth. E. ch, 9 00,	23 92	Somerset, Pres. ch, 11 40; Bap. 12 85; Meth. E. ch, 8 38,	32 63
Pen Yan, Pres. ch, 21 46; Bapt. ch, 20 75; Meth. E. ch, 24 22;	70 68	Susquehanna, Meth. E. ch,	3 00
Epis. ch, 4 25,	8 40	Suspension Bridge, Cong. ch,	5 00
Painted Post, Pres. ch,	14 13	Syracuse, 1st. Pres. ch, 32 00;	
Pittston, Individuals,	30 02	1st Ward ch, 5 00; Plymouth ch, 27 90; Individuals, 11 25,	76 15
Perry, Bapt. ch, 23 05; Meth. E. ch, 6 97,	7 68	Talcotville, Individuals,	4 00
Perryville, Meth. E. ch,		Towanda, Pa., Individuals,	40 00
		Tuscarora, Pres. ch,	3 00
		Vernon, Pres. ch,	8 00
		Varysburgh, Meth. E. ch,	2 10
		Verona, Pres. ch, 12 40; Meth. E. ch, 5 25,	17 65

Utica, Individuals,	56 00	West Bloomfield, Cong. ch,	25 94
Waldo Fund,	2042 12	Weedsport, Pres. ch, 3 80;	
Walworth, Free. Bapt. ch,	2 31	Meth. E. ch, 7 50,	11 30
Warsaw, Cong. ch, 10 50; Bapt.		Wilksbarre, Pa., Individuals,	50 00
ch, 3 75; a Friend, 0 25,	14 50	Wilson, Pres. ch, 8 07; Bapt.	
Wampsville, Pres. ch,	4 63	ch, 10 96; Others, 0 50,	19 53
Watkins, Union meeting, 4 01;		Williamson, Pres. ch, 11 67;	
Meth. E. ch, 4 85,	8 86	Meth. E. ch, 0 42,	12 09
Waterville, Individuals,	12 00	Wolcott, Pres. ch, 11 13; Meth.	
Waverly, Meth. E. ch, 6 39; In-		E. ch, 3 00,	14 13
dividuals, 8 00,	14 39	Woodstock, Bapt. ch, 6 80;	
Webster, Pres. ch, 2 80; Bapt.		Meth. E. ch, 1 15,	7 95
ch, 16 60; Meth. E. ch, 2 15,	21 55	Wyoming, Bapt. ch, 18 88;	
West Aurora, R. M. S.	3 00	Meth. E. ch, 1 01,	19 89
Western, Pres. ch, 11 12; Mr.		Yates, Bapt. ch, 13 64; Meth.	
Rogers, 0 50,	11 62	E. ch, 1 35; S. School, 1 10,	16 09
Westmoreland, Bapt. ch,	3 00	Youngstown, Pres. ch, 8 87:	
West Middlebury, Bapt. ch,	9 75	Meth. E. ch, 1 24,	10 11
West Somerset, Bapt. ch,	15 01	York, Cong. ch, 7 05; Bapt.	
West Avon, Meth. E. ch,	2 90	ch, 6 35,	13 40
Westfield, Pres. ch, 20 58;			
Bapt. ch, 2 55; Meth. E. ch,		Total Receipts,	\$6,809 34
2 38,	25 61		

The American Bethel Society in account with Thomas Farnham, Treasurer.

1863.	DR.
March 31.—To paid during the year, Salaries and Travelling Expenses of Chaplains, Missionaries and Corresponding Secretaries,	\$6578 90
Incidentals, including Postage, Stationary, Taxes, Rent, &c.	245 71
Balance carried to New Account,	16 29
	<u>\$6,840 90</u>

1862.	CR.
April 1.—By Balance of last Account,	\$31 56
1863.	
March 31.—By Amount of Receipts during the year,	6,809 34
	<u>\$6,840 90</u>

BUFFALO, April 17, 1863.
We have examined the foregoing account, and compared its several items with the vouchers for the same, and find it correct and correctly engrossed.

