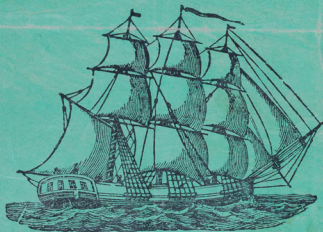


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CAPT. McCALLUM, HON. SEC.

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" BROWNING, Treas.	" DERRET.	" GOWAN.
" EMBLING, Secy.	" POOLMAN.	" BIRREL.
" D. LONG.	" JENNER.	" McALLISTER.
" GEOTHE.	" D. INGLES.	Miss JACKSON.

Gentlemen's Committee.

Capt. MATHEWS.	Capt. PERRY.	Mr. DERRET.
" DALGARNO.	" C. BROWN.	" C. J. HAM.
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RESOLUTIONS

Passed at the EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING of the VICTORIAN SEAMEN'S MISSION,
held in St. George's Hall, Melbourne, on Thursday, April 27th, 1865.

Capt. B. R. MATHEWS, Lloyd's Agent, occupied the Chair.

The Rev. Mr. Moss opened the Meeting by prayer. The Chairman gave an account of the origin and progress of the Institution. Capt. McCALLUM then read the Treasurer's Account, and addressed the Meeting; and the Rev. KERR JOHNSTON, Chaplain, read the Annual Report of Proceedings. It was then

*Moved by the REV. M. McMICHAEL,
Seconded by the REV. W. MILLARD,
Supported by Capt. NORMAN, H.M.S. Victoria,*

1. That the Report now read, together with the Treasurer's Account, be adopted, printed, and circulated.

*Moved by the Rev. Mr. BEECHER,
Seconded by the REV. ISAAC NEW,
Supported by W. WHITE, Esq.,*

2. That this Meeting gratefully recognises the amount of success granted by Almighty God to the Victorian Seamen's Mission during the past year, and cordially pledges itself to its furtherance and continued support.

*Moved by the REV. MR. WILKINSON,
Seconded by the REV. MR. McDONALD,*

3. That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Ladies' Committee, for their invaluable and untiring exertions during the past year; that thanks are due to the ladies who have assisted in making provision for this Anniversary Meeting; to Mr. KYTE, for the use of the Hall; and, that the following be Office-bearers for the ensuing year:—(See preceding page.)

REPORT.

TRUTHS, which were assuredly believed, were not considered by the Apostle as unworthy of repetition, for the sake of "remembrance." So, though the reasons for a Seamen's Mission have been well understood by many, others may yet need the repetition. If seamen are our brethren, and if they are necessarily and professionally absent for so long a time from Christian ordinances, shall we not do what we can to supply the deficiency? Christian impressions, on their part, must sink in continual separation from the means of impression: for with the mass of men, the longer from the means of grace the farther from the God of grace. And the necessary association on board ship of those under such disadvantages, tends only to combine and deepen depravity and negligence.

Whether, therefore, we regard the mariner's moral principle as greatly tried, or as already sadly gone; his exposures to "deaths off," between which and himself there is literally but a short step; the watchful prey for his morals and money, when for a season on shore; his frequent openness to Christian instruction from Christian affection; the independence, courage and generosity, which sea-life often begets; and the need which the Great Master has of these qualities in the many lands which they visit; those and other grounds are manifest bases for Mariners' Churches and Missions.

In humbly prosecuting our work for another year, we can honestly say, that these principles of action have been before us, although, with our limited means, we dare not say that every spiritual claim has been met as it might otherwise have been; still, many youths and men have been met and addressed, both on board ships and in Mariner's Church, and the effort has been to reach their hearts by present Gospel claims, and by appeals to home privileges and moral perils. A Christian shipmaster remarked to us, that sailors are not generally influenced by dangers as they are so used to meet them, and that it was only love that could subdue their hearts. Still, when we think of so many who have left us, so soon to find a watery grave, and that they have either heard, or might have heard, the Gospel here—although, indeed, to speak much about personal danger, might do no good—it does and ought to weigh with ourselves to "persuade men" *now* "to be reconciled to God." And when the fact stares us, that a prominent source of disasters among merchant seamen, at sea and on shore, is strong drink, duty to our Master and to men's souls and circum-

stances, compels us often to allude to it, especially on week evenings. Many meetings for this kind of advocacy have been held in the Church during the year, and we trust with some benefit. Many ships have been visited both at the piers and in the Bay, but especially the former; masters, officers, and men, have been spoken with in accordance with their respective stations; forecastles have been visited, and, when convenient, prayer has been made with and for the men; about 3,000 tracts have been distributed to seamen and strangers, emigrants and immigrants; sailors of various foreign countries, when not understanding English addresses, have had the Gospel given to them in tracts and Scriptures in their own tongues. Besides preaching morning and evening on Sundays in the Church or Bethel, the Chaplain generally holds service in the afternoon, either in the Police Hulk in the Bay, where refractory seamen are confined, or in some other ship, by previous arrangement. In the retrospect of the year, and of the aggregate of Gospel hearers in Mariner's Church, we must hope that not a few have received spiritual benefit. On the whole, there are no more serious hearers of the Gospel than seamen. It is pleasing to see those who can calmly meet the storms of elements, as calmly listen to the words of peace of Him who can say to the "wild wave, and wilder human breast, be still, and there is a calm."

