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THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

The Annual Sermon was preached on May 6, by the Rev. HOWARD AGNEW JOHNSTON, D. D., in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, and the Secretary presented a summary of the following report.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on May 7 in the chapel of the Sailors' Home, President C. A. STODDARD, D. D., in the chair. It was addressed by the Rev. Dr. JAMES S. DENNIS, the Revs. JOHN HOPKINS DENISON and G. B. CUTLER, and by Mr. THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER.

The Secretary was directed by the Board to thank Dr. JOHNSTON for his sermon and to request a copy for publication; also to thank the speakers at the annual meeting.
THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

To a very desolate city. John was commanded to write “Thou hast a few names even in Sardis.” Wearers of white garments in a filthy place received the promise “they shall walk with Me in white.” *Even in Sardis*—even in sailors’ haunts ashore, even in the forecastles of ships afloat, bad as they are, there is a Church. Cynical critics of the Church in Sardis would have left it to its vices and despaired of its life. Their descendants count the foes of the faith that beset seamen and fail to number the few names of those whom He will confess before His Father and before His angels. For seventy-two years the American Seamen’s Friend Society has been imitating the example of Christ in giving His own exceeding great and precious promise to men even in the forecastle and the sailors’ boarding house, exposed to temptations as fierce as those which assailed the Church of Sardis. And though they belong to a church scattered abroad, loosely organized, never meeting in large numbers, without much discipline and pastoral oversight and with inadequate instruction, it rejoices in the numbers even in this floating Sardis who have been watchful, who have strengthened the things which remain, and are to have their names remain in the book of life. As Christ called a few fishermen from an inland sea and inspired them to write books that have been “the life blood of master spirits” to beget and perpetuate His life in the hearts of men, so He has been blending His name with the few names of men called from every sea, and has been giving them power to witness for Him as pastors, evangelists and active Christians to their own class and to others. The work of the fishermen who became apostles is beyond computation, and the work of converted seamen staggers belief. As this Society enters its seventy-third year of toil in its peculiar field, it thanks God most of all for the triumph of His grace even among sailors, and for the special stirrings of Christ’s sympathy because of their special temptations and besetments.
This work for their souls is done of course through the chaplains appointed to it in many ports. They persist in their ministry under difficulties and discouragements because they are permitted to add to the "few names even in Sardis." Besides the reward received from their divine Master, they deserve the prayers and sympathies of Christian people. Pray for the workers even in Sardis, as you pray also for the men who have to meet its sorceries and fight its demons.

Not counting the endless details of the Society's office duties, there are two other departments of formal work in which its usefulness should make friends for it. One is the loan library work, and the other the temporary aid given to shipwrecked and destitute seamen, both considered in this report. Books for the leisure hours of seamen on deck, in hospitals, in life saving stations, in light-houses, in reading rooms: these strengthen faith and morals, soften manners, educate the mind, and brighten hours that would hang heavy and breed temptation. Aid to the shipwrecked and destitute is necessary to save them from pauperism, or from the clutches of harpies who would extort from them a ruinous return for the smallest favor.

These three departments, the chaplaincy, the loan library, and the shipwrecked and destitute, are each dependent on voluntary gifts for their support. Each needs far more money than each receives. The giving of the day is large, but the givers forget the very men on whom they are largely dependent for food, raiment, comfort and luxury, immunity from foreign attack and the safe conduct of commerce. The churches are crowded with local and denominational claims; secular causes, literature, art, music, architecture and municipal adornment make immense demands; humanitarian societies of every name and kind, new and old, are not calling in vain; but amid the clamor of voices the cry of the neglected sailors is unheeded. He may live the prey of crimps, he may face the perils of the deep and sink with his ship in mid-ocean, and who cares? This Society cares. Its friends care. But they are so few. Let it have $100,000 a year. Let it have a million for an endowment. Let it have the prayers and gifts of every Christian. What is your contribution this year?
**The Foreign Field.**

**Denmark.** The Rev. A. Wollesen, of Copenhagen, has for many years exercised a ministry that warrants his sending reports of constant success. "Direct personal appeal is at times wonderfully blessed." "No class of men are more hungry for warm gospel truths than seamen." A sick sailor wrote of his captain "The last night I was on board he watched by my bunk; in the morning he read from the Bible and knelt in prayer." The same sailor wrote of another vessel, "Cursing and nasty language were frequently heard, but, glory be to God, it is different now; prayers, hymns and the Bible are heard and we feel a blessing." A sailor said in the mission, "Formerly we went to the liquor saloons, but now, thank God, our first walk is to the mission, and from shore to shore we are feasting upon the unspeakable kindness of which we in these Bethels are the recipients." Another sailor said "Seven months ago I was a drunkard with an unquenchable thirst: to-day I am a child of God." Referring to a Bible bag given to him, he said "Its contents preach Christ as well as furnish wholesome entertainment by day and by night to the wayfarer on the lonesome sea." A captain writes to Mr. Wollesen in reply to a letter "It reminds me afresh of the dear old spot where I learned that I was a lost sinner and found pardon and the peace of God. Mr. B. and I join in endeavors to persuade our crews to turn to the blessed fountain of light and life." Mr. Wollesen is fervently thankful "to bear a humble part in this great work" and thanks the Society "which supplies the means to make me useful," and this Society thanks God for his service to seamen.

**Sweden.** Mr. K. I. Berg, of Helsingborg, writes in a general way of the usefulness of his mission and of his encouragements, notwithstanding the sailors' love of drink, habit of squandering their money and proneness to the dependence which is the fruit not of honest but of dishonest poverty.

Mr. J. T. Hedstrom, of Stockholm, gets close up to seamen
and touches their consciences, now by one means, now by another. The word "mother" is the key to one man's heart, the gospel page and the gospel word to another's, and the resolution made in the last storm to another's. At a farewell meeting held by seamen every spring before going to sea, his preaching was followed by many conversions. "What a beautiful sight to see about one hundred sailors listening to the word preached and to see some of them with tears in their eyes and to hear the prayers from their troubled hearts." "In one place eighteen received the wonderful love of God."

Besides great spiritual prosperity in this mission, a new building has been opened as a Seamen's Rest, about an hour's trip from the old one. Both will be kept going by a division of labor between Mr. Hedström and his most helpful wife. A debt of 15,000 kroner has been incurred in thus enlarging the mission.

The Rev. E. Eriksson, of Sundsvall, is also a man who seeks the immediate conversion of sailors. A shipmaster was converted who is uncommonly endowed to do a good work, and from whom a good work is expected. "On one evening five young men found salvation and one man in middle life was revived." "Several lukewarm Christians have confessed that they have been strengthened in the faith, much to the comfort of their shipmates, who have been afraid they would fall away from God."

Mr. Christian Nielson, of Gothenburg, found an old sailor on a lighter, who had been converted thirty-three years ago in New York, explaining the Bible to a boy. This led to a visit to the lighterman and to much good. The Rev. A. Sommerfelt, Secretary of the Seamen's Christian Association, Norway, who visited Mr. Nielson's mission, writes of it "I was delighted to get acquainted with the work that is done here, so full of life, so strong of faith." One captain took his men from work to give them a chance to listen to the missionary. Most touching stories are told in Mr. Nielson's reports of weary and heavy laden sailors finding rest in Christ, and such
is his hold on them that many send him word when their vessels are to leave, so that he may pay them a farewell visit.

**Germany.** Mr. H. M. Sharpe, of Hamburg, reports twenty-eight conversions in 1899; 16,442 seamen visited the Institute and 1,612 attended the religious services. He complains of the number of seamen landing destitute from American ports, because the American boarding masters took the whole of their advance wages.