A. RAMSEY, }
JONAS CLARK, } *Auditors.*

East Cleveland, Cong. ch. bal,	0 50	Meth. E. ch, 8 65;	16 98
Elyria, Pres. ch, 27 11; Meth. E.		Norwalk, M. E. ch, 7 04; Bapt.	
15 00,	42 11	ch, 3 50; Pres. ch, 10 00,	20 54
Freemont, Pres. ch, 20 00; Meth.		Northfield, U. S. Pres. ch, per	
E. ch, 2 00; Citizens, 4 00,	26 00	Mr. Kessler,	10 00
Findlay, Meth. E. ch, 12 75;		Oberlin, 1st Cong. ch, 26 00; 2d.	
Pres. ch, 16 20; Luth. ch,		Cong. ch, 15 00,	41 00
3 75; a Friend, 0 50,	33 20	Ottowa, Meth. E. ch, 0 75; Pres.	
Fostoria, Pres. ch, 4 00; Mr.		ch, 4 65; United Brn. 3 50; Citi-	
Abrott, goods, 1 25; Mrs.		zens, shoes, 0 50; Citizens,	
Olmsted, goods; Mrs. Foster,		goods, 2 20,	11 60
goods; Citizens, clothing;		New London, Citizens,	13 50
Meth. E. ch, 9 01,	14 26	Orange Hill, Meth. E. ch,	2 30
Fredericktown, Bapt. ch, 9 85;		Postown and Vicinity, George	
Meth. E. ch, 2 30,	12 15	Banker, 3 00; David Banker,	
Gates Mills, Meth. E. ch, 3 91;		10 00; J. Morningstar, corn,	
Mrs. Gates, 1 25,	5 16	7 50; Samuel Lucas, corn, 4 50;	
Greenfield and Vicinity, Citizens,		John Barkalo, corn, 2 40; R.	
33 33; Clothing, 3 40,	36 73	Marsh, (bbl. flour, 5 00,	32 40
Granville, Pres. ch, 67 00; Bapt.		Painsville, Pres. ch, 17 42; Meth.	
11 82; Meth. E. ch, 0 41,	79 23	E. ch, 3 29; Bapt. ch, 3 06,	23 77
Gomer, Cong. ch,	11 15	Plymouth, Meth. E. ch, 6 20;	
Huron, Rev. Mr. Marks, 1 00;		Luth. ch, 10 17,	16 37
Meth. E. ch, 8 00,	9 00	Pittsfield, Ladies' Benev. Sewing	
Harrison ch,	1 00	Soc. in clothes, 34 00; Sabbath	
Kenton, Pres. ch, 12 90; Bapt.		school of Cong. ch, 3 20,	37 20
ch, 2 45; United Pres. ch,		Reading, Pres. ch, (O. S.)	7 00
1 75; Meth. Pres. ch, 2 85,	19 95	Reily, Pres. ch,	20 50
Lexington, Cong. ch, 5 87; Pres.		Springfield, Epis. ch, 5 00; Luth.	
ch, 13 93,	19 80	ch, 1 00; Cong. ch, 3 00; Co-	
Liberty, Luth. ch, 4 71; Luth.		lumbia-st. Meth. E. ch, 3 60;	
Biddles ch, 1 25,	5 96	Bapt. ch, 3 50; 1st Pres. ch,	
Lima, Pres. ch, 9 37; Bapt. ch,		31 55,	47 65
5 34; Meth. E. ch, 6 30; 2d.		Sinking Creek, Pres. ch,	1 93
Pres. 2 88,	23 89	Solon, Disciples ch, 6 87; Meth.	
Lockland, Citizens,	5 50	E. ch, 1 18; Pres. ch, 3 94,	11 99
London, Meth. E. ch, 26 50;		Savana, Pres. ch, 24 00; Asso.	
Pres. ch, 18 25,	44 75	Ref. ch, 15 95; Free Pres. ch,	
Lyme, Pres. ch,	2 08	19 88; Discip. ch, 1 00,	60 83
Milan, Pres. ch, 28 50; Meth. E.		Shelby, Pres. ch, 9 75; United	
ch, 4 00,	32 50	Brn. 9 35,	19 10
Milleville, Citizens,	2 00	Sandusky, Meth. E. ch,	6 00
Middletown, Citizens,	13 50	Strongsville, 1st Cong. ch, 4 56;	
Mount Vernon, Cong. ch, 30 00;		2d Cong. ch, 8 15,	12 71
Pres. ch, 12 27; Meth. E. ch,		St. Mary's, Citizens,	2 90
5 45; St. Paul's ch, 7 64; Ban-		Talmadge, Cong. ch, 37 35;	
ning chapel, 2 58,	57 94	Cong. ch, Sabbath school, 38	
Marion, United Brn. ch, 0 91; F.		05,	75 40
W. Bapt. ch, 1 25; Episcopal		Troy, School-house, 8 00; Union	
ch, 5 25; Pres. ch, 5 31; Meth.		Pres. ch, 0 25,	8 25
E. ch, 33 98; Goods and Cloth-		Twinsburg, Cong. ch, 6 20; Meth	
ing from many friends; Mr.		E. ch, 5 00,	11 20
Mitchell, 1 60,	48 30	Toledo, King Brothers, 50 00;	
Midway Grove Meeting,	24 20	Cong. ch, 75 00; Meth. E. ch,	
Madison, Cong. ch. bal.	1 25	20 00; Prot. Epis. ch, 15 00;	
Mayfield, Meth. E. ch,	10 22	Bapt. ch, 10 00; Citizens, 62 00;	
Mansfield, Central Bapt. ch,		Avails of Boat ride, 35 00,	267 00
16 35; 1st Bapt. ch, 1 87; Pres.		Tiffin, Meth. E. ch, 12 12; Luth.	
ch, 5 00,	23 22	ch, 5 50; German Reform ch,	
Medway, Union Meeting,	2 75	5 08; Bapt. ch, 2 42; Prot.	
Medina, Cong. ch, 29 77; Meth.		Meth. ch, 1 86; Citizens, 3 50,	30 48
E. ch, 0 81,	30 58	Urbanna, 1st Meth. E. ch, 9 31;	
North Amherst, Cong. ch, 8 28:		2nd Meth. E. ch, 3 60,	12 91

