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OF THE
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AT THE
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THE SOCIETY'S PERIODICALS.

The Sailors' Magazine and Seamen's Friend, a monthly publication of thirty-two pages, contains the proceedings of the American Seamen's Friend Society, and its branches and auxiliaries, and notices of the labors of local independent societies in behalf of seamen. Its aim being to present a general view of the history, nature, progress and wants of the Seamen's Cause, and commend it to the sympathies, the prayers and the benefactions of the community.

The Magazine is sent to single subscribers for One Dollar a year, invariably in advance. It will also be furnished to Life Directors and Life Members of the Society, gratuitously, upon annual request for the same, and, upon application to pastors of churches in which a Fleet of Life Members is maintained for the Society; and, upon application from any one contributing at least Twenty Dollars for the general objects of the Society, or to endow a Loan Library.

The Seamen's Friend is issued as a four page tract adapted to Seamen, and gratuitously distributed among them. It is furnished to Auxiliary Societies for this use, at the rate of One Dollar per hundred.

The Life Boat, a four page sheet, published monthly, will contain brief tales, anecdotes, incidents, &c., and facts, mainly relating to the work of the Loan Libraries issued by the Society. Any school or school contributing to the Society $50 for a Loan Library, may receive fifty copies of the Life Boat, gratis, monthly, for one year, with postage prepaid.

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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

The abiding nature of Christian work for seamen, as well as the continued interest felt in it by the Christian public, was manifest, at this year's Anniversary, which took place at the Broadway Tabernacle, 34th St., and 6th Ave., New York City, on the evening of Sabbath, 4th May. The resumé of the American Seamen's Friend Society's operations for the twelvemonth ending on the 31st of last March, was read by Secretary Hall. Religious services prior to the sermon were conducted by Rev. Arthur Potts, lately our chaplain at Antwerp, Belgium, and by Rev. W. M. Taylor, D. D., pastor of the Tabernacle, who in introducing the preacher, Rev. Dr. S. E. Herrick, of Boston, spoke of him as the son of an American sea captain who, many years ago, was led to Christ, at sea, by the Spirit of God, at the exact time when prayers for his conversion were being offered at his New England Home.

The discourse of Rev. Dr. Herrick, which was requested for publication, and appears in connection with our Annual Report, not only attests the broad grasp of his theme which possessed the speaker's mind, as well as the fervent emotion which inspired its utterance, but gives its impressive testimony to the fact that a Divine work once begun in human hearts, passes, by God's blessing, from one generation to the next, often with augmented force.
At the Society's fifty-sixth Annual Meeting, held at the Sailors' Home, in the City of New York, on Monday, 5th May, President Buck presiding, the following persons were elected by ballot to serve as Trustees for three years, or until May, 1887, viz.:

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After the reception of the annual reports made to the Society by its Board of Trustees and Treasurer, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

- Richard P. Buck, Esq., President,
- Horace Gray, Esq., Henry A. Hurlbut, Esq., Vice-Presidents.
- L. P. Hubbard, Esq., Financial Agent and Assistant Treasurer.

The meeting was subsequently addressed by Rev. A. M. Merwin, pastor of the Spanish-speaking Protestant congregation in Valparaiso, S. A., by Rev. Arthur Potts, the Society's chaplain, for the last three years, at Antwerp in Belgium, by Rev. S. W. Hanks, the Society's Secretary at Boston, Mass., and by Rev. E. Hopper, D.D., pastor of the Church of Sea and Land in New York City. Their addresses were all of special pertinence and moment.
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The recent outfit and sending forth on the part of the U. S. Government of still another costly expedition to the Arctic Seas, in the hope of somewhere finding and relieving ice-bound adventurers, evinces (along with other things) a continued and generous interest in the physical welfare of the sailor.

The review of another year of Christian work in his behalf, which has just been granted us, also makes its disclosure, showing on the part of the patrons of the American Seamen's Friend Society a continued warm-hearted interest in the sailor's moral and spiritual welfare; and the blessing of God on the efforts which have been divinely directed toward that result.

We take from a carefully prepared article in the recently issued "Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge" the following extracts, which concisely state the origin and development of organized Christian work for seamen in this country, in a way calculated to excite devout gratitude and encourage new consecration.

"No organizations exist in North and South America, outside the United States, for the sole purpose of prosecuting religious labor among seamen. At Boston, Mass., the first society for this object was formed in May, 1812, but soon suspended operations. The first religious meeting on behalf
of sailors in New York City (N. Y.) is believed to have been held in the summer of 1816, at the corner of Front Street and Old Slip. The Marine Bible Society of New York City was organized March 14th, 1817, to furnish sailors with the Holy Scriptures. The Society for promoting the Gospel among Seamen in the Port of New York, commonly known as The New York Port Society, a local organization, was formed June 5th, 1818. This society laid the foundations of the first mariner's church ever erected, in Roosevelt Street, near the East River, which was dedicated June 4th, 1820, Rev. Ward Stafford preacher and pastor. In 1823 The New York Port Society set at work in that city the first missionary to seamen, Rev. Henry Chase. This society now sustains a church at Madison and Catharine Streets in New York, and a reading-room for sailors in the same edifice. The New York Bethel Union, for the establishment and maintenance of religious meetings on vessels in the port (organized June 3rd, 1821), had but a brief existence.

"The movements noted,—that at Boston, Mass., issuing in the formation of the earliest society of its kind in the world,—led to similar action for the performance of local work for seamen at Charleston, S. C. (1819), Philadelphia, Penn. (1819), Portland, Me., and New Orleans, La., (1823), at New Bedford, Mass., (1825), and elsewhere. In the latter year there were in the United States seventy bethel unions, thirty-three marine Bible societies; fifteen churches and floating chapels for seamen. There had been many conversions to Christ among sailors, and their evangelization was recognized as among the most prominent and important of Christian enterprises.

"Accordingly, after its formal establishment in the City of New York (January 11th, 1826), succeeded by a new organization in its board of trustees (May 5th, 1828, from which time its birth is dated), The American Seamen's Friend Society (80 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.), unquestionably the most widely operative and efficient of existing missionary societies for seamen, came into being. Its first President was Hon. Smith Thompson, then secretary of the U. S. Navy; Rev. C. P. Mcllvaine, afterwards Protestant-Episcopal bishop of Ohio, was its Corresponding Secretary; and Rev. Joshua
Leavitt its General Agent. Article II. of its constitution provides:

"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 ministration of the gospel, and other religious blessings."

"Its first foreign chaplain was Rev. David Abeel, who reached his field of labor at Whampoa, the anchorage for ships trading at Canton, China, February 16th, 1830. In its fortieth year (1867-68) its laborers (chaplains and sailor missionaries) were stationed at twenty foreign and thirteen domestic seaports, as follows: at Caribou Island, on the Labrador Coast, N. A.; at St. John, N. B.; in Norway, at Christiansand, Kragero, and Porsgrund; in Denmark, at Copenhagen and Odense; in Sweden, at Gottenberg, Varberg and Wedige, Wernersberg and Stockholm; in Belgium, at Antwerp; in France, at Havre and Marseilles; in the Hawaiian Islands, at Honolulu and Hilo; at the Chincha Islands in Peru, at Valparaiso and at Buenos Ayres, S. A.; and in the United States at the following seaports: San Francisco, Cal., Norfolk and Richmond, Va., Charleston, S. C., Mobile, Ala., Boston and Gloucester, Mass., and at New York, N. Y. Its missionary work was prosecuted in 1882-83 on the Labrador coast of North America, in the countries of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, at Hamburg in Germany, at Antwerp in Belgium, in France at Marseilles and Havre, at Genoa and Naples in Italy, at Yokohama in Japan, in the Sandwich and Madeira Islands, at Valparaiso, S. A.; and in the United States, at Portland, Ore., and on the waters of Puget Sound; also in the ports of Galveston, Tex., New Orleans, La., Pensacola, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Charleston, S. C., Wilmington, N. C., Norfolk, Va., and at Boston, Mass., as well as in the cities and vicinities of New York, Jersey City (N. J.), and Brooklyn, (N. Y.), including the United States Navy Yard, numbering forty-two laborers at thirty-one seaports (eighteen foreign and thirteen domestic) supported in whole or in part by the Society.

"Its receipts in the first decade of its existence were, in round numbers, $91,000; in the second decade, $165,000; in
the third, $229,000; in the fourth, $375,000; in the fifth, $655,000.

"The Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City of New York (Protestant-Episcopal), in its Thirty-Ninth Annual Report (1882-83), states that the society sustains, as heretofore, two chapels, three mission-houses, with reading and lecture rooms, oversight being in the hands of three clergymen, with the assistance of a colporteur at each station.

"Besides the employment of chaplains, residents at seaports, and serving as Christian ministers, of Bible and tract distributors, Scripture-readers, colporteurs, and helpers, whose titles declare their functions, the missionary societies for seamen have usually wrought for their welfare by establishing, and in part sustaining (temporarily), Sailors' Homes in various ports. In them are resident missionaries, who, besides their services in religious meetings, devote portions of their time to spiritual and charitable visitation among sailors on shipboard and shore, at sailor boarding-houses, and in hospitals, and, in some cases, to such service for the families of seamen. The Wells Street Sailors' Home at London (Eng.) Docks was established by Mr. George Greene in 1830, was opened in 1835, enlarged in 1865. In one year it admitted 5,444 boarders, who, besides a home, had evening instruction, the use of a savings-bank, etc. The Liverpool (Eng.) Sailors' Homes were opened in 1844. The Sailors' Home at 190 Cherry Street, New York, is the property and is under the direction of the American Seamen's Friend Society. It was opened in 1842, reconstructed, refurnished, and re-opened in 1880, and is now unsurpassed by any sailors' home in the world. The whole number of boarders since the Home was established is 102,713, and the amount saved by it to seamen and their relatives during the forty-one years since its establishment has been more than $1,500,000. The systematic supply of carefully selected libraries, to be loaned to vessels for use at sea, by their officers and crews, is now largely carried on by these organizations, especially by the American Seamen's Friend Society. Its shipments of such libraries from 1858-59 to March 31st, 1883, were 7,764, and the re-shipments of the same, 8,100; the total shipments aggregating 15,834. The number of volumes was
419,420, accessible by original shipment to 301,425 seamen. Of the whole number sent out, 943 libraries with 33,948 volumes were placed upon United States naval vessels and in naval hospitals, and have been accessible to 107,995 men: 106 libraries were in 106 stations of the United States Life-saving Service, containing 3,816 volumes, accessible to 742 keepers and surfmen."

Fifty-six years have now passed since the organization of the American Seamen’s Friend Society, above noted, and allowing for the usual fluctuations, in its long progress, the past year may be counted as one of success in all its departments. The lives of those variously engaged in its service at the opening of the year have been “precious in God’s sight”; all connected with it having been spared, (with the single exception of Mr. Rymker, our missionary, six years in Norway and sixteen in Denmark), to do the work assigned them, and to do it with the Divine approbation.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS—HONOLULU.

A survey of the work of the Society for the year just closed naturally begins with this distant station, where almost its earliest foreign work was undertaken for the sailors’ evangelization. The Rev. John Diehl was sent as Seamen’s Chaplain to Honolulu in the year 1833, and remained there until his sickness and death at sea in 1840, when he was succeeded by the Rev. S. C. Damon, who on the 2nd of December, 1883, in the Seamen’s Bethel erected and dedicated just fifty years before, preached a semi-centenary discourse, which appeared in the Sailors’ Magazine for last February, to which we take pleasure in referring our readers.

In the progress of his discourse the preacher in a most interesting and effective way traced the rise and success of evangelical efforts for seamen in the South Pacific,—the inauguration of the Bethel work in Honolulu and the connection of that special work with the missionary operations of the church in that part of the world.
In the closing sentence of Dr. Damon's interesting discourse he foreshadowed what since has taken place. For the purpose and as the only practicable way by which he could secure his needed rest, Dr. Damon tendered to the congregation his resignation of its pastoral care, and is henceforth to occupy himself exclusively with his missionary work among seamen, and such duties as are connected therewith.

He has been granted "leave of absence" to attend the marriage of his youngest son at Canton, and upon his return will resume the responsibilities which for a long ministry he has so faithfully prosecuted with gratifying success.

During his absence Mr. Edward Dunscombe continues his residence at the Home, and has kept up the meetings for seamen there and elsewhere.

Dr. Damon's son, Rev. Frank Damon, whose marriage has been referred to, expects on his return to Honolulu to devote himself especially to the evangelization of the Chinese, who are to be found there in crowds.

LABRADOR COAST.

An appropriation in aid of this mission was made as usual for 1883-84, and through the Society having its head-quarters in Montreal.

Rev. George Roger, sailor missionary, who is just now in charge, writing under date of October 15th, says:—

"On our arrival here from England in 1882, we soon found ourselves in our winter station in Esquimaux Bay where about sixty souls resided. There, during a long and severe winter (1882-3), religious services were regularly conducted, and were well attended by people living in our own settlement. We had also, generally, representatives from other settlements. We cannot say that we had many conversions, yet we do believe that God was in our midst, strengthening and confirming His own in the faith and gradually leading others into the glorious light and liberty of the children of God. In many difficulties we tried to extend our influence to other settlements near us, as well as to settlements far along the coast, by
visiting from house to house, by the distribution of religious papers, and by holding meetings where a few houses were near each other. In our own settlement a day school was regularly kept for children. This branch of the work was conducted by Miss Corrie, who endeavored to help the children spiritually as well as intellectually. Weekly meetings were conducted by Mrs. Roger, for women. The greater number of those attending took part, by leading in prayer.

At Bonne Esperance.

“In the beginning of summer (1883) as fishing was likely to be a failure, fishermen were much disheartened and moved about from place to place, consequently they were not easy to be reached so as to benefit them. However, people about us and such as came to our harbor in vessels, generally met with us. As the summer wore on, fishing became better: then more vessels were anchored in our harbor, so that on Sundays our little church, which holds about two hundred people, was filled. Some of the fishermen took part with much spirit in leading devotions in our prayer meetings.

