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The Seventy-sixth Anniversary.

The Annual Sermon was preached on May 8 by the Rev. Donald Sage McKay, D.D., in the Collegiate Church, 48th Street and Fifth Avenue.

The Annual Business Meeting was held in the Society’s Rooms, 76 Wall Street, the Rev. Chas. A. Stoddard, D.D., President, in the chair. The usual business was transacted, election of officers and Honorary Vice-President, and a vote of thanks given to Dr. McKay.

The Annual meeting of a public character was not held this year and will be abandoned until a new Home or Institute is built, where a suitable meeting can be held.
Denominational missions, home and foreign, exclude seamen in the main from their plans, partly because to interdenominational societies in the main has been entrusted the evangelizing of the men of the sea. This exclusion from their plans excludes them from their reports, and the result of this second exclusion is that multitudes of Christian people remain ignorant of the work among seamen. At the beginning of that work it was obvious that it would be difficult if not impossible to get these wandering birds into an ecclesiastical nest, for they are mainly on the wing. The missions in which they are brought to Christ often urge them to unite with the church of their choice, but they like their spiritual birthplace and are not likely to quit attendance on its services until they quit the sea. Even when a Mariners' Church, affiliated with some denomination, is dedicated to their use, they have little consciousness of the affiliation, and do not easily catch the Church idea. Undoubtedly Christian seamen lose much in failing to use the sacraments and ordinances of the Church, but the failure is largely due to their short stay ashore and to their love for the familiar but stimulating services of the mission, where they count for much as witnesses of the transforming grace of God, their testimony being often used by the same grace to bring shipmates to repentance.

As the Churches multiply their own boards and agencies, a disposition arises to fence in their charities to the denominational needs, leaving the interdenominational societies to uncovenanted money and to individual gifts, so that their efforts to be entered on the list of Church benevolences seem to be intrusive efforts to get a share of what has already been assigned to other objects. Here is the occasion of loss to this Society's treasury, a loss increasing from year to year; putting whole denominations out of touch with it, and allowing the
gifts of but a few of the Churches in denominations which do not entirely ignore it.

The Churches themselves suffer a loss too in losing the uplift and stimulus that come from the knowledge of the spiritual results that attend work among seamen. If it were their own work even by the agency of this Society, because their gifts and prayers were in it, they would seek information as to its details and this would inflame their zeal as Churches and refresh the spirits of all their members. If, however, the Church of Christ, who made fishermen apostles and evangelists, will not come down to the seaside for work among millions of seamen to whom the Church and the world are debtors, this Society can but thank God for what the Church has done in the past, and turn to individual Christians and philanthropists for help and sympathy.

Seventy-six years of world-wide work through picked men, picked first by the Holy Spirit, is the record of this Society; during which long period multitudes of seamen have entered the Christian life, many of whom have become eminent as missionaries to sailors, "fishers of men," writers of good hymns and books. It is a signal proof of the rescued sailor's estimate of his shipmate's real need and of its true supply, that he should seek after his own conversion to be the means of bringing him to Christ.

Such is the environment of seamen that it is inevitable that philanthropic work should blend with spiritual, and that the loan library work and aid to shipwrecked and destitute should follow the Gospel.

Give the means! Christian Churches, benevolent men and women, in watching for openings of need, pray for, think of, care for the tempted, lonely, neglected men of the sea, who suffer much for you!

In reading the condensed reports that follow, the reader will please remember that little reference is made to matters that are matters of course in seamen's missions; namely, the weary tramps of the missionaries to vessels in docks, and the more weary rowing to vessels in the stream (few have launches); the
earnest temperance work that must be done; the frequent socials and concerts, requiring much care and time; the gathering and distribution of endless packages of reading matter and of comfort bags; search for missing sailors, whose kindred write for news of them; the endeavor to get them a chance to ship or to secure free passes or cheap rates to their homes; the correspondence with them and for them; the collection of money for the local support of the mission (a burden they ought not to bear, but are often compelled to); the temporary care of sailors' wages; the preparation of Christmas festivals, involving much personal work; the numerous reports to the local press in order to awaken local interest; the reports and addresses to local Societies, Woman's Auxiliaries, and churches; the time and labor spent in securing seamen's rights in magistrates' courts, or in befriending them when robbed and assaulted by crimps and runners; the securing of hospital privileges to the sick and the burial of the dead. It is proposed to focus attention mainly on the religious work of chaplains, and to give mere suggestions of that, with the reminder to readers that there is no assignable limit to their work, that, like a woman's work, "it is never done."
THE FOREIGN FIELD.

**Denmark.** Copenhagen. The Rev. A. Wollesen has multitudes of sailors frequenting his meetings and reading rooms, and a blessed work of evangelism is carried on throughout the year. A sea captain turned up recently and told of his conversion through the words spoken by Mr. Wollesen twenty-one years previously. Casting bread upon the waters and taking it up after many days is common in seamen's work, and the Scandinavian missionaries have to labor hard and others enter into the fruitage of their toil. Letters are often sent back from seamen in various parts of the world expressing gratitude for the time spent with the missionaries and the prayers offered in their behalf. Mr. Wollesen has entered on his twenty-sixth year of labor in connection with the American Seamen's Friend Society.

**Sweden.** Helsingborg. Mr. K. I. Berg has been traveling and preaching on the way. The itineracy covered the coast of south and south-west Sweden. Here is the amount of work done for one quarter: Boarded 355 ships, visited the hospital 26 times, boarding houses, 145; Testaments distributed, 120, tracts, 3,500. And so it continues, year after year, continual plodding, patient well-doing.

Stockholm. Mr. J. T. Hedstrom reports that their work is changing year by year. The sailing vessel is giving way to the steamer, consequently the method of work is changed. "I commence work at eight o'clock in the morning, and at that time I see not only the sailors but also the captains and get the chance to tell them of Christ's love. In the forecastle I give a short, practical sermon, and I do not forget the mates and the engineers [wise man]. The dinner time is a good time for Gospel work, and even after six o'clock." The Swedish brethren are wise in winning the heart. Great emphasis is always placed by them on the salvation of the sailor. A chief engineer sought Mr. Hedstrom's advice in spiritual matters and was pointed to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. An
old Irishman in the reading room was approached by the missionary. An interesting talk on religion followed and the good wife of Mr. Hedstrom found an entrance into the man's heart by the aid of a cup of good coffee. Sailors from all parts of the world drift into the Gospel net at Stockholm.

Gothenburg. Mr. C. Nielsen at this place, famous in the temperance world, has attempted and solved the problem of dealing with the sailor tramp, or parasite, who preys on the sympathies of Christian men and women. The sailor tramp is an injury to mission work, to the young sailor, and to a good reading room. And in an ice-bound port like Gothenburg they literally swarm. The remedy was the old remedy of work; no work, no aid. A wood yard and a workshop provided the field; the honest sailor would work, and the tramp would move on. The experiment was a brilliant success. In sailor conventions, "What to do with the sailor tramp" is always under discussion. Mr. Nielsen has solved the problem.

Germany. Hamburg. Mr. H. M. Sharpe, the chaplain, on account of his wife's health was compelled to resign, and after very careful consideration of the qualifications of the many applicants for the post of port missionary, it was finally decided to offer the position to Mr. George Speedie, who had been engaged in very similar work at Helmsdale, Scotland. He accepted the appointment and arrived in Hamburg last July. Mr. Speedie is putting energy and enthusiasm into his new work and is ably seconded by his wife. Hamburg is a growing, needy port, and a growing, live chaplain will meet and cope with its needs.

Belgium. Antwerp. The Rev. J. Adams reports: "As in former years, so now, gratitude and thanksgiving must be placed in the forefront. For twelve years I have been enabled to labor continuously. Those labors have been highly encouraging and greatly blessed, and never more so than during the year 1903. First in importance comes the religious branch of our work. I cannot say that there have been any striking re-
suits in this. At the same time we have the satisfaction of knowing that there has been no falling off in the attendance at our Sunday services, in the interest taken in them, nor in the testimonies of benefit received. I may call attention to two, if secondary, yet gratifying facts. The amount of the Sunday collections has increased nearly 400 Frs. over the preceding year. Then our statistics show that during the last six months of the year we had at our services attendants from 660 ships. Probably 1,500 British vessels entered the port in that time, but fully 600 of them would not be in port on Sunday. Thus our figures reveal a gratifying response from the remainder, and as we are only one out of the Seamen’s Institutes in Antwerp, there is evidence that a good number of those who go down to the sea in ships value divine service and are ready at least to listen to the Word of Life. This fact must be encouraging to those who of their good will support Mariners' Churches and Institutes, and our own in particular, and testify that the men appreciate and use the provision made for them.

