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REV. S. W. HANKS.

Pastor of the Mariner's Church.
REV. GEORGE W. BOURNE.
ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Boston Seaman's Friend Society was celebrated in the new Music Hall, on Wednesday, May 25, 1853, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Alpheus Hardy, Esq., President, in the chair.

The services commenced with prayer by Rev. J. W. Chickering of Portland, Me.,—following which was the Report of the Board of Managers, by Rev. G. W. Bourne, Pastor of the Mariner's Church.

Interesting addresses were then made by Rev. J. H. Towne, of Lowell; Capt. Isaac Bartlett, of Plymouth; Rev. T. L. Cuyler, of Trenton, N. J.; and Rev. J. W. Chickering, of Portland, Me.

The exercises were interspersed with singing by the congregation, and closed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Towne, of Lowell.
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
BOSTON SEAMAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated "The Boston Seaman's Friend Society," and shall be considered a Branch of the American Seaman's Friend Society.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Managers of the Boston Seaman's Friend Society, in presenting to their friends and patrons their Twenty-Fifth Annual Report, are called upon to speak in an unusual manner both of judgment and of mercy.

The "Mariner's Church," owing to adverse circumstances and its unfavorable location, was not meeting our wishes or expectations;—the Home never had more of the confidence of seamen, or promised more to its founders and friends for the future; its progress from the commencement had ever been onward, and even its enemies being judges, was doing a great work. But, on the tenth of July, our Sanctuary, which was regarded by many as the place of their spiritual birth, and by the church as the place where they had their sweetest communion with their Saviour, together with the Home, which was looked upon by many a sailor as his home, and rendered dear to him by the many blessings which it had afforded, both became a prey to the devouring element, and in less than six hours from the first alarm, were only heaps of ruins.

The congregation at the "Mariner's Church," having no regular place of worship on the Sabbath, were in sorrow, but not in despair; and assembled from week to week to make known their desires to Him who had promised never to forsake those who put their trust in him.

After a time the way was opened by which the Society were enabled to purchase the house of worship belonging
to the Christian Baptist Society, situated at the corner of Summer and Sea streets. The good providence of that God who has promised that "the abundance of the sea shall be converted," has been "a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night." It was deeply interesting to see the devotedness of the members of this little band, to the cause which they had espoused.

For a time after the house of worship was purchased, and while the necessary repairs were being made, they might have been seen making their way to the vestry, which is situated in the upper part of the building, in order that they might be together, with a ladder for their steps and a window for their door.

The alterations and repairs having been made, the house was dedicated on the 30th of December; and the first Sabbath in January, the congregation assembled. A more grateful and happy band it would be difficult to find. The communion season of that Sabbath will never be forgotten. At the commencement, the congregation was about the same as previous to the fire. Since then, it has considerably more than doubled. Six individuals have united with the church, and several seamen who have become connected with churches in their native places, date their first serious impressions with this church. For the past few weeks there has been more than usual religious interest. Some have called on the pastor as inquirers, and some to express their hope of having found a Saviour. Many, recently, as they were about leaving for sea, have taken their pastor by the hand, and with tears in their eyes, have requested prayers in their behalf. Said a sailor recently, "Sir, I knew not what brought me to Boston, as I arrived in New York, but now I see and understand it all. The first Sabbath I heard you preach, I saw and felt my guilty condition, and have had no peace until last evening, soon after you prayed with me. Now I understand why God brought me to Boston. It was to make me one of his children."
In the new Home there is a "Chaplain's Room," where scenes have been witnessed which would deeply interest every Christian heart. Soon after the fire, the Board decided to rebuild the Home; but some time elapsed before the land could be procured, which was considered necessary to its enlargement. During this time, before the work commenced, not a few seamen returned; and as they stood looking upon the ruins, with tears expressed their grief that they "had no home." As soon as possible, the work of rebuilding was commenced. Early in October, the corner-stone was laid, with appropriate services performed by Rev. Dr. Jenks and Rev. Dr. Blagden. It is worthy of notice, that neither at the fire, or during the rebuilding of the Home, did any person receive injury. The weather, during the progress of the work, was most favorable. On the 9th of March, it was opened with appropriate and interesting services. The 14th of the same month, boarders were received; from which time to the present, many of the former inmates have returned, bringing others with them.

The present Home is nearly one-third larger than the one destroyed by fire, and will accommodate one hundred and fifty men. As was said at the opening, the objects in view in establishing this Home are,—

1st. To provide a moral, religious and temperate home for seamen, at a moderate cost.

2d. To provide food and clothing for those who are destitute by reason of shipwreck or other casualties.

3d. To elevate the moral standard of seamen, by furnishing them with books and religious instruction.

4th. To induce habits of saving their hard-earned money, by depositing it in the Seamen's Saving Bank.

5th. To throw about them influences which will restrain them from vice, and lead them when away from this Home, to think of it, its comforts,—to return to it and be blessed by it.

If any one doubts that progress has been made in this
cause, let him visit the Sailor’s Home in Boston, and he will see from seventy-five to one hundred men, as orderly, as attentive to the religious services, as temperate, and as civil as a like number in any hotel in the country. The fact that such a number of seamen can be daily found the inmates of a house of prayer, of temperance, sobriety and order, speaks volumes in praise of efforts in their behalf. Here the mariner may have a happy and quiet resting-place; and those who have once enjoyed its benefits never fail, on their return, to seek this safe retreat.

The number of boarders since the house was opened, has been much larger than was anticipated. We are happy to know that one good Sailor’s Home acts favorably upon another. Seamen from the Home in Calcutta, (which stands high in the estimation of those who have enjoyed its benefits,) come consigned to the Sailor’s Home in Boston. In one instance, eighteen came in one ship.

Notwithstanding the number of rooms has been so much increased, we are happy to state that every room has been furnished by benevolent societies or individuals. To some who have asked the privilege we have been obliged to say, “The rooms are all taken.”

The efforts to furnish the new Home have probably lessened the receipts of the treasury for current expenses, and as this work is now fully accomplished, we trust that by the co-operation of pastors and friends of this cause throughout the State, this Society in future will be able to render efficient aid to the Parent Society in sustaining Chaplains and supporting its important work among the multitudes of seamen visiting foreign ports.

The cost of the Home, including $6,000 for additional land and furniture, is $34,000
The cost of the Church, including the repairs, 19,300
On the Church there is a mortgage of 6,000
On the Home 15,000

The rents of the stores under the Church and Home
fully meet the interest on the mortgages. The Man-
gagers are now making efforts to raise from two to three
thousand dollars, to pay in full the floating debt; and they
confidently believe that before another anniversary it will
be done.

Besides having a new House of Worship and a new
Home, an important arrangement has been effected with
the American Seaman’s Friend Society, by which the
Corresponding Secretary of this Society acts for the whole
cause in the State of Massachusetts. Rev. S. W. Hanks,
pastor of the John Street Church, Lowell, was invited to
this office, which he accepted, and entered upon its duties
in October last.

The chaplains and missionaries of the Society are
stationed in the Sandwich Islands, New Grenada, Chili,
Brazil, China, the Island of St. Helena, France, Sweden,
Denmark and New Brunswick; and new fields, calling for
the aid of the Society in their cultivation, are open in Peru,
China, Calcutta, &c.

The American Seaman’s Friend Society has received
from Massachusetts, from May 15, 1852, to May 15,
1853, direct, ................................................. $3,360 52
Through the Treasurer of Boston Seaman’s Friend
Society, ....................................................... 625 00
Legacies, ................................................................ 2,426 67

$6,412 19

For what has been done let us thank God, take courage
and press forward. The work to be done is as broad as
the sea. Commerce has always been the bone and sinew
of national success. Two-thirds of the commerce of the
world is in the hands of the Anglo-Saxon race; the Pro-
testants of the world, and its commanding influence, is
being felt upon every ocean, river and sea. Hence the
necessity that Christian principles should go in every
ship, that the Protestant religion may stand side by side
with Protestant thrift and enterprise.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Boston Seaman's Friend Society and Sailor's Home, in account with Thomas D. Quincy, Treasurer.