“Vessels in harbor have been visited weekly, when papers for Sunday reading have been left on each, and they were received with thankfulness. Often when thus visiting vessels we had opportunities to speak a word for the Master. Not only have we tried to benefit fishermen spiritually, but also in cases of sickness have rendered what help we could by advice and medicines which we keep in store for that purpose.

“Other ports than our own have also been visited by us, where meetings have been held, visitations made, and papers, etc., given away. We believe that there is much need of mission work being carried on here. Although during the winter the people are few and far between, yet hundreds can be reached during the winter season, and thousands during the summer when fishing is going on,—who would otherwise be left nearly altogether without religious teachers. We wish to reach as many as possible during both summer and winter. So we would be glad to be remembered in prayer by Christian friends.”
No change has taken place during the twelvemonth, either in the location or the personnel of our laborers, save that the devoted brother who has long wrought at Odense in Denmark has been called to his reward in the "better land." Further reference will be made to the decease of this good man. The proved workmen who have long been at their posts have continued as follows:

At Helsingborg, Sweden, Rev. N. P. Wahlstedt.
" Gele, " Mr. E. Ericksson.
" Stockholm, " Mr. A. M. Ljungberg.
On Isle of Gothland, Sweden, Mr. J. Lindelius.
At Christiania, Norway, Mr. H. H. Johnson.
" Copenhagen, Denmark, Rev. A. Wolleson.
" Odense on Fynen, Denmark, Mr. F. L. Rymker.

The missionary labors of Rev. Mr. Wahlstedt have gone forward as in previous years, with the manifest blessing of Almighty God. "Hundreds of seamen," he wrote in the summer of 1883, "have been brought together, and the temperance cause has made progress among them." A picture of his labor, and its fruit, is afforded in an extract from another of his quarterly reports:

"A young man who some weeks ago was a swearer and drunkard lately came to our meetings and confesses now that he has peace in believing in Jesus, and wishes to be His true disciple.—A sailor on a Danish vessel told me that he had been converted, but had gone back to the world. I showed him to Jesus. He confessed himself unhappy. May the Lord have mercy upon him!—Several seamen whom I have met have been very joyful in their faith in Jesus who seeks the lost sheep among them.—In Raa I was invited to visit an old fisherman, aged eighty-two years. He was very weak but anxious for his soul's salvation, and received with great thankfulness the glad message of God's gospel to poor sinners. His aged wife was also anxious for her soul, and declared that she would come to the Savior."

Mr. Ericksson reported very hopefully early in the year. We cannot do better than to quote one of his communications as condensed shortly after its reception:

"Many sailors listened eagerly to the word of life; some were 'anxious for their sins,' and others rejoiced in the grace of Jesus Christ. Never before, he thinks, were there so many of the last class coming under his observation, as since the opening of this year."

At another time, and later,—

"One of his interesting cases was that of a free-thinking mate who after conference
with the missionary declared that now he would 'believe and follow Jesus.' At Hüdikswall and Soderhamm the Lord blessed His word in religious meetings, men wept over their sins, and began to follow Christ. At Skutskar he met a Norwegian Christian captain, and held meetings on his vessel, at which both the mate and carpenter of the ship became disciples of Jesus, which deeply moved several ungodly ship-captains who were present.”

In his report for the closing quarter of 1883, he said, writing of winter work among the maritime population whence come most Swedish seamen,—and among the sailors found in their villages at that time of the year:—

“Out in the country the Christians have been more lively than in the town. When navigation for the season ended, I went out on the south coast, between Gefle and Stockholm, walking from village to village and preaching the word to multitudes of hearers every evening. Neither rain or snow, or darkness have prevented their coming to our meetings. The Lord has blessed His word, and rejoiced the hearts of His children. Some seamen have received peace, most of them being young men.”

Mr. Ljungberg at Stockholm, spoke of an incident occurring last summer as pleasantly diversifying his ordinary routine of labor:—

“June 23rd, I visited on an American frigate with 400 men in the ship’s company. Among them I distributed tracts. I felt very happy to spread the word on an American ship. The officers were very friendly to me and the crew received my gifts with thankfulness, only one man being angry and despising the word. I was much encouraged by this visit among American sailors;—forgot that I was old and felt as if I had been young again, which we all will be when we come up to our Lord Jesus,—His name be praised!”

The work still done by Mr. Lindeius, though in his extreme old age it is necessarily small as compared with that of former days,—is not forgotten, we feel certain, by the Lord who has honored him when he was younger in years and stronger in body. He has been our sailor missionary since 1848, and wrote, lately,—

“My health is weak, and my strength has decreased. Perhaps the message soon cometh,—‘Come a little higher up!’ I am content with the will of the Lord. May He Himself prepare me for that voyage!’”

Rev. Mr. Wolleson’s work continues to be of such power and interest that we present his own review of it for the year 1883, almost in full.

“The result has been” (at the Bethel Ship) “that a large number of sons and husbands, who have been lost to their parents and families, and dead in trespasses
and sin, have, through the preaching of the word, been convinced of their errors, and being led to know their lost condition, have returned unto the long-rejected and despised Friend, who offered them a ready welcome. Their experience has been that their happiest moments now are spent upon their knees, drinking out of the Master's cup, and feeding out of His hand, like the poor man's ewe lamb in Nathan's parable."

A Wide Influence.

"The influence of our Mission has been felt for good in distant lands, but especially does my soul rejoice in the knowledge that pure religion has evidently gained ground this last year among our Scandinavian sea-faring population. The many thousands who during the year have been within the reach and influence of our efforts, a goodly number bringing the little leaven to their different homes, which were formerly poor and neglected, assure this. Often do I receive communications as to the changes now realized, the happy and comfortable homes with the family altar, and the songs of praise. On the great day there will be some from distant corners in this part of the land, who will pay their tribute unto Him who is worthy, for the efforts of the American Seamen's Friend Society. Numbers express their warmest gratitude to it, who years ago were of the long-neglected Scandinavian seamen.

In speaking of Hospital visitation, Mr. W. remarks:—

"I have prayed with the sick and dying, and comforted them with that word which bringeth salvation. I have endeavored to bring the patients to serve and please God, and prepare them for that hour when heart and flesh shall fail. I have encouraged them to rely in the hour of death on the faith that God would be the strength of the believing heart, and their portion for ever, and in my mind there are many hallowed associations connected with these visits, which often have been of the deepest interest."

He adds:—

"I have visited 3,000 ships, of nine nationalities, supplied the crew with suitable reading as well as furnished them with the Holy Scriptures in their own language. Our Bethel Ship has been open daily from 5 to 10 p. m. for reading and writing, and for private devotion. We have had public service three or four times every week. Besides this, brother NIELSEN, one of our workers, has rendered valuable service to those who emigrate to America, and I am in receipt of large numbers of letters with the best of news about it. I take a few lines from a couple of them, translated by a Christian gentleman, as follows:—

"Rev. Mr. Wolleson:—I received your welcome letter, for which receive my heartfelt thanks. I am happy to hear that you still remember me in your prayers, for I do feel the need of them. I must confess my thoughts are often too wandering. I pray the dear Jesus to make me more obedient, and ask for grace to rely more on Him. Then I should experience a larger measure of His love and power in my soul, and be more like the salt which lost not its savor. When I recall the time I was in C., there were but two persons who I remember comforted me and assisted me when I was in need,—dear Mrs. W. and yourself. It is therefore with a son's love I think of you, and pray God to reward you for all your affection shown unto me."

"Another writes from London, expressing thanks for the many blessed hours in
the Bethel Ship here. "Never shall I forget the pious endeavors put forth to reach the prodigals, of which I was one. I believe I have saving faith now, but I have not the peace and rest that are now always for me the highest blessing in experience. I beg of you, dear sir, to pray for me."

In addition to his efforts for sailors' welfare, at Copenhagen, this brother has, during the year, reported the progress of similar work at Elsinore, Korsor, and Aarhus, in most of which localities he has heretofore incited Christians to exertion for the good of the men of the sea.

The interlocking of all real agencies for the evangelization of men, distant though they may be from each other, is beautifully apparent in the following extract from one of Mr. Wolleson's letters:

"The influence of religious work for seamen in Yokohama, Japan, has just been well illustrated here, in connection with the case of a Danish sailor, on board the U. S. S. Monocacy, converted, last winter, in Y., through the instrumentality of Rev. Mr. Austen (the sailor-missionary there of the American Seamen's Friend Society). Since that time he has sent to his aged mother in Copenhagen, 500 kröner,* telling her what the Lord had done for him, and beseeching both her and his sisters to come to our Bethel Ship. Coming, one sister was convinced of her own lost condition, and when laid upon a bed of affliction found the Lord precious to her soul. In a transport of joy (at sins forgiven) she believed that the Son of God had redeemed her soul. The mother and another sister are now diligently seeking the Savior."

After visiting, in 1883, 1,088 vessels, selling 113 Bibles and 311 Testaments, besides distributing 88,300 pages of tracts, with 613 Scripture texts, Mr. F. L. Rymker, who began his career of faithful labor as one of our Scandinavian missionaries, in 1851, "fell on sleep," early in the present year, having toiled to the very last in his loved vocation. A tribute to his memory by Mr. J. Hansen, harbor-master at Odense, was in part, as follows:

"Brother Rymker was only sick about a day, and had been down by the harbor and ships and hospital but a day or two before his death. So he kept doing his good work to the last. I have known him more than thirty years and can truthfully say that he was a Christian whose greatest delight was to do good to his fellow men, by showing them to the Lamb of God and beseeching them to seek salvation while it may be found."

GERMANY—HAMBURG.

As the result of effort begun in 1882, and consummated by

* A kröner is about 26 cents, U. S. currency.
the summer of 1888, in connection with generous aid received from Messrs. James Currie & Co., of Leith, Scotland,—the debt upon the new Sailors' Institute at Hamburg was reduced from 56,000 to 28,000 marks. The fruits of spiritual labor for seamen in the port carried on by Mr. James Hitchens, missionary, amply warrant and reward the benevolent exertion needful to bring about an issue so desirable, "the work both afloat and ashore," as he reports, "being full of interest and encouragement. There is no lack of vessels to visit, and many opportunities offer themselves for conversation and exhortation among both officers and men. The work on shore is not less interesting and important. Meetings in the Bethel are always well attended. The temperance meetings are doing their work. Visits to the reading-room show how needful such an institution is in this city, while prayer meetings, experience meetings, and Bible readings help to remind us that there remains yet much to do for Jesus, and give new strength for the great work God has given us."

A single word from the same missionary's report, is permissible, in which he speaks of finding upon vessels in Hamburg, the traces of our own Society's activity, and adds:—

"In fact our visits to American vessels generally show that the Society is alive, is well known and much appreciated, and is doing good. The Lord is honoring his servants who labor among the sailors."

BELGIUM—ANTWERP.

The Rev. Arthur Potts who went to Antwerp for a two years' service as the Society's chaplain, was induced to continue his very acceptable labors for a third year. His return to this country will make it necessary to readjust the relations of this Society with the cooperating Societies at that important seaport, and perhaps elsewhere, but we are confident that the excellence and efficiency of the chaplain-service provided from this country, for the past six years and more, will make it necessary to proceed with great carefulness in future conjoint appointments.
FRANCE—MARSEILLES AND HAVRE.

"I can safely say," wrote Rev. H. I. Huntington, in the fall of last year, "that there is not a single British or American ship entering this port which is not visited either by the reader or myself,—not unfrequently by both. Books and tracts are offered, and in the rare case where a sailor is without a Bible, he is encouraged to purchase one. The visitation of the sick in hospital and the evening service in the Home I retain in my own hands. I have paid forty-six visits to the hospital and twenty-four to the prison, during the last half year. There are on an average about seven seamen in hospital. The evening services are increasingly attended, and so earnest is the attention of the sailors and so great their pleasure in them, that one only regrets that the little congregation is ever changing. One can only sow in faith and sometimes in tears."

In a later communication he adds:—

"At no port on the Mediterranean is the work of visitation so laborious as here, owing to the vast extent of the docks, and the fact that the vessels are scattered, one here, one there, in six different basins or docks. The Home, which is on the central dock of the Joliette, is two miles distant from the outlying ships, and a dark and dreary walk it is for the sailors on a winter night. The average attendance is from 15 to 60, according to the number of ships in harbor."

At Havre, Mr. C. J. Heppell, missionary, in 1883, wrought 3,644 hours among seamen, making 1,350 visits to vessels and to the reading-room, held 230 religious services, and 44 temperance entertainments, enrolling two-score men among pledge signers, and reaching nearly 36,000 sailors by his ministrations.

ITALY—GENOA AND NAPLES.

The Harbor Mission at Genoa in the fifteen years of its work, under the superintendency of Rev. Donald Miller, pastor of the Scotch Protestant church in G., has had few seasons of more effective agency than that of the past twelve months. And an excerpt from a letter of Mr. J. R. Young, Elder in the church to which Rev. Mr. Miller ministers, printed in the Sailors' Magazine for August, '83, brings to view the future which probably opens before it. We quote:—

"The trade of Genoa is increasing rapidly since the opening of the St. Gothard
Railway, and will be further augmented by the additional line being made from Genoa to the interior, and by the extension and improvements of the harbor which are being pushed forward. With the increase of shipping our Harbor Mission will grow in importance, and those who have the superintendence and working of it are fully alive to their responsibilities, to the need of more work and workers, of more faith and prayer,—and at the same time to the need of what they trust will not be denied them, the sympathy and aid of Christians everywhere."

The journals of Mr. Jones, the harbor missionary, contain so much matter illustrating his work that the best citation is not easy of accomplishment, but a few extracts may be appended, in the space now available:

"Sunday.—Held service on board the U. S. Frigate Saratoga, where with boys, men and officers, we mustered 189. The harmonium, the gift of a lady of Philadelphia, was beautifully played by one of the boys who also chose the hymns which were exquisitely sung. I spoke from 'the poor have the Gospel preached to them.' The captain evidently enjoyed it, and his brother, an army captain, had afterwards many questions to ask me about my work. I told the lieutenant, who generally acts as chaplain, about Lieut. Wadham's work on board the Nipsic; at his request visited the sick on board, then stayed to breakfast with him.