Vermillion, Meth. E. ch, 20 00; Cong. ch, 1 50,	21 50
Vanwert, Pres. ch, 11 04; Meth. E. ch, 9 37; Harrison ch, 1 80; Bowers School-house, 2 13; Grove Meeting ch, 2 60; Ridge ch, 1 85,	28 79
Windham, Cong. ch, 58 71; Meth. E. ch, 2 80,	61 51
Wellington, Cong. ch, 37 50; M. DeWolf, 10 00; Meth. E. ch, 7 07,	54 57
Willett, School-house,	9 75
Warren, Pres. ch, 7 23; Meth. E. ch, 5 60; Bapt. ch, 4 37; Dis- ciples, 5 00,	22 20
Wakeman, Cong. ch,	8 40
Wooster, Pres. ch, 26 75; Meth. E. ch, 40 26,	67 01
Wapakaneta, South ch,	6 35
West Unity, Citizens,	1 25
Xenia, Bapt. ch,	1 23
York, Cong. ch,	20 28
Youngstown, Pres. ch, 26 78; Meth. E. ch, 13 50; Citizens, 3 25,	53 53

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pittsburg, Clarke & Co., \$50;
Citizens' Ins. Co., 20; S. M.
Kier, 10; Wm. M. Faber, 5;
Kramer & Rahm, 10; Nimick
& Co., 10; J. Gardner, 2; Geo.
B. Jones, 5; Newmyer & Graff,
5; Spang, Chalfant & Co., 5;
Chess, Smyth & Co., 5; Graff,
Bennett & Co., 5; D. M. Long,
2; A. & D. H. Chambers, 5;
Benj. P. Bakewell, 5; Thos.
Bakewell, 5; Jas. B. Lyon, 5;
F. M. Gordon, 3; Robt. Beer,
5; J. S. Liggett & Co., 3; Wm.
McCully & Co., 5; King, Pen-
nock & Co., 10; B. A. Fahnes-
tock & Co., 10; A. Bradley,
10; Bryce & Richards, 3; G.
W. Blair, 5; J. W. Wightman, 5;
J. L. Addy, 3; Jas. Dickson,
5; John Rea, 2; S. S. McCorm-
ick, 3; E. Carlisle, 3; H.
Sandol, 3; E. Jaynes, 3; Chas.
Hays, 5; B. C. Sawyer, 5;
Reymer & Bros., 2; S. Jones
& Co., 5; H. Reineke, 3 75; J.
J. Gillespie, 5; W. P. Marshall
& Co., 5; H. Childs & Co., 5;
Pennock & Hart, 5; Dilworth,
Porter & Co., 5; Hostetter &
Smith, 2 50; John Dunlap &
Co., 5; A. Fnlton, 25; J. Mc-
D. Crossen, 10; J. Horne, 5;

N. Holmes & Sons, 10; Davis
& Phillips, 4 50; Schroeder &
Hagaman 3; W. W. Patrick,
5; C. H. Love, 1; J. H. Hill,
5; A. Tindle, 3; McWhinney &
Hare, 5; James Parke, Jr., 5;
Singer, Nimick & Co., 10; Lit-
tle & Trimble, 3; J. H. Shoen-
berger, 25; Samuel Dalzell, 1;
Lloyd & Black, 10; Knap,
Rudd & Co., 10; C. G. Hus-
sey, 10; H. H. Collins, 2; D.
Gregg, 1; R. E. Sellers, 5;
John Moorhead, 2 50; George
A. Berry, 5; I. M. Roberts, 5;
A. Bates, 2; R. H. Palmer, 2;
W. D. Riddle, 1; Robt. Lea, 2;
Slack & Sholes, 5; Geo. Muel-
ler & Co., 1; Chas. Hays, 5;
W. Mackeown, 2; G. Kinner,
5; R. Robinson & Co., 3; W.
S. Haven, 5; F. Sellers, 5; T.
& J. T. McCance, 3; J. Mc-
Cully & Co., 5; Miller & Rick-
etson, 10; Mitchell, Herron &
Co., 5; Wm. McClintock, 6; W.
S. Lavelly, 5; Means & Coffin,
5; Thompson Bell, 5; J. A.
Wilson, 5; Thos. M. Howe, 5;
J. S. Shaffer, 5; Ballman &
Garrison, 5; Sam'l Morrison, 2;
J. F. Loy, 2; John Stewart, 5;
W. B. Copeland, 2; W. Dil-
worth, 1; A. McQuwen, 1; J.
A. Hutchison, 2; S. H. Geyer,
3; J. Benny, Jr., 5; Leopold
Sahl, 1; W. W. Mair, 5; Capt.
W. Dean, 5; Marshall & Bros.
2; Zug & Painter, 10; T. H.
Nevin & Co., 3; J. H. Ralston,
5; J. F. Cluley, 1; Isaac Jones,
10; Cash, 2; S. Severace, 3;
John Gill, 1; J. W. Tim, 1;
Head & Metzgar, 5; C. Yea-
ger, 2; D. Hugus, 1; S. Steven-
son, 1; J. W. Barker & Co., 3;
J. C. Buffum, 1; R. L. Smith,
3; W. B. Hays & Co., 3; J. C.
Kirkpatrick, 2; John Thomp-
son & Co., 2; J. M. Brush, 1;
M. F. Kunz, 2; A. Lyons &
Co., 5; A. Carnegie, 5; Robert
Orr, 5; Del. Mut. Ins. Co., 3;
W. Leonard, 3; James Robb,
3; S. P. Johnston, 75 cts; J.
K. Moorhead, 10; W. Bagaley,
5; James Verner, 2; W. B.
Scaife, 5; Hitchcock, McCrea-
ry & Co., 5; Ramsey & Renton
W. F. Richardson, 2; W. W.
Young, 1; D. Cooper, 1; G. W.
Weyman, 3; I. B. Canfield, 5;