1852-53.

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<td>&quot; Blowing organ</td>
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<td>&quot; Insurance on Sailor's Home</td>
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<td>&quot; John O. Osay, bill board 93 men, destitute seamen 645 days,</td>
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<td>&quot; Additional land for Sailor's Home</td>
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<td>&quot; Rev. S. W. Hanks's salary</td>
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<td>&quot; A. Wadsworth, survey Mariner's Church lot</td>
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<td>&quot; B. H. Brown, carpenter work, &amp;c., on church in Purchase st.</td>
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<td>&quot; E. S. Rand, Esq., examination of deeds, &amp;c.,</td>
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<td>&quot; H. Kenney, bill new walk church Purchase Street</td>
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<td>Church and Home</td>
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<td>G. W. Warren &amp; Co., bill cotton for curtains in Church</td>
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<td>Henry Jenkins, painter and glazier, work and materials for church Purchase</td>
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<td>Deno &amp; Roberts, iron gate, &amp;c. for do.,</td>
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<td>W. F. Lovettbridge, cleaning walls and papering do.,</td>
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<td>Chilson, Richardson &amp; Co., stoves, &amp;c., for do.,</td>
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<td>Towle &amp; Foster, bill plans for do.,</td>
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<td>Frederick &amp; Field, curb stones for do.,</td>
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<td>W. B. Simmons &amp; Co., organ for do.,</td>
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<td>Less old organ and abatement</td>
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<td>J. Chicering, repairing piano for do.,</td>
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<td>C. Cook and assistants, at opening of Home,</td>
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<td>His services one year to June 1,</td>
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<td>Palmer &amp; Bachelders, castor frames, &amp;c., for Home,</td>
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**1852-3.**  
By cash from Broadway Church, Chelsea, $32 42

- Pine Street Church and Society, collection of 1852, 34 56
- Hollis Evangelical Church and Society, Framingham, Ms., 30 45
- Evangelical Society, Southboro, Ms., 7 54
- Central Congregational Church and Society, Fall River, 63 60
- Charles Stoddard, for Church, 100 00
- Eight dividends on two shares Marblehead Marine Insurance Company, 62 00
- Mechanics' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, amount of insurance on Home, 6,000 00
- Do., do., return premium, 5 30
- Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company, amount of insurance on Home, 6,000 00
- Union Mutual Fire Insur. Company, do. on Mariner's Church, 6,000 00
- Franz & Lovell, rent cellar under Church, 60 00
- Merchants' Insurance Company, amount of insurance for a Sailor's Home, 3,000 00
- Jeremiah Hurd, to constitute his wife, Martha C. Hurd, of Boston, life member, 20 00
- Franklin Insurance Company, insurance on organ, lost by fire, 800 00
- Maverick Society, East Boston, 35 78
- Six months' interest on bond and mortgage of Tobias Boland, 69 00
- Union Mutual Insurance Company, return premium for insurance on Mariner's Church, 55 35
- Collection at Essex Street Church, 144 31
- Park Church, 115 00
- First Evangelical Congregational Society, Cambridgeport, 181 51
- Bowdoin Street Church, ($20 of which to constitute Frederick D. Allen L. M.), 120 00
- E. Williams and George F. Williams, executors of the will of Mrs. H. A. Williams, being a legacy left by her, 400 00
- West Andover Church, 12 00
- Haverhill, Central Church, 20 84
- Newburyport, Whitefield Church, ($20 of which to constitute Rev. Samuel Spaulding L. M. of American Seaman's Friend Society), 56 00
- Newburyport, Unitarian Society, 18 29
- Old South Church, (by E. L. Teel), 159 00
- Interest on money loaned, 41 01
- From a friend in Ipswich, for furnishing room, 30 00
- Collected by a friend in Marblehead for do., 30 00
- Rev. Mr. Lawrence, Church and Society, ($40 to constitute Miss Susan Snow and Miss Rebecca Goodwin L. M.), 93 30
- T. R. Marvin, 5 00
- Phillips Church, South Boston, 86 15
- Charles Stowell, 5 00
- Interest on $2,000, 14 00
- Congregational Church and Society, South Reading, to constitute Ezekiel Oliver and Benjamin Boardman L. M. of American Seaman's Friend Society, 41 35
- Josiah Norcross, M. D., L. M. do., 30 00
- Congregational Church and Society, Shelburne, 19 25
- Old South Church, additional, 4 00
- Mount Vernon Church, 192 00
- Samuel Johnson, for the Home, 100 00
- Anonymous, from New York, 5 00
- Capt. H. A. Hopper of Lynn, 9 00