**Belgium.** The Rev. J. Adams, of Antwerp, is in the eighth year of his service and finds the Institute more prosperous than ever. The reading room has been well visited, and the religious services well attended. The Rev. Geo. H. Giddins, Secretary of the Continental Evangelical Society, wrote in the English *Independent* words of warmest praise of this mission. "Only those who are intimately acquainted with the many temptations to the lowest and most degrading vices, for which the port has so unenviable a notoriety, can adequately estimate the value of this moral breakwater." Among the many converts was a chief engineer, who "was entered in the books of the hospital as an atheist, but in the Book of Life as a believer in Christ," for he yielded to the chaplain’s presentation of the love of Christ and passed into heaven rejoicing.

Mr. and Mrs. Nutchey are still Mr. Adams’ valued assistants.

**Italy.** The Rev. Donald Miller, of Genoa, was absent seventeen months from his work on account of illness, returning last September. The Rev. D. A. Mackinnon who took his place a part of the time writes "The Genoa Harbor Mission is so well equipped, organized and manned that things have gone on smoothly even without his guiding hand." Captain John Skelly wrote of Captain Lucas, Mr. Miller’s assistant, "Your port missionary seems to have a great hold of our seamen in spite of the many drinking shops around the Rest. There is no foreign port to which I go where I spend such a happy time and see more work done that at Genoa."
Miller, in the absence of a Scandinavian missionary whose place he means to fill, finds the gospel addresses of the wife of the Consul-General of Sweden of great value, and he esteems also the usefulness of the German assistant missionary on the British ships which carry many Scandinavian sailors. The meetings of Mr. Miller have been well attended. A captain said "If any one had told me that so many sailors could be got to a religious meeting, I could not have believed it, but now I have seen it with my own eyes."

The Rev. T. Johnstone Irving, of Naples, and Mr. George Bell, his assistant, report that they "have every reason to be grateful to God" that their efforts have not been in vain; their meetings have been large and visits to ships have been welcome. The influence of good books in keeping men out of mischief is marked. One sailor had promised another to go ashore with him "to paint Naples red;" when called on to keep his promise he said "Since then I have been reading this book, and I have changed my mind, as I have found something better." Mr. Bell writes "We in Naples shall try, by using the same old means, to make the new year the beginning of a new life to many of our sailors."

**Madeira.** The Rev. W. G. Smart, of Funchal, visits the large mail steamers, at least two a week, and gives the word in season and books and tracts to sailors, firemen, cooks, stewards, emigrants and soldiers on their way to South Africa. Chaplains Clark and Sykes, U. S. N., have reported to this Society his usefulness among the men and boys of the Navy. The British tars and apprentices also receive his kind services and appreciate them.

**India.** The Rev. F. Wood, of Bombay, reports refreshing meetings after a watch-night service, at which seamen's testimonies had been blessed to other seamen. "P. praised God for saving a sailor," "G. told of another," "R. yielded—we have been after him for a long time. One of our navy lads led the meeting—a blue jacket came out brightly on the Lord's
side." "Seldom a week passes but some one seeks the Saviour." So the record runs on. In spite of the plague and the hindrances created by it the mission prospers.

The Rev. W. H. Dowling, of Karachi, reports the hindrance caused by quarantining vessels from Bombay, and the refusal to let the men go ashore. Another hindrance has been the government order that no grain be exported from Karachi on account of the famine, thus lessening the number of vessels in that port. Nevertheless he reports much to be thankful for; "the precious souls God has given us." "As the years go on I realize more than ever the importance of this work and the deep need of a home influence over our seamen." His effort is to make the Seamen's Rest attractive in every way, and he thanks the Y. W. C. A. and the ladies of the station for aiding him to do so.

Japan. The Rev. W. T. Austen, of Yokohama, returned to his work in October, 1899, after a long rest in England. His substitute, Mr. Finch, received the written thanks of more than fifty missionaries and other Christians for all his faithful work, and Mr. Austen received a written welcome from thirty-eight of his friends, who sent him 100 yen to be used in his mission work. Having made a long lease of the mission buildings, they have been renovated and made very attractive. Both Mr. Austen and Mr. Finch have been useful among transports and on battleships, and have been thanked by both officers and men. A sailor wrote him "I have met quite a number of men who have spoken of the rich blessing received and happy hours spent with you."

Mr. John Makins, of Nagasaki, reports a year of great strain because of the lack of efficient help. In May, 1900, Mr. Charles Mozley, of Portland, Me., was due to arrive in Nagasaki, a helper sent by the Y. P. S. C. E., a floating branch of which founded this mission. Mr. Makins' strength was greatly taxed by the call for labor among the thousands of American soldiers on their way to Manila, and among the seamen of the
numerous American war-ships calling at Nagasaki. With competent assistance he looks forward to a brighter future in a field which calls for all the hard work this devoted worker is able to do.

The Rev. Edward Makeham, of Kobe, was ordained on March 11, 1900. His work has grown in both quantity and quality. He also has had shunted upon him extra work by the war in the Philippines. The lessening number of sailing vessels compels the chaplain to find the men on steamers and go to each one with the gospel message. He has been greatly cheered by letters from seamen and from their relatives telling of changed lives. Two sailors sent the mission £1 and wrote “We were treated so kindly at the mission, especially by Mrs. Makeham and yourself, that we thought we would send this along to help the good work.”

Chili. The Rev. Frank Thompson, of Valparaiso, reported the total loss on August 14, 1899, of the Bethel ship Hopeful, of which he wrote in June, 1888, “The honor of bringing this bud to flower and fruitage belongs mainly to the fostering care of the American Seamen’s Friend Society.” It was dashed to pieces in a frightful storm. At once the chaplain wrote “I am not in the least discouraged.” The S. S. Coquimbo was put at his service and his methods of work were almost revolutionized. In his last report he says “We have reached a greater number of sailors personally and a larger number have heard the gospel preached than during a similar period when we assembled in the Bethel. The work is much more onerous for the chaplain, rushing from ship to ship, but the results are better, and the work is a positive pleasure. It is only a question of endurance.” He also says “Comparing the sailors of the present day with those of twenty-five or thirty years ago, I can see a distinct advance all along the line, and not the least among captains and officers, in a higher standard of living, morally, spiritually and socially, due largely to the work of the American Seamen’s Friend Society and kindred organizations.” “After forty years of close observation of the sailor I
do not hesitate to say that, with all his faults as a class, there are none more faithful to committed trust, none more amenable to law and order, none more charitable toward the weak, or faithful to the ties of friendship. Missions to seamen need no vindication. He longs to see a decent Sailors’ Home in Valparaiso.

**Argentine Republic.** Mr. G. L. Chamberlain, of Buenos Ayres, has the co-operation of a good local committee which believes that “the Home has been doing excellent work and filling an important place in ministering to the needs of seamen.” A German missionary has been employed for service among the German-speaking seamen in port. Difficulties arose over the site granted by the government for a new Sailors’ Home, but “it will be begun soon.”

Capt. F. Ericsson, of Rosario, reports the usual lights and shadows of a chaplain’s work. “To guard seamen in port from the boarding house masters, the crimps and drink, and at the same time provide him with lodging, food, entertainment and instruction at a moderate cost is the work of the mission.” The Rev. W. H. T. Blair and Mrs. Blair hold services every Sunday evening; visit vessels and invite sailors to their own home. “We are better provided with helpers now than ever before.” The work advances.

**Uruguay.** The Rev. Geo. P. Howard, of Montevideo, meets merchant seamen and the crews of American and British war-vessels, among whom he carries on a gospel and temperance work with much enthusiasm.

**The Home Field.**

**Massachusetts.** The Rev. E. C. Charlton, of Gloucester, reports the renovation of the Institute and chapel. Within a few winter months there were seventy requests for prayer and nineteen professed conversions. A Seamen’s Brotherhood and a Hope Club have been organized. The patronage of the read-
ing room was never better and the mission to fishermen has sixty loan libraries afloat. Looking back on his ten years' work, Mr. Charlton takes courage.

**Connecticut.** The Rev. J. O. Bergh, of New Haven, reports that while the number of professed converts has not been large his labor has not been in vain. In his shipping office 742 men were shipped without the payment of a fee. He says "to establish a good relation between the men and the officers has been our aim." Two services have been maintained on Sunday, one in English and one in Scandinavian. As barges gradually crowd out schooners, the problem is how to get the bargemen into the mission. The Home is described as truly a home, and Mr. Bergh is regarded in New Haven as "untiring in his efforts in the Bethel, shipping offices and docks."