Italy. Genoa. Our veteran representative, the Rev. Donald Miller, D.D., was congratulated by the Board on the completion of his thirty-fifth year of service in connection with the American Seamen’s Friend Society. His reply to the Society’s congratulations was dictated from his bed in the Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh, where he underwent a serious operation. High hopes are entertained for his recovery. To show the spirit of our honored representative we append the following appeal he made from his sick bed to his friends in Scotland:

Lying in an Edinburgh hospital, my thoughts during the past weeks have been constantly turning to Genoa and to the work which the Lord has permitted me to carry on there during the last thirty-five years. And now that, in His good providence, I have the prospect of soon returning to my post, I wish before leaving Scotland to make an appeal on behalf of one of the branches of my work, namely, the Harbor Mission.

From small beginnings this mission has had a considerable development, and since the opening of the Sailors’ Rest the annual attendances have ranged from 18,000 to 18,000. The yearly outlay is about £500, including expenses of Rest and steam launch, with salaries of two missionaries (British and Scandinavian), a care-
taker and an engineer. Where does that money come from? Not from the United Free Church of Scotland. A few of my personal friends who are members of our Church contribute towards that annual outlay; but the Church, as a Church, gives nothing. But for the help that comes from outside the United Free Church, the Genoa Harbor Mission would not be what it is. Hitherto, thank God, notwithstanding difficulties I have been enabled to procure what was needed to carry on and develop the work.

But there is one source of revenue which, for the greater usefulness of the mission, it will be necessary to abandon. One of the missionary's duties is to place collecting cards on board the ships and solicit subscriptions from the sailors. The result is that many refuse to come to our Rest because they are either unable or unwilling to contribute. Now, if we are to reach these men we must remove this money obstacle. How is that to be done without crippling the mission funds? It has been decided to do it, if possible, by raising a partial endowment. A sum of £5,000 would yield enough to enable us to abstain from asking money from the sailors. A legacy of £500 received from the late Miss Carnegy's estate has provided the nucleus of this endowment fund. And I now appeal to the members of the United Free Church to complete the sum. Can it be said that they have done their duty to sailors? And if not, would this not be a fitting opportunity for them to begin? It is, of course, very desirable that this partial endowment fund should be completed as soon as possible. I am now trying to find a suitable successor to Captain Clucas, who has been with me in this mission for twenty years. And ere long the congregation at Genoa will have to look out for my successor. If, unhappily, it should not be till his day that the amount required is to be realized, may I suggest to those who, though willing, find it difficult to give any considerable sum now, that they might follow the example of the late Miss Carnegy and remember the Genoa Harbor Mission in their wills? How seldom are missions to seamen remembered by God's people when disposing of the means He has given them to enjoy. Would this be so if they realized more fully and more habitually the deep interest Christ took in the men of the sea?

NAPLES. Rev. T. Johnstone Irving. The following are the statistics from the journal kept at the Bethel and also a few extracts from the log of the Sky Pilot:

Meetings held in Bethel, 144, on board ships, 24; visits to ships, 1,500, to hospital, 180; tracts, magazines and books distributed, about 12,000, Bibles, Testaments and Gospel portions, 56; temperance pledges taken, 12; attendance at meetings, 3,000; letters received and posted for sailors, 900.

June 1. Had a good gathering at morning service on board steamer. The people were most attentive. In the evening a number of the passengers came to the Bethel, as also the officers, engineers and sailors from the steamship Joseph Davis.

June 3. Gospel meeting at Bethel in the evening. The sailors who were at the Sunday service came again to-night.

June 8. Preached at Wesleyan Church this morning. In the afternoon visited
on board H. M. S. *Diana,* had a talk with a number of the men and told them about our Bethel. Had service as usual in the evening.

June 15. Meeting this morning on board Orient steamer. Afternoon visited on board the cargo vessels. In the evening had a large gathering of officers, engineers and sailors, also a number of passengers, who listened to an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Irving.

June 16. Visiting. Received a collection for Bethel funds from the captain, officers and crew of one of the steamers.

June 17. Visiting at harbor. We had many a talk concerning Christ and the great salvation. One was with an officer. I am trying to realize the fact that many of the sailors with whom I come in contact here meet their death by drowning. May my one great aim be to win the seamen to Christ.

June 22. Two Austrian sailors came to service this evening.

June 29. Meeting on board steamer this morning. Evening service at Bethel. One of the passengers expressed his gratitude and gave me £1 to help on the work.

**Madeira.** Funchal. Rev. W. G. Smart. Over fifteen hundred vessels call at Funchal harbor every year, most of them merchant vessels in to refill their coal bunkers. During their short stay in the harbor the ships are visited and services held. A delightful thing, especially for the tramp steamers, those birds of passage always on the wing. War ships and training vessels of different nationalities call there. Recently eight great war ships of the English navy were in for a day and over 1,800 men visited the Home, and the missionary ladies had their hands full catering to the varied wants of the English blue jackets. Last year improvements to the amount of $525 were carried out. This has given a good bath room, furnished eight bed rooms, a counter where refreshments are served, and in many ways added to the comfort and usefulness of the Rest.

**India.** Bombay. Mr. F. E. Havens, who succeeded Mr. Wood, is a native of New York State and during the year and a half of his superintendency of the Seamen’s Rest has been energetic in furthering new plans for this important port. An officers’ room and accommodation for some lodgers were among his plans. These and all his other plans were dashed to pieces by the failure of a local bank. The shattering of plans was only momentary, for with true Yankee grit he set about gathering
more money, and by next annual report we expect his money will be raised and his castles in the air will have become substantial houses with foundations in the earth and turrets looking up to God. The Sailors' Magazine he finds of great use in his work. Sailors and subscribers both like the Magazine.

KARACHI. The Rev. T. E. F. Morton, in charge of the Seamen's Rest, has been in deep waters for lack of a proper Seamen's Rest, and now the government is busy reclaiming ground for the new building which it is estimated will cost 27,000 rupees. Necessarily the work of reclaiming the land is slow, and meanwhile a tent has been brought into use, giving opportunities for Gospel and social services. It is refreshing to read of the large number of captains and officers, splendid Christian men, frequenting or helping seamen's work. Like priest like people, is the Scriptural text, and like captain like crew is as true as the Scriptures. Purity work has been carried on successfully along with tract distribution in Urdu, Greek, Austrian, German, Swedish and Norwegian.

JAPAN. YOKOHAMA. On the 4th of March, 1904, the Rev. W. T. Austen celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his appointment as chaplain of the American Seamen's Friend Society. It was a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving to the heavenly Father for all His mercies.

In the latter part of 1903 the number of war ships in the bay was unusually large and religious services were conducted on many of the ships, among them the Oregon, Wisconsin, New Orleans, besides five on the Raleigh. Parties of liberty men were organized for trips into the interior, a form of practical Christianity worthy of imitation by other chaplains. A party of 100 or 150 sailors, orderly and sober, conducted into the interior of the country goes a long way to recommend the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lieutenant Commander Craven told Chaplain Austen that nothing in his naval experience had been so productive of good to the ship's crew, and the British
Admiral called to thank Mr. and Mrs. Austen for their kindly interest in the men.

A new departure was started during the last year. On September 1 a building was rented and opened as a Japanese Seamen's Institute under the care of Mr. Kanaiwa, Mr. Austen's Japanese Scripture Reader. It is to be hoped that Mr. Austen may be long spared to Japan and his noble work.

Nagasaki and Kobe. The work in both of these important ports is in a transition stage. The war, want of the proper manager, (managers are not so easily obtained in the far East), and other things have militated against their continuance and usefulness. However, they will not be abandoned, but efforts are being put forth to get them into thorough working order again under new management and better working conditions.

Chili. Valparaiso. The Rev. Frank Thompson has completed twenty years' service in this port and the following is a resumé and history of his work there:

This year closes a period of twenty years' service in this port as your chaplain to seamen. A brief retrospect will be instructive and encouraging.

During the past twenty years, from December, 1883, to December, 1903, we have had 18,174 vessels enter this port, a large majority of which were ocean-going steamers. Allowing the low average of 25 men to each vessel, both sail and steam, we have the enormous number of 454,350 men.

This vast army of sea-going men and boys have been brought into more or less close touch with this mission, by receiving the printed invitations to attend its public services, by meeting personally with its chaplain on his regular visits to their ships, by receiving from his hands tracts and other valuable reading, and exchanging with him words of greeting and welcome.

Thousands of these men have attended the preaching of the Gospel both on board the Floating Bethel Hopeful or in their own ships. Many of them have met him at their bedside in the hospital, and some in the prison cell, and not a few have been laid in their grave with every attention that Christian sympathy and Christian courtesy could suggest.