**Amount carried forward,** $34,330 96
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<td>Mrs. and Miss Sarah Baxter, to furnish a room in New Sailor’s Home</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Sewing Society, West Brookfield, Ms., for Sailor’s Home, 1 box clothing</td>
<td>47 58</td>
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<td>Salem Church, Boston</td>
<td>2 00</td>
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<td>“A friend to the seaman’s cause,” for Home</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Per Rev. W. Hanks’s account:</td>
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<td>Congregational Church in Brighton</td>
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<td>Samuel Stanton, L. M.</td>
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<td>General Benevolent Society of the Third Church in Hadley, C. P. Hitchcock, Twas.</td>
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<td>Appleton Street Church, Lowell</td>
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<td>Congregational Church in Holliston</td>
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<td>Middlesex North Association</td>
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<td>Congregational Church, Newton Centre</td>
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<td>Central Church, Lawrence, to constitute Rev. William C. Foster L. M.</td>
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<td>North Church, Newburyport</td>
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<td>First Church in Newbury</td>
<td>32 00</td>
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<td>Old South Church, Reading</td>
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<td>R. S. Storrs, D. D., Braintree</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>Friends of seamen in Spencer, $50 for room; $74 for general cause</td>
<td>375 54</td>
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<td>Mrs. Joanna Means and Rev. J. H. Means, to furnish a double room in Home</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Circle of ladies of the Winter Street Church to furnish room No. 5 Sailor’s Home, to be named W. M. Rogers</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>A circle of ladies of the Essex Street Church, to furnish room No. 6, Sailor’s Home, N Adams’s Room</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Suffolk Savings Bank for mortgage on Sailor’s Home</td>
<td>7,500 00</td>
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<td>Temperance Sewing Circle, Andover, to furnish a room in Home</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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<td>Dorchester Seaman’s Friend Society, to furnish a room in Home, cash $43, articles for Home, valued $5</td>
<td>45 00</td>
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<td>Rev. Mr. Storr’s Society, Lawrence, on account of the Sailor’s Home, per hands Rev. Mr. Bushnell</td>
<td>40 00</td>
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<td>E. S. Rand, L. M.</td>
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<td>Chestnut Street Society, Chelsea, Ms.</td>
<td>103 53</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Benevolent Society, connected with Rev. M. P. Braman’s congregation, Danvers, to furnish a double room in Home</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Seaman’s Society, Beverly, to furnish a double room in Sailor’s Home</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Benevolent Society of Harvard Church, Brookline, Ms., to furnish a double room in Sailor’s Home</td>
<td>34 50</td>
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<td>Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, Hartford, to furnish a room in Sailor’s Home</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<td>Ladies of the Hollis Evangelical Society, Framingham, in part to furnish a room in Sailor’s Home</td>
<td>18 00</td>
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<td>Through Rev. Mr. Bourne’s hands, viz:</td>
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<td>Northboro, Juvenile Benevolent Society, cash, $25, also articles to furnish a room</td>
<td>35 00</td>
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<td>Miss Mary Childs, Lincoln, Ms., to furnish a room</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Society, Hopkinton, E. R. Webster, Sec.</td>
<td>37 00</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Charitable Society, Paxton, Ms., 16, (also, bedding to furnish a room.)</td>
<td>18 00</td>
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<td>Ladies’ Benevolent Society of First Congregational Society in West Boylston, to furnish the “J. W. Cross” Room in Sailor’s Home</td>
<td>28 00</td>
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<td>$33,227.98</td>
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<td>By cash from Ladies' Charitable Society, Leominster, to furnish the Rev. J. S. Bingham Room, (also, one box clothing,)</td>
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<td>Suffolk Savings Bank, on account mortgage,</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
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<td>Cash through John O. Chany for Sailor's Home, viz:</td>
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<td>Winthrop Church and Society, Charlestown, bedding, also cash,</td>
<td>35.00</td>
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<td>Falmouth, Seaman's Society, bedding, also cash,</td>
<td>33.33</td>
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<td>Newburyport, do., do.,</td>
<td>38.00</td>
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<td>Andover, W. Parish, Ladies' Seaman's Friend Soc., do., do.,</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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<td>Medway, do. do.,</td>
<td>19.00</td>
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<td>Nashua, do. do.,</td>
<td>46.50</td>
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<td>Pawtucket, cash,</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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<td>Per Rev. S. W. Hanks's account:</td>
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<td>John Street Church, Lowell, §20, N. Allen, L. M., American Seaman's Friend Society,</td>
<td>80.75</td>
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<td>First Parish, Worcester,</td>
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<td>Congregational Church and Society, Belchertown,</td>
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<td>Third Congregational Church, Hadley,</td>
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<td>Second Congregational Church, Westfield,</td>
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<td>Ladies' Sewing Circle, Athol,</td>
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<td>Rev. Mr. Clark's Society, Swampscott,</td>
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<td>Evangelical Church and Society, Pepperville, (Dea. Ass. James, L. M., Amer. Seaman's Friend Soc.)</td>
<td>22.00</td>
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<td>Benevolent Society of the John Street Church, Lowell, for the Home,</td>
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<td>Cong. Church and Society in Monson, for Home,</td>
<td>71.27</td>
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<td>Cong. Lad. Sewing Circle, Colechester, Ct., for do.,</td>
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<td>Rev. D. T. Fiske's, in Newburyport,</td>
<td>20.12</td>
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<td>First Presbyterian Church, Newburyport, William Pritchard and Mary H. Pettengil L. M. American Seaman's Friend Society,</td>
<td>43.50</td>
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<td>Congregational Society, Amesbury and Salisbury Village,</td>
<td>28.00</td>
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<td>North Adams, Congregational Society,</td>
<td>11.49</td>
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<td>Mrs. Rebecca A. Hurd, Medway, H. P. Sanford, and Edmund Sanford, in part L. M., Boston Seaman's Friend Society, for Home,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td>Ladies of Dr. Ide's Society, West Medway, for do.,</td>
<td>20.00</td>
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<td>Congregational Church in Randolph,</td>
<td>27.50</td>
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<td>Mrs. Lavina Buck, Reading,</td>
<td>10.00</td>
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<td>Rev. Mr. Bourne's account for Sailor's Home:</td>
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<td>Holliston, Ladies' Seaman's Friend Society, to furnish a double room, (also bedding,)</td>
<td>39.50</td>
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<td>Ladies of Marlboro', for single room, (also bedding,)</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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<td>Ladies' Sewing Circle, West Newton, for single room,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td>Housatonic, for single room, (also bedding,)</td>
<td>5.00</td>
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<td>Ladies' Sewing Circle, Ludlow, Rev. Mr. Tuck's Society, bedding,</td>
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<td>Young people, East Randolph, box clothing, valued $15, cash, $30, to furnish a room, and the balance for the treasury of the American Seaman's Friend Society,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td>Ladies of Central Church, Lawrence, Ms., for Home, (also bedding,)</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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<td>Ladies of Evangelical Church, Pepperell, Ms., for Home, (also bedding,)</td>
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<td>Eliot Church Sewing Circle, to furnish the Eliot Room,</td>
<td>18.00</td>
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<td>Mrs. Susan Holmes, to furnish a room Sailor's Home, (also a box of clothing,)</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>Broad Street Infant School, rent room, six months,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td>Ladies' Benevolent Association of Chicopee Falls for room in Home, (also box bedding,)</td>
<td>22.00</td>
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<td>Of Mr. Cook, collections at door, on opening New Sailor's Home,</td>
<td>218.50</td>
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<td>Mrs. Sarah E. Holman L. M., by her husband,</td>
<td>20.00</td>
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<td>Proceeds Mrs. S. E. W. Tutu's table at opening of Sailor's Home,</td>
<td>45.00</td>
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<td>Amount carried forward,</td>
<td>$35,533.27</td>
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Amount brought forward, $25,333 27

Rev. G. W. Bourne's account received for Sailor's Home:

By cash from Milford, N. H., to furnish double room, (also bedding,) Rev. E. N. Hidden's Society, 36 50
" Ladies' Western Missionary Society, Winchester, to furnish single room, (also bedding,) 18 00
" Ladies' Char. Soc., Leicester, to furnish single room, 20 00
" Ladies' Sewing Circle, North Weymouth, Rev. J. Emery's Society, for double room, (also bedding,) 45 00
" Lad Sew. Circle, Longmeadow, for a single room, 18 00
" Central Church, Worcester, to furnish a double room, (also bedding,) 34 50
" Belchertown, Congregational Society, Ladies' Sewing Circle, for a single room, 30 00
" Mrs. Elizabeth Drake, Boston, for a single room, 30 00—$44 00
Rev. S. W. Hanks's account:
" Shepard Congregational Church, Cambridge, 63 15
" Salem Street Church, Worcester, 16 28
" Templeton, Ladies' Charitable Society, Reading, for Sailor's Home, 22 00
" Rev. Mr. Emerson's Society, S. Reading, for do., 19 50
" Cummington Village Church, 7 86
" Ladies' Sewing Circle of First Congregational Church, Lowell, for Sailor's Home, 21 00
" Congregational Church and Society, North Chelmsford, for do., 26 00—$75 79
A. Kingman's donation to Sailor's Home, 100 00
" Ladies Seaman's Friend Society, Truro, to furnish a room, 30 00
" Suffolk Savings Bank, on account mortgage on Home, 5,500 00
" Robert M. Bauerly, L. M., Boston Seaman's Friend Soc., 21 00
" Count Fort, monthly concert, 12 00
" Presbyterian Church and Society, Bedford, N. H., to constitute Rev. Thomas Savage a Life Director, by hands of Dea. John French, 50 00
" Old South table at opening of Sailor's Home, 68 00
" Juvenile Society, Central Church, Worcester, to furnish a single room, (also bedding,) 13 00
" William Ropes's loan, $2,200, 2,200 00
" Sales at opening of Sailor's Home, 50 00
" Sale of land late site of Mariner's Church, Purchase Street, for $7,000, and interest, 3,520 23
" Note of J. B. Fowle, for $3,257 33, 90 days, discounted for $3,494 89
" George W. Thayer, donation to Home, 100 00
" Six months' interest to 1st on $2,000 on bond and mortgage, of T. Boland, 60 00
" Six months' rent on stores in Church, 300 00
" Alpheus Hardy, donation to Home, 100 00
" Nathan Carruth, do., 100 00
Per S. W. Hanks's account:
" Congregational Church in Candia, N. H., $5 00
" Ladies Benevolent Society, Royalston, bedding and 21 00
" Ladies' Benevolent Society, Groton, bedding and 20 00
" Church in Cummington Village, 7 86
" Orthodox Central Congregational Church, Dracut, 5 71
" Friends in Uxbridge, 4 31
" Congregational Church in Lynn, 64 00
" Church in North Hadley, 13 00
" Congregational Church in Stockbridge, $40 to constitute J. H. Strong and J. C. Mellen, L. M.
" American Seaman's Friend Society, for stock, 41 00
" Church and Society in Hatfield, 53 65
" Church in Wrentham, 15 50
" Church and Society in Franklin, 57 76
" Congregational Church and Society in Grafton, to constitute J. W. Fay and Otis Adams, L. M.
" American Seaman's Friend Society, 40 00
" Friend in Boston, 50 00—$339 79