"Saturday.—Had a long conversation to-night in the Reading-Room with the only visitor, a young engineer brought up by Christian parents. He, like a great many others of his class, sees nothing but sin in its worst form at sea, I endeavored to show him that if in Christ he is safe even amidst all the evil. I believe this quiet talk will be productive of good to the poor fellow.

"Tuesday.—At the temperance meeting this evening there were twenty-eight present. A young lad testified that he had been a Christian and a teetotaler for five years and he could truthfully recommend both to them; a captain gave similar testimony; after several hymns and a prayer, nine men came to the table and signed. I gave them pledge cards. One said,—'I send this home to my wife, it will be the best present she has ever had from me, and one that will please her most.'

"Sunday.—Was sorry to find the U— busy discharging. One young officer with tally-book in hand said,—'I wish I could be with you, but this is how our Sabbaths are generally spent, yet I can have my Lord with me even here, and I can pray for a blessing on your work.' Truly the Lord hath his hidden ones everywhere. Had thirty-five at the 'Bethel' in the morning. Many came at the instigation of a bluff old Scotchman, a boatswain, who said he 'would not miss that 'Bethel' for anything.' In the evening had seventy at the 'Bethel,' the same young fireman played the harmonium, and Captain C— engaged earnestly in prayer. It was ten o'clock before I left the 'Bethel,' tired and yet thankful for such an encouraging day.

"Thursday.—Was heartily greeted by a mate, who said,—'You won't remember me, but I know you well; when mate of a little schooner four years ago, we put in here in distress, and you knelt with us to thank God for preserving our lives. That prayer I have never forgotten.' There have been many such reminders to-day of meetings held and words spoken, long forgotten by me, but it is encouraging to
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know that they are remembered by those for whose good they were intended. Our Bible-Reading in the evening, with eighteen present, was very enjoyable. I often think there is more good done when there are few than when there are many, as one has them more under one's eye, and the men themselves are less reserved."

"Never Saw Such Transformation."

"Tuesday, 21st.—The steamer Black Watch being released from quarantine, I visited her this morning and my reception was most cordial. I was heartily thanked for the reading matter I had sent off to beguile the weary days in quarantine. A young engineer said—'I am going to stay at home to pass for chief this time, and I may thank you that I am able to do so, for before I knew you I never was a penny above a beggar, but since I signed the pledge with you, I have saved fifty pounds, and what is more I have knocked off swearing and love to read my Bible.' The mate said,—'Our captain has been talking about you all the voyage, especially while we were in quarantine, and he heard a fellow cheer at sight of you. He never will be prejudiced against missionaries any more until he has found them out, for he never saw such a transformation in a ship in his life.'

"Will Never Forget You."

"Thursday, 23rd.—Visited the Black Watch on the point of sailing. The captain said that at the request of his men another contribution to the Bethel had been made and he handed me thirty francs, or rather his wife did, saying—'I wish it was more, yours is a noble work. I expect many a poor wife and mother have cause to thank God that ever their husbands and sons met with you, I know it is the case in this ship.' A young sailor ran to me as I was going over the gangway and pressed my hand, saying, 'God bless you, Mr. Jones, I may never see you again as I'll try for a situation on shore, but I'll never forget you.'

Trophies for Christ.

"21st January, 1884.—This has been a day of singular testimony. In the morning I was welcomed on one steamer by the captain who said, 'come aboard, Mr. Jones, I have one of your converts here in the shape of the boatswain, and I just wish you could turn me out a few more like him.' In the Bethel, in the evening, one sailor testified that six years ago when I had preached on board the B—— he had been brought to see himself as a terrible sinner, but yet as one whom Christ was able to save, and he had been able to take God's word for it.

"Another rose and said he considered himself as among the first-fruits of the beautiful new Bethel, for soon after it was opened he had found Christ in it, though he had to come every night for a fortnight before he finally made up his mind. He further gladdened my heart by saying that there were three others in his ship who had also come out on the Lord's side, and that they used to meet for prayer every night in his room during the voyage.'

Mr. S. Burrowes continues his work as harbor missionary at Naples, and is cheered in it by good attendance at Bethel services. We give a single passage from one of his reports, dated June 12th, 1888:—

"Mr. N—— of S. S. E. professed faith in Christ. This friend is highly gifted,
well educated, a good linguist, knows music and loves it, had been successful in reforming the crew in moral principles, but up to this time he was sceptical of several religious doctrines. Mr. N— was much stirred up the previous Sunday evening in the Bethel. The whole crew (20) were there, even the boatswain, a professed atheist, attended, and all seemed under the power of the Holy Spirit. Mr. N— is of an old English Roman Catholic family, was educated from that church. He found out some things which he could not adhere to, and worked his way to sea, because he was discarded by his family. He is of noble principles, and will, through divine grace, make a useful worker in the vineyard of the Lord."

He speaks of great pleasure had in visiting the U. S. ships of war, Lancaster, Trenton, and Kearsarge.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Mission it was stated that the ships coming to Naples had increased during the last prior twelve months, by 51, and the crews by 2,337.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

In connection with the continued work of Mr. W. T. Austen, sailor missionary at Yokohama, the testimony of Rev. H. Loomis, now in the American Bible Society's service, sent from the port, December 15th, 1883, is of especial value in its bearing upon the question of the presence of vital religion among seamen, in our generation. Forwarding the letter of Lieutenant G. C. Frederick of the British Navy, dated at Singapore, E. I., and addressed to Mr. Austen, he says:—

"It is evident that there are still men in the English service like Hedley Vickars, Captain Vandeleur and General Havelock. It will encourage all Christians to learn how great a change has taken place in the English Navy. It was formerly rare to find a single earnest Christian on one of the ships of war,—but now it is usual to find a good band who labor and pray together for the salvation of their shipmates and friends."

The labors of Mr. A. and his devoted wife have been greatly blest in the year past, as heretofore, in bringing on this condition of things. A glimpse of an opportunity for labor fully improved is afforded in one of his quarterly reports:—

It speaks of the presence, in harbor, of the U. S. Flagship Richmond, and of Mr. A's pain at finding her chaplain very ill and in hospital. By the chaplain's request, and with U. S. Captain Skerrett's cordial approval, Mr. Austen did as
much as was possible towards carrying on the chaplain's duties while the latter was kept from them. For some six or seven weeks he went on board to conduct divine services, Captain Skerrett placing the steam launch at his disposal, and at other times when Navy duties allowed.

The following are statistics of a single quarter's work done by Mr. A.:

Number of visits to the hospitals, 29; services held, 36; temperance meetings, 9; Bible classes, 2; visits to prisons, 9; visits to ships, 8; visitors to reading-room, 752; attendance at meetings held, at the mission, 344; seamen's letters sent and received, 15.

In the closing days of the year the labors of the missionary were again owned of God, at Yokohama, and he was enabled to write to us as follows:

"You will be pleased to learn that God is abundantly blessing our work upon the English man-of-war in port, H. M. S. Sapphire. Seventeen of her crew have lately been converted at our meetings at the Mission Rooms. Our efforts in the cause of temperance have also met with good success, sixty-four of the Sapphire's crew having signed the total abstinence pledge since her arrival here.

At Kobe, Mr. L. G. Lundqvist has wrought during the year, sustained in part by an appropriation from our treasury, and by funds contributed by Christian men in that city, familiar with the call for and the nature of his work.

MADEIRA ISLANDS—FUNCHAL.

An appropriation is still made for the help of Mr. W. G. Smart, sailor missionary, and early in the year he wrote:

"The work among the sailors at this port entrusted to my care, is progressing. The Strangers' and Sailors' Rest, which was opened last July, is now looking very well. We still require some more beds and several other things, such as lamps, benches, etc."

After the visit of the British Channel Fleet, which received the missionary's care, he said:

"I was glad to hear a gentleman say, when the fleet had left, 'Everybody says there was less drunkenness this time.' It was cheering after all the hard work done by ourselves and the kind helpers."

And further:

"Several shipwrecked crews have stayed at the Rest this year. You probably
well know the work of Miss Macpherson and other ladies at the Strangers' Rest, in Ratcliffe Highway, London. I met a man on board a sailing vessel, last month, who was converted there and corresponds with Miss M. He was pleased to have some words of encouragement from me. I have taken a good number of 
temperance pledges."

As to the aid furnished by the Society at this port, the following is in point:—

"I beg most sincerely to thank you and the Society, for their very kind and gener­
ounous donation," says U. S. Consul Hutchinsox, through whom our funds in aid of 
the harbor mission are transmitted,—"and I am glad to be in a position to say that 
the work here among seamen is productive of much good. Mr. Smart, missionary, 
will also acknowledge your kind assistance."
pondence of Rev. Dr. Trumbull on this subject was laid before me, it was not so difficult to find an answer to the call.

"I am now here to enter upon this department of labor in your spiritual vineyard, with a heart filled with solicitude, that such results, and only such as will be acceptable to God and commendable to your Christian judgment, may be obtained.

"In entering upon this service, I have no new theories to propound, no patent methods to test, no mysterious powers to call into exercise. I cordially assent to the creed of this church. My hope of success in my work is founded upon God's promises made to the faithful, diligent servant, and is therefore strong and cheerful. My sole reliance for direction in my work is upon the Spirit of God and his truth. Believing as I do, that God's word is the only divinely adapted means of salvation, it shall be my constant care and effort to present it as the only ground of hope, faithfully, honestly and lovingly, and urge its claims with all earnestness. In doing this, I am deeply sensible of my own wants and necessities.

"I shall, therefore, look with confident expectation for the continuance of your sympathy, counsel and prayers. With your cooperation and God's blessing, grand results may be achieved,—without it nothing is to be hoped for. And from the very cordial reception already given us, I know we shall not look in vain for your fraternal help. I enter upon the work here with a profound conviction that God will favor it with his blessing; and that you, who have already done so much, will continue toward it your fostering care. It shall be my aim to put myself in accord with my brethren here in the ministry, to share the labors and bear the burdens, and rejoice with them in the success of the Gospel. I am here to follow, not to direct, to lift and bear burdens, not to make them, to minister to others, not to be ministered to. As the representative of the American Seamen's Friend Society in New York, I trust the bonds of Christian fellowship between us and the constituency of that body will be drawn closer and become more intimate. I can already assure you of the genuine interest of its Secretary and Board of Trustees. By their liberality, nothing was allowed to retard the progress of our preparations for our departure hither. We bring to you their cordial, Christian greeting, and the assurances of their high regard, both of yourselves and your work.

"Brethren, we thank you for the very cordial welcome you have already given us. The tongue, which is ordinarily a too ready servant, fails to meet the demands of our hearts just now. Let me assure you, however, that we fully appreciate the many acts of thoughtfulness, courtesy, and hospitality already shown us, for which I return to you the grateful thanks of myself and family."

From every source informed upon the subject we learn that Rev. Mr. Thompson is proving himself admirably adapted to his work and is fully realizing the expectation of his friends.

Concluding here the annual survey of our work at foreign seaports, we turn to review its progress in domestic harbors,—of which the first is,—

Massachusetts—Boston.

From the annual report made by Capt. S. S. Nickerson,
sailor missionary, to the Boston Seamen's Friend Society, concerning his labor for 1883, we quote, somewhat fully, as follows:—

"The work of your Society has been in by-ways and hedges, on the docks, down the harbor, at the boarding houses, at Chelsea Marine Hospital, Atlantic Bethel and Seamen's Chapel on Salem St. In all these places your missionaries have sought out sailors and have done by them as we believe you desire.

"Meetings have been held, every Sabbath, at the Salem St. Chapel, and also on Wednesday evenings. These meetings have been interesting and profitable, for here wandering prodigals have been led to seek their Father's face, have found a spiritual home, and have given unmistakable evidence of having peace in believing on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They are now leading new lives. The seamen attending these meetings have numbered 4,296, and more than two score of them are regarded as having been converted to Christ."

An incident is given in this connection:—

"During the winter the schooner Stephen Spooks struck on Nantucket Shoals. She became unmanageable, finely thumped over the shoal and drifted out to sea. The captain and crew were badly frost bitten and almost helpless. They were rescued by brave Gloucester fishermen, and the vessel and crew finally reached Boston. All but one of the sailors were immediately taken to the Chelsea Marine Hospital, where the captain had all of his toes amputated. The one man referred to, came to your chapel. During the services he stood up and said,—'I am a stranger to you all, but when in great distress at sea, on the Stephen Spooks, I promised God if He would spare me to come to land again I would lead a different life. I am here now to pay my vow. Let us pray.' Down on his knees he went, surrounded by strange seamen. His prayer was broken, but in true sailor language he told the Lord he was a great sinner and desired mercy. Peace came to his soul and he sailed in a few days, as we believe, a new man in Christ.

"At the Bethel on Atlantic Avenue, noon meetings have been held every weekday and each Sabbath morning. The reading-room has been a comfort alike to strangers and seamen, the table has been well supplied with good literature. The Darling Library has been open every day of the year for seamen’s use, and 490 letters have been sent to friends from these rooms.

"A Russian sailor came to the noon meeting and was converted. He said:—'I was a great sinner; my father and mother were both drunkards and I have always drunk. Oh that I might become a better man! I sat down to dinner but could not eat. I left the boarding house and came here.' We prayed with him and he for himself, and he went away rejoicing. He has made a voyage to the West Indies and back; he is loyal to his Master and the cause which he has espoused.

At Chelsea Marine Hospital.

"Services have been held here at 3 p. m. each Lord's Day. The attendance has been good when the inmates were able to leave their beds. Some twenty or more have died since you had charge of the spiritual work there, many of these your chaplain has conversed with, pointing them to Jesus as their Savior, and nearly all of these have died with a firm trust in God.

"One young Swedish sailor was a stranger in a strange land. Typhoid fever was
rapidly destroying the body and at his request we offered prayer,—then with closed
eyes we heard him say,—'Jesus, Jesus, yes, Jesus,'—and so he passed away to be
with Him on whom he called in the hour of his extremity.