Twenty years ago this mission had no permanent place of worship or regularly established service. There was an organized society with a board of directors, that was all. There was no seamen's chaplain. Services were held on board ship, whenever they could be provided for, by the late Rev. D. Trumbull, D. D., pastor of the Union Church.

During the first five years of my service, from 1883 to 1888, regular services were
held on board ship, transferring from vessel to vessel, as circumstances required. During this period the money was gathered for the purchase of an iron vessel, The Hopeful, which was fitted up as a floating church, and which for the twelve subsequent years furnished us with a most convenient church home, and became a center of religious and social work in our bay. The Hopeful was said to be, by ship-masters and others the best adapted and best equipped Bethel afloat. She was lost in a terrific gale in 1899.

The funds necessary for the purchase of the vessel and carrying on the work of the mission were drawn from several sources. First and mainly from the American Seamen's Friend Society of New York, whose directors founded the mission in 1846 through their then agent, the late Rev. D. Trumbull, D.D., since which time their successors in office have never failed to respond to its appeal for help. The commercial houses of this city come next to the American Seamen's Friend Society in financial support of the mission. The managing directors of these houses have always been warm sympathisers with its work and liberal supporters of its funds. Up to the loss of The Hopeful in the year 1899, the shipping stood third on the list of supporters and liberal givers to the mission. Then comes the Union Church of this city and the British and Foreign Seamen's Society of London, in the order named.

Among the Christian public who take a special interest in the spiritual welfare of seamen and their missions there is more or less wide-spread misunderstanding in regard to the founding and support of this mission, and which in part may be accounted for from the fact that its founder, the late Rev. D. Trumbull, D.D., was also the founder and pastor of Union Church. We have reason to think that the prevalent idea is that the seamen's mission of this port is the offspring of the activities of Union Church, and that its financial support comes from the same source. The reverse of this, however, represents the fact. The seamen's mission antedates the founding of Union Church by a considerable period of time. A religious society may have been more or less distinctly existing since 1847, but Union Church was incorporated in law in the year 1877.

The American Seamen's Friend Society contributed one thousand dollars United States gold toward the building of the first church edifice for Union Church Society, and in the meantime has continued its support toward the mission since 1846 up to the present hour.

Not only is this mission the offspring of the fostering care of the American Seamen's Friend Society, but Union Church itself is in a large measure indebted to this Society for its existence, and it is only justice to the same Society, its board of directors and officers, as well as the Christian public at large, that the facts should be known and understood.

Argentina Republic. Buenos Ayres. Rev. J. W. Fleming. During the year the religious work of the Home has had a most prominent place. All vessels arriving in port have been visited, and the sailors made acquainted with the advan-
tages of the Home, its aims and work. Seamen in this way are made aware of the privileges which it offers and the services that are conducted. Good and abundant reading matter has been distributed to all outgoing vessels, and to the men individually articles of clothing, magazines, fruit, flowers, etc., have been given, things small in themselves, but which go a long way to brighten the lot of the toilers of the deep. A picnic to the sailors in port was organized on last New Year’s Day, the cost of which was defrayed by special contributions from those interested in the work among seamen. We remember when Buenos Ayres was the most notoriously wicked port as well as the most neglected port in South America. Our gratitude is profound that such a beacon of light is planted and shining in the darkness.

Divine service has been held in the Home three times every week. During the year 159 services have been held at which the average attendance at regular services has been 41, and at special services 90. Many local clergymen and laymen have given their assistance in holding services at which there has been an excellent attendance both on Sundays and on week days. These services have been conducted by the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of the Falkland Islands, Reverends H. B. George, P. R. Turner, H. J. Gully, J. T. Stevenson, E. A. Tichborne and T. Plant, A. T. Hill, R. S. Masterton, Dr. McLaughlin, R. F. Elder, G. Smith, A. W. Brown, A. M. Milne and J. W. Fleming, Messrs. H. F. Haycock, A. Penrose, Monteith Drysdale, B. A. Shuman, W. Lowson. The Sunday evening meeting continues to show a good attendance; this has been conducted by the manager of the Home. In this phase of the work Mr. J. Stewart has been a valuable helper, especially as he has been able to conduct a series of meetings.

Rosario. Mr. E. Hallberg is manager of the Sailors’ Home and missionary for seamen.

Uruguay. Montevideo. The Rev. Geo. P. Howard, the minister of the Methodist Church, has acted on our behalf in
ministering to the physical, moral and spiritual interests of seamen in Montevideo. A change will now take place, as Mr. Howard has been promoted to the ruling eldership. Mr. Howard is known to us personally. His character and work have made a permanent impression in Montevideo, and we devoutly hope his successor may prove as interested in the seamen and continue Mr. Howard's work, which may be characterized by the word great.

**Philippine Islands.** Manila. The Rev. Arthur Brown, Secretary for Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church, said recently that the chief hindrance to the progress of real Christianity in the Philippine Islands was "the American." We are doing all that lies in our power to remove that reproach by subscribing to the upkeep of a Sailors' Home with religious influences in the port of Manila. Mr. Philo. H. Crisp has recently been appointed to the superintendency of the Home, and a considerable amount of reorganizing has been done. The building has electric lights and is comfortable and homelike in appearance. A good reading room is fitted up, and that indispensable requisite of tropical work—a good water system and baths—has been provided. We bespeak the prayers of our friends on behalf of this new, growing and important work.

**THE HOME FIELD.**

**Massachusetts.** Gloucester. Fisherman's Institute. The Rev. E. H. Roper has been appointed during the past year to this interesting work and will doubtlessly carry on with efficiency and enthusiasm the work for fishermen.

**New York.** The work of caring for shipwrecked and destitute seamen has been carried on as usual. As an example of the nature of the work done in this connection we take the month of June when shipping is in good condition. Here are the figures: Helped and fed after leaving the hospital, 4; kept pending admission to Sailors' Snug Harbor, 2; sent to their
homes, 3, into the hospital, 1. In the winter time the number is three times that of the summer. On page 29 will be found a more detailed account of this blessed ministry of the Society.

The Sailors' Home, as most of our readers know, was taken from us as an anchorage for the Manhattan Bridge. It was providential, as the old Home had outgrown its usefulness years before it was sold and we expect a new Home—new in many respects. A Sailors' Home in the old sense of the word is neither desirable nor possible. The sailor has changed, as also the port of New York. The shipping left the locality where the old Cherry Street Home was located, and a Sailors' Home, Hotel or Institute is useless unless it is in the midst of the shipping. The need of New York is a Seamen's Institute such as every first-class and many second and third-rate seaports have. A place where the boarding of seamen can be combined with social and religious efforts on their behalf. It is to the shame of New York, the second largest shipping port in the world, that there is no such place in her borders. The American Seamen's Friend Society is a national Society, yet it has always had a large place in the efforts of seamen's workers in New York. The Society is neither blind to the conditions nor deaf to the cries of the men of the sea, but we are very much alive to the necessities of New York. The field is open; shall we enter in and possess the land?

Navy Yard. Mr. H. G. Fithian. The work at the Brooklyn Navy Yard has been greatly blessed and productive of much good. The letters received from the men who have become Christians are counted by the hundreds, and those from the mothers of our boys have been such as to make glad many times the heart of our chaplain. One mother writes: "If you knew Charlie as I have and do, you would understand more fully how great is the change and marvelous his conversion." Another writes: "Two years ago I came into your meeting at Cob Dock and was deeply impressed and felt I should give my heart to the Lord, but put it out of my life until recently, when
I had a forced idleness and much time to reflect. Your last letter came as a white-winged messenger. I saw my need and gave my heart to the Lord. I am sorry I have not answered your letter, but thank you for being so faithful to me. I do not deserve it, but from now I hope to prove worthy.” The Gospel meetings have been exceptionally well attended; the interest has been good; hundreds have requested prayer and many have become Christians; others have been reclaimed and Christians strengthened. Mrs. Wood Nelson, our faithful organist and leader of the singing, prepared the hearts for the Truth and no doubt sang back to the narrow way many wanderers. The hospital, barracks and ships in the Yard have been visited. Mr. Fithian has held burial service when the chaplain was away. Several thousand selected tracts have been distributed with a thousand Gospels. Through the kindness of friends we had over five hundred comfort bags to make glad as many hearts. Boxes of magazines have been received and put aboard ships that were going to sea. Bibles have been purchased for a number of men. Bible study stimulated. Several entertainments were given during the winter months to large and appreciative audiences. We owe much to the kindness and Christian courtesies and fellowship of the Rev. W. T. Helms, chaplain U. S. N., now attached to the receiving ship Hancock. He has the interest of the men at heart and has done much for them himself and made it possible for the chaplain to do effective work. He well deserves the love and esteem with which he is held by the men.