**New York.** Capt. William Dollar at the Sailors' Home holds family worship twice a day, a temperance meeting every Monday evening, and a preaching and testimony service every Saturday evening at which sailors are converted and strengthened. He visits various hospitals to minister to sick seamen, distributes books, papers and tracts on vessels, and "bears a hand" in many services for seamen held by this Society and the New York Port Society.

The New York Sailors' Home, at 190 Cherry Street, has had during the fifty-eight years of its existence 126,471 boarders, and during the past year, 881. The Home is the property of the Society, and its lessee is Capt. H. O. Appley. Occasional social entertainments with music and song take place in the chapel. It is the desire of the Board not only to make this Home a refuge from the tempters and temptations which besiege sailors ashore, but also to make it a means of grace to all its inmates.

The Rev. G. B. Cutler, of the Navy Yard, has received many letters from seamen showing their appreciation of his work in their behalf, and the growth in their hearts of the good seed scattered by his hand. These letters have often been
printed in the *Sailors' Magazine* and have cheered its readers. Many conversions have occurred, some of them having very interesting features. The enlargement of the Navy and the frequent visits of war vessels have brought many men under his influence not only in meetings but in personal conversation. A great field among naval seamen is open to the man who knows how to address them one by one, and Mr. Cutler has been well adapted to that kind of work, and has reaped his best fruit from it. One sailor wrote "Glad I am that I ever went into your services on Cob Dock; there my heart was touched by the love of God." Another wrote "Every day I think of the chapel on Cob Dock. It was my first view of heaven; yes, my first view of myself." Another wrote "What a blessed light came into my mean heart as you talked to me last fall. Oh, how much you folks are doing for sailors you will never know."

It is sad to record that, owing to family reasons, Mr. Cutler, on July 1, 1900, accepted a pastorate at Greenville, R. I. These reasons were so cogent that he seemed justified in leaving the work he loved, in which he received the approbation of the officers and seamen of the Navy and of the trustees of this Society. It is the judgment of Navy chaplains and of the officers of the Naval Branch of the Y. M. C. A. that three or four men could find evangelistic work of the man-to-man kind in the New York Navy Yard.

**Virginia.** The Rev. J. B. Merritt, of Norfolk, reports the removal of the mission to a better site at 327 Main Street, where the attendance has been very large, involving larger labors. Mr. Merritt says "The results of these labors have amply repaid me for the effort put forth. Some have turned from sin to righteousness." The Norfolk *Public Ledger* says "We are very certain that the society never had a more faithful worker than the present chaplain."

**North Carolina.** The Rev. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington, who rendered good service as chaplain, has been succeeded by the Rev. M. A. Barber. Mr. Christoffersen has been
diligent in visiting ships and inviting sailors to religious services, and an average attendance of forty-nine may be considered large for so small a port. At the forty-seventh anniversary of the Wilmington Seamen's Friend Society, Mr. James Sprunt, its president, gave an elaborate sketch of its history, showing the interest in it of the foremost citizens of Wilmington, and the great good accomplished by its chaplains. The Sailors' Home has sleeping accommodations for eighty men. The Bethel needs to be rebuilt and it is hoped that $3,000 can be raised for that purpose. The reading room is one of the best and is largely used by seamen.

**South Carolina.** The Rev. P. A. Murray, of Charleston, on September 14, 1899, became the successor of the Rev. C. E. Chichester, deceased. The commodious Home, the chapel and the reading room have been put in good condition. The president, G. W. Williams, reports the new chaplain as popular with the seamen and doing good work among them. The chaplain himself reports his need of a naptha launch to bring sailors from the ships to the chapel. He writes "I have been long enough in the work to realize that the gospel will be the power of God unto salvation in the sailor's case as well as in others."

**Georgia.** Mr. H. Iverson, of Savannah, reports twice that the number of men had decreased, but that the Spirit of God had been in the meetings. An evangelist had given a series of meetings at which the attendance was large and the spiritual interest deep. The new Home in Savannah is much used by seamen, and the reading room is often crowded.

**Texas.** The Rev. John F. Sarner, of Galveston, writes "We enjoy a healthy growth in our work spiritually as well as materially. An infidel confessed the faith; several men in the hospital accepted Christ; the co-operation of sailors and citizens is increasing." Closing the first year of his service Mr. Sarner says "It has been clearly demonstrated that the work among seamen in this port is a success. Above all do we
thank God for the wonderful grace by which sinners have been led to the cross.”

**Alabama.** The Rev. R. A. Mickle, of Mobile, is the life of an effort to build a Seamen’s Home. A beginning has been made and he has high hopes of seeing before long the building completed. Few men keep the community so stirred up to interest in the work as does Mr. Mickle. Every report tells the story of kindly deeds done to destitute seamen, as well as the story of gospel triumphs. There are no mere generalities in Mr. Mickle’s reports; he goes to the hospital; he gives concerts and suppers; he recovers damages for an injured seaman; he puts poor sailors to sleep on the floor of his chapel on cold nights; he sends sick sailors home; he has something for his Woman’s Auxiliary to plan for and to carry out every month; yet he never forgets that his main work is to preach the gospel, and in doing that he is greatly blessed.

**Florida.** Mr. H. C. Cushman, of Pensacola, has two services at the Seamen’s Bethel and nine at the Anchorage Mission every week. His reports are regular and show that he aims at the conscience of seamen, and often hits it with the arrows of conviction and conversion.

**Louisiana.** Mr. James Sherrard, of New Orleans, has had a year of growth and has proved his adaptedness to his new duties. His ministry to sick seamen has been tender and fruitful. In the large and well supplied reading room are Bibles and Testaments in thirty two languages. In one report he states that fourteen professed their faith in connection with his hospital work and three at the Bethel services. At the fortieth anniversary of the New Orleans Seamen’s Friend Society much enthusiasm was shown by the city ministers, and all feel that the society has made a forward movement.

**Oregon.** The Rev. J. McCormac, of Astoria, is on the deep-sea ships, at the net-racks and in the boarding houses of fishermen, and he has a peculiar field of labor which he culti-
vates with the heart which success makes happy. His reports are always interesting and encouraging.

Mr. W. E. Fletcher, of Portland, commonly called Father Fletcher, is now representing this Society in Portland. The Seamen's Friend Society of that place fell into financial difficulties in connection with its Institute, and the Missions to Seamen Society, of London, owing to the large proportion of British sailors in that port, opened a mission which has proved to be most successful. Father Fletcher, who is warmly evangelistic, has deemed it wise to co-operate with it as far as possible, so as to make his own labors more effective. Father Fletcher is a converted sailor, has long been in the service of seamen, and his biography "At Sea and in Port" is a useful record of a consecrated life. His work for sailors is from the heart out, and he is still bringing forth fruit in his old age. Portland has had a bad preeminence for crimping and the Missions to Seamen Society means to fight it to a finish, if possible.

Washington. The Rev. Thomas Rees, of Seattle, has made his usual monthly reports, and all of them bore the note of hopefulness. As he often says "The dear Lord is blessing us right along." Rarely does a report fail to record conversions, and often there are many to record.

Just before going to press the news is received of Mr. Rees's illness, and the belief is expressed that he will never be able to labor again. He is a man in early old age, but has been a great toiler in the vineyard, and the wonder is that he has held out so long. Great will be his reward.