Boarding Houses for Seamen.

"These have been carefully looked after by your missionary, who has been gener­
ally successful in obtaining permission of landlords or boarding-masters to distribute
books, papers and tracts among the inmates and invite the seamen to attend the
chapel services. The visits to these houses have numbered 662.

On the Docks.

"Seamen have had tracts and slips, directing and inviting them to church and
the reading-room as they were leaving the ship for a run on shore. The ships are
repeatedly visited and acquaintance with them is kept up until their final sailing
day, and then many of the men are met by letter on their arrival in a foreign port
sent by your missionaries. As far as possible all vessels, especially deep water ships,
have been supplied with libraries furnished by the American Seamen's Friend­
society.

In The Harbor.

"Nor have ships in the harbor been neglected. The missionary yacht Messenger
and row-boat Nathan A. Pitch have been employed in distributing good religious
literature, welcoming the sailor 'safe home again,' and giving him 'God speed!' as
he sails out. The Messenger is called, by seamen, the 'Gospel Boat.' Many per­
sons have taken a ride with us on these occasions, and their interest in Bethel work
has thus been increased. In this work 10,902 visits have been made to vessels,
201,600 pages of good literature distributed, 980 personal conversations have been
held on shipboard, and 662 Bibles and Testaments have been given to seamen."
that the total amount up to January, 1884, was $6,969.59.

In one of his quarterly reports, he says:—

"My labor in the seamen's hospitals, where I always carry with me a good deal of religious reading matter and Testaments in the different languages for distribution, and where my aims have been to comfort the sick, by telling them of the sympathizing Jesus, and by prayer, has been blessed."

His testimony concerning the value of personal work, by prayer and appeal, in leading sailors to Jesus will have great interest for all who love the "things of the Kingdom." Repeated conversions among the men have attested its efficacy, under God's blessing. Thus in connection with a record of daily morning prayer meetings in the little upper room, of which former Reports have spoken, he wrote:—

"One young man who had served three years in the U. S. Navy, during which time he was promoted to be Quartermaster, for Christian conduct, testified as follows:—'Dear brethren, I thank God for the privilege of being with you this morning to tell what the Lord has done for me; three years ago I came into this little room, where I learned what it was to be born again. It was here that the Lord spoke peace to my soul, I have been a better and happier man ever since. It has been the best three years of my life and I do praise God.' Another stood up and said:——'I cannot say much, but I can say that the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ has done everything for me, thank the Lord, and I would not part with my hope of heaven through grace for all the world.' Another:——'When first I came to the Home, I did not think to find any friends, being a stranger, but I have here found the best of friends who have interested themselves in both my spiritual and temporal welfare, and I shall never forget them. God be praised. Pray for me!' Another:——'Six months ago I came into this little room where I was convinced of sin, and where God forgave me; before that work was done in my heart, I had no power to overcome the evil of strong drink, since then I have had complete victory, thanking the Lord.' Another gave glorious testimony of the power of Jesus to save, and to keep safe. Several others have testified of the sweetness of redeeming grace, more by tears of gratitude than in words."

And he continues, witnessing to the genuineness of this work of the Lord:—

"These are men we can speak of as living epistles known and read of all men. During their stay with us the Home has been very much blessed, and so has the Church of Sea and Land, of which they are members, ever ready and willing to speak for Jesus, to work for Jesus, and to give for Jesus' sake. One of them, when the Sunday collection was taken up in the church, placed thirty dollars on the plate, another a twenty dollar gold piece, another a five dollar note, and two others five dollars each. According to their several abilities they gave, although they were never asked to give a cent. Besides this, one of these men gave $10 to distribute among the poor, $5 to the Union Temperance Society, and $10 to other causes of
AMERICAN SEAMEN’S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Christ. Another seaman gave $5 to the poor, and another $2 for the same purpose."

Another of our laborers in New York City, reporting of his visits to sailor boarding houses, says:—

"These have been of the same character as those to vessels, and have led many to the religious services held especially for seamen. After these services close, during the after-meetings, some give good evidence of having accepted the Savior."

This experienced missionary, himself a converted sailor, speaking again of such boarding house visitation, declares:—

"Of all fields of labor the boarding houses constitute the best wherein the missionary can reach the sailor. There many sailors are found, especially at this (the winter) season of the year, and by constant visitations of the missionaries numbers are induced to attend the day and evening services held especially for them, some of whom, at these meetings, are led to confess Christ as their Savior."

Gospel temperance meetings held at the chapel of the Sailor’s Home have been well attended,—and as one issue of these varied efforts, it is in point to cite the words of a recent observer of Christian work for seamen in this commercial metropolis, who says that "a great many coming back from long voyages to East Indies, California, and elsewhere, are giving in their testimony that God can keep a man anywhere, if he will only try to keep His commandments."

It is pertinent to close this portion of our Report with the following words from Rev. Dr. JOHN SPAULDING, of the Society’s Board of Trustees, a man thoroughly acquainted with that whereof he speaks, an authority as to the Home’s history and in his estimate of its influence:—

"The first Sailors’ Home in New York City under the auspices of the AMERICAN SEAMEN’S FRIEND SOCIETY was opened October 2nd, 1837, Capt. ROLAND GELSTON, Superintendent. Sixteen, or one half of the first thirty-two boarders, under the Christian influences there brought to bear upon them, became pious, and in 1841, four of them in their sailor-way were preaching the Gospel. One of them was FREDERICK OLOFF NEILSON, long one of the missionaries of this Society in Sweden, who is believed to have done more to introduce spiritual religion and religious liberty into that country than any other man.

"This Sailors’ Home was commenced September 7th, 1841. The ground cost $14,000, the first $1,000 having been given by DANIEL FANSHAW, Esq., as an expression of his gratitude for the preservation of his printing house from imminent peril by fire. The contract price for the building was $22,070. The corner stone was laid October 14th, 1841, and the house opened for boarders in May following, since which time it has had 102,713 boarders, for whom, and their relatives, it has saved at least a million and a half of dollars, and given to many of them what is
worth more than money,—manhood, the elements and principles of noble characters, and not a few of them Christ-like qualifications for doing good around the world.

"In this work we may learn useful and encouraging lessons by contrast. On the 11th of April, 1842, said Captain John Rees:—'I have commanded a vessel more than twenty years, and sailed nearly over the world,—seventeen years out of New York,—and have had but one pious, praying sailor. He was a Scotchman.'

"Now the contrast is so great that we are justified in asking,—what ship of 400 or more tons burden leaves this port without one or more pious sailors?

"Perhaps one who has watched the progress of the work of the Society more than half century and has attended over forty of its annual meetings, sees and feels the contrast more clearly and deeply than others can."

Within the year the Trustees of the Society, in providing for the resumption of active Christian work at the Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. Navy Yard, reappointed as its chaplain, with his field of labor at the Yard, Rev. E. N. Crane, formerly in the service of the Society during a sixteen year's term of labor, at the port of Norfolk, Va. Rev. Mr. Crane began his work on the first Sabbath of last November, and has been cheered by helpful and promising cooperation from the authorities of the Yard, and from Christians in Brooklyn who for years past have aided in efforts for the good of seamen. It is matter for thanksgiving that a man with such a record as that of Chaplain Crane has taken up the work in Brooklyn laid down by the departed Williams, who "being dead, yet speaketh" in the renewed lives and holy influence of scores of sailors whom he led to Christ, on many seas over the face of the globe.

Details of the work already done at the Yard by Chaplain Crane have appeared in the Sailors' Magazine. At one Sabbath afternoon service, shortly after his work began, seven sailors rose, upon invitation, to signify that they had a hope in Christ, and were trying faithfully to secure Him. Earnest effort has already been made by the Chaplain to advance the Temperance Cause among the men, and by a Sabbath morning service, recently established at the Marine Barracks, he aims to reach those enlisted in that branch of the U. S. Service.

The Van Brunt Street Bethel in Brooklyn, has had another year of life and favor at God's hands, under the fostering care of Rev. E. O. Bates, and in a late issue of the Sailors' Magazine appeared the following record of an incident which
fairly reflects the general spirit and not infrequent experience of the place:—

"On Sabbath afternoon, February 3rd, the chaplain rejoiced to see a stalwart Scandinavian sailor coming in with a companion, and under great concern for his soul's salvation. Seating himself, with head bowed, he began to cry out, in his native tongue,—'Pray for me! Pray for me!'-and the place was a veritable 'Bochim.' Other seamen, on the same Sabbath, gave evidence that the Holy Spirit strove with them for their good."

Reporting April 28th, 1888, Rev. C. Treider, Scandinavian Seamen's Chaplain in Brooklyn, whose work had been cared for by the Society, wrote:—

"We have had a remarkably good time at the Norwegian Seamen's Mission, corner Van Brunt and President Streets, since April of last year. I am satisfied that no less than one hundred and fifty souls have been converted to Christ among us; several times two, three or four from one vessel. We rejoice in the mercy of God, and mean to lift the banner higher and go on."

In October, 1883, the Board of Trustees commissioned Rev. F. M. Kirp, D. D., long familiar by personal participation with labor for the good of seamen to visit the sick at the U. S. Marine Hospital at Stapleton, S. I., formerly the "Seamen's Retreat." His quarterly reports speak of his work as "interesting, increasingly to myself, and not without some visible benefit to those who are under my charge." His appeal, through the Sailors' Magazine, for a cabinet organ, for use in seamen's meetings, was promptly responded to by a Christian lady, and its help has been of much service. The chaplain wrote last December:—

"In respect to the full issues of my labors here, they cannot be known in this world, but we have God's promise to rest upon, that His word shall not return to Him void. Some of the patients received are only suffering from temporary indisposition, and remain but a short time and then leave, perhaps, never to be seen by us again. Still the word spoken to them may prove to be good seed, bringing forth much fruit. And from jottings in my note book, I can select some facts which may prove interesting and encouraging to you."

Of these we particularly notice one:—

"At the commencement of my labors last summer I found in one of the wards a mariner, evidently declining in health, with whom I had a long conversation. He had been in many different lands, an acute and attentive observer of all he saw and heard. He had read much and thought much. He conversed very freely, and left on my mind the impression that he thought the religion of the heathen as good as the religion of Christ. I intended repeating my visit, but on the next day he left the hospital in a pet."
November 1st, (‘55).—I found him again in the Hospital. His breathing was short, his whole appearance indicative of the near approach of death. He is extremely anxious respecting his eternal welfare, feels his need of Christ, but seems almost overwhelmed with a sense of his unworthiness. I endeavored to convince him of the hearty willingness of Christ to receive him immediately. After praying with him I gave him at his own request a copy of the Bible.

November 4th.—My interview with him to-day proved very encouraging. The change in the man is marked. His infidel sentiments have all been relinquished. Like Saul of Tarsus, 'he prayeth' and that constantly. In the very strongest terms he speaks of his disgust with his past mode of life, and of the loathsomeness with which he regards himself, and of his most earnest desire to be received of God in mercy through his Son. He says he cannot be sufficiently humble in view of the past. I told him, he could not be too humble, but that while he laid in the dust of self-abasement, he must look on Christ in His glory."

As to the work for seamen in Jersey City, N. J., aided for some years past by appropriation from our treasury, report was made to us last January, as follows:—

"The Bethel ship is again at her old place, (foot of 15th Street, N. R.), having been obliged to move on account of repairs on the dock. We observe with others the 'Week of Prayer.' There is a good interest for the welfare of souls. We shall continue the meetings every night, (except Saturday,) as long as we think it advisable, and we ask the prayers of all God's children upon the effort put forth here for the salvation of souls and the advancement of God's kingdom in this part of His vineyard. We are thankful to the American Seamen's Friend Society for the much needed help it gives us every year."

VIRGINIA—NORFOLK: NORTH CAROLINA—WILMINGTON: SOUTH CAROLINA—CHARLESTON.

Work for the supply of sailors' needs has gone on during the twelvemonth, in these southern ports, under the charge of the laborers who have been stationed in them for years past, save that at Charleston, Rev. C. E. Chichester has succeeded Rev. L. H. Shuck, as chaplain, the latter going to Paducah, Ky., to fill the pastorate of the First Baptist church in that city, and the former commencing his labors in Charleston, Sabbath, January 20th, 1884.

A view of the labor of Rev. J. B. Merritt, at Norfolk, is supplied by a resumé of two of his quarterly reports. In the three months ending June 30th, '83, he visited 760 vessels and distributed 6,810 pages of reading matter. In the quarter
which closed Dec. 31st of the same year, he reached, by personal visitation, 630 vessels, distributed 6,982 pages of tracts, 948 seamen's and other papers, 218 Magazines, and 48 Bibles and Testaments. His Bethel and Sunday School work are reported as being of decided interest. An incident was recorded last summer:

"Yesterday, I buried an aged seaman with whom I had labored for fifteen months,—and a most unpromising case he was, at the beginning,—who has now, I trust, reached the better land. Many a time I have been discouraged about him, but I have persevered, until, I hope, the grace of the Lord Jesus has triumphed."

At Wilmington, N. C., Rev. J. W. Craig has been reappointed chaplain in the service of the local Seamen's Friend Society. The total receipts of the Society for the year ending February 5th, '84, were $1,248.70; expenditures, $1,138.35.

In addition to the steady prosecution of spiritual labor at Charleston, S. C., the friends of the sailor united in the local auxiliary have lately expended considerable effort in the improvement of the Sailors' Home. A local paper says:

"This noble enterprise, under the auspices of the Charleston Port Society, has been thoroughly renovated and put in the very best order, and placed under the intelligent management of Mrs. S. C. Clarke, as matron. Our seafaring friends cannot possibly find a more excellent place in the city for their comfort and enjoyment. The superintendence of this Home is happily managed by one of the most indefatigable ladies in our city."

GEORGIA—SAVANNAH: FLORIDA—PENSACOLA: TEXAS—GALVESTON.