Virginia. Norfolk. The Rev. J. B. Merritt continues to emphasise the religious side of his work and his chapel attendance is always good. Many encouraging letters full of gratitude have been received by him from mothers of sons helped in their hour of need, also from men whom he has befriended and helped. Sailors have not the art of writing graceful letters, but their memories are good for kindnesses they may have received.
Newport News. Virginia Mariners' Friend Society. During the year the Rev. R. E. Steele left this young, growing work to take up a larger field in connection with the Boston Seaman's Friend Society. His successor, Mr. John Golden, continues the work of the society with increasing success.

North Carolina. Wilmington. The Wilmington Port Society employed in the past the local pastors to act as seamen's chaplains, an arrangement which worked satisfactorily. To further benefit the work, and give continuity and better oversight, the Rev. A. D. McClure, D.D., was appointed during the year and the outlook is now brighter than ever.

South Carolina. Charleston. The Rev. P. A. Murray reports favorably on the condition of seamen. It is encouragingly good. Sailors drink less and are more moral. The past year has been a dull one in shipping circles and the new Home in Charleston has not yet materialized, and the chaplain watches, waits, prays and labors for this desirable and needy feature of his work.

Georgia. Savannah. Mr. H. Iverson reports a large number of American ships and a declension in the number of Scandinavian ships. Good attendance has marked the religious services, and free meals and clothing helped to relieve the distress of the winter.

Texas. Galveston. Rev. J. F. Sarnier. Galveston is rising out of its disasters into newness of life. One half of the new sea wall is about completed and the grade of the city raised to seventeen feet above the sea level on the Gulf side, or even with the sea wall, and then sloping gradually towards the bay. This will add security to the location, and residents of Galveston will be just as safe from destruction by the waters of the Gulf as if they lived twenty-five miles inland.

The shipping business was dull during a part of the year, and the shipping interests are moving with wise foresight. Mr.
Sarner intends opening a branch in the main current of the shipping, not wishing to be left stranded away from the men he is working for. It is good to be cautious and conservative in the matter of making moves to follow the shipping. More seamen's missions get stranded through over caution than through a bold faith venture to keep abreast.

Alabama. Mobile. The Rev. R. A. Mickle is to be commended for his prompt, full reports which are regularly published in the Sailors' Magazine. Some of the other stations might with profit follow Mr. Mickle's good example in the matter of reporting, as there is nothing so thrilling as the record of genuine cases of men turning from sin into the ways of holiness and truth and clean living. Such cases seamen's chaplains are always coming across, or hearing about long after the seed is sown. Therefore we do not say much about the Mobile work in our Annual Report. Mr. Mickle keeps us in touch with his work by his regular "bill of particulars" of all that happens in connection with his work for seamen in his most important field.

Florida. Pensacola. The Rev. H. C. Cushman has the gift of tongues and is able to preach in Italian and Spanish as well as English. Mr. Cushman's reports are graphic word pictures of scenes in his work. "During one of my visits to the Marine Hospital I held a short service in Italian and English. After passing through the main ward I asked a nurse if there were any colored sailors in the small ward, and the reply was 'Yes, we have several, and one is an old West Indian who is afflicted with partial paralysis.' His tongue was affected and I could hardly understand him. Taking his hand I asked him if he knew the Lord Jesus. He said 'Yes.' I asked him 'Who is the Lord Jesus?' He replied distinctly 'He came to save us.' On a subsequent visit I asked him to tell me of his people and country, but his will power was so paralyzed that he could not remember well. It has been my privilege for
many years to distribute good and sound religious reading matter in thirteen languages. During one of my visits in the marine ward I saw a Russian and a Japanese sailor lying side by side. The Russian could read the tracts I gave him, but the Japanese seemed to be disposed to look at war pictures."

**Louisiana. New Orleans.** In the annual report of this flourishing society, which in common with most of the Gulf ports has a new outlook opened up to it in the prospective Panama Canal, Mr. Sherrard writes:

We are also under many obligations to the American Seamen's Friend Society of New York for their generous grant of $400 per annum towards carrying on our work here, and without their aid it would be difficult to secure a sufficient amount to meet our obligations. As it is, the superintendent has to spend, in securing funds, much of the time which ought to be given to direct work for the sea. This Society also assists thirty-five other similar societies in various parts of the world. The following is a comparative statement of our work for the past four years:

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**Oregon. Astoria.** The services of one man is hardly enough in this cosmopolitan port and the Rev. Johnston Mo-
Cormac, of Astoria, is doing valiant service to reach the fishermen by tracts and personal word. Asians, Finns, Swedes, Norwegians, Chinese, Russians, Danes, Italians, Germans, Austrians, all gather together at the net racks. This massing of the men together gives splendid opportunities for a man of Mr. McCormac's spirit.

East is east and west is west
And never the twain shall meet

is belied in this case. The west meets the north, south and east with the eternal evangel.

Portland. Mr. W. S. Fletcher, an old salt seasoned with grace, still goes on with his blessed work, co-operating with the Missions to Seamen Society. The Friday night service is in his chapel and his love for the men and the boys is second only to his love for the Lord. Mr. Fletcher's faith in the Gospel, and Gospel only, for sailors, is stronger to-day than it has been in all his years.

Washington. Seattle. Seattle is one of the growing ports on the Pacific slope with its back to the west and its face to the farthest east. There are no ports, and we say it without reservation, where time and labor spent will reap such a rich reward as in the young Pacific ports. Untrammelled by traditions, with an illimitable future before them, progress is in the air and quivers in every throb of their life. They are frontier cities and it takes knowledge of western life, sympathy with its abounding life, to enable missionaries and chaplains to appreciate in any sense the men's awful temptations. In the western cities men very often go wrong, not because they want to go to the bad, but going to the bad, drinking in saloons, is the only thing there is to do,—sad to say it,—a young sailor's only recreation. Sailors are men with social instincts, generous, and their moral lapses and outbreaks are often part of their cravings for better things. The Rev. G. F. West, our representative in Seattle, has faced his problem and mastered it. The Seattle Seamen's Institute is now under construction and
the two basement stories are up. "I came, I saw, I conquered," was the laconic despatch of a Roman Emperor. Mr. West went, "he saw and he conquered." Seattle and the friends of seamen are to be heartily congratulated on this, the beginning of greater things.

Tacoma. The Rev. R. S. Stubbs performs wonders for a man of his age, eighty-one years and still active, visiting, preaching, and laboring in his field. His annual report has been delayed.

Port Townsend. Mr. C. L. Terry. The Northern Pacific ports have an unenviable reputation for crimping, "shanghaiing," and other evils of the seaport towns and cities. Within the last year Paddy Lynch, a notorious crimp, was sent to prison for a long term, thus ridding the coast of a desperate character. The real remedy for crimping, shanghaiing, and all the other curses of sailor town, lies in efficient missionary effort for seamen. Homes, Institutes, launches to visits ships, and the Gospel of God's Son do more than all the stringent laws to ameliorate the condition of seamen. In Port Townsend we have a missionary who understands and works on these lines.

Loan Library Work. During the year ending March 31, 1904, the Society has sent out 310 loan libraries, of which 98 were new, and 212 were refitted and reshipped. The total number of volumes in these libraries is 12,400, and of new volumes, 3,920, available during the year to 3,417 seamen. The whole number of new libraries sent out is 11,116, and the reshipments of the same, 13,486, making in the aggregate, 24,602. The number of volumes in these libraries, 598,242, has been accessible by first shipment and reshipment, to 428,915 men. The number of libraries placed on United States naval vessels and in United States Hospitals up to date is 1,074, containing 39,252 volumes, and these have been accessible to 128,613 men. In the stations of the United States Life Saving Service are 162 libraries containing 6,836 volumes, accessible to 1,827 Keepers and Surfmen.
A FEW TESTIMONIES FROM THE YEAR 1903.