Geo. Bingham, 5; W. R. Murphy, 2; Thos. Palmer, 1; John Bissell, 5; B. F. Vandevort, 2; Lambert & Shipton, 5; H. Kleber, 1; Dan'l Wallace, 2; L. R. Livingston, 10; Rafferty Estate, 5; H. P. Schwartz, 3; W. R. Lowe, 3; Geo. Wilson, 2; Brown & Kirkpatrick, 5; Wm. Semple, 2; W. D. & H. McCallum, 2; A. G. McCandless, M. D., 2; Eaton, Maerum & Co., 3; W. H. Sturgeon, 2; J. P. Tanner, 3; B. L. Fahnestock, 3; John Bell, 2; S. H. McKinley, 1; James P. Hanna & Co., 5; Bissell & Co. 5; McClurkan, Heron & Co., 5; R. Watson, 5; Captain W. Forsyth, 5; L. P. Shriver, 2; E. Edmonson, 1; D. A. Stewart, 2.	826 00	Fentonville, Pres. ch, 6 68; Meth. E. ch, 4 25; Bapt. ch, 4 22,	15 15
		Grand Rapids, Cong. and Pres. ch, 23 23; Meth. E. ch, West, 4 62; Bapt. ch, 4 38,	32 23
		Grand Haven, Pres. ch, 10 00; Citizens, 7 30,	17 30
		Grass Lake, Cong. ch, 7 58; Meth. E. ch, 3 70,	11 28
		Hudson, Cong. ch, 9 25; Meth. E. ch, 8 56; Bapt. ch, 2 21,	20 02
		Hillsdale, Cong. ch, 26 35; College ch, 13 22,	39 57
		Holly, Pres. ch,	8 43
		Ionia, Pres. ch, 10 00; Meth. E. ch, 3 25; Bapt. ch, 3 00,	16 25
		Jackson, Cong. ch, 15 75; Bapt. ch, 6 00; Meth. E. ch, 3 50,	25 25
		Kalamazoo, Pres. ch, 17 50; Meth. E. ch, 10 12; Bapt. ch, 8 71; Cong. ch, 6 07,	42 40
		Lansing, Pres. ch, 10 50; Meth. E. ch, 3 30,	18 80
		Mount Clemmons, Pres. ch, 17 00; Meth. E. ch, 4 15,	21 15
		Manchester, Union meeting,	2 84
		Marshall, Meth. E. ch, 12 89; Bapt. ch, 5 04; Chris. ch, 2 00; Citizens, 3 00,	22 93
		Niles, Pres. ch, 24 00; Meth. E. ch, 5 00,	29 00
		New Hudson, Pres. ch,	3 50
		Pontiac, Cong. ch, 9 86; Bapt. ch, 7 00; Meth. E. ch, 6 85; Citizens, 5 90,	29 61
		Parma, Pres. ch, 16 00; Bapt. ch, 6 44,	22 44
		Romeo, Cong. ch, 26 92; Meth. E. ch, 17 50; Bapt. ch, 2 50,	46 92
		Richland, Pres. ch,	11 55
		Saginaw City, Pres. ch,	6 53
		Sturges, Pres. ch, 3 70; Bapt. ch, 3 66; Meth. E. ch, 3 26,	10 62
		Saline, Pres. ch, 12 21; Bapt. ch, 5 12.	17 33
		Webster, Cong. ch,	18 45
		Winglake, Pres. ch,	5 00
		Ypsilanti, Pres. ch, 21 18; Meth. E. ch, 5 62; Bapt. ch, 4 23; B. Follett, Esq., 2 00,	33 03
		INDIANA.	
		Attica, Meth. E. ch, 6 50; Citizens, 11 80,	18 30
		Antwerp, Meth. E. ch,	1 80
		Adams' Mills, Citizens,	2 50
		Anderson "	5 35
		Bethel, Meth. E. ch,	11 25
		Boxley, Meth. E. ch,	6 90
		Bowling Green, Citizens,	8 75

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Cole, Wood & Co., Box shoes, 13 75

MICHIGAN.