Amount carried over, $53,069 97
Amount brought over, $33,069 97

By cash from Collection Second Parish, Dorchester, Rev. Mr. Means's
Church and Society,

Collections through Mr. Char's H. Brown, for Home:

Samuel Appleton, $500 00
William H. Boardman, 100 00
George C. Shattuck, 100 00
Charles H. Brown, 100 00
William S. Ballard, 25 00
Minot & Hooper, 25 00
Homer & Sprague, 20 00
R. B. Stower, 5 00
Samuel Austin, 10 00
Edwin Austin, 10 00
A. L. Payson, 10 00
P. M. Parkman, 5 00
C. Stetson, 5 00—915 00

Winthrop Church and Society, Charlestown, $20 of which

to constitute Rev. Mr. Tappan a L. M. of the Boston
Seaman's Friend Society,

Per J. O. Chany's account for Sailor's Home, viz:

Westboro', $33 00
Ladies of Eliot Church, Roxbury, for Eliot Room, 50 00
Roxbury, Lowland Circle, for Rev. A. C. Thomp-
son's Room, 30 00
Mrs. Messenger, 18 00
Phillips Church and Society, South Boston, 54 50
Sherburne, 55 00
Cambridge, Shepard Society, 34 50
Westminster; 18 00
Dr. Jenks's room, 50 00
Old South Church, 31 00
Plymouth, 18 00
Webster, 14 00
Jonathan French, 50 00
New London, Ct., 30 00
Cohasset, 39 50
Ashby, 20 50
Friend to the cause, 1 00
Charitable Society, Westford, in part, 12 00
Nautick, Rev. Mr. Nason's Society, 10 00
Ladies Benevolent Society, Ware Village, 25 00
Manchester, Ms., 34 20—599 50

A spread from Ladies' Seaman's Friend Society, Truro,
for Truro Room,

Sales of old copper, &c., per J. O. Chany's account, 131 02
E. J. Bunting, sexton, account, received for pew rents in
church, Purchase Street, to July, 1852, 10 75
Do. church in Summer Street, from January 1 to
March 31, 32 17
Old stoves and furnace, 8 35—51 87
W. Appleton, 100 00
E. Train & Co., 100 00
Rev. L. Sabin's Society, Templeton, S. Lea, Tr., $21 50
Rev. Mr. Perkins's Society,Phillipsborough, do. do., 14 70—36 20
G. W. Houme's account received by him of—
Josiah Robbins, Plymouth, $4 00
Mrs. Samuel Greenleaf, Boston, 5 00
Rev. Mr. Emery's Society, North Plymouth, 13 11
E. S. Wright, Aeworth, N. H., for the Mariner's Ch., 5 00
Mrs. Eliza Moore, Sabbath School Class, Barre, 2 69
Charles R. Merrill, Boston, 2 00
Received for office expenses, 80 00—111 80
George R. Sampson, 100 00
Thomas D. Quincy, 100 00
Henry Hill, 10 00
William Ropes, 100 00

Amount carried forward, $55,598 63
By cash of J. P. Cushing, 200 00
Rev. G. W. Bourne, 100 00
Henry H. Jones, 100 00
By hand of H. H. Jones, from Old South Church and Society, viz:
Sundry persons, 10 00
Phineas Sprague, 50 00
J. B. Kimball, 25 00
Charles Blake, 25 00
Samuel Johnson, Jr., 5 00——115 00

By balance of old account, 874 93

Amount brought forward, 55,698 03

Boston, May 21, 1853.

E. E. and balance to new account,

THOS. D. QUINCY, TREASURER.

Boston, May 21, 1853.—The subscriber being appointed a committee to examine the account of the Treasurer, has attended to that duty, and finds it correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance of eight hundred seventy-four dollars ninety-three cents in the hands of the Treasurer.

ABNER KINGMAN.

The Society are in want of about $5,400 to pay at once a bill of furniture, also balance due masons and carpenters on account building Sailor’s Home, and for money borrowed.

Amount of mortgage on the Sailor’s Home, 15,000 00
Amount of mortgage on the Mariner’s Church, 6,000 00

Bedding, &c. received at the Sailor’s Home to May 25, 1853, in addition to what is acknowledged in the Treasurer’s Report.

West Brookfield, bedding for double room.
Fitchburg, bedding for room.
Campello, 1 quilt.
A friend, 1 comforter.
Harvard, Ladies’ Sewing Circle, bedding.
Peru, box bedding to furnish room.
Capt. T. V. Sullivan, 2 comforters.
John Street Benevolent Society, Lowell, bedding.
Colchester, Ct., bedding.
Meredith Village, bedding.
Framingham, bedding for room.
A friend, 2 bibles.
Walpole, Ladies’ Benevolent Society, Mrs. Holmes, bedding.
Mason, bedding for room.
Unknown, bedding for room.
Pawtucket, bedding for room.
Candia, N. H., bedding.
Henry Benton, Esq., Hartford, Ct., 6 sheets.
Mrs. Eli Gilman, Hartford, Ct., 1 quilt.
Ludlow, Ladies’ Benevolent Society, bedding for room.
Atbol, bedding for room.
Cambridge, Shepard Society, bedding for room.
Herkimer, N. H., Juvenile Missionary Society, bedding for room.
Harvard Church, Brookline, bedding for room.
Fitchburg, Juvenile Society, clothing.
Webster, bedding.
West Medway, bedding for room.
East Randolph, Young Ladies’ Sewing Society, bedding for room.
Westminster, Ladies’ Benevolent Society, bedding for room.
Meredith Village, from Mrs. Long, deceased, clothing.
Assabet, Ladies’ Missionary Society, bedding for room.
South Reading, bedding for room.
Mrs. Messenger, bedding for room.
Newton, bedding for room.
Winthrop, bedding for room.
Springfield, Ladies’ Benevolent Society, Fourth Congregational Church, bed­ding for room.
Plymouth, bedding for room.
Lowell, First Congregational Church, bedding for room.
North Chelmsford, bedding for room.
Westboro’, bedding for room.
New London, Ct., bedding for room.
Phillips Church and Society, South Boston, bedding for room.
Cohasset, bedding for room.
Sherburne, bedding for room.
Uxbridge Sewing Circle, bedding for room.
Chicopee, bedding for room.
Ashby, bedding for room.
Brighton, 6 quilts.
Framingham, 1 quilt.
Templeton, bedding for room.
Wrentham, Ladies’ Home Missionary Society, bedding for room.
Manchester, bedding for room.
Mr. Hanks, from Mr. Pratt, bedding.
An old lady, 85, 1 quilt.
Longmeadow, bedding for room.
South Attleboro’, Ladies’ Sewing Society, bedding for room.
A friend, 1 quilt.
Spencer, bedding for room.
Phillipston, bedding for room.
Mary Tare, Rockport, 1 quilt.
Children in the Harvard Church Sabbath School, 8 new valuable books for library.
Fitchburg, Martha Washington Society, bedding.
Sunderland, Boreas Society, bedding for room.
Franklin, Ladies’ Benevolent Society, bedding.
Mrs. Mary E. Page, pillow cases and towels.
Ladies’ Society, Holland, 1 quilt.
Canterbury, Ladies’ Benevolent Society, bedding and clothing.
Truro, bedding for room.
West Roxbury, Young Ladies’ Missionary Circle, bedding for room.
Andover, West Parish, bedding for room.
Canton, Juvenile Circle, Rev. S. Clark’s Society, 1 quilt.
Ladies’ Benevolent Society, Rev. S. Clark’s Society, 3 pair sheets.
Ladies’ Benevolent Society, Wilmington, bedding.
Sabin Wilmingtom, bedding for room.
Park Street Church, bedding for room.
Bowdoin Street Church, bedding for room.
Old South Church, bedding for room.
Winter Street Church, bedding for two rooms.
Mount Vernon Church, bedding for room.
MEMBERS FOR LIFE.