The Rev. R. S. Stubbs, of Tacoma, is a veteran in the service of seamen. It is to be regretted that his graphic reports are too long to be transferred to these pages. Aided by Mrs. Stubbs, a helpmeet in the best sense, and by Mrs. FunneMark and her daughter, he is always holding meetings, visiting vessels, boarding houses, hospitals, giving Christ's offer of rest to the weary and seeing men accept it. Increasing years seem to be no bar to his labor and his heart is kept warm by love for it and success in it.
Mr. C. L. Terry, of Port Townsend, has also a wife who takes an earnest part in the mission work. To her was written one of the best letters a sailor ever penned. It is too long for insertion here, but the gist of it is in these words: "You have been instrumental in saving me from a life of misery and sin and my soul from destruction; you have pointed me to a Saviour and a loving Father, and I have proved it all to be true." This sailor is preparing to become an evangelist, as converted sailors often do. In one report Mr. Terry said that fourteen seamen had been brought to Christ during the quarter. All his work has been blessed.

To each of these brief epitomes of quarterly reports must be added the constant distribution of religious and secular reading, the material aid of seamen in money, clothing, transportation, hospital service and food; the comforting of such as are in any trouble, and trouble is a close companion of sailors; the entertainment of them in frequent concerts in addition to the Christmas feasts which they enjoy the world over; the painstaking and patient effort to secure the legal rights of seamen and to protect them against crimps, runners and land-sharks, as well as the vices that organize to get their money. A chaplain's work is never done. It requires grit and grace, wisdom and patience, endurance and forbearance, the sound mind and the sound body. It is a work that is wearisome, tiring, testing. Those who lack the qualities it requires drop out of it. Those who have God's call to it defy its difficulties and reap their reward.

**Loan Library Work.** During the year ending March 31, 1900, the Society has sent out three hundred and eighteen loan libraries, of which one hundred and thirty-one were new, and one hundred and eighty-seven were refitted and reshipped. The total number of volumes in these libraries is 12,674, and of new volumes, 5,633, available during the year to 4,979 seamen. The whole number of new libraries sent out is 10,717, and the reshipments of the same, 12,672, making in the aggregate, 23,389. The number of volumes in these libra-
ries, 582,727, has been accessible by first shipment and reshipment, to 412,115 men. The number of libraries placed on United States naval vessels and in United States Hospitals up to date is 1,068, containing 39,006 volumes, and these have been accessible to 125,185 men. In the stations of the United States Life Saving Service are 160 libraries containing 6,250 volumes, accessible to 1,308 Keepers and Surfmen.

A FEW TESTIMONIES FROM THE YEAR 1899.

"All the men are anxious to get the books." "I consider the library a great blessing to seamen." "They are read freely." "The library furnishes topics for discussion on shipboard and also authorities for settling discussion." "The library is still in good condition." "We do not know how much good the books do." "I am ready to have it exchanged for a new one." "We consider them a grand collection of books." "I take great pleasure and so do some of the crews in reading them." "It is a fine library." "The crew always have free access to the books." "The reading of the books is looked forward to by us as a great treat." "Every vessel should have one." "I wish to thank the donors in behalf of myself and crew." "For over thirty years I have been supplied with good books from this Society." "I know that souls have been saved through the reading of them." "It has been read with entire satisfaction." "We heartily recommend them to others." "No doubt good reading matter often keeps men on board ship." "I always feel that I have a good friend when one comes on board." "They are always appreciated." "We consider it a good cause and thank the Society." "That the libraries do good I have no doubt as they keep the men's minds otherwise occupied than in concocting idle yarns and mischief." "Has been in good service." "Has given us all a great amount of good reading, for which we seamen are very grateful." "I would be pleased if you would send me a new library." "I take great pleasure in assuring you that the books have been read with much pleasure and profit." "May your good work go on." "I nearly missed getting my new one, but have it all right and am delighted with it." "Again I thank you for your valuable library." "No doubt many a man has been touched by some of the stories." "Please thank the donor for myself and crew for their kindness." "I must say it has been appreciated." "Many idle hours that would have been seemingly long have been made pleasant by reading your books." "It has been read by three crews with evident interest." "My family, officers and crew all enjoy the books." "Many thanks for your excellent books." "On looking over them we feel assured they will be very interesting and instructive." "You have no idea what a power of good these libraries do on shipboard." "I am satisfied that they prevent much sin and refine many of our sailors." "The only fault we could find is that there are not more of them." "We have been helped in various ways through reading them." "It has been found doing good amongst the crew."
Shipwrecked and Destitute. At the Society’s Rooms and at the Sailors’ Home there has been expended during the past year for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen, $903.82.

The usual procession of seamen needing temporary aid has passed through the office during the past fiscal year. Some are sick and are sent to hospitals; some, convalescent, come from hospitals, but are not strong enough for sea service yet. Some need to be sent home and their fare is paid to New Bedford, Bridgeport, Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Cleveland, one shipwrecked boy to Bermuda, one to Jamaica, and by the combined aid of generous men and this Society a Japanese sailor, after the amputation of a leg, was sent to his home in Japan. Shipwrecked men in the usual numbers were sent to the Sailors’ Home, where they got free board for a few days and received a new outfit of clothing. These were from the Escosesa, capsized in New York bay, from the General Whitney, which lost the captain and eleven men, from the Ida, from the Kanawha, which foundered at sea, all hands being rescued, from the John R. Kelley, from the S. S. Mayflower, from the Napoleon Boughton, the men of which were found on a life raft, from the Yale, whose crew suffered fearfully before they were rescued, from the Tacoma, the Annie R. Kemp, the W. Wallace Ward, the Ardanhu, the B. W. Morse, the Sarah E. Ward, the John H. Tingue, the Isaiah Hart, the Perokke.

These shipwrecked crews represent daring, endurance, exposure, pain, loss, patience. It was ours to give them new hope and put them in the way of making their own living.

Destitute seamen who needed time and help to get the evidence required to enable them to enter the Sailors’ Snug Harbor were cared for at the Sailors’ Home of this Society. Nearly every man thus aided passed the examination and entered the Harbor for the remainder of life.

Many of the men seeking redress for wrongs at the office of the Legal Aid Society (Seamen’s Branch), who had not the means to tide them over until redress was legally obtained, were aided by this Society. While details of these cases can-
not be given here, many of them were, next to those of ship-
wrecked men, the most interesting cases aided, satisfying not
merely the sentiment of compassion but also the sense of jus-
tice.

Publications. During the past year the Society has pub-
lished 56,600 copies of the Sailors' Magazine, 120,000 copies
of the Life Boat for Sunday Schools, and 10,000 copies of the
Seamen's Friend. It has printed 1,000 copies of its Seventy-
first Annual Report, and many tracts and leaflets bearing
on its work. It has sent out 524 copies of the Seamen's Manual
of Worship, which is now in its eighth edition.

U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. The twenty-sixth
annual presentation of books to the graduates of the Naval
Academy took place on Sunday, January 15, 1899. In a class
of fifty-three men, forty-four chose the Bible out of the volumes
submitted to them.

Special Grants. According to established custom, the
Society has responded favorably to applications for help from
auxiliary societies needing our assistance.

Life Members. Five persons have been made Life Mem-
bers during the past year.

Finances. During the year ending March 31, 1900, the
receipts from legacies aggregated $4,800.19; for loan libraries,
$2,451.58; from donations, Magazine subscriptions and other
sources of income, $14,737.07; total, $21,988.84. The disburse-
ments for missionary work, aid to shipwrecked and destitute
seamen, publications, loan libraries, and general expenses, &c.,
amounted to $32,740.29.

Acknowledgments. Thanks are offered to the American
Bible Society for generous grants of the Holy Scriptures; to
the American Tract Society, the Methodist Book Concern,
and other publishing houses in this and other cities, which
have furnished books for our libraries at reduced rates; to
Harper & Brothers and others who have loaned us cuts for our publications; and to Prof. Taylor Reed, of Princeton University, for a monthly statement of the position of the planets for the Sailors' Magazine. The leading hospitals of this city have gratuitously treated the sick seamen we have sent them. Various Railroad, Steamboat and Ocean Steamship Companies have kindly responded when asked to assist in transporting disabled seamen to their homes. The White Star Steamship Company and the International Navigation Company have appropriated to the Society a portion of the collections at the concerts given in the saloons of their ships, and a few collections have been sent by other steamship lines. It is desirable that other steamship lines should follow the example of the White Star and the International, and that passengers should contribute more largely at the concerts.