Ann Arbor, Pres. ch, 18 50; M. E. ch, 11 38; Cong. ch, 8 65, 38 53
 Adrian, Pres. ch, 18 75; Cong. ch, 14 50; Bapt. ch, 3 90, 37 15
 Augusta, Cong. ch, 10 66
 Battle Creek, Pres. ch, 18 67; Bapt. ch, 5 25; M. E. ch, 3 36, 27 28
 Brighton, Pres. ch, 10 34
 Birmingham, Pres. ch, 7; M. E. ch, 5 80, 12 80
 Bloomfield Center, 4 56
 Clinton, Cong. ch, 7 77; Bapt. ch, 2 13, 9 90
 Cold Water, Pres. ch, 9 67; M. E. ch, 9 10; Wes. M. ch, 5 55; Bapt. ch, 2 54, 26 86
 Chelsea, Union Meeting, 8 50
 Detroit, 1st Pres. ch, 163 50; Fort St. Pres. ch, 168; Jef. Av. Pres. ch, 120 25; United Pres. ch, 25 50; Westminster Pres. ch, 20; Cong. ch, 52; Wood'd. Av. M. E. ch, 53 50; Citizens, 55 25; R. Hawley, Esq., 25, 683 00
 Dexter, Cong. ch, 7 10; Meth. E. ch, 4 30, 11 40
 East Saginaw Union meeting, 10 54
 Edwardsburgh, Cong. ch, 22 05; Bapt. ch, 1 42, 23 47
 Flint, Pres. ch, 33 50; Meth. E. ch, 5 00, 38 50

Blue Creek, Pres. ch,	2 15
Cicero, Meth. E. ch,	6 50
Covington, Citizens,	15 50
Columbia, Bapt. ch,	2 05
Danville, Pres. ch, 20 85; Meth. E. ch, 10 00,	30 85
Eel River, Pres. ch,	2 10
Fort Creek, Citizens,	1 40
Fort Wayne, 1st Pres. ch, 32 00; 2d Pres. ch, 10 86; Bapt. ch, 11 03; Citizens, 21 25,	75 14
Fletcher's Lake, Citizens,	1 50
Gilead, Pres. ch,	3 35
Greenfield, Citizens,	8 25
Green Castle, 1st. Pres. ch, 3 03; 2nd Pres. ch, 2 86; Citizens, 2 00,	7 89
Goshen, Meth. E. ch, 7 25; Pres. ch, 6 50; Bapt. ch, 3 60,	17 35
Hicksville, Pres. ch,	3 50
Heshbon, Bethel, Citizens,	3 70
Indianapolis, Citizens,	135 75
Indian Creek, Pres. ch,	2 50
Jeffersonville, Citizens,	1 00
Kokomo, E. Warner, Esq, 10 00; Meth. E. ch, 10 00; Citizens, 18 00,	38 00
Lafayette, Meth. E. ch, West charge, 11 75; Meth. E. ch, East charge, 7 80; Citizens, 15 76,	35 31
Lazro, Citizens,	4 25
Lebanon, Citizens,	3 00
Monmouth, Citizens,	2 50
Michigan City, Pres. ch, 7 00; Meth. E. ch, 3 98; L. Blair, 3 00,	13 98
Mishawaka, Pres. ch,	6 34
Middlebury, Citizens,	3 03
Middletown, Citizens,	1 00
Newtown, E. Insley, Esq., 3 75; Mrs. Insley, 1 25; Rev. Mr. Schomehorn, 1 00; Citizens, 8 00,	14 00
New Albany, Citizens,	25 00
Philadelphia, Meth. E. ch,	3 15
Plainfield, Citizens,	10 35
Roanoke, "	4 10
Sugar Creek Chapel,	1 40
Shawnee Mound, Jane L. Mohar- ry,	2 00
Sugar Grove, Meth. E. ch,	20 00
Stockwell, Citizens,	6 00
Salem, Meth. E. ch, 1 35; Citi- zens, 0 25; T. V. Vickery, M.D., 5 00,	6 60
South Bend, Pres. ch, 19 75; M. E. ch, 8 78; Bapt. ch, 7 07,	35 60
Scotch Ridge, U. Pres. ch,	1 65
Shelbyville, Citizens,	5 25
Thicket, Citizens,	1 80
Tontogany, Citizens,	1 50

Terre Haute, 1st Pres. ch, 7 00; Ashby Chapel, 7 00; North M. E. ch, 1 00; Bapt. ch, 5 00; Citizens, 2 00,	22 00
Winchester, Citizens,	6 00
Waterloo, "	5 00
Williams Centre, "	1 93
Wabash Town, "	2 50
Williams Port, "	12 00
Youtsville, D. Yout, Esq., 7 00; Young Ladies, 3 00,	10 00

ILLINOIS.