Chaplain Webb at Savannah has wrought, as heretofore, visiting vessels, distributing reading-matter, Bibles, Testaments, etc., on board vessels in the harbor, preaching statedly at the Bethel, visiting hospitals and jails. December 31st of last year, he reported:

"Our wharves have been well lined with shipping the past two months, and attendance at the Bethel has improved. Still it has not been what I should like to see it, but a large proportion of the vessels have been Scandinavian, and the sailors manning the American coasting schooners are three-fourths foreigners or colored-men. I am still in hope of getting the Port Society to move the Bethel back to the old place on the bay, near the shipping."

At Pensacola, Fla., Rev. John S. Park, pastor of the Pres-
byterian church at that port, has devoted such time and service as he could give, to the welfare of seamen on vessels and in hospital.

Rev. E. O. McINTIRE, chaplain at Galveston, Tex., reported an important movement in behalf of work for seamen, in that port, when he announced in September last, the determination to open a Free Sailors' Reading Room, to be used also for "Gospel" meetings during the week for the same class of men, in the new M. E. church in that city. The distance of this edifice from the wharves is greater than is desirable, but with the inability, as yet, to secure a permanent Bethel property nearer the waterside,—there is abundant reason for gratitude at the taking this step. And recent fruits of this faithful chaplain's labor have borne witness to advantages thus secured.

OREGON—PORTLAND, ASTORIA.

Rev. R. S. Stubbs has continued his labors at Portland, and has proved himself entitled to the great confidence which has been felt in his adaptation to the place he occupies.

His achievement in the Sailors' Home and Bethel is happily sketched by a local writer, and is a just tribute to an indefatigable and successful worker.

"On the northwest corner of Third and D streets stands a plain and unpretentious though substantial brick building, three stories high, known as the Mariners' Home, while adjoining it on the north is the Mariners' Church, in which services are held two evenings each week, besides on Sunday.

"Yesterday a reporter of The News called at the Home, where he was cordially welcomed. Rev. R. S. Stubbs is the chaplain and Superintendent of the Home, and Warren Ashley, clerk. On entering the visitor at once finds himself in a cozy reading-room, which is liberally supplied with desks and tables for writing, as well as a good supply of papers of various kinds and a limited number of books. Here were several men quietly smoking and engaged in games of dominoes, or reading. From this room the visitor was ushered into a large hall from which at the left a door opens into a small but convenient office. At the other side of the building a pleasant corner room was found, which is now used as a reading-room, but which was originally intended as a billiard room. Crossing the hall, at the right is a broad stair case, while in front the doors are thrown open and we enter the dining-room, which is also connected with a small private dining-room for the use of ladies."
The Basement.

"Going down stairs the visitor at once comes into the kitchen, which is fully fitted with modern improvements that aid so materially in the culinary art. From the kitchen a door opens into the store-room, while on the other side a door opens into a large hall, on one side of which is the meat room, while at the rear of the kitchen, with an entrance from the hall, is a spacious trunk room at present stocked with bags and chests such as mariners only use. Returning through the hall directly opposite the kitchen, a door opens, and we stand in the spacious room once used as a temperance restaurant. This room, like the basement, has a double stone floor.

"Returning to the first floor, the visitor was at once conducted to the

Second and Third Floors.

"On these floors Chaplain Stubbs has his library, private parlors and the sleeping apartments of the guests.

"The rooms were examined and found to be neatly furnished and arranged. On each floor was both hot and cold water, baths, etc. The entire number of rooms in the building is forty, and the number of deep-water sailors that have from time to time found a home in this pleasant retreat is upwards of seventy, and about the same number of steamboat men and longshoremen have also stopped at this pleasant hotel. The price for room and board is from $5 to $6 per week. As this building has not been complete quite a year, the above showing is a remarkably fine one. The building now used as a chapel is the old Gem saloon building, noted in the earlier days of this country as the greatest gambling hall in the Northwest.

The Society.

"The Portland Seamen's Friend Society is an auxiliary of the American Seamen's Friend Society of New York. Correspondence in relation to the Society was first begun in August, '77, and it was finally organized November 4th, '77. The present constitution was adopted in July, '78, at which time it was duly incorporated under an act of the Legislature, since which period the present building has been put up and furnished through the generous acts of the friends of the sailor. From the balance-sheet of the treasurer as given in their annual meeting in March, 1882, we find that the total receipts of the Society since its organization were $22,874.43. Books and papers are gathered, and many a poor sailor on his long sea voyage has had cause to thank Chaplain Stubbs and those who have so kindly furnished them with substantial reading."

Rev. Mr. Stubbs expresses himself upon the usefulness of Sailors' Homes as follows:

"I am firmly of the opinion that the best welfare of our commercial marine interests hinges upon the success of the one department of the great work of the American Seamen's Friend Society, viz., the establishment of Mariners' Homes in all the chief ports of the world. And I would respectfully suggest the formation of a Christian Alliance of the Seamen's Friend Societies of the world to protect all seamen's and marine interests against the world-wide combination of sailor boarding-men who now fatten, and grow insolent, by the blood-money and other fees which they annually extort from ship-owners and seamen."
In regard to his work he says:—

"We are very busy. God is blessing our efforts. Great numbers of seamen and steamboat men are at the Home; besides these we have many 'longshoremens boarding and lodging with us. I am the recognized shipping master of the Home.

"The Bethel adjoins our beautiful Home, and is connected by a covered bridge. Here we are holding five night meetings every week,—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,—and we most earnestly solicit the prayers of God's children of every name, for us and for our great field. Our meetings are generally well attended. The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are doing an excellent work at the Bethel. They hold their services every Friday evening, and many persons take the pledge and are turned to the Lord by these estimable Christian workers. In this service I am led to exclaim,—'What hath God wrought!' All praise be to God alone."

His helpmate, Mrs. Stubbs, is equally devoted to the seamen's temporal and spiritual welfare, and is aiding her husband in his indefatigable labors.

Rev. J. McCORMAC has been devoted to the welfare of seamen at Astoria, and enters on his new year with a determination characteristic of the man. He is a laborer worthy of the trust reposed in him, and under the discouragements he has been called to encounter, evinces a determined courage, and an abiding faith in God.

PUGET SOUND.

The past year has not proved as satisfactory as could have been wished. Appropriations were made for Seattle and Port Berkley, and also in aid of both Old and New Tacoma, but the right men to take up the work were not to be had. Correspondence touching this matter is in progress, and before long we trust for a wise adjustment of all existing difficulties.

From this extended review of our missionary operations for the year, we are next called to consider that portion of the Society's sphere of labor, found in our

LOAN LIBRARY WORK.*

The number of Loan Libraries sent to sea from our Rooms

* The Society's Loan Libraries for seamen contain, on an average, thirty-six
at New York, and at Boston, Mass., from April 1st, 1883, to April 1st, 1884, was:

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Total volumes in these libraries: 12,678
Number of seamen to whom they have been available: 7,510

Of these, there were placed on United States Naval vessels, four (4) libraries, with 144 volumes, accessible to 248 officers and seamen.

This makes the total of new loan libraries which have been sent out since 1858-9, when the work began to be systematically prosecuted, 8,044, with reshipments of the same numbering 8,533, an aggregate total of 16,577. The whole number of volumes in these libraries has been 432,098, and the number of men to whom they have been accessible, by original and reshipment, according to the Society's Records (which necessarily fail to fix the full number, since they can take no account of the changing of crews in foreign ports, while the library is on board), has been 308,935.

The whole number of loan libraries placed on United States Naval vessels and in United States Naval hospitals, up to April 1st, 1884, is 947, containing 34,092 volumes, and the total number of seamen in these vessels and hospitals, to whom the books have been accessible, has been at least 108,243.

The whole number of loan libraries placed in stations of the United States Life Saving Service is 110, containing 3,960 volumes, accessible to seven hundred and seventy Keepers and surfmen.

The year has teemed with testimony to the value of our volumes, always including the Holy Bible, unless it is found upon inquiry that the vessel upon which the library is placed is already supplied with it. Accompanying the Bible are other carefully chosen religious books, and a choice selection of miscellaneous volumes. Each library ordinarily has two or three volumes in German, Danish, French, Spanish, or Italian; the others are in English. The library is numbered, labeled and placed upon a sea-going vessel leaving the port of New York or Boston, as a loan to the ship's company, every one being receipted, registered, and then assigned to the donor of the funds which pay for it, who is thereupon notified of its shipment. For every contribution of twenty dollars for that purpose, a library is sent out in the name of the donor.
system of regular loan library distribution, whose progress in its twenty-sixth year of prosecution has now been noted,—and the opportunity to group and preserve it in the pages of this Report is welcomed. The men who attest their sense of it are plainly competent to give opinion, and of such standing as renders theirs weighty words. The first is the Rev. S. C. Damon, D. D., for forty years and more our seamen’s chaplain at the port of Honolulu, H. I. His personal inspection and use of the library on board the vessel in which he is now making the voyage to China, referred to on a former page, led him to write:

“I cannot refrain from expressing my admiration of this most admirable system of ship’s libraries as carried on by our Society. From the 14th annual list of the merchant vessels of the U. S. for 1883, now lying before me, published by the Secretary of the Treasury, which I have found in the captain’s library, I learn that this list embraces 24,733 vessels, classified as follows:—Sailing vessels, 10,459; steam vessels, 5,626; unrigged vessels, 2,648; total, 24,733. From these figures it appears that the American Seamen’s Friend Society has furnished by loan a good library for more than one fourth* of all this large fleet of vessels. I think this is doing a grand and noble work. I cannot imagine how funds contributed for the benefit of seamen could be more profitably expended.”

In a subsequent communication, the same missionary, out of his abundant experience and observation, declares:

“...The value of a good library for a ship cannot be too highly estimated. If left to the owners of ships it will not be provided. There are a few shipowners who will, perhaps, when their ships are first launched, furnish a few books, but they seldom or never would be renewed; hence the effort of the American Seamen’s Friend Society to work in this line of Christian benevolence is most commendable and praiseworthy. I rejoice to notice the efforts of the British and Foreign Sailors’ Society in the same line of effort. The benevolent community and friends of seamen cannot contribute their funds in a manner better adapted to benefit seamen and others found on board ships where these libraries are placed. The mother of the young Earl of Aberdeen, who was lost overboard some years since from the Hera, could not have appropriated her money for a memorial of her lost son, in a more useful and appropriate manner.

“Situated as I now am on board this good ship Ceylon, with such a library placed here before the ship left Boston, I can bear my testimony to its value. I see some of the books in the First Officer’s stateroom, and others are being read in different parts of the ship. I frequently hear the captain speak as to their value.”

The eminent and constant need of such an agency at sea as

* In point of fact, including the more than 8,000 reshipments of loan libraries issued by the Society since 1858-9, Rev. F. Damon would be nearer the facts if he stated that almost one-half of the United States merchant vessels have received such a library at our hands.
is provided by the libraries of our own and kindred organizations has lately been well-stated in an English publication, and the assertions made justly challenge earnest and prayerful attention:

"The Senior Naval Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral Sir A. Cooper Key, K.C.B., F.R.S., recently animadverted on some pamphlets, papers, and journals which petty officers and seamen of ships of war had brought to their officers, objecting to their being circulated among them, and which he said contained the most blasphemous atheistical trash and folly, to call it by no worse name. What he meant by the word folly was the folly of the fool who 'hath said in his heart there is no God.' Nobody, unless he had read them, could conceive such things in print. He himself had never before seen anything so bad. These papers had been forwarded to him, to see if he could do anything officially to prevent officers and seamen from being tempted and assailed in that way. His official reply had, of course, to be that, there could be no legislation or regulations on the part of the Admiralty to check the dissemination of such wicked trash. All he could say was that it must depend upon the personal influence and example of the officers to what extent such matter was circulated among the men. He could only ask any parent to consider the dangers that such literature would sow in the paths of their sons in the naval service.

"They hardly knew what temptations young officers and seamen were exposed to when sailing all over the world; not only the ordinary temptations which young men at home were subjected to, but temptations incidental to young men separated from their homes and families and the blessings of a mother's care, freed from almost all the restraints of civilization,—stationed, it might be, in heathen countries, or where Sundays were never thought of but as gala-days. When to all this, temptations arising from such polluting literature were brought to bear upon them, there was nothing but the influence of the Holy Spirit that could protect them from falling.

"It was subsequently remarked that 'the existence of the horrible infidelity and blasphemy which they had heard of as being often disseminated among seamen should speak with a sense of pain and shame to Christians; that the infidel, said to be poor, could lay his own income under contribution, for the purpose of putting forth and promulgating his filth, and that they were unprepared to spend for their cause in proportion to what God Almighty had given to them. It was wonderful what could be done with a little determination. Talk about £1,000,000 raised annually for missionary effort throughout England! It was a drop in the bucket compared with their expenditure over luxury and vice.'"

Lieutenant Richard Rush, U. S. Navy, has just said in a note of thanks for the use of loan libraries placed by us on the U. S. S. Juniata:

"As a life member of the American Seamen's Friend Society, and one who is in accord with its high object, I trust I may be permitted to say from the personal experience of several cruises, that these loan libraries are the most direct, effective and substantial way of reaching the sailor, and of giving him the benefit of religious, instructive, and entertaining reading-matter. The result of this good work is in-
calculable, and the Navy is under a large debt of obligation to your Society, which, for one, it gives me much pleasure to acknowledge."

And in the generous commendation of all our work for sailors, which reached us, not long since, from a man of letters widely known and admired, this one method for the uplift and evangelization of seamen has its share of warranted and appreciative recognition. We quote:—

"A very brief perusal of the Report, and the little volume of 'Notes,' confirms my long held belief that commerce has ever been, with all its attendant evils in local cases, the most direct and powerful Gospel missionary agent; and that a tithe of the sums of money expended in laudable missionary work, if devoted to the moral and spiritual elevation of the seamen of our peace and war navies, would be far more instrumental in spreading Christianity and its blessings abroad over benighted and barbaric lands, than the instrumentalities now used exclusively for that task."

Benson J. Lossing."