*Stoughton, Rev James W. Ward
*Aceen, Rev James T. Woodbury
*Amesbury, Rev J. B. Hadley
*Amherst, *Rev Joseph Bect
Rev Lyman Colman
Rev Hans Goodsell
*Rev Aaron Warner
*Andover, Samuel C. Jackson, D. D.
Rev Austin Phelps
Rev J. L. Taylor
Rev Mr. Smith
*Ashby, Rev Charles W. Wood
Paul Hayward
*Bangor, Me., William Holmes
*Rev Daniel T. Smith
*Bates, N. Y., Rev Charles Fitch
*Boston, Nehemiah Adams, D. D.
Frederick D. Allen
Rufus Anderson, D. D.
Samuel Appleton
William Appleton
Aaron Bancroft
Robert G. Bancroft
Francis Batchelder
Lyman Beecher, D. D.
Edward Beecher, D. D.
P. A. Beman
*Henry Beman
George W. Blagden, D. D.
Charles Blake
William H. Boardman
Rev G. W. Bourne
Hiram Bosworth
*Andrew Bradshaw
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*Charles J. Cazenove
*George Clark
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Rev Dorr Clarke
*Nathaniel R. Cobb
Joseph Cotton
George W. Crockett
Rev William Crowell
Pirry Cutler
*Samuel Dorr
Rev Louis Dwight
Ann Eaton, D. D.
Henry Edwards
William T. Eustis
Rev Joy H. Fairchild
 Ezra Farrowsmith
*Jonathan French
Jonathan French
Horace Gray
*Rev Samuel Green
*A. V. Grieswold, D. D.
Moses L. Hale
Alpheus Hardy
Alpheus Holmes Hardy
Rev George F. Haskins
*Charlton, Charles
*George J. Homer
*Henry Horns
Samuel Hubbard
William Jenks, D. D.
Henry H. Jones
J. B. Kimball
*Abner Kingman
*Edmund Longley
*Boston, Theophilus R. Marvin
*James Means
Rev Martin Moore
Emmond Muntroe
Montgomery Newell
Albert Norton
*Daniel Noyes
Philip S. Page
Julius A. Palmer
Thomas B. Perkins
Edward D. Peters
*Rev Amos A. Phelps
John C. Proctor
Thomas O. Quincy
E. S. Rand
*William Reynolds
William B. Reynolds
Edward Reynolds, Jr.
*Rev George Richards
*Rev William M. Rogers
William Bopes
Daniel Safford
George R. Sampson
Charles Scudder
George C. Shattuck
*Michael H. Simpson
*Palmer Sprague
*Francis Stanton
Samuel Stanton
Charles Stoddard
John Suter
Hale W. Suter
John Tappan
John H. Tenney
Enoch Train
John N. Turner
Aaron D. Weld, Jr.
Rev E. N. Wills
Benjamin F. Whistmore
*Newton Wiley
Henry W. Williams
Nathaniel Willis
Arthur Wilkinson
*B. B. Wiener, D. D.
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*Beverly, Rev J. Abbott
*Bexford, Rev William S. Coggin
*Bradford, Rev Nathan Munroe
G. B. Perry, D. D.
Benjamin Greenleaf
Rev Ola Rockwood
Braintray, *Jonathan Newcomb
Jonathan Newcomb
*Brewster, Rev Enoch Pratt
Rev Samuel Williams
*Bridgeville, Rev Paul Couch
*Brighton, *Lot Wheeler
*Brockline, Rev Joseph Haven
Daniel Pierce
Rev William H. Shailer
Rev M. M. Smith
*Brooks, N. Y., Rev Jonathan Greenleaf
*John S. Stone, D. D.
Samuel H. Turner
*Calais, Me., Rev H. S. Keesler
Cambridgeport, Ambrose Chamberlain
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Rules and Regulations of the Sailor's Home.

Any person wishing to become a boarder, on application, will please to read these regulations and then give in his name.

All boarders are particularly requested to be at home by 12 o'clock at night; at which time the doors will be closed, except previous notice is given that any one designs to be out; in which case the door will be opened.

When retiring to bed, all unnecessary noise to be avoided, so that those who wish to sleep may not be disturbed.

Blasphemy, swearing, quarreling, gambling, and all loud noise, are strictly forbidden.

The utmost sobriety, cleanliness, and harmony, is particularly requested, not only for the comfort of the boarders, but for the respectability of the house.

No intoxicating liquors allowed to be brought into the house, unless ordered by a physician for medical purposes.

Positively no smoking allowed in any part of the house, except the smoking room and back piazza.

All persons are requested not to make any pencil or other marks on the house, or in any other way deface or injure it.

Family worship will be performed morning and evening, in the reading-room. All are affectionately invited to be present.

These regulations must be strictly observed, and any one, who cannot comply with them, is requested not to enter his name as a boarder.
ADDRESS OF REV. JOSEPH H. TOWNE,

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. President,—This is truly an interesting spectacle. I feel it to be a privilege to speak in behalf of seamen to an assembly like this,—although my pleasure in the performance of this duty would be greatly enhanced, if I were sure to enkindle that interest in the cause, which always rewarded the efforts of one—now gone from earth,—dear to you, sir, and beloved by us all,—whose voice was a tower of strength, and whose presence was so accustomed, for a long term of years, to grace the Anniversary of this Society, that distant must be the day, when its return shall cease to bring him vividly before our minds, or fail to excite the tribute of a grateful tear to his memory. Too soon for all—but himself—was he called to exchange this "mortal coil" for the robe of glory!

But, sir, I have some peculiar claims to a place upon this platform. I am a sailor's son. My father's home was the mountain wave. He sleeps the cold sleep of death beneath the ocean billows. Will it be deemed egotistical, sir, if I refer to a fact connected with my own personal history, as a tribute of filial gratitude to a father whose venerated form this day mingles with the coral reefs of the mighty deep? When I left college, sir, I commenced the study of law. While prosecuting that study, with the customary ardor of youth, it pleased God to change the grand aim of my life. It was then my wish to devote myself to the Christian ministry. For some time, I hesitated to break the secret to my father, fearing that he might think me inconstant and fickle. When, however, I at length narrated to him the change that had passed over me, and disclosed my desire to preach the gospel—"My son," he instantly exclaimed—the tears starting in his eyes—"the great prayer of my life is answered. On the day of your birth, I went alone by myself, and gave you to that God, who had so often preserved me amidst the perils of the deep, as a preacher of the gospel. You not only have my consent to change your profession, but in so doing you gratify the most cherished desire of my heart." Surely, sir, the sailor has a peculiar claim upon me. And it would argue a sad deficiency of generous feeling, if my voice refused to plead for him.

The earliest recollections of my childhood are connected with the sea. My first presents came from over the dark blue waters—and they make an impression upon a boy. My first joys, my first hopes, the first anxious thoughts that shaded the brow of my childhood, were of the sea.