Obituary. James W. Elwell, born in Bath, Me., on August 20, 1820, died on September 2, 1899. He became trustee of this Society on May 8, 1865, and its president on May 11, 1896. He was officially connected with many business and philanthropic associations, and devoted much of his time and money to the service of the church and its charities.

CONCLUSION.

Movements in Congress and among the people to enlarge American commerce are commanding more and more attention. When the object aimed at is attained American sailors will be more in evidence than they are now.

When several nationalities are found even in the navies of the United States and Great Britain, it is not to be wondered at that many are blended in the crews of the merchant marine, and are swarming together in the Sailors' Homes and mission halls of the great ports, and in coasting as well as deep-sea vessels. More and more the seaman is the "man without a country," serving under any flag and sailing on every sea, and the main object of this Society is to induce him to "desire a better country, that is, a heavenly," and to make this citizen of the world a "fellow-citizen with the saints."
While this Society would rejoice in having a larger field of labor among purely American seamen, it cannot fail to realize that its providential call is to bless with gospel light and to befriend with philanthropic aid the seamen of every nation, especially as it finds them on many ships and in every port.

Let every reader of this report cause others to read it; let inquiry follow the reading of it; inquire at this Society’s office, at the missions it aids; read the Sailors’ Magazine, which contains in detail the facts condensed in this report; read the Life Boat, or Children’s Work for Seamen, devoted to the loan library work in Sunday Schools; acquire the interest which a knowledge of the work begets and it will not be lost. Manila and Honolulu call for aid in sustaining missions to seamen. Other ports both in the old world and new hold out appealing hands. The work needs a far larger annual income to keep it going. It has had seventy-two years of the divine blessing. Many of the trophies of grace won through its agency are preaching Christ, writing good books, or doing some good work in the world. Let it have a legacy in your will; an annual contribution during your life; the influence of your counsel and co-operation in every way; subscribe for the Sailors’ Magazine (one dollar per annum); give a loan library ($20 each), or get your Sunday School to give it and to receive in return fifty copies of the Life Boat per month for one year; make yourself a Life Member ($80) or a Life Director ($100); ask your pastor to present our cause to his congregation, whether a collection can be taken for it or not, and above all things keep seamen in the core of your sympathies and in the heart of your prayers.

It places loan libraries for seamen's use on American vessels leaving the port of New York. Up to April 1, 1900, 10,717 libraries have been sent to sea; 12,672 reshipments, or about two libraries for every working day for forty-two years.

It provides a Sailors' Home at 190 Cherry Street, New York, where seamen can board and be comparatively protected from vicious surroundings, and where shipwrecked and destitute sailors are cared for.

It publishes the Sailors' Magazine for the friends of seamen, the Life Boat for Sunday Schools that give $20 for a loan library, and the Seamen's Friend for seamen.

It distributes on vessels the publications of the American Bible Society and the American Tract Society.

Through its agents and efforts sailors are befriended, helped and blessed. The record of its work in all the years of its existence has cheered both the philanthropist and Christian.

Sample copies of the Sailors' Magazine (one dollar per annum) and copies of the Annual Report sent free to any address.

Churches are requested to take an annual collection for this work, and to send it to the Treasurer, at No. 76 Wall Street, New York. Publications containing facts for sermons will be sent to pastors on application. Annual contributions from individuals are solicited and legacies in wills.

The payment of Five Dollars makes an Annual Member.

The payment of Thirty Dollars at one time makes a Life Member.

The payment of One Hundred Dollars at one time makes a Life Director.

The Sailors' Magazine costs to subscribers one dollar per annum.

Upon application, the Sailors' Magazine will be sent free for one year to Life Directors, Life Members, and pastors of churches taking a yearly collection for the Society.
Also, upon application, it will be sent free for one year to any one giving Twenty Dollars for a loan library, or at least Twenty Dollars to the missionary work of the Society.

The Life Boat will be sent free (fifty copies monthly for one year) to Sunday Schools contributing Twenty Dollars for a loan library.

The Secretary is ready to preach in any church in behalf of this Society, to explain its work to the King's Daughters, to the Society of Christian Endeavor, to Monthly Concerts of Prayer, to Sunday Schools, to parlor meetings. Write to him at No. 76 Wall Street, New York.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

"I give and bequeath to The American Seamen's Friend Society, incorporated by the Legislature of New York, in the year 1833, the sum of $——, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of the said Society."

Three witnesses should certify at the end of the will, over their signatures, to the following formalities, which, in the execution of the will, should be strictly observed:

1st. That the testator subscribed (or acknowledged the subscription of) the will in their presence. 2nd. That he at the same time declared to them that it was his last will and testament. 3rd. That they, the witnesses, then and there, in his presence, and at his request, and in presence of each other, signed their names thereto as witnesses.
THE ANNUAL SERMON

PREACHED BY THE

REV. HOWARD AGNEW JOHNSTON, D.D.,

IN THE MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW YORK, MAY 6, 1900.

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.—Hebrew vi: 10.

Just two years ago this nation, suddenly, unexpectedly, leaped into the place of a great world power. The achievement which brought us this condition was the victory at Manila Bay. A few days later the West Indies witnessed another victory of our arms, and the world realized that the concert of Europe must reckon with the United States of America. Now the result which immediately followed was a widespread interest in our equipment as a naval power. Leagues of ocean had come into the track of our empire, and we must meet the problem of enlarged shipping facilities, enlarged naval outfit, enlarged instruments necessary for mastery in the realms of commerce and government. In the nature of things every institution which has for its object the welfare of the men who travel on the sea has come into a place of larger importance than it occupied before. All the problems which we have found confronting us involve the men who man our ships, our transports, our great battle-ships, and all the small craft of every sort. We have one of these institutions represented here to-day. The American Seamen's Friend Society has entered its seventy-second year of service in this sphere of helpfulness. The importance of its work is greater to-day than it has ever been. Any scheme which Christian people may encourage and help with the hope that it will tend to uplift this world of ours to the level of a Christian civilization must take into account the men who bind the ends of the earth together as they travel hither and thither, touching the ports of the world. For this purpose this Society is organized. It strives to help those men who are beyond the reach of the churches as such, by serving as an arm of the Church, throwing about them the helpful influences of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

The ultimate aim of this Society has suggested to me the text which I have chosen to-day. It is to guide every man whom it may
influence to that knowledge of Jesus Christ which will secure unto him that anchor of the soul, the hope of everlasting life through the atoning work of Christ, the Saviour. To this theme, therefore, I ask your attention. There is a mixing of figures in the two images combined in the passage, but none the less vivid is the eternal truth which shines in them with richness and beauty, like gems in the setting of a precious thought. In the first figure the soul is the ship, the world the sea, the eternal happiness of the redeemed the haven toward which the vessel is bound. Hope is the anchor of the ship, while the encouraging consolation, through the promise and confirmation of the living God, is the cable which holds the ship to the anchor. The second figure is drawn from the temple of Jerusalem, with its courts and holy sanctuary. This world is the fore-court, and heaven the holy of holies, whither Christ the High Priest has gone before us, that we may follow in that new and living way which He hath consecrated with His own blood, which entereth within the veil. The one touch of inspiration completes for us thus the necessary complement of anchor and anchorage. The one is the Christian hope, the other is the Christian's glorified Redeemer, at the right hand of the throne of God, ever living to make intercession for us.

This expression "the veil" should hold our attention for a moment. It indicates that which is hidden from the mortal eye, yet it also tells us of the very nearness of that which is unseen. The veil which separates the soul from the life beyond is the condition which marks our limitations in this body of flesh. How thin and frail is the partition of a veil! Though its tissue be fine, and its fabric delicate, the breezes waft it, the touch of a child may rend it, the silent action of time will moulder it away. So is it with this earthly habitation of our souls. Though wonderfully and fearfully made, it is wrought out of frail mortality. In a bound, in a twinkling of the eye, in the throb of a pulse, in the flash of a thought, we may pass into the immortal and eternal. Death is but the drawing aside of the veil. We step within and the places which once knew us know us no more. The splendors of the eternal world burst upon us; we peer into the mysteries which the mortal could not comprehend, and take our inevitable stand at the judgment bar of God. It is only a step between the two parts of the one life. It is only a veil between us and the eternal destiny of our immortal souls.