From the men who have made use of the libraries, and spoken of that use and its benefit, out of full hearts, in the year now closed, we have similar and varying witness to their present and abiding good effects. A few extracts will suffice to impress this:—

"We hear from No. 5,465, now at our Rooms in Boston, that the books 'have all been read with great care, and thanks to the Society;' —from No. 6,106, also at Boston, that it 'has been four years in the same vessel, and has been much used;' —from No. 6,186, also now at Boston,—'it has been read with much interest: I pray you to continue to scatter the good seed;'—from No. 6,412, that it likewise 'has been four years on the same vessel, and has been read by fifty persons.'

"Captain Burr of the brig Mary E. Leighton has had Library 5,676 for more than three years. It has been read over and over again by the different crews which have been on board, with general good results."

A captain speaks with faith of the good done by Library 7,272, on his vessel:—

"Please accept the grateful thanks of the captain, officers and crew of the ship Mount Washington for the use of the above Library. I have great confidence that the good influences from it, which have been manifest among the crew, will result in the conversion of one or more to a better life.

Very truly yours,

F. B. Perkins."

Mr. W. D. Bartley, who has charge of Library 7,281, shipped on a naval vessel, wrote to our Secretary at Boston, Mass.:—

"It is with pleasure that I write to you regarding the Library you kindly sent.
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

It has been a blessing to my soul and I hope may be a blessing to many others. What a blessed volume is the one entitled Christ in the Home, in the Heart and in the Market Place! It has been a great comfort to me."

Another captain writes of No. 6,793:

"I can't tell how much good it has done. It has kept my men on board many a time when otherwise they would be intoxicated on shore."

The recipients of these libraries often aid in the library work by contribution to it, and so give convincing evidence of the place it holds in their esteem. Such was the case in this instance,—one of not a few:

"Please accept," says Captain A. Cann, of the ship Ternogora, writing at New York, December 1st, 1883, "$20 from captain, officers and crew of this ship, as a donation to the library work. The library (7,603) which was kindly placed on board my vessel, has been the rounds to Japan, and back to this port, having been read by all with marked interest and profit."

These records may profitably be ended for this year's Report with the cheering and conclusive letter of a sea-captain's wife "in active service" for the Master,—as her words abundantly attest:

"I feel that I must thank you for the Library (No. 7,695,) which the American Seamen's Friend Society provided for the ship L. L. Sturges, on her last voyage."

"The instructive and comforting words which were contained in the books did much to help our men to live 'the better life.'"

"It may seem a slight, and some may think, a small service thus rendered them, but could you have seen the eagerness with which these men laid hold of the precious words contained in such books as Heaven, by Mr. Moody, and the Watchers on the Longships, and others like them, which were repeatedly called for, you would have been encouraged to keep on working for the spiritual good of seamen."

"God surely blessed us, and the voyage although long, was fraught with happiness. Four of our men experienced the rich blessing of God's Spirit, witnessing in them that they were His.

"During our stay in Calcutta the men attended religious services there, so that they were ready and determined to work in the good cause, holding meetings every night in the forecastle. Peter, one of the men, said to me, 'Mrs.——, we have never been hindered from having our prayer-meeting.' Once when he was relieved at the wheel by one of his comrades, I heard him say, 'We'll not forget you;' meaning that as Arnold must be at the wheel they would remember him in their prayers.

"Eleven of our ship's company joined the Good Templars while in Calcutta, and I have every reason to believe that they still remain firm."

"One week ago last Sabbath my husband and I went to the Mariner's Church, corner of Catharine and Madison Streets, New York, and witnessed four of our men make a public profession of religion.
"Are not God's ways past finding out? My prayer is that the good work may go on.

Yours respectfully,

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It is upon facts and on judgments like those hitherto and now submitted to the Christian public, that the Board of Trustees and the officers and members of the Society rely, for inspiration in their prosecution of this work. And these judgments and facts as well prompt and justify the appeals they confidently make to that public that this work may be sustained and carried forward, until it shall be easy for every sailor to find on shipboard, and in his own tongue, a pure literature, and the saving written truth of God, always ready to his hand.

SAILOR'S HOME, NEW YORK CITY.

The Home at 190 Cherry Street is the property and under the direction of the Society. It was opened in 1842; reconstructed, refurnished, and reopened in 1880, and is now unsurpassed, in adaptation to its best work, by any Sailors' Home in the world. During the past year it has accommodated 1,828 boarders. These men temporarily deposited with the Lessee, $23,923, of which amount, $10,146 were sent to relatives and friends, $1,190 were placed to their credit in the Savings Banks, and the balance was returned to the depositors.—The whole number of boarders since the Home was established is 104,541, and the amount saved by it to seamen and their relatives during the forty-two years since its establishment, has been more than $1,500,000. Shipwrecked sailors are cheerfully provided for within its doors.

Its moral and religious influences cannot be fully estimated, but hundreds of seamen have there been led to Christ as the sinner's Friend and Savior. The statements on pages 27-29 of this Report more fully exhibit the work accomplished at the Home, in this and kindred directions. These results have come, under God, from the facts that family worship has always been regularly maintained in the chapel of the Institu-
tion, accompanied by other religious meetings and evangelistic labor. During the past year, as heretofore, missionaries have been steadily in attendance at the Home; daily meetings for prayer have been held, and stated temperance and devotional meetings have been sustained on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings of each week.

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RELIEF FOR SEAMEN.

At the Sailors' Home, and at the Rooms of the Society, there has been expended, during the year, for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen, and of seamen's families and widows, the sum of $748.10. Seamen discharged from the hospitals as incurable, and some permanently disabled from accident or other causes, have been provided, as hitherto, with transportation to their friends, assisted in their applications for admittance to the Sailors' Snug Harbor, or aided in such other ways as their necessities demanded. Burial permits have been issued in the case of seamen who have died in hospitals and boarding houses.

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PUBLICATIONS.

The Society has published during the past year, 75,650 copies of the Sailors' Magazine:—and for gratuitous distribution among seamen, 20,000 copies of the Seamen's Friend; with 121,250 copies of the Life Boat for the use of Sabbath Schools.

It has been grateful to receive, as we have done during the past year, many and various expressions of satisfaction with the Sailors' Magazine. We have sought to make it acceptable and instructive, and we believe it has assisted our general work. Its excellence is largely due to the culture and industry of the Rev. H. H. McFarland, to whom we cheerfully make proper acknowledgment.

The Society has also printed for distribution, 1,000 copies of its Fifty-Fifth Annual Report, and numerous tracts and leaflets illustrating and emphasizing its work.
The annual presentation to the graduating class, was made Sunday, June 3rd, at the close of the morning service in the chapel, by the Rev. A., A. McAlister, U. S. N., and in the presence of the Secretary of the Navy and a number of the Board of Visitors.

In reporting the service, Chaplain McAlister writes:—

"I presented the books sent from the Rooms of the American Seamen's Friend Society. To every graduate of the Naval Academy this year, there was given a copy of the recent work of Rev. C. L. Brace, entitled Gesta Christi, which we are confident will interest the young men and lead their studies in the right direction. It will assure them of thoughtful and prayerful Christian friends, and perhaps induce some of their number to commence and adorn the Christian life."

The chaplain also expresses great interest and satisfaction in the work of the Society, and has asked that the next annual presentation of books to the graduating class be made by a special representative, who is already invited for the purpose.

SPECIAL GRANTS.

As in past years, the Society has continued to respond, to the extent of its ability, to applications for help from Auxiliary Societies; and from independent seamen's missions and individuals in the naval and merchant service, when such help seemed to be worthily called for.

FINANCES.

A statement of receipts and expenditures is made by the Treasurer at each monthly meeting of the Trustees, and upon approval is referred to an Auditing Committee. These monthly statements for the year just closed, have been examined, and pronounced correct. During the year ending March 31st, 1884, the disbursements of the Society for Missionary Work, Publications, Loan Libraries, expenses, etc., amounted to $37,846.61. The receipts from all sources, including balances from preceding year, and legacies, amounted to $49,835.46.
LIFE MEMBERS.

Fifty-six persons have been constituted Life Members of the Society during the past year, by donations of $30 for each.

OBITUARY.

During the year covered by this Report we have been called to notice the removal by death of several friends and workers in the Seamen's Cause. Prominent among these was

REV. D. H. EMERSON, D. D.,

who died in Philadelphia July 6th, 1883, aged 73. Dr. Emerson when temporarily engaged in the service of the American Seamen's Friend Society was induced to undertake the pastorate of the Eastburn Mariners' Bethel in Philadelphia,—from which he removed to Oswego, N. Y., doing lake service and endeavoring to promote the Seamen's Cause in western and central New York, which he did with marked ability. Dr. Emerson was a devout, tender, faithful preacher of the Gospel, consecrated in heart and life to the service of the Lord.

DEA. ISRAEL STARKS.

This well known and greatly beloved servant of the Lord died on the 15th of August, 1883, at Brockport, N. Y., aged seventy-seven years. Converted to Christ at fifteen, the remainder of his days were passed in the active service of his Master, in Central New York. His singleness of aim, transparent purity of purpose and blameless character were attended, from the first, with the favoring witness of God to His acceptance of efforts made for His glory and the good of men. This especially shone out in his long service for canal boatmen, of which a published notice fitly says:—

"The crying needs of the men employed along the line of the Erie Canal, could not long be unnoticed by a man like Deacon Starks. He entered into the work as a Bethel missionary and was for many years in the employ of the American Seamen's Friend Society. With his brusque manner and his kind heart he was peculiarly fitted for dealing with the men whom he found upon the canal, and his plain, simple way of presenting and of illustrating the truths of the Gospel soon won the affections of those whom he addressed. During the time of his active service in this
work, there was probably no man better known along the canal than he, and possibly no man on the canal has done so extensive a work in distributing tracts, praying, reading and expounding the Scriptures, and especially in personal religious conversation. The record of these crowded years of activity is written on high."

ADMIRAL STEPHEN D. TRENCHARD, U. S. N.

Rear Admiral Trenchard, who always evinced a deep interest in the work of the American Seamen's Friend Society, was elected one of its Honorary Vice-Presidents May, 1875, and since that time has been annually re-elected, as such. He had the bearing of a Christian gentleman as well as that of an efficient officer, and was everywhere known for his trust and hope in the SAVIOR.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Thanks are tendered, as in previous years, to the American Bible Society for generous grants of the Holy Scriptures,—and to the American Tract, with other Societies, as well as to various publishing houses in this and other cities, who have furnished us books for our libraries at reduced rates. The Trustees of the Lindley Murray Fund have also shown us generous favor.—Prof. R. H. Bull of the University of the City of New York has continued to furnish the monthly record of the Position of the Principal Planets, for the Sailors' Magazine.—The leading private, as well as public hospitals, of this city, have received and gratuitously ministered to such sick seamen as we have sent to them,—and the Colored Home and Hospital in 65th Street has done the same.—Railroad, Steamboat and Ocean Steamship Companies have kindly responded when asked to assist in the transportation of disabled seamen to their homes.

The work to which we have been providentially appointed, along with the philanthropic and evangelistic forces of the day, opens as invitingly as ever. The man last sent out as a chaplain to seamen, and already entered on his work upon the South
American coast as a preacher of the Gospel on shipboard and on shore, the Rev. Frank Thompson, as heretofore noted in this Annual Report, was himself converted at sea. In the hope that others, in their day, may go and do likewise, thus perpetuating those labors for seamen which Christ himself began on Galilee, we enter on another year with grateful and encouraged heart, trusting in the strong arm that has hitherto supported us, and given success to our endeavors. Asking the friends of the sailor to remember us in their prayers and their gifts, we shall seek henceforth, with new earnestness, to make the sailor a better and a happier man, and everywhere enlarge for him the circle of his usefulness.
CHRIST FOR THE SAILOR—THE SAILOR FOR CHRIST;

A DISCOURSE BEFORE

THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

AT ITS

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY,

SABBATH EVENING, MAY 4TH, 1884,

BY

REV. S. E. HERRICK, D. D.,

PASTOR OF MOUNT VERNON CHURCH, BOSTON, MASS.,

In the Broadway Tabernacle, Sixth Avenue and 34th Street, New York.

Mark iii, 9.—"And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him."

Aside from the evident convenience which would be secured by our Lord for the purpose of teaching the thronging multitudes that pressed about him on the sea shore, there is a touch of propriety in the command, which I do not remember to have seen noticed by any of the commentators upon this passage. In the verse just preceding we are told that a great multitude came to him from the region about Tyre and Sidon. And it was for the purpose of teaching these men that he commanded the attendance of a small ship. Tyre and Sidon, the two great cities of Phœnicia, were renowned beyond all others of the ancient world for their maritime commerce. The whole lives of these men were associated with the sea, with sailors and with ships. Not improbably many among them had been or were even then men of the sea. Not improbably the suggestion was present to the mind of the Master that a bond of sympathy and kindly feeling might be established between himself and them, should they see him speaking from a boat as his pulpit. They would take the truth more kindly at his lips were he to speak to them as a sailor to sailors. Then as now, sailor's heart warmed to sailor's heart. The men of Tyre and Sidon would be sure to give respectful hearing to the man of Galilee, when they discovered that like themselves he was no
stranger to the pains and perils of the seaman's life. Even as the sailors of Boston thirty years ago loved Father Taylor, or as their successors, in later days, believed in Peter Larsen.