Aurora, Meth. E. ch, 15 93; Cong. ch, 14 25,	30 18
Batavia, German Meth. E. ch, 12 92; Bapt. ch, 3 00; Cong. ch, 14 17; Meth. E. ch, 4 78,	34 87
Bloomington, Pres. ch, N. S., 20 15; Pres. ch, O. S., 9 75; East Meth. E. ch, 17 35; West Meth. ch, 1 25,	48 50
Chicago, 1st Pres. ch, 275 00; 2d Pres. ch, 275 00; North Pres. ch, 60 00; Ref. Pres. ch, 21 06; Asso. Ref. Pres. ch, 7 37; 1st Cong. ch, 52 00; New England Cong. ch, 50 00; Ply- mouth Cong. ch, 9 00; Indiana Street, Meth. E. ch, 11 00; Clark Street Meth. E. ch, 59 00; Jefferson Street Meth. E. ch, 11 00; Wabash Avenue M. E. ch, 10 00; Trinity Ep. ch, 64 00; St. James' Pro. Epis. ch, 40 00; New ch, 15 00; Bethel Sab. school, 9 00; Unitarian ch, 81 00; Olivet Pres. ch, 10 00; Citizens, 151 00,	1210 43
Dover, Citizens,	1 15
Dixon, Pres. ch, 6 81; Meth. E. ch, 6 35,	13 16
Elyria, Meth. E. ch, 11 05. Cong. ch, 10 75,	21 80
Fulton City, Meth. E. ch,	3 29
Freeport, 1st. Pres. ch, 7 62; 2d Pres. ch, 5 22; Meth. E. ch, 6 39; Epis. ch, 5 66,	24 89
Galesburg, Pres. ch, 16 61; 1st Cong. ch, 14 21; 2d Cong. ch, 13 75; Pres. ch, O. S. 5 80,	50 37
Galena, Pres. ch, N. S., 19 50; Pres. ch, O. S., 7 00; Meth. E. ch, 8 08; Bapt. ch, 5 51,	40 09
Geneseo, Cong. ch, 30 51; Bapt. ch, 1 59; Meth. E. ch, 1 04,	33 14
Geneva, Cong. ch, 1 85; Meth. E. ch, 3 45; Sunday school Ex- cursion, 5 00,	10 30
Jacksonville, 1st Pres. ch, 12 85; 2d Pres. ch, 35 25; Westmins-	

ter Pres. ch, 21 50; Cong. ch, 15 60; Westminster Meth. E. ch, 15 00,	100 20	Wilmington, Union Meeting,	19 07
Joliette, M. E. ch, 10 08; Pres. ch, 9 17,	19 25	Winebago, M. E. ch,	3 00
Kankakee, Pres. ch, 7; M. E. ch, 6 69,	13 69	WISCONSIN.	
Lisbon, M. E. ch,	64	Allen's Grove, Cong. ch,	3 00
Lisbonville, Cong. ch, 10 75; M. E. ch, 2 94,	13 69	Beaverdam, Pres. ch, 22 80;	
Morris, Cong. ch, 8 88; M. E. ch, 2 54,	10 92	Pres. (O. S.) ch, 3; M. E. ch, 9 26; Citizens, 1,	36 06
Marengo, Pres. ch, 5 25; Free M. E. ch, 7 59; M. E. ch, 1 20,	14 04	Beloit, M. E. ch, 11 65; Pres. (O. S.) ch, 16 62; Pres. (N. S.) ch, 2 50; 1st Cong. ch, 3,	33 77
Oswego, Cong. ch, 5 20; M. E. ch, 4 43; Pres. ch, 3 62,	13 25	Clinton, Union Meeting,	12 75
Ogle, Citizens,	2 32	Delevan, Cong. ch,	13 00
Ottawa, 1st Cong. ch, 5 05; Plymouth ch, 7 50; M. E. ch, 459; Bapt. ch, 3,	20 14	Elgin, M. E. ch,	1 00
Princeton, Cong. ch, 10; Pres. ch, 8 18; M. E. ch, 2 67,	20 85	Fondulac, M. E. ch, 16 72; Cong. ch, 15 37; Pres. ch, 9 70; Bapt. ch, 3 30,	45 09
Plainfield, Ger. M. E. ch, 7 72; M. E. ch, 5 20; Bapt. ch, 3; Cong. ch, 1 71,	17 63	Janesville, M. E. ch, 21 61; Bapt. ch, 13 24; Cong. ch, 16 17; Pres. ch, 7 85,	58 87
Quincy, Cent. Cong. ch, 6 25; 1st Cong. ch, 5 50; Ger. M. E. ch, 11 45; Bapt. ch, 1 50; Pres. ch, 25 40,	50 10	Kenosha, Cong. ch,	3 38
Ringwood, M. E. ch, 5 90; Cong. ch, 6 18,	12 08	Milwaukee, Plymouth Cong. ch, 275; Spring st. Cong. ch, 12; Spring st. Meth. ch, 23; Summerfield Meth. ch, 13; Pres. (N. S.) ch, 64; Pres. (O. S.) ch, 22; 1st Bapt. ch, 11; West Bapt. ch, 7 25; Ger. Meth. ch, 25 50; Evangelical Association, 19 89; Bethel ch, 32 86; Citizens, 50,	555 30
Rock Island, M. E. ch,	6 55	Oconowawa, M. E. ch,	6 24
Rockford, 1st Cong. ch, 11 56; 2d Cong. ch, 27 70; Pres. (N. S.) ch, 8 70; Pres. (O. S.) ch, 6 50; 1st M. E. ch, 11 20; 2d M. E. ch, 12 25; 3d M. E. ch, 7 85,	85 76	Sharon, M. E. ch,	3 00
Springfield, 1st Pres. ch, 23 50; 2d Pres. ch, 72; 3d Pres. ch, 12 50; M. E. ch, 10 50; Bapt. ch, 9,	125 50	Waukeeshaw, Bapt. ch, 7 51; M. E. ch, 7 23; Cong. ch, 5 93,	20 67
Shelbyville, Pres. ch, 24; M. E. ch, 10 06; Luth. ch, 9 90; J. A. Roundy, Esq., 5,	48 96	Whitewater, Cong. ch, 8 04; M. E. ch, 2 43,	10 52
Sandwich, M. E. ch, 8 48; Cong. ch, 7 41; Bapt. ch, 3 76; Pres. ch, 1 55,	21 20	Watertown, Cong. ch, 10 50; M. E. ch, 3,	13 50
St. Charles, Cong. ch, 6 45; M. E. ch, 2 07,	8 52	Waupun, M. E. ch, 10 50; Cong. ch, 4 86; Bapt. ch, 3 40,	18 76
Urbana, Pres. ch, 8; West. M. E. ch, 9 05; East M. E. ch, 70 cts; Cong. ch, 1 80,	19 55	IOWA.	
Wheaton, M. E. ch,	2 50	Clinton, M. E. ch, 2 10; Pres. ch, 4 25; Bapt. ch, 1 50,	7 85
Waukegan, Pres. ch, 11 13; M. E. ch, 6 41; Bapt. ch, 5 25; Citizens, 1,	23 79	Davenport, Bapt. ch,	6 35
		Dubuque, Ind. Pres. ch, 11; (O. S.) Pres. ch, 3 85; M. E. ch, 8 15; Cong. ch, 7,	30 00
		Dyersville, M. E. ch,	3 00
		Lyons, Cong. ch, 16; M. E. ch, 3 80,	19 80