No thoughtful man can ponder such truth as this without raising
the question: "How is it faring with my soul?" The text is the Christian's answer to that question. It breathes a confidence concerning the future which arrests the attention. And the query naturally arises: "What is the explanation of such confidence as this in the human heart?" That explanation is found in the second figure in the text. The Christian's anchor takes on meaning in view of his anchorage. Now this means that the mere element of hope in the human heart is not enough for our salvation. The character of that hope, the object of that hope must be taken into account. It would be impossible to overrate the importance of the place of hope in human life. Every clime and country, every age of the world, every condition of society, every individual soul, has known the meaning of that precious presence. It cheers us alike in the morning and noon and closing hours of earth's day. It builds castles upon a promise, suggests a remedy for every evil, plans a way of escape for every danger, imagines a surcease for every sorrow. Hope gives strength to the weary, courage to the despondent, joy to the desolate, life to the dying, and upon the tombs of those whose departure we mourn it hangs the unfading garland of a blessed immortality. And so it is true that in varying degrees this blessed boon is universal property.

And yet the writer of this epistle evidently meant to claim that the Christian's hope possesses a peculiar quality which lifts it above the ordinary hopes common to all men. When the apostle Paul speaks of some men being "without hope and without God in the world," he evidently means to say theirs is not an abiding hope. And the teaching is clear that the reason the Christian's hope is of supreme value is because it anchors the soul in Jesus Christ, who hath brought life and immortality to light, who links the life of earth on to the life of heaven, and lifts the redeemed into the peace of God now and forevermore.

It is not my purpose at this time to argue the validity of this claim that Jesus Christ is the world's only Saviour. The text is not intended so much to be an argument, as it is meant to be a testimony. The writer is speaking out of an experience in which he has found Christ's salvation. The figure in the text involves the truth that this life is one fraught with storms and breakers. That was the situation among the people to whom this epistle was written. They were in the midst of persecution because of their faith, and their lives were marked by hardships and privations and disappointments. The
writer was seeking to help them to be strong in the midst of these conditions, and his words apply as aptly to us to-day. There come billows of sorrow and misfortune, breakers of disappointment and discontent, blasts of sin, winds of temptation, like the resistless sweep of a hurricane, like the scorching breath of a sirrocco from an arid desert, in whose path are the marks of desolation and death. And this text is a testimony which breathes the actual experience of souls that have found their hope in God through Jesus Christ to be a sufficient anchor to hold them through the fiercest storms, holding them in the night of sorrow until the break of day, holding them through a struggle against sin until the tempter has been conquered, holding them even when they forget their anchor in the stress of the tempest, until they realize in time that it was this that sustained them through it all. This is the actual experience of many a soul, and this one incontrovertible fact is worth a thousand theories.

And the text means to teach that some people have this hope in Christ while others do not. Have you never seen these two classes of people? For two years of my college days I was a member of the jail committee of the Y. M. C. A. in the city of Cincinnati, and I have sat beside the prisoner on his little iron bed, when his life has been clouded in the gloom of unmistakable despair. Remorse was biting back into his soul, and he grasped like a drowning man at a straw, crying for light in the darkness. He had no faith which laid hold on God in Jesus Christ, as the loving Father who will forgive the sins of penitent men, and not having that he was without hope and without God in the world. Moreover, the saddest fact about such a condition of life is that it may be too late to bring help to such a soul. And that fact leads me to emphasize the truth that the time to get your anchor is before the storm comes. I once stood beside the bed of a dying woman, who had suffered as few mortals are called upon to suffer, and she whispered to me out of her agony: "Tell the people to make sure of their faith in God before their time of trial comes." Ah, yes! After the storm is upon you there is no condition of heart or mind susceptible to the truth. There is a bitterness of heart which rebels at discipline. There is a nourishing of doubt which often makes prayer impossible to the soul that has not already learned to pray. The time to secure your anchor is before your storm comes.

For I have also seen those who have gone through the storm held by this blessed anchor of hope in God through Jesus Christ. I have never
seen one of them come through unscathed. No, not that; they have been maimed or wounded or bleeding; but I have seen them coming out of the hour of grief that benumbs the heart, sustained by a vision of glory; coming out of the hour of temptation and conscious sin with repentance, clinging to the promise of God for cleansing and finding peace; coming out of the hour of disappointment and learning to spell it with a capital H, and making it "His appointment." I have seen them coming with songs of deliverance upon their lips and with the joy of victory in their souls. And do you wonder that their hope in God grows brighter with the years? Do you wonder that as they prove its helpfulness, its comfort, its transforming power, they learn to fix their trust in God, and to say with the apostle, "We are saved by hope"? And do you wonder that they learn to build character not simply for time, but for the eternal years? The eye of faith sees a vision yonder within the veil, and as we learn to hope in Christ for daily help here and now, we learn to repeat those other words of Paul, "Christ in you is the hope of glory."

Oh, friends, have you made sure of this anchor of hope? I beg of you to see to it while it is yet a day of opportunity. Do not make the fatal mistake of waiting until the storm overtakes you. Is it not strange that so many will allow the years to slip by without giving earnest heed to this vital problem of the anchor for the soul? Would you go to sea on a ship which had no anchor? No, you would say that although it may ride the ocean as a thing of life, though it may carry its full quota of cargo, yet the day of storm will surely come, and there are breakers on every coast, and while for many days you might go on as well as any other ship, when the storm actually comes the end will be shipwreck. Yet thousands of men to-day are like so many ships without anchors, because they have never fixed their hope in Christ. Is it because you have never yet experienced a storm of such severity as to sober your thought and quicken your sense of need? Then be sure the day of testing will yet come, the tempest which will stir the troubled waters to such depths as you have never known. If not before, that hour will come when the shadow of death falls. And believe me, nothing but the redemption which is in Jesus Christ will be the sufficient anchor to your soul in that day. But that is sufficient, and that is for you, if you will take it at the hand of God. I beg of you to take Christ to-day, if you have never yet trusted Him as your Saviour, and give your life to Him as your Lord and Master.
You know that our great ships have a number of anchors, but the largest and best is the sheet anchor. Its strength combines that of all the rest. It sinks deeper than any other. It is the hope of the ship. Many ordinary duties will be performed by smaller anchors, but one day there comes a demand which nothing else can meet. The days of smooth sailing are gone. Threatening clouds begin to hover ominously on the horizon, and the low rumbling of distant thunder sends warning of the tempest. The laughing waves at first give no sign of danger, but ere long they are running high, and the great ship is tossed from trough to crest, like the foam which the furious sea is lashing about it, and the storm is on. Black night sweeps down and blots out sun and stars from the heavens, and the ship is driven at the mercy of the tempest. Anxious hearts long for the dawn, but with the first gray streaks upon the eastern sky there comes a sound more terrible than the pealing thunder. It is the roar of distant breakers toward which the ship is being driven. With painful heart-throbbings the soundings are made until the lengths of the cable chains are reached. The stream anchor is lowered, but snaps like thread. Little bow anchor, great bow are gone. One hope remains, and the command rings out, "Let go the sheet anchor!" Out it falls limp and listless. It strikes! The stiffening links stand out like a bar of steel! Will it hold? That is the one anxious thought. The mad waves leap up as in a seething caldron, the mighty timbers creak and groan in the fearful struggle: but the sheet anchor grips the eternal rock and holds sure and steadfast, and the ship is saved!