I am jealous of those petty methods of interpretation which read large meanings into the most trivial incidents of the Gospel story, and therefore I notice this matter simply as an interesting coincidence, without putting upon it any special emphasis. But I do not think I shall be transgressing the limits of sober exegesis if I seize this command of our Lord that a small ship or boat should wait upon him, that he might more conveniently pursue his evangelistic labors, and deduce from it as my theme for this occasion,—The importance of making the sea with its forces, moral and material, auxiliary to the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

From the beginning the Gospel has sought the alliance of the sea. Our Lord's personal labors when upon earth were confined to a small and comparatively insignificant territory. And yet in those labors the sea of Galilee with its shipping and its sailors played no unimportant part. Lying as it did, a fair sheet of water some fourteen miles long and half as many broad, in the very heart of Palestine, without its boats and sailors it might not have been a serious obstacle and hindrance to his work, though with them it served as a most ready and helpful medium of communication. It was a little sheet of water, to be sure, and its ships were small at largest, but we must not allow our modern ideas to do injustice to the Galilean fishermen and their seamanship. They were the skilled sailors of their day. The lake was not contemptible, its storms were not gentle breezes, its dangers were not inconsiderable, its vessels were not mean. Josephus narrates a sea fight which took place on the lake, conducted on the part of the Romans by no less a commander than Vespasian himself. Its sailors, rough, hardy, weather-beaten men like our own mariners, were the Lord's generous helpers and furnished a large proportion of his chosen disciples. When a few years later he took his departure, the disciples to whom he had committed the continuance of his work with the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," found a broader sea to be traversed, lying, as its name implied, in the heart of the world as it was known to them. The little lake of Tiberias gives place now to the Mediterranean. For Capernaum and Bethsaida and Tiberias and Chorazin, they had now Corinth and Alexandria and Thessalonica and Rome. In the broader promulgation of the Gospel the fishing-boats of Capernaum and Bethsaida must give place to the corn-ships of Alexandria and
the transports of Rome. Gennesaret was girdled by Judaism. The Mediterranean introduced its navigators to the nations of the earth. To and fro across that inland sea passed the great apostle to the Gentiles until he knew all its ports, was familiar with its prevailing winds, could read its signs of storm and calm, until he was as expert a mariner as he was in making goat-skin tents, and in the time of peril could counsel the sailors with wisdom better than their own. "Thrice I suffered shipwreck," he exclaimed,—"a night and a day I have been in the deep."

For centuries the Mediterranean was the highway of Christianity, and Mediterranean sailors shared with the apostles the honor of spreading its triumphs. The churches were few that were formed without their aid. The large ships waited upon Christ and his Gospel as the small ones had done upon the sea of Tiberias. To Gaul, to Spain, to Africa the corn-ships carried along with the bread which perisheth, the bread which endureth unto everlasting life. And even to Britain the Roman war-ships along with the legions of the empire carried the soldiers of the cross. Then, when after the long night of the Middle Ages had passed away, and the revival of letters was followed by a reformation of religion, and discovery had unveiled a new world to the cupidity of commerce, and there were broader seas to be crossed and greater dangers to be braved, the voice of the man of Galilee was again heard making a corresponding demand that a ship should wait upon him. And then came along with the gold seekers and fortune hunters the pious Catholics exploring our inland lakes and rivers, the Dutchmen of the New Netherlands, the Pilgrims of Plymouth and the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay, the Huguenots of Oxford and New Rochelle, the Scotch and North Irelanders of the middle colonies, until out of the varied elements the genius of Christianity built up a Christian nation, and another grand step was taken in the conquest of the world to Jesus Christ. Again history expanded her horizon, the globe was circumnavigated, and the vast insular world of Australasia was opened up to commerce and to religion by the courage and enterprise of European sailors,—a wilderness of utter darkness and degradation when discovered,—but thanks under God to sailors' fortitude wedded to Christian zeal, sparkling on the bosom of the Pacific, today, like a baldric of island gems glowing with the radiance of heaven.

The lines of Tiberias have swept on and out until the little inland lake seems to have taken in the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, the Pacific. Capernaum and Bethsaida have taken to themselves Alexandria, Rome, London, New York, San Francisco, Honolulu, Queens-
town. But once more that mighty voice is heard calling for a ship to aid Him in His work, and now, where the farthest east and the remotest west meet on the shore of the Pacific,—in Yeddo and Yokohama, in Pekin and Canton, the sailor, obedient to the call, has at last girdled the world with the story of the cross.

I have no doubt that in “Simon Peter and Andrew his brother, and James the son of Zebedee and John his brother,” our Lord discerned peculiar features of character which adapted them to the work of Apostleship. But does not the history of Christianity and its progress for eighteen hundred years, in the light which it reflects upon His choice of these men, make it abundantly evident that He contemplated at the outset the perpetual alliance of the sea and its forces with the work of His Kingdom? How absolutely indispensable has the sailor been at every point of new departure! What a debt do we owe him! What a debt does all the world owe him! Without the intervention of his self-sacrificing service the Gospel itself must have been confined to the narrow region of its first publication, or at best to those adjacent territories which might have been reached by the Apostles’ footsteps.

But large as has been the sailor’s service to the Gospel, it might have been and ought to have been far greater. He has carried the apostle, the missionary, the church to their advancing conquests. He ought himself to be the apostle, the missionary, the church. Indeed our Savior seems to have contemplated not merely alliance, but identity. He made sailors themselves to be His first Apostles. In the beginning the sailor and the Apostle were one. Did not our Lord not only anticipate this,—that the continents are to be saved by the way of the sea,—when He made sailors the first evangelists, but did He not mean to teach His church this lesson for all time, that this important class of men must first be saved and utilized if she would most speedily and effectively save the world? Let the church learn this lesson, the very first that her Master taught, and not the least important. Let her go to the ships to find her missionaries, as He did.

For a missionary the sailor is, by virtue of his very calling,—an apostle of some sort, with a roving commission. Sailors are the common carriers, not of one world only, but of three worlds. Three millions there are of this apostolic class of men. What a mighty force if it were but inspired with loyalty to one common purpose! Moving over every sea, touching every shore, striking with some sort of moral impact, as ceaseless as that of the tides of ocean itself, the life of every land beneath the sun.

Indeed the analogy is a close one between this ever recurring moral
influence and the hygienic value of the ocean tides. Think for a moment of that movement, grand, silent, mysterious, by which twice every twenty-four hours, now while we wake and now again while we sleep, the unresting sea heaves its mighty tide upon our shores. That rising flood by its silent but resistless influx fills our docks, creeps up our creeks, sweeps up all our river-mouths, insinuates itself into all the tortuous windings of our shore-line, floods our marshes, covers our unsightly flats, bringing healthful purity, literally "the salt of the earth" with every visitation, and in exchange bearing away our pollution with every retirement. The tides are thus doing for us incessantly what the heaving lungs do for the heart's blood. Without this ceaseless ebb and flow every continent of earth, every island of the sea would be girdled or fringed with corruption and death.

But the ocean has other tides than these,—tides as ceaseless, as invisible. Would that they were as pure and wholesome! The rising of the waters to-day is not more certain than that a fresh wave of human life will come in upon us, bringing, probably, not purity but death. Some portion of these three millions of sailor-lives is now sweeping silently into our harbors. It will wind through our border streets. It will settle into every slum and fill every purlieu of darkness and of vice. It will leave the seeds of disease. It will dissolve the foundations of virtue. It will strike more deeply the stains of shame and dishonor. It will imbrute sensibility and petrify conscience. And the fall of the tide to-night is not more certain than that this wave in its recession will take with it a charge of poison as deadly as it brought, not to lose it in the deep sea but to bear it to other shores, there amid other scenes to still "work out all uncleanness with greediness." And this ebb and flow is going on ceaselessly. Two thousand men, more or less, here in New York to-day, as many more to-morrow, some going, others coming, not all impure, not all bad; many of them, thank God, pure, honorable, good, life-givers wherever they go; but all out upon a mission, all apostolic, every one morally dynamic beyond human estimate or conception.

Now, because the sailor is such a moral dynamic, he ought to be secured to the Kingdom of Christ. Suppose every sailor's heart were charged with the grace of God, and every sailor's life were true and loyal to Jesus Christ. Suppose this incessant tide which rolls upon every shore were saturated with the purifying salt of Christian love, every ship a "Morning Star," the combined fleets of the nations the navy of the Kingdom of God, with Jesus Christ for Lord High Admiral. The sailor's life speaks in every language if his lips do not.
Christian virtues, like Pagan vices, do not have to be translated in order to be understood as they pass from land to land. The beauty of the Lord appeals to every eye and impresses all the sons of men. Suppose that every Christian land should make it its first endeavor to renovate and Christianize its own mercantile marine, what an immense Foreign Missionary work would be immediately and effectively accomplished! The commerce of the United States alone employs half a million sailors, one-sixth of the whole sailorhood of the globe. Why should not the Christians of the United States see to it that these men are evangelized and so do a great stroke of both Home and Foreign Mission work at once?

"Can it be done?" do you ask? This Society whose anniversary we are celebrating to-night is doing that very thing as rapidly as the Christians of America supply the means. It is leavening,—if you will allow me to use the word, Christ-ening,—the forces of the sea. It was content in former years with meeting the sailor as he set his foot upon the dock, giving him a Christian welcome, shielding him from the sharks and harpies of the shore, conducting him to clean and comfortable quarters, providing for his physical and spiritual necessities for the brief period of his life on land, and then bidding him God-speed in his new departure. And this was much. But it has learned the art, of late, of going to sea with him, of accompanying him with its counsels and its comforts into every latitude, of speaking its friendly words to him when half the world away from home and church, in the lonesomeness of the watch, in the peril of the storm. In a word it is sending to-day 400,000 chaplains in more than 8,000 vessels going and coming between the sea-ports of all countries. These chaplains speak to the German, the Dane, the Frenchman, the Spaniard, the Italian, as well as to the English and American sailor, and to each in his own tongue wherein he was born. They consume none of the ship's supplies. They take on no airs of superiority. They are promoters of peace. They dispel ennui. They awaken the best feelings and affections of the men. They know how to be familiar without being obtrusive. They stand on terms of equal intimacy and confidence with captain, crew, and cabin-boy. They inevitably soften and humanize;—more, they Christianize. It has been my good fortune to fall in with many of these silent, but mighty chaplains, after long voyages, and I have reverenced them. As they have often come into port in well-worn and sometimes tattered uniform, weather-beaten, water-stained, honorably scarred, fragrant of oakum and tar, still more have I reverenced them. They have uttered no boastful words of their doings.
and their dangers as I have grasped them by the hands, but they have been eloquent to the eye, of noble duty done, of Christly service performed, whose only record was treasured up in sailors' hearts and in the book of God's remembrance. These 400,000 chaplains are doing a mighty work at an insignificant outlay. They are changing the quality of the moral forces of the sea. They are renovating and cleansing those perpetual tides. The Sailor's Library was a heaven-born thought. Multiply these chaplains a hundred fold and the promise will speedily be fulfilled,—"The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Thee."

Another consideration which forces upon us the importance of making the sailor auxiliary to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ is to be found in the fact that sailors as a class are peculiarly adapted to be the Apostles of Christianity. They are so adapted by the nature of their calling as well as by virtue of their opportunities. The sailor is brought face to face with God as other men are not. No narrow horizon shuts down upon his vision. No petty, noisy activities, no turmoil of the town, no murmur of the street shatters the profound and protracted silence in which his life is passed. The utter loneliness of day after day, and the watches of the night lighted only by the silent stars are transmuted with the felt presence of the Deity. On the deep as nowhere else, "day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge." No speech, no language, yet all eloquent of the mysterious, ineffable presence, which made the Psalmist to cry out, "The sea is His, and He made it." "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me and Thy right hand shall hold me." The sailor feels this, though he could not, it may be, express it. Among no other class of men is the religious feeling so strongly developed. Accordingly, if a wicked man he is proverbially superstitious, if a good one he is proverbially devout. Sailors as a class believe in God. They can not otherwise without doing violence to their sensibilities. It is difficult to make them atheists, unless you can keep them on shore long enough to make them forget the sea. They know the thunder of His power. They have seen the terrors of the Lord. They have heard His footsteps who "walketh upon the wings of the wind." They are correspondingly accessible to the message of His love and grace in Jesus Christ. It is a portion of my pride of which nothing but death will ever divest me that I am the son of a sailor, and that among sailors my happy boyhood was passed. I know them, I have preached to them. There are no other such
audiences. They have been subdued by the majesty of nature. They are reverential, submissive, child-like. They need and want no dialectics, no clatter of logic, nor pomp of rhetoric. The simple story, told straight out from the heart, of Him who shared with the sailors in the toil, and the tempest, and then gave His life for their salvation, takes them captive, and they make as noble disciples now as they did at the beginning. Convert a sailor in Boston or New York, or on board his ship, and he is a Christian the world over.

I have spoken of the debt which the Christian world owes to the sailor for its very Christianity. God's unspeakable gift has come to every race upon the globe by the hands of the men of the sea. But there is an ever accruing indebtedness, which we owe to them for our civilization apart from our Christianity. What human ministry to our daily wants is so wide-spread and so minute as theirs! What a barren life would ours be without that ministry! The furnishings of our homes, the provision of our boards would fall back into primitive rudeness and meagerness but for their perpetual assistance. Every cup of coffee has been set upon your breakfast table, and again every cup of tea at night, at the risk of a score of sailors' lives. The very commodities which the pioneer of the prairies counts among the necessities of his existence, as well as the luxuries which garnish the life of the city and the town, are the fruits of his daring and fidelity in our behalf.

The wide range of foreign merchandize which any country gathers into its marts of trade and distributes again among its citizens is the evidence and the measure of its civilization. At the same time it is evidence and measure of something more that we do not often think of. It is the exponent of great dangers braved. It is the evidence often of great suffering cheerfully borne and meagerly recompensed. It is the measure of high hardihood and courage on the part of the ten thousand toilers of the deep. From the time when the ships of Tyre brought silver, and gold, and ivory, and apes, and peacocks to the court of Solomon, to the last merchantman that brought her cargo of spices into the harbor of San Francisco or New York, sailors have toiled at the ropes, by day, and trod the deck in nightly watch, and encountered windy storm and tempest, to procure what would minister to the landsman's comfort, or gratify his taste. Like Virgil's bees they are gatherers of honey, but not for themselves. You would not know your own home to night, if you were to go back to it from this place to find it stripped only of what sailor's toil had brought. You have not paid for these things when you have simply given their
monetary value in exchange for them. A large part of the debt still remains uncancelled. You owe a debt of sentiment, of feeling, of gratitude. Commerce may recognize no such obligation, but equity does. Selfishness may refuse to discharge it, but generosity and Christianity cannot.