“I believe the books are the cause of saving lots of poor souls.” “It makes cheerful hearts and cool heads.” “I have heard a number of sailors speak of your library with great interest.” “I believe you are doing lots of good.” “The men as well as myself have been benefited by reading the books.” “It is very interesting to our sailors.” “We will always be glad to receive a library on board our vessel.” “We find the books a very good selection.” “‘The Man from Glen-garry’ and ‘Sky Pilot’ were in great demand.” “I have read your library and think it a great thing.” “It was read with appreciation by every member of the crew.” “We found the books very interesting.” “Many of the books are well worthy of perusal.” “Some of the books I read two and three times.” “I take great interest in the library.” “I always read the books and encourage my men to read them.” “The books were read by myself and men and very much enjoyed.” “I really do not know how we would get along without a library.” “All on board look for their weekly supply of reading matter as they do for their food.” “We found the books entertaining.” “Nothing but good is the result of reading such books.” “I can truly say that I have been especially benefited by reading the books.” “Too much cannot be said in praise of the library.” “They make a good shipmate at sea.” “I find the books always tend to improve the morals of the men.” “The books give many a comfortable moment to sailors when at leisure.” “The books have been a great blessing to all on board.” “I assure you the books helped to make many lonely hours enjoyable.” “To go to sea without a library would indeed be a loss.” “I have known copies of ‘Ben-Hur’ to be read and re-read.” “The sailors have asked for books right along.” “Books of travel and adventure are especially popular.” “We all found the books first-class reading.” “The books have been useful to us in every way.” “Religious books were in great demand.” “No one can tell what a treasure a library is till they have been to sea on a long voyage.” “The books are a splendid selection for a ship’s use.” “Just what we needed, a library to help us improve our minds.” “The library has been a good thing for all concerned.” “I have taken good care of the books.” “It has been enjoyed very much by myself and about eighty men that I have carried.” “Your library is just all right.” “I find that it is the best thing that can be put on board.” “After we read your books it makes us feel good.” “We cannot have too many of your good books on board.” “The beautiful books are both interesting and instructive.” “It was read with pleasure and profit.” “Kindly send me another.”

Shipwrecked and Destitute. The Sailors’ Home so long maintained at 190 Cherry Street was taken from the American Seamen’s Friend Society as an anchorage for Manhattan Bridge. The loss of the Sailors’ Home has not abated the Society’s work for shipwrecked and destitute seamen. Until a new Home is built the Society is compelled to send the men to safe boarding houses and to respectable outfitters and pay the bills.
There has been expended during the past year for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen, $864.94. The following are only a few examples to indicate the class of necessitous cases and the help afforded.

Two American seamen were shanghaied, which in landsmen's parlance means they were kidnapped, but escaped in New York; through the Society they were both returned to their homes in Boston. A sailor whose ship sailed without him from Marseilles, France, was sent by the U. S. Consul to New York and to the Society. He was kept for a few days in a boarding house. Another destitute sailor was tided over his temporary difficulties, and a stranded sailor from a stranded ship was sent home to his family in Boston. A poor fellow made application for a pair of shoes and was comfortably shod for his weary tramp round the docks in search of a ship.

The schooner *Rebecca A. Taulane*, from Jacksonville for Norway with a cargo of lumber was abandoned at sea. The crew were saved by a British steamer and brought to New York, cared for and outfitted, ready for sea again at the first opportunity to ship. Of the schooner *Augustus Hunt*, from Norfolk to Boston, which went ashore one night near Quogue, L. I., and went to pieces, the captain and fourteen of the crew perished, two saving themselves by floating on the wreckage. These unfortunate survivors we outfitted and helped them to begin life over again.

Very early in the month of January the schooner *Joseph J. Pharo*, light from New York, bound for Richmond, Va., stranded on Carter's Bar near Smith Island. The captain and the crew were saved by the life saving crew of Smith Island Station. Both the captain and the mate lost everything, and we were glad to help them by boarding and clothing them and rounding out their happiness by sending them home. A sailor who had been brutally assaulted by his captain was kept in comfort while the Legal Aid Society sued the captain. Another poor fellow, like the man who went down to Jericho, "fell among thieves," was helped back to decency and work. The fault was his own, but the fault would have been ours if we had not helped him.

The month of February was exceptionally tempestuous and the number of shipwrecks unusually high, the suffering of the crews being aggravated by the intense cold. The ship *Henry B. Hyde* went ashore in a snow storm near Virginia Beach. Her crew were picked men from New York, riggers and skilled seamen. But they lost everything, escaping with only what was on their backs. The ship was a total loss and the crew utterly destitute. Eight of them were newly rigged from head to foot. The British steamer *Mic Mac* fell in with the schooner *Willie L. Newton*, lumber laden, from Brunswick to New York, rudder gone, leaking and helpless. The captain and crew of seven men were landed in New York. On the same day about two hundred miles south of Sandy Hook the British steamer *York Castle* sighted the schooner and stood by her from 2 a. m. to 8 p. m. At 8 p. m., while launching a lifeboat in charge of the chief officer and four men, the falls jammed, the ship rolled, and five men were soon struggling for life, an unequal struggle in which the chief officer, one seaman and carpenter Grey perished. The schooner *S. C. Tyron* of Boston. Cast away freezing in an open boat with the thermometer at
zero, buffeted by the waves, seven poor men suffered unutterably, benumbed, stu­pified, until one lost his reason; another died and the rest were frostbitten so severely that amputation will probably follow. One of the crew was clothed and helped, the rest being in the hospital. The steering gear of the steamer Kentigern was carried away during a fierce gale on the Banks of Newfoundland. The crew of twenty-two were brought to New York by the steamer Alban. The second mate and one able seaman were outfitted out of the above twenty-two men. The schooner John L. Smith was caught in the ice of Bunns Bay, L. I., and pounded to pieces. One of the crew was landed destitute; he was clothed and cared for in his hour of need. The hospitals cure seamen when they are sick, doing noble work for the men; oftentimes the trying time is the convalescent period. One poor fellow discharged from the hospital, but too weak to work, was sent to his brother's to convalesce; we paid his railway fare. The British bark Comlebank, in ballast, from Delgoa Bay for Delaware Breakwater, went ashore. One of the crew, born and raised in Boston, was unfortunate enough to lose his clothes. He was refitted again ready for sea.

A few years ago two sailors ashore having drank deeply began to quarrel over some trifling matter. When they returned to their ship one of the two stabbed his shipmate badly and was sent to States Prison for five years. At the end of his term he found himself in New York destitute, friendless, characterless and helpless. This Society befriended him in his hour of direst need, fed him and sent him on to Philadelphia, where he was better known and away from the scene of his crime. A fireman who escaped from one of the Joy Line when it was burned in the East River, was clothed as he had no time to save his clothes, just escaping. There is a delightful fraternal spirit among seamen's missionaries. A kindred society sent a man to us to be helped to his home in Philadelphia, his society had no money for that purpose. An express company had mishandled a sailor's clothes and the Legal Aid Society undertook the case, while we gave the man a small outfit to enable him to make a short voyage. A poor fellow covered with blood had been assaulted with a belaying pin while drunk; was boarded for a week to recover. Two shipwrecked and destitute seamen helped temporarily until they shipped on the deep once more. The second mate of a schooner, out of work, was outfitted to enable him to present a respectable appearance when he applied for a ship.

"Inasmuch as ye have it done unto the least of these ye have done unto me."

**Publications.** During the past year the Society has published 55,500 copies of the **Sailors' Magazine**, 120,000 copies of the **Life Boat** for Sunday Schools, and 20,000 copies of the **Seamen's Friend**. It has printed 1,000 copies of its Seventy-fifth Annual Report, and many tracts and leaflets bearing on its work. It has sent out 392 copies of the Seamen's Manual of Worship, which is now in its tenth edition.
U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. The thirty-first annual presentation of books to the graduates of the Naval Academy took place on Sunday, January 24, 1904. In a class of sixty-two men, all chose the Bible.

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

Life Members. Two persons were made Life Members during the past year.

Finances. During the year ending March 31, 1904, the receipts from legacies were $10,099.15; for loan libraries, $2,164.29; from donations, $7,050.27; from Magazine subscriptions and other sources of income, $6,368.23; total, $25,681.94. There was also received a bequest for an Endowment Fund, the income from which is to be used for memorial loan libraries. The disbursements for missionary work, aid to shipwrecked and destitute seamen, publications, loan libraries, and general expenses, &c., amounted to $31,377.22.

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. W. M. 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. As the American Seamen's Friend Society retains but one-fourth and divides three-fourths of the concert-moneys between three other worthy sailor charities, 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. The Society during the past year lost its able Secretary, the Rev. W. C. Stitt, D.D., who nobly served the Society for sixteen years. On the 2nd of January, 1904, he entered into his rest. In the April number of the Sailors' Magazine may be seen the gracious tribute the trustees pay to his memory.

Mr. E. N. Taft, who on November 25 was congratulated by the Board upon his "long, varied and important service" as a trustee for thirty years, died suddenly on December 19, 1903, in his seventy-eighth year. A director in the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A., a Life Member of the Long Island Historical Society, a vestryman in the Church of the Incarnation, he was also a trustee of the American Seamen's Friend Society from November 26, 1873.