RECAPITULATION.

Ohio,.....	\$6,830 77
Pennsylvania,.....	826 00
Massachusetts,.....	13 75
Michigan,.....	1,476 07
Indiana,.....	675 57
Illinois,.....	2,195 37
Wisconsin,.....	834 91
Iowa,.....	67 00
	\$12,919 44

Western Seamen's Friend Society in Account with J. B. Parrish, Treasurer.

Dec. 31, 1862.	Dr.
To Cash paid Chaplains, Mis-	
sionaries and Secretaries' sala-	
ries and traveling expenses..	9,406 18
Rents, repairs, and expenses at	
Bethels.	
Detroit.....	267 91
Cleveland.....	156 57
Milwaukee.....	205 95
Chicago.....	216 32
Cincinnati.....	1,038 98
Pittsburg.....	481 00
Expense account, Postage, Sta-	
tionery, &c.....	93 91
Printing Annual Reports.....	201 50
Donations to Poor.....	951 12
	\$12,919 44

Dec. 31, 1862.	Cr.
By Collections and Donations..	11,384 33
Legacies.....	1,000 00
Ladies' Bethel Aid Society,	
Cincinnati.....	535 11

Compared with vouchers and
believed to be correct.

WM. T. SMITH, *Auditor.*

\$12,919 44

TOTAL RECEIPTS
 OF THE
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,
 BRANCHES AND AUXILIARIES,
 FOR THE YEAR 1863.

RECAPITULATION.

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, - - -	\$29,774 67
BOSTON SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, - - - - *	6,984 65
MAINE SEAMEN'S UNION, - - - - - - - - †	1,250 00
PROVIDENCE EVANGELICAL BETHEL SOCIETY, -	700 00
PENNSYLVANIA SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, - -	1,582 26
AMERICAN BETHEL SOCIETY, - - - - - - -	6,809 34
WESTERN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, - - -	12,919 44
TOTAL, - - - - - - - -	\$60,020 36

* Exclusive of amount received from the Am. Society.

† Estimated, not having been reported.

CONCLUSION.

It will be seen from the Reports, that there are in the employment of the Society, Affiliated Branches and Auxiliaries in the various departments, domestic and foreign, *sixty* Laborers, besides *five hundred and fifty-two* officers and sailors furnished with loan libraries for crews at sea ; that these operations have been sustained at an expense of less than \$60,000, including the agency of collecting. Including these sea missionaries to whom the Society furnish the instruments for labor by its system of loan libraries, there are *six hundred and twelve* laborers, clerical and lay, engaged in this great work. Many of them are stationed in cities and large seaports at home and abroad. We question if by any other Organization, Benevolent, Ecclesiastical, Civil or Military, so many laborers have been set at work and in part sustained, and so much labor performed at so little expense to Christian Charity as by this. In the *economical* use of a sacred trust fund, are we not fairly entitled to the confidence of the benevolent donors ?