On one occasion, when my father was on a return voyage from Calcutta, he was obliged to put into the Isle of France, and was detained there for several weeks. Vessels were continually arriving,
that sailed from Calcutta some weeks after he was reported to have left that port—but no tidings of him! In those days, when hope was adumbrated by despair, I, a little lad, would go to an eminence in the neighborhood of my native city, that overlooked the entrance to Boston harbor, and sit there, hour after hour, watching with intense interest every speck that appeared in the distant horizon, if perchance I might descry some signs of the missing ship;—and well do I remember the feelings of disappointment and sadness with which I returned to my home. It would be strange, sir, if I had no sympathy with the sailor. The deepest sorrows, ever felt by those who are bound by the ties of endeared relationship to this class of the community, form a part of my own experience. I know what it is for the ship, that left her native shores under the command of as noble-hearted a father as boy ever had, to re-enter the harbor, after the long voyage, with her colors drooping at half-mast! And I am no stranger to the bitterness of that moment, when the old chest—the companion of so many voyages, and so many times welcomed home—returns at last without its owner! 'O what a wave of grief comes over the family group, while bending over that mute but eloquent relic of the sea;—and how the fountains of the heart are broken up afresh, in poring over its contents, and discovering, at almost every turn, some tokens of affectionate remembrance laid away by the hand of one whom we can never hope to see again till "the sea gives up the dead that are in it!"

But I am not here to indulge in private reminiscences.

Gentlemen, it is only necessary to understand the condition of sailors, to appreciate the means employed by your Society for their improvement. The fact is not to be disguised, that, as a class of men, they have ranked proverbially low in the moral scale. If their extreme degradation were attributable only to some idiosyncrasy, some peculiar temperament or organization of body or mind, rendering them more liable to certain vices than others, it might present a most discouraging feature to the eye of the Christian philanthropist. But whatever is peculiar in their case, may be satisfactorily accounted for upon other principles. Two forces combine to shape the destiny of men—the internal powers of their nature, and circumstances or external influences. If the will is never so weak, that it does not modify the effect of circumstances, it is never so strong, as to determine a man's course by its own simple energy, independently and exclusively. There are those who evince great power of resistance, and press upwards in the path of virtue against adverse influences, like a gallant ship beating against the wind, or a steamer holding steadily to her course in defiance of the tempest, dashing aside the waves that would oppose her progress, as if in proud consciousness of her strength. But these are comparatively rare instances. With respect to most men, it is undoubtedly true, that they are the creatures of circumstances. If we could trace out, with precise exactness, the influences which have contributed to make the persons composing this assembly what they are, at this moment, few probably would be found here, who would not be obliged to acknowledge themselves greatly indebted to propitious circumstances, for their enviable position in life. Occasionally a remarkable genius bursts the tough shell of untoward fortune, and forces what would have disheartened ordinary minds, to set off by way of contrast the lustre of his fame—as I have sometimes seen the moon struggle through the cloud that eclipsed her rising, and
turn at length the vapory folds that would obscure her radiance into a drapery of glory. And now and then monsters of vice appear in all circles. But when men are distinguished, as a class, for anything remarkable, and more especially for their immoralities, we are bound, at least before we venture to denounce them as inherently worse than others, or cast them off as the dross and refuse of the race, to inquire into their circumstances—to learn what their exposures are.

In the exposures of sailors, we may certainly find a clue to the mystery of their morals. They have no more original sin than others. The stream of depravity, as it flowed into them from the fountain which was first unsealed at the foot of the Forbidden Tree, and which has corrupted us all, I verily believe, was not tinctured with any extraordinary grains of poison. They inherit a fallen nature, in common with their brethren. It is not, however, to their nature, that we are to impute the profligacy which marks them as a class, but to their circumstances, to the external influences to which they are subjected—to their exposures.

And, gentlemen, the exposures to which I refer, do not grow out of their profession as its natural product. If this were the case—if their profession was necessarily demoralizing, it would be a consideration no less disheartening than the supposition of a vicious idiosyncrasy. But there is nothing in life upon the sea that must necessarily deprave the heart. Far—very far from it. If the human mind insensibly assimilates itself to the nature of the objects with which it is most familiar, as it unquestionably does, unless all experience and philosophy deceive us, then we might expect to find in the sailor traits of character corresponding to the element on which he rides. And are we disappointed? There is poetry in the character of the sailor—there is courage and magnanimity in these “children of danger and nurseries of the storm”—a freedom and expansion of soul—a disinterestedness, buoyancy, and generosity of feeling, rarely to be met with in other men. Under the rough exterior of the hardy tar, you will find a heart ever ready to melt at the tale of woe, and a hand equally ready to afford relief. What a pity—what a pity that such noble elements should be so frequently associated with debasing vices, and that, too, in consequence of exposures upon the shore!

Yes, sir, we begin now to approach the true cause of the profligacy of sailors. It is not because they are naturally worse than others—I am more than half inclined to say that they are naturally better;—it is not because they furnish only unpromising materials for Christian philanthropy to operate upon—for they possess elements which, when refined and polished by grace, constitute a character of the highest style of excellence and beauty. These are not the causes of their degradation. Nor is it owing to their occupation. There is no reason why life upon the ocean should not be as elevated as life upon the land;—no reason why he who ploughs the briny acres for a livelihood, and contemplates the perfections of his Creator, as they are mirrored in the varying aspect of the glassy sea, should not be as devout and pure as he who tills the soil of the earth, and studies his Maker in the smooth and in the rugged features of the landscape. There is religion in the sea—in its boundless expanse—in its majestic swell—in its eternal anthem! There is religion in the sea—the floods clap their hands to God, and leap up towards his throne in an ecstasy of sublime mirth! What hath the land of pious story—of hallowed associations
of sacred treasures—of solemn foreshadowings, which the sea hath not? Jesus hath walked upon it—saints are enshrouded in it—nations lie buried beneath it, waiting for the blast of the trumpet! Oh, there is religion in the sea! God is there, not only in his forms of terrible majesty, but also in his footprints of beauty! Sabbath morning may steal over its placid surface as calmly and sweetly, as when it comes over hill and dale breathing the fragrance of flowers. The sea hath its moonlight and its star-lit hours! And in the solitude of the night-watch, when the winds are asleep and no sound is heard but the ripple of the water against the vessel's side, I know not why the lonely helmsman may not as naturally turn his thoughts to rich and sober reflections, as he who goes out into the fields to meditate. No—it is not to the influences of the sea that we are to look for an explanation of the dark side of the sailor's character, but to his exposures on the shore.

And what are these exposures? The tale has been often told; but it must be repeated, again and again, till the precise point of danger is clearly seen by every one. When a vessel discharges her crew in port, the fact is not to be lost sight of, that they are for the most part strangers—remote from their homes—remote from relatives and friends. This is one peculiarity of their situation. They are a proscribed class. This is another peculiarity. Now they must find a shelter for themselves somewhere. Where shall they go? The tarpaulin hat and short jacket exclude them from the more respectable boarding houses of the place. Where shall they go? They cannot abide in the open air, in the midst of civilized life; and are not much inclined to do so, after the hardships and privations of a voyage. Where shall they go? What shall they do with themselves? How shall they spend their few weeks on shore? with whom? in what company? under what influences? What shall be their diversions? Here is the precise point of danger. There is no solitude so gloomy as a populous city, where not a heart in all the living throngs beats for us. To be thrown into the thoroughfares of the busy world, like sea-weed washed upon the beach by the tide, and regarded almost as vile; or at least compelled to feel, that those about us have as little sympathy with us, as if we belonged to another planet, is a perilous situation for any human beings, especially for warm, impulsive creatures, just let loose from the confinement of the forecastle, with the means of gratification in their pockets, and appetite whetted by long abstinence. Thus cast upon shore, do you wonder that they easily become the victims of the cunning and designing, who watch for them as their prey? In such circumstances, men of less credulity than sailors would be deceived by professions of friendship. Is it a miracle that the sailor is deceived—mere child as he is, in the ways of the world?