Oh, friends; did you see in that picture the struggle of a storm-tossed soul? No pencil or brush could reproduce the struggle of a storm-tossed soul as it approaches the breakers. But in that struggle there is one sure salvation. It is the sheet-anchor of hope that is fixed in Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages, the Saviour of the soul unto God.
LIFE MEMBERS
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Hetzel, Joseph L., M.D., - - - - - " "
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McLean, Allan, - - - - - " "

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RECEIPTS
OF THE
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,
From April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900,
FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES.

MAINE.
Bangor, Hammond Street Congregational Church, $10 00
Hampden, First Congregational Church and Sunday School, for a library, $20 48
Sunset, Ada D. Southworth, 10 00

$40 48

NEW HAMPSHIRE.
Francistown, balance of bequest of William Butterfield, late of Francistown, per George Kingsbury, executor, 70 00
Keene, Mrs. H. B. Eastman, A friend in First Church, 1 00
Littleton, Congregational Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, Congregational Church, 18 00
Nashua, Clarissa Hills, of which $30 for a library, to replace one given in 1886, 25 00
Portsmouth, Portsmouth Seamen's Friend Society, for a library, 50 00

$142 38

VERMONT.
Burlington, College Street Congregational Church, $10 25
Lower Cabot, Mrs. James P. Stone, 1 00
White River Junction, on account of bequest of R. C. A. Latham, late of White River Junction, per I. K. Hamilton, executor, 400 00

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MASSACHUSETTS.
Amesbury, Union Congregational Ch., Amherst, Miss E. L. Hardenburgh, for library work, $ 5 00
"Just a mite," from two friends, for work for the sailors, 2 00
Cambridge, William H. Hidden, Jr., for the Isabel D. McKee Library, 50 00
Dorchester, Mrs. Mary E. Crane, for the Isabel D. McKee Library, 20 00
Easthampton, Payson Congregational Church, 100 00
Groton, Mrs. Miles Spaulding, for a loan library in memory of the Stephen Stickney family, of Lunenburg, Mass., 15 97
Harwich Port, Mrs. Ellis Nickerson, 10 00
Montague, First Congregational Church, 5 00
Newburyport, Miss Elizabeth C. Frost, 11 00
Northboro, Evangelical Congregational Sunday School, 6 92
Portsmouth, Portsmouth Seamen's Friend Society, for a library, 20 00
Northfield, the children of Trinity Congregational Sabbath School, for a "Christmas Gift" library, 20 00
Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, for "Annual Christmas Gift" library, 20 00
Pittsfield, Pilgrim Memorial Sunday School, 3 23
Sheffield, Congregational Church, 2 76
Southampton, Congregational Sunday School, 14 51
Springfield, First Church of Christ, 10 84
Stockbridge, Mrs. E. B. Cone, 5 00
Templeton, Trinitarian Sunday School, for a library, 20 00
Trinitarian Congregational Church, a friend, 5 00
Webster, Ruth Slater, for loan library work, 1 00
Whitinsville, Congregational Church and Society, of which for libraries, Miss Annie L. Whitin, Arthur F. Whitin and Edward Whitin, each $30, 139 64
Worcester, legacy of Albert Curtis, late of Worcester, Mass., per E. B. Stoddard, executor, 2,700 00

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RHODE ISLAND.
Pawtucket, Congregational Church, 79 71
Providence, Central Congregational Church, 95 67

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CONNECTICUT.
Berlin, Second Congregational Church, 11 00
Bethel, First Congregational Church, 10 55
Black Rock, Miss Sarah J. Bartram, for a loan library in memory of Thomas W. Bartram, 20 00
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Bridge Hampton, Presbyterm Church, 17.50

Brooklyn, Church of Pilgrims, 100.88

First Presbyterian Church, 57.38

Central Congregational Church, 38.96

Rev. Dr. Theoc. L. Cuyler, for a loan library, 20.00

Sophy G. Parker, for a loan library in memory of her father, Dr. Isaac Brinckerhoff, 20.00

Rev. E. R. Atwater, 20.00

The Misses L. and E. H. Smith, to renew library No. 10,077, 20.00

Clinton Avenue Congregational Sunday School, for a loan library, 20.00

S. W. Burns, for a loan library in name of Mrs. Abraham L. Lewis, 20.00

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AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

E. C. Benedict, Woods Memorial Chapel, balance for a loan library, 10 00
William H. Webb, 10 00
Leather Whitman & Co., 10 00
Samuel R. Betts, 10 00
Abiel Abbott, 10 00
Dr. Benjamin Lord, 10 00
Sandy Hook Club, 10 00
Samuel Wilde's Sons, 10 00
George Murray, A member of the American Seamen's Friend Society, 5 00
From a friend, thank offering, 5 00
Walter T. Miller, 5 00
Frederick L. King, 5 00
Rev. Albert B. King, 5 00
Mrs. Augusta B. Storer, 5 00
Mrs. E. A. Bulkley, 5 00
Charles C. Hammond, 5 00
Capt. Johnson Spicer, of the ship Geo T. Hay, for loan library work, 5 00
Capt. Robert S. Goodwin and crew, of bark Jas. W. Ethelwell, 2 12
Capt. J. O. Hayes, of bark Olieer Thurlow, 2 00
Capt. Kemp, of barkentine White Wings, 2 00
Capt. E. J. Fritz, of ship Troop, for loan library work, 2 00
A friend, 2 00
Capt. L. A. Card, of barkentine Trinidad, for loan library work, 1 00
Capt. Kendall, of schooner Annie Lord, for loan library work, 1 00
A captain, for loan library work, 1 00
Capt. Geo. T. Watt, master of brig Afrato, for loan library work, 1 00
Capt. G. N. Perry of brig L. G. Crosby, for loan library work, 1 00
New Rochelle, Sunday School of First Presbyterian Church, for a loan library, 20 00
New Village, First Congregational Church, Nyack, Dr. G. F. Blauvelt, 10 00
Peakskill, First Presbyterian Church Sunday School, of which for a loan library $35, 10 00
Pittsburgh, Margaret D. Edwards, 5 00
Poughkeepsie, Reformed Church, of which Henry L. Young, $50, 5 00
Friends in Poughkeepsie, 5 00
A captain, for loan library work, 1 00
Capt. E. J. Fritz, of ship Troop, for loan library work, 1 00
A member of the American Seamen's Friend Society, of which for a loan library $75, 5 00
South Orange, a friend, for the Susan Titus Memorial Library, in memory of her mother, 20 00
Southampton, received from estate of Pyrmus Coulter, late of Southampton, N. Y., per Henry H. Hildreth, executor, 384 18
First Presbyterian Church, in memory of Miss Jane R. White, from her sister, 73 40
Tarrytown, Mrs. Elbert B. Monroe, $75 as a contribution for the navy work, $90 for three libraries, to be called the Frederick Marquand Monroe Libraries, and $45 for the Christian Endeavor Home for Seamen at Nagasaki, Japan, $90 of which is a special donation to be used for easy chairs and for games, 185 00
Mrs. H. F. Lombard, 25 00
Troy, First Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, for loan libraries, 40 00
Rev. Arthur H. Allen, 2 00
Utica, bequest of Caroline E. Rackus, late of Utica, N. Y., per C. A. Talcott, executor, 246 00
Mrs. E. Hurbut, 1 00
Valley Cottage, a friend, 1 00

NEW JERSEY.