Nor have these labors been ineffectual or "in vain in the Lord" in their results. In no missionary field has there been a richer harvest. Among no class of men needing the evangelical influence and efforts of the church, has there been a more marked and manifest moral and religious reform and improvement. Nor is a

reform anywhere among any class of men more powerfully telling on the conversion of the world than here. We may well and boldly, then, appeal to the church for her continued prayers and enlarged benefactions to enable us to go FORWARD.

The work is not done. Urgent appeals are before us for more seamen's chaplains in foreign ports. Our Navy needs more evangelical laborers. Thousands of American vessels are yet unsupplied with libraries or a converted sailor to work with them. Some of our sea and lake and river ports are yet destitute of commodious Bethels and a sufficient number of laborers in the field.

The nation, the church, the world owe to the sailor all these means of his soul's redemption.

SOCIETIES FOR SEAMEN IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following table will give a summary view of the Seamen's cause in this country, embracing the number of chaplains, missionaries and colporteurs laboring for seamen; the places of worship maintained, with the average attendance on each; the number of Homes in operation and their yearly average of boarders, and the ordinary annual receipts of each society. These statements are not exact,—a few of them are only estimated from the best data at hand. They may serve, however, as an *approximate* view of the cause, showing with sufficient accuracy what is done by the christian public, in this interesting and productive field of benevolence.

American Seamen's Friend Society and its Connections.

SOCIETIES.	No of Chaplains, Missionaries, &c.	Bethels.	Average Attendance.	No. of Homes.	No. of Boarders during the year.	Receipts.
Amer. Sea. Fr. Soc., For. & Home Mis	15	7		2	3,280	\$29,774 67
Boston Seaman's Friend Society ..	2	1	300	1	1,700	6,984 65
Maine Seamen's Union	1	1	150	1	700	1,250 00
Providence Evan. Bethel Society ..	1	1	...	..	...	700 00
Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Soc.	..	..	...	1	1,000	1,582 26
Richmond, Va., Bethel Society ..	..	1	...	..	...	.....
New Orleans Seamen's Friend Soc.	..	..	...	1	..	.....
" Ladies' Sea. Friend Soc.	..	1	...	..	...	.....
San Francisco Sea. Friend Society..	1	1	150	1	1,000	.....
Mobile Bethel Society .....	..	1	...	1	...	.....
American Bethel Society	15	2	...	..	...	6,809 34
Western Seamen's Friend Society ..	14	8	...	..	...	12,919 44
A. S. F. Society and Connections...	49	24	...	8	7,680	\$60,020 36

* Exclusive of amount received of American Seamen's Friend Society.

INDEPENDENT SOCIETIES.

Salem Bethel	1	1	200	..	...	1,000 00
Boston Port Society	2	1	600	..	...	3,000 00
" Seamen's Aid Society .....	..	..	...	1	1,564	.....
" Baptist Bethel Society	2	1	300	..	...	2,500 00
" Church of St. Mary's	1	1	200	..	...	2,000 00
" Episcopal Mission	1	1	...	..	...	2,000 00
New Bedford Port Society	1	1	250	1	400	1,200 00
New York Port Society	3	1	600	..	...	9,500 00
" Episcopal Soc. for Seamen	3	2	231	1	610	7,436 61
" Methodist Missions	3	1	500	..	...	3,000 00
" Baptist Bethel Society ..	2	1	500	..	...	2,000 00
Brooklyn Bethel	1	1	200	..	...	1,000 00
Albany Bethel	1	1	250	..	...	1,000 00
Eastburn Bethel, Philadelphia	1	1	...	..	...	1,500 00
Philadelphia Sabbath Association.	4	..	...	..	...	2,786 53
Episcopal Bethel, Philadelphia	1	1	...	..	...	1,300 00
Methodist do. do.	1	1	...	..	...	1,500 00
Baptist do. do.	1	1	...	..	...	1,000 00
Seamen's Union Bethel, Baltimore	1	1	...	1	...	1,000 00
Sailor's City Bethel	1	1	350	..	...	1,000 00
Alexandria Bethel	1	1	...	..	...	.....
Norfolk Seamen's Friend Society ..	1	1	...	..	...	.....
Wilmington do. do. do.	1	1	...	1	...	.....
Charleston Port Society	1	1	...	1	...	.....
Savannah do. do.	1	1	...	1	...	.....
New Orleans Episcopal Bethel ...	1	1	...	..	...	.....
Total Independent Societies	37	25	...	7	2,574	45,729 14
Am. Sea. Fr. Soc. and connections.	49	24	...	8	7,680	60,020 36
Whole Amount	86	49	...	15	10,254	\$105,742 50

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