And apart from this actual and ever accruing indebtedness I remember that we have been and may be again dependent upon these men for a more momentous and urgent service. While I have been preparing this discourse, and, indeed, almost daily for many years, I have had occasion to pass and re-pass a noble monument on Boston Common, at whose foot there stand the effigies of the American soldier and the American sailor, who joined hands a score of years ago at the call of patriotism for the salvation of our Country in her time of peril. I remember that when that fearful war broke out our lean and impoverished navy could muster but about 8,000 men. During the war that number was swelled to 75,000. And whence came that extra 67,000? Largely from our mercantile marine,—our common sailors. Hatteras, Port Royal and Hampton Roads, Donelson, Island No. Ten, Memphis, Vicksburg, Mobile, New Orleans, bear witness to the bravery and devotion of our common sailors, who were found as ready to hazard their lives for our safety in war as they ever had been for our comfort in peace. Nor under like conditions would they be found wanting now. Common sailors, indeed! We owe them no common debt. We owe them what money never measured,—we owe them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Two-fold, then, is the necessity which confronts us. The sailor needs the Gospel, the Gospel needs the sailor. I plead with you for each that you will give to it the other. On the one side I see these 3,000,000 of our brethren, with no homes but their hammocks, with no Sabbath-rest breaking for them the monotony of the year, with no cessation of care, and no domestic retreat, and no unbroken repose when night stops the plow, the shuttle, and the hammer upon the land,—with no church-fellowship and no place of social prayer,—their lives passing away like their own swift ships, before the blasts of exposure, hungering for a Heavenly Presence in the ship as once the timid sailors hungered for their Lord on Galilee,—and on the other, I see their Lord and ours making the same demand now, as of old, upon His disciples in His longing to reach the world,—that the "ship should wait upon Him."

Let us obey, my brethren, and give the Gospel to the sailor, that the sailor may be given to the Gospel, and Christ may "see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied!"
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# RECEIPTS

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*From April 1st, 1883, to April 1st, 1884,*

*FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES.*

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Hinsdale, Cong. ch., 40 00
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Lee, Cong. S. S. for library, 20 00
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Hatfield, Cong. ch. and Soc'y, 45 25
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Greenfield, 2nd Cong. ch. S. S. for library, 20 00
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Dighton, Cong. ch. of wh. Mrs. M. B. Green, Nathan Walker and Mrs. E. M. Green each $20 for library, 75 15
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East Douglas, Cong. ch. to const. Chas. E. Femp a L. M., 32 41
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Leicester, Cong. ch., 15 37
Dover, Cong. ch., 7 25
Boston, A friend for library, 40 00
Buckland, Mrs. Sally Gillett, of wh. H. O. Woodbury $20 for library, 29 75
Blanford, A lady friend, 5 00
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Friends, for temperance work, 15 50
Anonymous, in memory of little Hattie, 10 03
A friend, Bethel Temperance Society, 3 83
L. F. W., 2 00
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Capt. Turmel, schr. H. H. Townsend, 2 00
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Capt. Wolf, schr. Fanny Kiney, 1 40
Capt. Baxter, barkentine Richard M. Haywood, 1 00
Boxborough, Cong. ch., 5 00
Boraston, W. F. Scott, 5 00
Brain tree, 1st ch., 14 25
Buckland, Mrs. Sally Gillett, of wh. $20 for a loan library, and $700 to const. the following L. M.'s: George W. Hodges, Mrs. Willard Hodges, Miss Amy M. Hodges, Miss A. Louise Hodges, Miss Fannie L. Hodges, Mrs. Laura E. Britton, Mrs. Fred. W. Rex, Levi Hodges, Miss Helen K. Hodges. Mrs. Josiah Brewer, Mrs. Charles Owen, Edward J. Merrill, Mrs. Mary E. Bigelow, Charles Merrill, Lofi Smith, Dr. J. Trow, E. H. Stockwell, E. H. Leavitt, Mrs. Charles Leavitt, Mrs. J. P. Merrramp, Mrs. A. F. Kendrick, Dea. Charles Hows, Mrs. A. W. Graham, L. B. Rudlock, F. Forbes, and H. L. Warteld, 800 00
Cambridgeport, Prospect st. ch. for library, 44 18
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Fitchburg, Holstone ch., 30 00
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Mrs. N. J. Spaulding, 1 00
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Mr. E. A. Sawyer for library in memory of his wife Minnie Pierce Sawyer, 20 00
Mrs. E. J. Sawyer for library to be called the "Edward Julius Sawyer, M. D., Library," in memory of her husband, 20 00
Gilbertville, Cong. ch., of wh. to repair library, 25 49
Globe Village, Evangelical Free S. S. for library, 20 00
Glostone, Evangelical Cong. ch., 35 00
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Grafton John P. Hayden, 1 00
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Great Barrington, 1st Cong. ch. and Soc'y, 106 13
Greenfield, 2nd Cong. ch. S. S. for library, of wh. Miss Osgood's S. S. class $30, 40 00
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Mrs. C. F. Settle, in full for library, 10 40
Groveland, Cong. ch., 15 85
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Beverly, Rev. R. Taylor, towards lib’ry, 10 00
Bloomfield, 1st Pres. ch., 60 61
Rev. Dr. D. Kennedy and wife, for the Kennedy lib’ry, 20 00
East Orange, Munn Ave. S. S. class No. 54 for lib’ry, 20 00
Miss Emma Towne for lib’ry, 20 00
Elizabeth, Westminster Pres. ch., 30 00
Englewood, Pres. ch., of wh. for lib’ry in name of Fisher Howe Booth, $30, and Mrs. James C. Morse for lib’ry $20, 388 72
A Friend, 1 00
Flemington, W. P. Emery, 5 00
Franklin Park, Ref. ch., 19 40
H. P. Cortelyou, New Year’s gift, 5 00
Jersey City, Lafayette Ref. ch., 12 00
Lakewood, Mrs. M. L. Smallwood for a lib’ry, a thank offering, 20 00
Madison, Pres. ch., of wh. S. S. Miss’y Ass’n for lib’ry, $40, and James A. Webb $20 for lib’ry to be known as the “ Grette and Eleanor Library, 94 51
Montrose, Mrs. Theodosius Strang for lib’ry, 20 00
Morristown, South St. Pres. ch., of wh. Wm. L. King, $60, 273 02
Mrs. R. R. Tomlinson for lib’ry, 20 00
Newark, 1st Pres. ch., of wh. Mrs. C. L. Hall $30 to const. Samuel Hall Nichols of Pittston, Pa., a L. M., 108 00
North Ref. ch., 100 00
3rd Pres. ch., 94 51
High St. Pres. ch., 41 45
Central Pres. ch., 30 00

Miss E. U. Campfield for lib’ry, $ 20 00
2nd Pres. ch., 19 24
Miss Abby Coo to refit Library No. 554, 6 00
New Brunswick, M. E. Warren, 5 00
Miss Mary H. Parker, 5 00
Newfield, Rev. Charles Willey, 5 00
Mrs. Hannah Howe, 5 00
Orange, 1st Pres. ch., 73 00
L. P. Stone, 50 00
2nd Pres. ch., 49 61
Orange Valley, Dr. Wm. P. Vail, 3 00
Paripippany, Pres. ch., 8 00
Plainfield, Mr. L. Myers $30 to const. self L. M., $20 for lib’ry, 50 00
Princeton, Charles H. Macioskie, 2 00
South Orange, 1st Pres. ch., 37 00
Trenton, 3rd Pres. ch., 6 00
Mrs. P. Katsenbach, 5 00

$1,764 57

PENNSYLVANIA.

Easton, A friend, 5 00
Montrose, Mrs. Henry A. Riley for a loan lib’ry in memoriam Rev. Henry A. Riley, 20 00
Philadelphia, bequest of Anna Greenleaf, deceased, of Philadelphia, Pa., $1,000, and bequest of Mrs. Eliza Smith, deceased, of Philadelphia, Pa., $1,000, per Samuel G. Denneway, exec’t, etc., 2,000 00
Legacy of Alida V. R. Constable, deceased, per Thomas L. Kane, exec’t, 1,015 00
Sewickley, Miss E. H. Tite, 2 00

$3,042 00

DELARWA.

Wilmington, Mrs. S. F. Du Pont, 2 00

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Rev. John S. Jones, D. D., for lib’ry, 20 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Mrs. Jane O. Mahon for lib’ry in memoriam Mrs. Edith Har- lan Child, 20 00
Mrs. Anna R. Case for lib’ry, 20 00

$49 00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Summersville, Rev. C. S. Sherman, 5 00

GEORGIA.

Ways Station, Miss E. J. Clay, 10 00

TEXAS.

Houston, L. I. Latham, lib’ry in name of Mrs. Lucy E. Miller, 20 00

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, Primary Department of the Bible School of Pilgrim Cong. ch., for a Memorial Library to be called the “ Howard Fuller Ripley Memorial Library, ” 20 00
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

OHIO.
Burton, on account bequest Mrs. Lucina Beach, deceased, late of Burton, Ohio, through Hon. P. Hitchcock, ex'rc, $500 00
Cincinnati, Katherine Stewart for lib'ry, 20 00
Cleveland, Joseph Perkins for lib'ry, 20 00

ILLINOIS.
Chicago, Charles S. Holt for lib'ry, 20 00

IOWA.
Lewis, Rev. Charles Little, 2 00
Poweshiek County, bequest of Wm. N. Ford, deceased, late of Poweshiek County, per Robert M. Haines, a'm'r, 787 18

NEBRASKA.
Gazelle, Mrs. Amy Downes, 50

MINNESOTA.
Northfield, Conrad Stegner, 5 00

OREGON.
Portland, Sailors of ship T. E. Starbuck, for general library work, per Capt. Wm. A. Rogers, 20 00
San Francisco, Masters, officers and crew of ship E. C. Soule, for library work, 13 25

UTAH.
Salt Lake City, M. B. Osborne, 1 00

PORTO RICO—WEST INDIES.
Arroyo, Mrs. Susan W. Lind, 10 00

SCOTLAND.
Greenock, Miss M. M. Nisbett, 1 22

NEW SOUTH WALES—AUSTRALIA.
Gundagai, R. W. Perkins, 5 00

Tarrytown, N. Y., Mr. S. B. Schieffelin, 60 copies of "Index to the Bible," for libraries.

RECAPITULATION.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

1884.

PAYMENTS.

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Signed,

Horace Gray, Auditing Committee.

David Gillespie, Auditing Committee.

1883.

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Total                                                                 | $49,788.52   |

1884. March 31st, By Balance brought down                                 | $2,116.77    |

New York, March 31st, 1884,

E. & O. E.

Wm. C. Sturgis, Treas.
American Seamen's Friend Society.

Organized Jan. 1828- incorporates April, 1832.

CONSTITUTION.

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 ministration of the Gospel, and other religious blessings.

ART. III.—Any person contributing five dollars annually, shall be a member of this Society; or by paying thirty dollars at any one time, shall be a member for life; and any person paying one hundred dollars, either at one or two payments, shall be a director for life. Life Members and Directors shall be entitled to the "Sailors' Magazine" upon an annual request for the same.

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 composed. Absence without excuse, by any Trustee, from the regular meetings of the Board for six successive months, may be held equivalent to his resignation. To guard against the evil of inexperienced legislation, the Board shall be divided 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 eligible. To guard furthermore against sectarian predominance, a majority of the Trustees shall be 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 useful to maturing business for execution by the Board.

ART. V.—The Board shall have power to appoint their own meetings 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.—The 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 6th Article.

ART. IX.—No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, unless requested at an annual meeting and sanctioned by two-thirds of the members present.
American Seamen's Friend Society.
Organized, May 1828. Incorporated, April, 1838.

RICHARD P. BUCK, ESQ., President.
HORACE GRAY, ESQ., Henry A. Hurlock, Esq., Vice-President.
REV. SAMUEL H. HALL, D.D., Secretary.
WILLIAM C. STURGES, ESQ., Treasurer.
L. P. HURRIBARD, ESQ., First Assistant Treasurer.
Rev. S. W. HAMBS, Congregational House, Boston, Mass., P. S. A., District Secretary.

CLERGYMEN, CHAPLAINS, MISSIONARIES AND COLPOURENS,
LABORING FOR SEAMEN, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOCIETY, AT TWENTY-TWO SPOTS,
IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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H. H. McFarland.
Mr. C. G. Borella.
Mr. De Witt S. Slater.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
U. S. Navy Yard.—Rev. E. N. Crane.
Newport, R. I.
U. S. Marine Hospital.—Rev. E. M. Kip.
Jersey City, N. J.
Boatmen's Christian Association.
Bradford Christian Union.

LADARON, Borne Epernace Harbor.
Rev. Mr. Rogers.
Mrs. Rogers.
Miss Corrie.

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Gothenburg.—Mr. J. Lindell.

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Odense.—Mr. F. J. Ryckman.

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BELGIUM, Antwerp.—Rev. Arthur Pots,
Mr. J. T. Ham.

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Portland, Victoria.—Rev. R. S. Stubbs.

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Marseilles.—Mr. H. L. Huntington.

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JAPAN, Yokohama.—Rev. W. T. Austin.
Kobe.—Mr. L. C. Luykopen.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.
Honolulu.—Rev. S. O. Davidon, B. D.

CHILIA, A. V., C. L.,—Rev. F. Thompson.
MADEIRA ISLANDS.

DOMESTIC STATIONS, 13; LABORERS, 18.

HOMES FOR SEAMEN.
Sailors' homes are aided and sustained by the Society in various seaports; and by their moral and religious atmosphere often make the sole places of refuge for seamen from the destructive influences to which, as a class, they are always exposed when on shore.

LOAN LIBRARIES FOR SHIPS.
These are furnished at the offices of the Society, 80 Wall Street, New York, N. Y., and Congregational House, Boston, Mass., at the shortest notice. Bibles and Testaments, in various languages, may be had either at the office, or at the Repository of the New York Bible Society, Room No. 60, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City, Twenty Dollars contributed by any individual or Sabbath school will send a library to sea in the name of the donor.