Blairstown, William H. Vail, for a loan library, 25 00
Mrs. C. E. Vail, for a loan library, 20 00
First Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, 18 00
East Orange, Munn Avenue Presbyterian Church Sunday School, for a loan library, 29 00
Englewood, Englewood Presbyterian Church, 125 88
Franklin Park, Reformed Church of Six Mile Run, 11 14
Louise Cottrelly, 2 00
Jersey City, Caroline L. Ames, 4 00
Madison, First Presbyterian Church, 83 28
J. R., 1 00
Metcouch, Rev. Dr. John H. Raven, 20 00
Reformed Church, 1 10
Morristown, South Street Presbyterian Church, of which the Children's Missionary Society, $20 for a loan library, and $7.83 as a special offering, 100 71
Newark, First Presbyterian Church, 225 25
Third Presbyterian Church, 64 71
Second Presbyterian Church, 50 00
Bruce Street Chapel, Morning Sunday School, for a loan library, 20 00
William Bankin, 10 00
Charles G. Rockwood, 10 00
Newfield, a friend, 1 00
Palmyra, L. B. Birdenden, 1 00
Plainfield, for a loan library in memory of Joseph M. Myers, 20 00
Mrs. Mary Louise Mead, to refit library No. 9,935, 12 00
Miss L. Boorman, 2 00
Mrs. C. F. Pond, 5 00
Princeton, Miss Janetta Alexander, for loan libraries, and to revive library No. 8,723, 100 00
Prof. George Macolziek, 2 00
South Orange, George H. Brown, 20 00
Stanley, Mrs. Sarah C. Cornwell, 1 00
Stewartville, Henry Hulbiner, 3 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Bridgewater, Lizzie Maior and John Lutz, as a gift, 2 00
Chambersburg, Mrs. T. B. Kennedy, 18 00
Hazelton, Mrs. Bessie P. Van Wickie, 100 00
Mrs. Anne Pardee Allison, 5 00
Montrose, Mrs. H. A. Riley, 2 00
Philadelphia, Thomas MacKellar, 10 00
Wellsville, I. Harrison, 25 00

$115 00
ANNUAL RECEIPTS.

DELAWARE.
New Castle, Miss Hetty Smith, for a loan library in memory of Samuel M. Couper, with the text "For so He giveth His beloved sleep," and for a library in memory of Mary Couper Smith, with the text "Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life," and to revive loan library No. 10,682 given in memory of Mary Couper Smith, 60 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
Washington, Annie B. M. Craig, for a loan library in memory of David W. and Jane O. Mahon, with the text "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him," 20 00

FLORIDA.
Pensacola, Henry C. Cushman, 1 00

OHIO.
Dayton, First Presbyterian Church Sunday School, 12 00
Ellsworth, Mrs. B. W. Allen, 14 00

MINNESOTA
Northfield, Mrs. Mary Stegner, 4 00

WASHINGTON.
Seattle, Seamen's Mission of Seattle, received through Rev. Thos. Rees, 23 15

CALIFORNIA.
San Francisco, contribution from the crew of the ship I. F. Chapman, for loan library work, received through Capt. C. O. Carter, master, 8 25

SCOTLAND.
Gourock, M. M. Nisbet, 9s. 6d., 2 31

RECAPITULATION,

MAINE, - - - - 16 48
NEW HAMPSHIRE, - - - 142 38
VERMONT, - - - 411 32
MASSACHUSETTS, - - - 3,133 27
RHODE ISLAND, - - - 175 38
CONNECTICUT, - - - 1,718 29
NEW YORK, - - - 5,029 69
NEW JERSEY, - - - 973 02
PENNSYLVANIA, - - - 158 00
DELAWARE, - - - 60 00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, - - 20 00
FLORIDA, - - - 1 00
OHIO, - - - 24 00
MINNESOTA, - - - 4 00
WASHINGTON, - - - 23 15
CALIFORNIA, - - - 8 25
SCOTLAND, - - - 2 31

$14,919 54
## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

### PAYMENTS.

1900.  
March 31st, To FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>&quot; MISSIONS' EXPENSES</td>
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<td>&quot; Aid to shipwrecked and destitute seamen</td>
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<td><strong>Publication Department.</strong></td>
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<td>Books, cases and expenses of Loan Library Work</td>
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<td>&quot; Office expenses, rent, salaries, etc</td>
<td>5,479 93</td>
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<td>&quot; Sailors' Home, repairs, refurnishing, etc</td>
<td>1,598 39</td>
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<td>&quot; Books for the Annapolis Naval Academy graduates</td>
<td>142 40</td>
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<td>&quot; Sundry changes of investments and advances accounts.</td>
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<td>&quot; Balance of cash in treasury to new account</td>
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<td><strong>$39,959 35</strong></td>
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W. HALL ROPES,  
Auditor.

### RECEIPTS.

1900.  
March 31st, Cash balance from previous account brought forward...$17,970 51

1900.  
March 31st, Receipts of twelve months to date from legacies, donations, and contributions for Loan Libraries...14,919 54

S. J. Sherman legacy, transferred to Loan Library account................................. 246 65

Magazine subscriptions and other sources of income... 5,272 65

Rent of Sailors' Home................................................................. 550 00

**Total Receipts**................................................................................. **$38,993 35**

1900.  
March 31st, By balance to new account..................................................... $2,228 95

New York, March 31, 1900.  
WM. C. STURGES, Treasurer.
THE 36 PORTS
AT WHICH ARE
MISSIONS TO SEAMEN,
AIDED BY THE
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,
78 WALL ST., NEW YORK.
American Seamen's Friend Society.

Organized, May, 1828—Incorporated, April, 1833.

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. The payment to the Society of thirty dollars designated for the purpose shall entitle a person to be a life member, and the like payment of one hundred dollars so designated shall entitle a person to be a life director. 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 convened. 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 at no time be of one denomination. Said Board shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur therein; to appoint from their own number a President, a Treasurer, and other officers, as the interest of the Society may require. They shall furthermore appoint such Standing Committees as they shall deem needful to mature business for execution by the Board. Absence without excuse, by any Trustee, from the regular meetings of the Board for six successive months shall be held equivalent to his resignation.

ART. V.—The Board shall have power to appoint their own meetings, form their rules of business, and, when necessary, convene the Society; they shall have the disposal of its funds, take such security of the Treasurer as they shall think proper, employ such means for accomplishing the object of the Society as in their judgment its exigencies may require, keeping regular minutes of their proceedings.

ART. VI.—Any Society whose object is the welfare of seamen may become auxiliary to this Society 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 Society 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, a new Board constituted according to the provisions of the 4th Article and honorary vice-presidents elected.

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, 1833.

76 Wall Street, New York, N. Y., U. S. A.

CHARLES A. STODDARD, D.D., President.

WM. E. STIGER, Vice-President.

W. C. STITT, D. D., Secretary.

WILLIAM C. STURGES, Treasurer.

CHAPLAINS AND MISSIONARIES
IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOCIETY,

IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES,

DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1900.

New Haven, Conn.—Rev. J. O. Bergh.
New York City.—Capt. Wm. Dollar.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Norfolk, Va.—Rev. J. B. Merritt.
Wilmington, N. C.—Rev. M. A. Barber.
New Orleans, La.—James Sheppard.

SWeden, Helsingborg.—K. I. Berg.
" Sundsvall.—Rev. E. Eriksson.
" Stockholm.—J. T. Hedstrom.
" Gothenborg.—Christian Nielsen.
DENMARK, Copenhagen.—Rev. A. Wollesen.
GERMANY, Hamburg.—British and American Sailor's Institute.—H. M. Sharpe.
BELGIUM, Anwerp.—Rev. J. Adams.
ITALY, Genova.—Rev. D. Miller.
" " Capt. P. H. Cloes.
" " Herr E. Bufe.
" Naples.—Rev. T. Johnstone Irving.
George Bell.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—H. C. Cushman.
Savannah, Ga.—H. Iverson.
Texas, Galveston.—Rev. J. F. Sarner.
Mobile, Ala.—Rev. R. A. Mickle.
Portland, Ore.—W. S. Fletcher.
Anchorage, Ore.—Rev. J. McCormae.
Tacoma, W. —Rev. R. S. Stubbs.

DOMESTIC STATIONS, 17; LABORERS, 17.

FOREIGN STATIONS, 19; LABORERS, 22.

HOMES FOR SEAMEN.

Sailors' Homes are encouraged by the Society in seaports. By their moral and religious atmosphere they are often 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, BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS FOR SHIPS.

Twenty Dollars contributed by any individual or Sabbath School will send a Library to sea in the name of the donor.

Bibles and Testaments in various languages may be had at the Depository of the New York Bible Society, Room No. 66, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City, or from the chaplains of this Society.