Mr. John Dwight, born on August 1, 1819, died on November 25, 1903. In May, 1875, he became a trustee of the American Seamen's Friend Society and resigned in October, 1900.

Mr. George Bell, born in New York August 12, 1820, died August 1, 1903. A member of the M. E. Church, a trustee of the Seamen's Bank, and of the American Seamen's Friend Society from May, 1884.
CONCLUSION.

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. Let this Society 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 ($30 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 ($30) or a Life Director ($100); ask your pastor to present our cause to his congregation, or ask the Secretary of this Society to do it.
It places loan libraries for seamen's use on American vessels leaving the port of New York. Up to April 1, 1904, 11,116 libraries have been sent to sea; 13,428 reshipments, or about two libraries for every working day for forty-five years.

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* is mailed prepaid to subscribers for one dollar per year.

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.
Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters.—Psalm lxxvii: 19.

There is no more thrilling chapter in human history than that which recounts man's achievements on the sea. We often speak indeed of the perils of the sea, the sorrows it has created, the homes it has desolated, the brave lives and the goodly ships which its storms have destroyed, and the record is sad enough. But it is just possible we may overdo this side of the picture. The sea is not always storm-crested and the sailor's life is not always one of hardship. The ocean is not man's unceasing antagonist, and it is well surely once in a while to remember how much man owes to the sea, what a mighty factor it has been in the civilization of the world and what an influence it has exerted in bringing together the scattered nations of the earth and developing the ungarnered treasures of nature.

The sea is the pathway of commerce. Its romance has meant more to man than its terrors. Its riches have been greater than its losses. Its ministry has been helpful far more than destructive, and it is but a partial and onesided view which thinks only of the perils of the deep in its moments of storm and tempest, without also remembering that the sea is the great thoroughfare of Providence along which the divine purpose moves. “Thy way,” says the Psalmist, “is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters.”

Our subject this morning is one which, perhaps, is somewhat unusual for an occasion like this, yet not, I hope, any less timely—What America Owes to the Sea. It is our obligation to the sea that should stir up our responsibility towards those who go down to the sea in ships. It is what, as a nation, we have gained from the sea and what the sea means to us as a world-power to-day, that should create in every loyal American a practical sympathy with the great work which for over three-fourths of a century the American Seamen's Friend Society has been doing with such signal and manifest blessing.
Look then at one or two items in this obligation of America to the sea. Girdled by the two great oceans of the world on the east and west, and by the Gulf on the south, with a total coastline of over twenty-one thousand miles, the wealth and growth of this republic will depend even more in the future than in the past on her prowess on the sea. She must inevitably become a maritime power, and as the Great Lakes find outlets to the sea, her commerce on the ocean will become colossal. The American navy and the American merchant marine, when it comes to its own, will be two commanding influences in the development of the world. To forget, therefore, or ignore our obligation to and our dependence upon the sea, alike for protection and expansion, would be foolish and unworthy.

Think, for instance, in the first place how much we owe to the atmospheric influences of the ocean for our physical health. The vast ocean spaces are the cleansing places of the world's health. The stormy tempests are the besoms of cleansing, scattering in their fury the miasma of stagnant airs. Although the old fiction of the influence of the Gulf Stream on climate is a thing of the past, yet meteorology, that science which is just passing out of its infancy, is teaching us how profoundly, not only the health but the very life of the world is dependent on what are known as the great cyclonic and anti-cyclonic movements of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. Take, for instance, the mysterious south-west monsoons of India, whose failure means famine and death to the teeming millions, and whose advent brings hope and plenty, and what are these monsoon winds but the anti-cyclone of the Indian Ocean which sweeping up from the equator, diffuses itself over the parched plains of India in life-giving moisture right up to the very ramparts of the Himalayas. A sermon—nay a volume—might be written on the wonderful provision of God in these atmospheric currents on the ocean by which the changing seasons, the differing temperature, the varied climate, and the whole health and life of the world are profoundly influenced. In the words of our text, truly "His way is in the sea, and His path in the great waters."

But once more, our obligation to the sea has a more intimate aspect even than that. No student of history can be ignorant of the place and influence which the ocean has exerted in the development of American ideals. It was because of the "inviolate sea" that swept between them and old-world despotisms that the Pilgrims and Dutch and early settlers coming to these shores were enabled to establish
themselves in faith and prayer, secure from the encroaching hands of bigotry and superstition. Three hundred years ago, these three thousand miles of ocean, which seem so little to-day to the leviathans of commerce, meant everything in the Divine Providence in protecting the growth of civil and religious liberty. Just as the sea in its remorseless power was the instrument which God used to destroy the Spanish armada in its attempt to fasten on England the chains of superstition, so for three hundred years these waters that break upon our shores have been the protecting hands which have sheltered the ideals of American life.

Nor can we forget how in the struggle of independence it was the prowess of the American navy upon the sea that made possible her victories on land. From that hour, on December 22, 1775, when Esek Hopkins went out in the first American fleet, carrying the flag of the young republic, consisting of eight wooden vessels, mounting in all one hundred and fourteen guns, till this moment, the achievements of the American navy, represented by men of untarnished honor and unswerving courage, have been a thrilling and inspiring record. In no superficial sense the sea has played its part in American history. Its influence in the early days as a means of separation, and to-day as a means of communication between this land and other lands, has been supreme. The ocean has been, in truth, an instrument of Providence in the growth of American ideals, so that we can once more echo the words of the Psalmist, "Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters."

But again, on another occasion than this, much might be said on our obligation to the sea as a commercial factor in American expansion. I do not dwell upon that feature now, excepting only to remind you that commerce on the sea becomes an invaluable adjunct to the spread of Christianity. The mighty liners, which almost every day go from New York harbor laden with American manufacture, are an impressive proof of how the ocean to-day is scattering the influences of American enterprise and industry into every market of the world. And where commerce goes, Christianity is bound to follow. So that the commercial value of the sea becomes also a religious influence, enabling the Christian missionary to place the Bible side by side with the flag.

But I must hasten to point out a more personal aspect of our obligation to the sea. After all, rich as the opportunities are which
the mighty sweep of ocean presents, we cannot forget that it is the men who toil on the sea and who bring to us its argosies of hope to whom our deepest gratitude should be expressed. Marvellous indeed are the records of courage, of devotion, of self sacrifice, and faithfulness to death which the long history of the sea unfolds. Poet and painter, preacher and historian have found their most moving themes in the stirring deeds of bravery upon the sea. Poor, indeed, would our literature be were it robbed of the deathless memory of those who have vindicated the honor of their flag, defended the independence of their country, saved lives at the peril and loss of their own, and have made the achievements of man upon the ocean a worthy parallel to his noblest deeds on land. All honor to the heroes of the sea, the pioneers of discovery, the champions of freedom, the defenders of the weak, the faithful unto death, who sleep beneath the everlasting waves, and over whose graves the beat of the ocean chants its unceasing requiem.

Too often indeed in our travels abroad, in the comfort and luxury of the modern ocean liner, we forget what we owe to these toilers on the deep. We pray readily enough at the outset of our voyage that we may be brought in safety to our desired haven; not often do we remember to record our gratitude in some tangible form when the voyage is over to those whose faithfulness upon the sea has helped to answer our prayers.

So this morning we assemble here in this house of God to record our practical interest in an organization which for over seventy-five years, in a devoted but altogether unobtrusive way, has sought to realize something of that obligation which Christian America feels toward her seamen. The American Seamen’s Friend Society is represented in thirty-four foreign and domestic seaports. In these different ports it gives substantial aid to chaplains, missionaries and Bible-readers who visit the different ships in harbor, conduct religious services and generally provide for the material as well as the spiritual needs of the seamen. In these ports, Bethels or seamen’s chapels exist, where the sailor may find at least some of the comforts of home and feel around him the influences of Christian friendship. A more blessed, patriotic as well as Christian, work I cannot imagine. While I absolutely dissent from the conventional idea current in most pulpit utterances on the subject that the great majority of sailors are a drunken, dissolute, easily tempted class of men, on a par with the Bowery tough—that view I thoroughly deny—nevertheless the forces
of temptation which the seaman has to meet in the seaport are simply terrific. Moreover these temptations are aggravated a hundred-fold by the lack of that loving, hospitable home-life which a Christian institution properly equipped could provide in every large seaport in the world.