A young sailor, just returned from his first voyage, is stepping upon the landing! There he stands—in his best trim—and every inch a sailor! There he stands, in thoughtful mood—as if hesitating what course to pursue. He is thinking of home—of the woodbine that runs over the cottage wall, of the mother that tenderly loves him, of the sister that hung on his neck with tears on the day of his departure, of the grassy mound in the garden where an infant brother, his little favorite, sleeps! Methinks I see him brush the tear from his manly face! But home is far away—or it may be, that something of pride prevents his returning just now. If a kind friend was at hand, he
would save him; for it is one of those crises, when the destiny of a life turns upon the pivot of a moment. But a fiend in the garb of a friend is at hand, who leads him off to one of those haunts of guilt and shame, where the fabled transformation which befell the companions of Ulysses, in the island of Aea, becomes his ill-fated experience. Need I describe the process? Under that treacherous convoy, he is conducted to a chain-locker, where "rum steals away his brains," and women of infamous character steal away his virtue; and men, whose souls are blasted with the mismas of lawless thoughts and despicable purposes, steal away the hard earnings of his cruise. Despoiled of everything—character, money, and even decent attire, he is now as helpless as a kid under the paw of the lion or the bear! And what follows? While under the bewildering influence of the Circean cup, he is shipped on a new voyage, the perfidious landlord taking care to secure his advance wages in alleged payment for his board. On the wide sea he awakes as from a dream, having been before scarcely conscious of a single event that had transpired since he went down into that ante-chamber of hell;—and he awakes to find himself bound, perhaps, on a three years' cruise, with no outfits, his wages all gone, his good name gone, his chest rifled of all its valuables, and even the new suit of blue in which we saw him standing on the landing only a few days before—the noble outline of a man—exchanged for a garb of the vilest texture! This is the way, sir, in which the sailor is depressed, run down, ruined!

And in former years there was no remedy. When the ship Switzerland arrived at Havre, in 1836, her crew traversed the streets of that city, in hopes of finding a boarding house where they could be free from the temptations of their spoilers—but no such place could then be found. They finally rented a little shed, in an obscure place, where they hoped to remain unmolested; but they were driven out of this humble retreat by the rain. Having no other alternative, they were obliged to look to a sailors' boarding house for shelter. Shelter!—did I say shelter? Such shelter "as vultures give to lambs, covering and devouring them!" Then, sir, there was touching truth in the sentiment, beautifully expressed in the following lines, written by a sailor, and showing very clearly that the sons of the ocean are not deficient in the finer susceptibilities and sympathies of our nature:

"I am alone.—the wide, wide world
Holds not a heart that beats for me;
I've seen my brightest hopes grow dim,
As fades the twilight o'er the sea."

But this is not quite true now. Sailor boy! thou art not now alone. The wide, wide world holds many a heart that beats for thee! The exposure of the brave tar to currents which set only to leeward, has arrested the attention of the wise and good, both in this country and in the leading maritime countries of Europe; and it is their purpose, humbly relying upon God, not to cease from their efforts, till a refuge is opened for him in every port where commerce unfurls her canvas—till in every land laved by the sea a retreat shall be furnished him from influences that would almost endanger an angel's purity—on every shore a home shall expand its willing doors to welcome him to its kindly associations and comforts—a home every way worthy of the name, where his morals shall he cared for, where good counsels shall
be given him, wholesome examples set before him, rational entertainments provided for him.

Is not this supplying the sailor's great want? Is not this just the change of circumstances, which the peculiar exposures of our sea-faring men render imperatively necessary? Can the hope of any general or abiding improvement in their character be reasonably entertained, unless some such provisions are made for their happiness and safety when on shore? What are tracts? what is a Christian literature? what are Bethels? what are the ministrations of the gospel?—what are all these appliances, valuable as they are, indispensable as they are, mighty as they are—if these men while on the land, must live in dens whose walls are impregnated with curses, and breathe an atmosphere poisoned with moral pestilence? A veteran in this cause testifies, that his Sabbath instructions, in the early part of his ministry, were nearly lost upon those who listened to him, for want of "a quiet habitation, and the moral associations of home." The ridicule of the scoffer was sure to quench the smart of the arrow of conviction. If there was tenderness of conscience under the sermon, the metal was heated, not to run into the mould of Christian penitence, but to cool off, and become harder. And what different results could have been looked for? I know that there is a wonderful vitality in God's truth. It is said of the seed of a certain fruit, that "it has been buried in the tombs of Egypt—has lain with the dead for three thousand years—been enshrouded in the sepulchre, and locked up within the pyramids, and yet has retained its principle of life—retained it under those huge heaps of granite, and in those chambers of eternal darkness and silence;" and, strange as it may seem, when brought into the light, and placed in propitious circumstances, it has been known to develop its forms of beauty. But it was necessary that it should be brought to the light—that it should be shaken from the musty robes of the mummy—and deposited in a soil where it might receive nourishment, and feel the genial warmth of the sun, or it must have slept on till those old monarchs of the Nile had begun to move. And so it may be with the seed of the word. It may lie buried—enshrouded—locked up in the bosom of the sailor—of the outcast, abandoned sailor—like the seed in the sepulchre of the Pharaohs, waiting—and only waiting to be placed where it can drink the dews of heaven, and feel the warm, energizing influences of Christian charity.

We have only to turn, sir, to the records of your Society, to find examples of such resurrections. Those records tell us of more than one old tar, who had run down the home of his childhood many a league, and in whose heart the seminal principles of virtue seemed quite extinct, quickened to a new moral life by the blessing of God on your instrumentality, and now adorning the Christian profession. They tell us of the once reckless sailor, whose habits of profuseness had become apparently second nature, and who seemed to have lost the faculty of prudent thoughtfulness for the morrow, now acquiring, through an economy taught him by your ministry of benevolence, no inconsiderable property, at least laying by in safe investments a handsome provision for future necessities. Yes, those simple annals tell us of the uncouth, swaggering sailor boy, cast by a mysterious Providence upon your protection, destitute of that spirit of generous emulation which is prophetic of eminence in one's profession, and only ambitious of a reputation among his messmates for skill in twisting a
ropeyarn—fired at length under the fostering influences of your institution with loftier aspirations, and now the master of a gallant ship, and holding a respectable rank among that distinguished class of American seamen, of whom any nation on earth might justly be proud.

Such, sir, is the work which is being accomplished by your Society. It is verily a good work—a great work. I could wish that those who have entertained a different opinion, if any such be here, would visit your establishment before leaving the city, and witness its operation with their own eyes. What, ladies and gentlemen, would you see there? You would see sailors from all parts of the globe, brought together under circumstances the most advantageous for exerting a happy influence upon each other. On the piazza that looks towards the sea, their favorite element, you would observe groups of hardy, intelligent, fine looking men, talking over the adventures of their last voyage, or perhaps conversing about the improvements in nautical instruments, charts, and ship-building—the present extent and giant growth of American commerce—and the position which this country is fast assuming as mistress of the ocean. Enter the library and the reading room, and you will notice one busily occupied with the news of the day, and another absorbed in the perusal of some volume of history or some work of taste—storing his mind with materials which, during the next voyage, in his watches upon deck, he will weave into legends more entertaining than the tales of the Arabian Nights. Now what must be the influence of all this? And when you consider that these men are coming and going by hundreds—that they scatter abroad over the wide ocean—are found in every ship that floats, and in every mart where commerce invites the adventurous prow, you will readily perceive that the influence of one such establishment is not confined to its particular locality, nor to those who, at any given time, are gathered under its roof, but journeys with the waves, and travels with the winds, and is felt—in China, in the Sandwich Islands, in Brazil, New Grenada, California, Chili, St. Helena, the West Indies, France, Sweden, Denmark—wherever sailor meets sailor, on ship or shore—on land or sea.