Before this congregation I need not speak of the magnificent work which is being done in this respect on behalf of the American navy. We who have welcomed to the hospitality of this church on several occasions the tars and marines from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, as well as those of us who have been privileged to visit the superbly equipped building which Christian patriotism has erected there for the men of our navy, need not be reminded of the results, far beyond the highest expectation, which that institution has already achieved. But why should our generosity stop at the navy? Has the sailor of our merchant marine no claims upon us? It is a fact, I believe, that there is not a decent Sailor’s Home in New York City to-day. Surely the time has come when, with generous hands, the Christian people of this city will rally to the aid of the American Seamen’s Friend Society, and make it possible for that organization to do a hundred-fold more than it does in rendering the sailor’s life on shore more free from moral peril than his life at sea is free from physical peril. America owes much to the sea; she owes more to her seamen. The hour has come for her to begin to liquidate that obligation in generous help to this Society in whose interests we meet to-day, remembering above all else our obligation to Him “whose way is in the sea, and whose path is on the great waters.”
LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

CONSTITUTED DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1904.

Life Members by the payment of Thirty dollars.

Bray, Mrs. Abbie L., . . . . . Newburyport, Mass.
Duncan, Mrs. John P., . . . . . New York City.
Duncan, Miss Amy Lea, . . . . . New York City.
Hurd, Miss Myra I., . . . . . North Hadley, Mass.
RECEIPTS

OF THE

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

From April 1, 1903, to March 31, 1904,

FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES.

MAINE.

Castine, Mary F. Cushman, M.D., $ 5 00
Sunset, Ada D. Southworth, 10 00
$15 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Amherst, Congregational Sunday School, $ 4 00
Derry, E. G. Parsons, for a library to be called the Greenleaf Memorial Library, in memory of Rev. E. G. Parsons, 20 00
Deacon A. V. Fisher, in memory of his father, Deacon Moses B. Fisher, 1 00
Keene, a friend of seamen, 2 00
A friend, 2 00
Lyme, Mrs. N. F. Dimick, 1 00
Nashua, Miss Clarissa Hills, 5 00
$35 00

VERMONT.

Wells River, Wm. W. Mitchell, for a loan library, $ 20 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amherst, S. C. Snell, $ 2 00
Blandford, legacy of Miss Harriet M. Hinsdale, per Wm. E. Hinsdale, executor, 500 00
Boston, Moses D. Monroe, 3 00
Mrs. A. C. Thompson, 2 00
Brookton, Mrs. Susan C. Hunt, 1 00
Dorchester, Mrs. Elbridge Torrey of the Second Church, 20 00
Easthampton, C. H. Johnson's Class in Payson Congregational Church Sunday School, for a loan library, 20 00
Payson Congregational Church, 13 43
Hadley, First Congregational Church, 7 00
Marblehead, Rebecca T. Goodwin, 1 00
Medford, Mystic Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, to refit loan library No. 8,533, received per Miss E. L. Wilcox, 14 00
Montague, Congregational Church, 5 00
Newburyport, Newburyport Bethel Society, to constitute Mrs. Abbie L Bray, a Life Member, 30 00
Newton Centre, Horace S. Couses, for Bibles, 2 00
Northboro, Evangelical Congregational Church, 2 99
Rev. Albert D Smith, 1 00
Northfield, estate of John L. Mattoon, per Charles H. Green, executor, 456 35
Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, for libraries, one being "Annual Christmas Gift Library," 1 00
North Hadley, Second Congregational Church, to constitute Myra L. Hurd a Life Member, 30 00
Palmer, Miss L. Boorman, 5 00
Pittsfield, bequest of Mary E. Campbell, deceased, late of Pittsfield, Mass., per David Campbell, trustee, 500 00
South Congregational Church, 14 71
Sheffield, Congregational Church, 3 35
Southampton, Congregational Sunday School, for a loan library, 20 00
Stockbridge, Fanny C. Wells, 1 00
Sudbury, Miss Lucy S. Connor, 5 00
Waltham, Martha C. Roberts, for library in name of Oliver Roberts, 25 00
Webster, First Congregational Church, 10 00
Whitinsville, Congregational Church and Society, of which for loan libra-
ANNUAL RECEIPTS OF THE

ries, Miss Annie L. Whitin, Arthur F. Whitin and Edward Whitin, each $30, 142 31
$1,907 14

RHODE ISLAND.

Pawtucket, Pawtucket Congregational Church, $122 29
Cash from Pawtucket, 15 00
Providence, Central Congregational Church, 101 83
$235 22

CONNECTICUT.

Berlin, Second Congregational Church, $ 15 00
Bethel, First Congregational Church, 9 55
Black Rock, Miss Sarah J. Bartram, for a loan library in memory of Joseph B. Bartram, 20 00
Congregational Church, 7 54
Bridgeport, Second Congregational Church, $15 50
A friend in Second Congregational Church, 5 00
Bristol, First Congregational Church, 5 00
Cheshire, legacy of Samuel Hitchcock, late of Cheshire, per E. R. Brown, executor, 1,000 00
Chester, Congregational Church, 15 98
Danbury, First Congregational Church, 20 74
Danieleon, Westfield Congregational Church and congregation, 22 86
Derby, First Congregational Church, 14 00
Elwood, Elwood Union Sunday School, 10 00
Essex, First Congregational Church, 14 57
Fairfield, Fairfield Congregational Church, of which Sunday School, $20, for a loan library, and Mrs. M. W. Lyon, $20, for a loan library as a memorial to Martha A. Dunn, 102 98
Farmington, Congregational Church, of which Sunday School, for a loan library, as a memorial to its late superintendent, Paul Wollenberg, $2, 25 00
Glastonbury, bequest of Miss Fidelia Wells Hale, late of Glastonbury, per Thos. H. L. Tallcott, executor, 500 00
Green's Farms, Green's Farms Congregational Church, 57 52
Groton, Congregational Church Sunday School, 20 00
D. N. Copp, 5 06
Groton Heights, Groton Heights Baptist Church, for a loan library, 90 00
Haddam, First Congregational Church, 10 00
Congregational Church, 5 00
Hartford, legacy of Mary C. Remis, deceased, late of Hartford, Conn., per Rev. Chas. F. Carter, executor, 5,662 80
First Congregational Church, 26 40
Mrs. Frederick C. Jones, 20 00
Farmington Avenue Congregational Church, for a loan library, S. B. Millet, 15 00
Warburton Chapel Sunday School, 3 90
Edward S. Worcester, 3 00
Mr. Huntington, 1 00
Kent, First Congregational Church, 10 68
Litchfield, First Congregational Church, 17 40
Middletown, Miss M. I. Whitin, Arthur F. Whitin and Edward Whitin, each $30, 142 31
Manchester, Second Congregational Church, 12 79

Meriden, First Congregational Church, of which from a "friend," $10, and from the Sunday School, $25 03, 42 02
Middlebury, Congregational Church, 8 00
Middleton, South Congregational Church, 17 32
Mount Carmel, Congregational Church, 4 00
New Haven, Miss S. L. Stone for a loan library in memoriam Mrs. Kate Grosvenor Fowler, 29 00
New London, First Church of Christ, 32 03
Miss M. I. Lockwood, for a loan library, 20 00
New Milford, Woman's Home Missionary Union, 15 00
Norfolk, Congregational Church, 41 04
North Greenwich, Congregational Church, 5 74
Norwich, Broadway Congregational Church, $200 17
First Congregational Church, 20 45
Greenville Congregational Church, 3 00
George L. Crossgrove, 1 00
Old Saybrook, Congregational Church, 4 95
Orange, Congregational Church, 18 15
Plainfield, Christian Endeavor Society of First Congregational Church, 2 38
Plantsville, Congregational Church, 3 17
Rockville, Union Congregational Church, 13 18
Somers, Congregational Church, 2 40
Southport, Southport Congregational Church, $5 of which from Sunday School, 31 68
South Windsor, Second Congregational Church, 8 00
Stamford, First Presbyterian Church, 15 00
Stonington, 2 00
Stratford, Congregational Church, 19 83
Suffield, First Congregational Church, 2 28
Talcottville, Sunday School of Congregational Church, 10 00
Terryville, Congregational Church, 30 52
Thomaston, Congregational Church, 11 81
Trumbull, Congregational Church and Society, 11 25
Waukegan, Waukegan Congregational Church, 28 45
Westbrook, Susan Stevens, 2 00
West Hartford, First Church of Christ, Congregational Sunday School, for a loan library, 20 00
Westport, Saugatuck Congregational Church, $3,15 of which from Sunday School, 15 77
Wilton, Congregational Church, 2 60
Windham Congregational Church, of which a member, additional, $15, 40 00
$8,841 11

NEW YORK.

Albany, W. C. T. U., of New York State, for loan libraries; viz: that of Chauncey County for the Mrs. Flora Hall Library, $30; and Ulster County, for the Mrs. Georgie Gano Library, $30, 40 00
Dutchess County W. C. T. U., for a loan library, to be named for Mrs. Helen Stearns Nelson, 20 00
Bay Ridge, Sunday School of Christ Church, to refit loan library No. 8,881, 15 50
Bridge Hampton, Presbyterian Church, of which for a loan library, $20, 28 11
AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Brooklyn, Church of the Pilgrims, of which the Misses C. L. and E. H. Smith, for a loan library to be called "The Francis Foote Andrews Library," $33.

First Presbyterian Church, Miss Charlotte Wilson, for libraries to be called the Miss Jane Wilson, the Robert Wilson, and the William E. Maple Library, $60 00

Central Congregational Society, M. L. Roberts, of which for a library, $40.

Mrs. James P. Wallace, Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, and Mary Catherine Wakeman, secretary of executive committee, from the daughters of Rev. E. R. Atwood, for a loan library, $20 00.

The Sundial Club, Flatbush, for the Memorial Library, $20 00.

South Third Street Presbyterian Ch., Rev. Arth'ir H. Allen, and Mary Catherine Wakeman, executor, and Mrs. James P. Wallace, for a loan library, in memory of her father, Samuel Bradhurst Schieffelin, one in her own name.

Income from bequest of J. H. Kellogg, for loan libraries, $80 00.

Miss Emma Bogardus, for three loan libraries, one being in memoriam Mrs. Mary A. Bogardus, $60 00.

Estate of Frederick S. Billings, received per John D. Rockefeller, $430 30.

Collections taken on S. S. "Old Dutch Lady," in aid of shipwrecked and destitute seamen, $75, and for loan libraries, as follows:

- wholly in aid of Mr. E. Magie Library, $50 00.
- in aid of Mr. John Dwight Library, $50 00.
- in aid of Mr. John T. Terry Library, $25 00.
- in aid of Miss Anna T. White Memorial Library, $20 00.
- in aid of Miss Ellen Gray Library, $20 00.

Estate of Arnold Constable, received per Mrs. Charles E. Vail, for a loan library, $25 00.

Estate of Mr. John T. Terry, received per James C. Carter, $20 00.

Estate of Mrs. Smith, received per Mrs. G. Winthrop, $25 00.

Estate of Mrs. G. Winthrop, received per Mrs. Sumner R. Stone, for a loan library, $25 00.

Estate of Dr. Wm. H. Vail, for a loan library, received per Dr. Wm. H. Vail, $25 00.

Estate of Mrs. Sumner R. Stone, for a loan library, received per Mrs. Sumner R. Stone, $25 00.

Estate of Hazard Schieffelin, in memory of her mother, Lucretia Hazard Schieffelin, and one in her own name.

Estate of John S. Kennedy, for a loan library, $50 00.

The teachers and children of Woods' Memorial Chapel, of which $40 for loan libraries, $50 00.

Income from Palm Sunday and Easter, received through Henry Taylor Gray, $87 75.

Income from the Helen Lefferts Prime Memorial Library Fund, for loan libraries, $154 44.

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<td>Third Presbyterian Church, Rev. Sartell Prentice, Jr., through the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Ch., for a loan library, to be called &quot;The Pierrepont Isam Prentice Library.&quot;</td>
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AMERICAN SEAMEN’S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Walters Park, Miss Emma Bogardus, for loan libraries, one being in memory of Mrs. Mary A. Bogardus, Wellsboro, L. Harrison, of which for a loan library, $40.

George A. Harrison, 100

West Philadelphia, Mrs. M. H. Waldo, 100

$98.00

DELAWARE.

Lewes, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lavinder, New Castle, Miss Hetty Smith, for a loan library in memory of John W. Proudfit,

500

$20.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Mrs. Annie B. M. Craig, for a loan library in memoriam David W. and Jane O. Mahon,

20.00

OHIO.

Cleveland, A. B., Dayton, First Presbyterian Church Sunday School, balance for a loan library,

100

$11.00

MISSOURI.

Austin, Mrs. F. L. Savage,

200

NEW MEXICO.

Socorro, Rev. M Matthiessen,

300

OREGON.

Sitkum, R. A. Easton,

100

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, The Mariners’ Church, per Rev. J. Rowell,

100

ENGLAND.

Leamington Spa, W. R. H. Trowbridge, for a loan library in memory of his son, Clifford N. Trowbridge,

200

RECAPITULATION.

MAINE, 15.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 35.00

VERMONT, 50.00

MASSACHUSETTS, 1,807.14

RHODE ISLAND, 409.12

CONNECTICUT, 8,341.11

NEW YORK, 12,455.84

NEW JERSEY, 870.50

PENNSYLVANIA, 98.00

DELAWARE, 25.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 20.03

OHIO, 11.00

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NEW MEXICO, 3.00

OREGON, 1.00

CALIFORNIA, 10.00

ENGLAND, 20.09

$34,063.71
## Annual Statement of the American Seamen's Friend Society

### 1904

#### Payments

**March 31st, to Foreign Missions,**

- Paid Chaplains, Missionaries, Helpers, Bethels, &c... $5,685.00
- Domestic Missions, do. do. do... 7,990.00
- General Missions' Expenses... 495.35
- Aid to shipwrecked and destitute seamen... 884.94

#### Publication Department

- Cost of Sailors' Magazine, Seamen's Friend, Life Boat, etc... 4,987.31

#### Loan Library Department

- Books, cases and expenses of Loan Library Work... 4,073.33
- Office expenses, rent, salaries, etc... 5,227.19
- Sailors' Home, maintenance, insurance and repairs, etc... 2,530.81
- Annapolis Naval Academy, presentation books to the graduates... 191.26
- Cost of Endowment Legacy Investment... 4,750.00

**Balance of cash in treasury to new account... 3,585.51**

**Frederick T. Sherman,**

**Auditor.**

### 1903

#### Receipts

**March 31st, cash balance from previous account brought forward... $39,052.73**

**March 31st, receipts for twelve months to date from legacies, donations, and contributions for Loan Libraries... $19,318.71**

- Endowment Legacy for Loan Libraries... 4,750.00
- Magazine subscriptions and other sources of income... 6,380.28
- Sundry changes of investments and advances accounts... 8,725.69

**New York, March 31, 1904**

**W. Hall Ropes, Treasurer.**
American Seamen's Friend Society.

Organised, 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.—Every Trustee and officer of this Society shall be a member thereof ex-officio and every other person contributing five dollars to this Society shall be a member for the year succeeding such contribution. 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 eighteen persons, who shall be chosen by the members of the Society, ten 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 six each, one class of which, and one only, shall go out at the end of each year, and these be reeligible. 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, 1838. INCORPORATED, APRIL, 1838.

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

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

WM. C. STURGES, Vice-President.  REV. G. MCPHERSON HUNTER, Secretary.

W. HALL ROPES, Treasurer.

CHAPLAINS AND MISSIONARIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOCIETY,

IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

GLoucester, Mass.—Rev. E. F. Roper.
NEW YORK CITY.—H. G. Fithian.
NORFOLK, Va.—Rev. J. B. Merritt.
NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—John Golden.
WILMINGTON, N. C.—Rev. A. D. McClure, D.D.
NEW ORLEANS, La.—James Sherrard.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Rev. H. C. Cushman.
SAVANNAH, Ga.—H. Iverson.
GALVESTON, Texas.—Rev. J. F. Sarner.
MOBILE, Ala.—Rev. R. A. Mickle.
PORTLAND, Ore.—W. S. Fletcher.
ASTORIA, Ore.—Rev. J. McCormac.
TACOMA, W.—Rev. H. S. Stubbs.
PORT TOWNSEND, W.—G. L. Terry.

DOMESTIC STATIONS, 17; LABORERS, 16.

SWEDEN, Helsingborg.—K I Berg.
* * * Stockholm.—J. T. Hedstrom.
* * * Gothenborg.—Christian Nielsen.
DENMARK, Copenhagen.—Rev. A. Wollesen.
GERMANY, Hamburg.—British and American Sailor's Institute.—George Speedie.
BELGIUM, Antwerp.—Rev. J. Adams.
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* * * Mr. Findlay M. Beattie.
* * * Herr E. Buffe.
* * * Naples.—Rev. T. Johnstone Irving.
* * * George Bell.

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* * * Karachi.—Rev. T. E. F. Morton.
JAPAN, Yokohama.—Rev. W. T. Austen.
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* * * Buenos Ayres.—Rev. J. W. Fleming.
* * * Rosario.—E. Hallberg.
URUGUAY, Mont-video.—Rev. G. P. Howard.
MADEIRA, Funchal.—Rev. Wm. Geo. Smart.
* * * John Corey.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Manila.—Philo. H. Crisp.

FOREIGN STATIONS, 17; 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.