Who then is not desirous of doing something to help forward this work? Are you an editor? Will you not contribute your daily or weekly sheet to the reading room? Are you a man of letters? Will you not spare a volume from the well loaded shelf for the library? Are you a merchant? It may not be in your power to bestow a princely donation, like that which sheds a fragrance this day over the memory of one of your number recently deceased—but will you not be generous towards those by whose exertions and sufferings you have risen or are rising to opulence? Are you a parent? Do you love that little son who smiles in your face, and charms you with his pleasing ways? Will you not relieve the anxiety of the widowed mother, who fears the perils of the land more than the perils of the deep, when she thinks of her wandering boy—and thus provide a safe retreat, it may be, for your own son, when the very qualities, which now render him so attractive, shall in after years, prompt him to step forth upon the graceful wave? Are you a Christian? Believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest them. Shall it not fire your zeal in this cause to read, on the inspired page, that God will employ the ships of Tarshish for the furtherance of his glory, and that his
church shall see and flow together, and be enlarged, because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto her? Are you a patriot? Does your heart beat high at the mention of your country's prowess? And can you forget those valiant tars, who first broke the spell of British supremacy, and taught the proudest of our foes that

"The star-spangled banner forever shall wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."†

MARINER'S CHURCH, BOSTON.

The Mariner's Church is situated at the corner of Sea and Summer Streets. The house is all free for Seamen. It is opened for Public Worship on the morning of every Sabbath, at ten o'clock; and in the afternoon, at a quarter before three o'clock. A prayer-meeting is held in the Vestry every Sabbath evening.

Brother Sailors, will you come?

The Mariner's Church! Why, what of the Mariner's Church? What is to be done in the Mariner's Church? Please to read on, and you will learn. We hope to incline you to go there. And if you think upon what is here written, you will see that present good, future good, everlasting good, is obtained by the blessing of God upon public worship.

You and I are both at sea. We are upon the voyage of life; the world, through which we are sailing, is like the troubled ocean; it is full of rocks and quicksands, and ten thousand dangers. The moment we are born, we embark—we embark on board the ship of Time, bound for Eternity. She is a fast-sailing vessel; nothing can stop her passage; she will make head against wind and tide, and bear away all before her; and soon, very soon, will land all her crew and passengers; some in the delightful port of heaven, and, alas! some on the doleful and dreadful shores of hell. O solemn! solemn thought! May God, of his great, great mercy, grant that it may not be either the writer or reader of this paper.

Are you then prepared for the end of the voyage? for your arrival before your Judge? For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in the body, whether they be good or bad. God himself is concerned for your safe arrival at the end of the voyage. What does he say: "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end."

Your dying body is a kind of vessel, and your Maker has freighted this, your ship, with a wonderful and precious treasure—with a never-dying soul; and hath said, What shall it profit a man, if he could gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Alas! alas! your ship and cargo are both desperately damaged; sin, that deadly evil, hath debased all the members of your body, and depraved all the powers of your soul; and if grace prevent not, if you fly not by faith to Christ, as the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, both ship and cargo, soul and body, will sink and be lost forever—not, indeed, in deep waters, but in the bottomless pit of everlasting fire. And "who can dwell with devouring fire? who can dwell with everlasting burnings?"

The Mariner's Church is prepared on purpose for Seamen and their Families, that they may come there and learn how to escape that sad
end;—that they may come there whenever they can, and learn to know
their Maker, and worship him in whom they live, and move, and have
their being. For to worship him in spirit and in truth, is the most
reasonable and delightful thing in the world. The best men that ever
lived upon earth have always esteemed the worship of God the best
thing under the whole heaven.

What did David, King of Israel, say and sing of public worship?

"One thing have I desired of the Lord; that will I seek after—that I
may dwell in the house of the Lord forever, to behold the beauty of
the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." "I was glad when they said
unto me, let us go up to the house of the Lord;" and again, "I had
rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the
tents of wickedness." Surely, surely, there must be something very
charming in the house of the Lord, to occasion such sayings as these.

If time would permit, we could tell you of a thousand good things
about the blessing of God upon public worship. For the preaching
of the gospel is the great instrument which God has ordained to be the
means of saving sinners. When the Holy Spirit seals instruction
under the gospel, O what great things take place! Dead souls are
quickened, dark minds enlightened, hard hearts softened; strong cor­
r uptions are subdued, great temptations conquered, mourning souls
comforted. The foolish are made wise, drunkards become sober,
swearing men become praying men, covetous men are made liberal,
lewd men become modest, passionate men are made meek, the proud
become humble, and the miserable happy;—O what shall I say more?
Why, sinners that deserve to go to hell, are converted by grace, and
go to heaven. Now we hope that all these good things will come to
pass in the Mariner's Church. I'll tell you what, if the souls of all
the Sailors on earth were mine, they should all go to the worship of
God in Mariners' Churches.

You that go down to the sea in ships have many good friends on
dry land, and they have shown their friendship by providing you with a
Church, which you may call your own. But what has your best friend,
your Maker, done to show his friendship to you? Hear, O ye heavens!
and give ear, O earth! and listen all ye upon the mighty waters! For
he has sent his dear Son to live, and suffer, and die, the just for the
unjust. He has given you the Bible, promised his Spirit, inclined his
ministers and people to pray for you, that your souls may be saved.
O then how good, how very good is God to do such great things for
you; and O how wicked, how very wicked and ungrateful must you be,
not to go, and worship him! Do you not think so? and if you will not
go to heaven, ought you not to go to hell? What do you say?

One word more, and I have done. Never, never forget, that after all
I have said, and all we can do, still we can never deserve heaven. Jesus
Christ alone has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; and
yet, if we do not worship him in spirit and in truth, where he is we can
never come. O! then let us pray earnestly and daily to God, that he
may give us grace, that we may have repentance towards God, and faith
in our Lord Jesus Christ, or else we cannot be saved. Fellow-sinners,
O! if you knew the value, the inconceivable value of the precious
blessings you will be invited to accept of in the Mariner's Church,
sure I am, you would never stay away, when you could be there.

May all that go to the Mariner's Church pray and say, "O Lord, I
beseech thee, send now prosperity."
CORRESPONDENCE OF THE SOCIETY.

Communications respecting the Society may be directed to Rev. S. W. Hanks, Corresponding Secretary, 15 Cornhill, Boston.

Those concerning remittances of funds, to Rev. S. W. Hanks, or to Mr. Thomas D. Quincy, Treasurer of the Society, 34 Commercial Street, Boston.

LIFE MEMBERS.

The payment of twenty dollars at one time by a person, constitutes the individual so contributing, a Member of the Society for Life.

Those persons who have been made Life Members of the Society, and who have not received their Certificates of Life Membership, can have them by applying to T. D. Quincy, Esq., Treasurer, 34 Commercial Street.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I do hereby give and bequeath to the Boston Seaman's Friend Society, the sum of dollars, to be paid within months after my decease, and to be applied to the uses and purposes of the said Society, and under its direction; for which the receipt of the Treasurer of the Society for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge.

MARINER'S CHURCH.

Rev. George W. Bourne, Pastor. Summer Street, cor. Sea St.

Public Worship—Three services each Sabbath.

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

BIBLES AND TRACTS FOR SEAMEN.

May be had at all times at the Sailor's Home.

NOTICE.—Any one having the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th and 12th Reports of this Society, which they do not wish to preserve, will confer a great favor by sending them to the Pastor of the Mariner's Church, as the first volume of these Reports, containing these numbers, was either destroyed or lost at the time of the fire.
By the arrangement of the General Association, made 1840, the time for collections for the Seaman's cause is as follows:

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S. W. HANKS, Cor. Secretary of B. S. F. Society.

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NOTICE TO SEWING CIRCLES.

Bedding and Clothing suitable for destitute Seamen, always wanted at the HOME.