Our attendance may average from 40 to 100. One accustomed to look on a settled regular congregation would think ours small; but it is to be remembered that our hearers, for the most part, are here to-day and gone to-morrow, and, therefore, the aggregate number is by no means small. At our prayer meetings, seamen of various grades frequently pray, and it is pleasing to find the generally subdued and intelligent style in which they do so. Several, during the year, have also given short addresses when asked to do so. At a late prayer-meeting, one stood up and spoke of his past carelessness, but present interest in Christ. While he spoke others were nodding assent, and afterwards three men desired to take the abstinence pledge; for, though nothing at the time was said about drinking, they appeared to have an instinctive conviction that that stood in their way.

Not having a professing church of any one denomination, it is felt that something is needed to assist sojourning seamen in declaring themselves for the Lord. In order, therefore, that Christian feeling may be aided, in having "a name and a place," it is intended occasionally to invite men literally to "subscribe with their hand to the Lord," and thus mutual interest between them and us may be promoted.

The Ladies' Monthly Committee Meeting is held, by kind permission, in the Bible Depository, Swanston street, and the Chaplain supplies a monthly report of proceedings. This, and the Gentlemen's Committee, are made up from the leading Protestant denominations; so that, in constitution and practice, this "Bethel Union" is as unsectarian as

possible—an advantage, in a measure, in being “all things to all men;” but, in some degree, a disadvantage, in not having the practical sympathy which a liberal denominationalism often brings.

Anniversary services of the opening of Mariner’s Church took place on the 23rd of October last, when the Rev. Messrs. Inglis, Taylor, and Moss preached; and on Thursday evening following, there was a Tea Meeting, which was addressed by the Revs. Messrs. Fraser, Harcourt, Potter, and Inglis, Captain McCallum, and a foremast sailor.

The Melbourne Hospital has been frequently visited by the Chaplain, both on account of seamen there, and some immigrants also, who had gone there from ships—in some cases, alas! only to die. But there is good hope of some, that in their last days among distant strangers, they “believed unto salvation.”

The Rev. M. Goethe, of the German Church, has repeatedly conducted services in the German language, on account of German seamen at the piers and the township. These were well attended. Captain Crosbie, of the “Mary Dudgee,” also preached on a Sunday, and addressed Temperance Meetings with effect during the week.

Captain Svenson, of a Swedish ship, conducted services on a Sunday afternoon, in the Swedish language, when there were about eighty Scandinavian seamen present, to hear the Gospel and prayer and praise in their own language. He also distributed excellent Swedish Tracts. This dear brother, in afterwards writing to the Chaplain from Java, says—“My crew were greatly blessed in Hobson’s Bay. They have told me they understood you well when talking to them on board the ‘Cecilia,’ in the cabin. Oh, it has been a pleasant voyage from Australia. Sweet hymns have sounded over all the ship on the Indian Ocean, and fervent prayers have been sent up to our Heavenly Father by my dear brethren among my crew.”

It may be mentioned that service was also conducted in the Dutch language by an esteemed brother, Capt. Kheil of the “Hebe.” A large number of Hollanders attended, and heartily joined in the praise and prayer in their own language. Captain Kheil, in afterwards writing to the Chaplain from N.S.W., says:—“I would acknowledge my obligations to the Lord for all the mercies He shewed me, and to you and all the Christian people I have met in Australia for their real Christian love. What a glorious thing it is to consider that neither difference of nation, tongue, sect, nor distance, however great it may be, can sever the tie that binds us together to the one household of Christ. Will you continue to pray for me, that I may not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, and that I may be enabled to find and to speak a word in season to my men and to others? I know you will; and I will continue to pray for you and your ministry, for the propagation of the Gospel and the spread of Jesus’ Kingdom among seamen.”

Did space permit, incidents in daily work might be mentioned; but there is nothing sensational to record, and it is rather inexpedient to publish certain personal cases of apparent benefit. We blow no trumpet of congratulation, but labor in *hope* that the careless may be awakened; that impressions may be deepened, and that professors may persevere to the end; that the bread corn cast upon the blue waters may after many days be found "to the praise and glory of His GRACE, whereby both seamen and landmen are accepted in the Beloved."

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS,
FOR THE YEAR 1864.

Collected by MRS LONG:—	
Buckley & Nunn ..	£0 10 0
J. Browning ..	10 0
Mr Cameron ..	10 0
Mrs W. Clarke ..	5 0
R. Gartner ..	2 6
Haigh Brothers ..	1 1 0
Thomas Hopwood ..	10 0
D. R. Long ..	1 0 0
— Lockyer ..	5 0
Mrs G. Millar ..	10 0
G. & K. Mears ..	15 0
Miss Morison ..	2 6
D. Sussman ..	5 0
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Collected by Mrs CAPT. MATHEWS:—	
Mrs Blackburn ..	10 0
" Call ..	10 0
" Clifton ..	1 0 0
" Dempster ..	5 0
" Edwards ..	5 0
" Jones ..	10 0
Captain Perry ..	1 1 0
B. Paine ..	4 0
J. Snibert ..	10 0
— Summers ..	5 0
Lieutenant Woods ..	10 0
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Collected by Mrs SHANN:—	
G. S. Brolee ..	£2 0 0
Bright Brothers & Co ..	5 5 0
Banks Brothers, Bell, & Co ..	1 1 0
H. Brooks ..	1 1 0
George Crisp ..	5 0
Gill & Thorpe ..	1 0 0
Horsham Presbyterian Church ..	2 10 0
Mrs Langlands ..	10 0
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Miss Langlands ..	10 0
Mrs McLachlan ..	2 0 0
J. McDonald ..	5 0 0
G. A. Mouritz ..	1 0 0
McNaughton, Love, & Co ..	2 2 0
B. B. Nicholson & Co ..	1 1 0
Mrs Shann ..	1 1 0
H. Sheffield ..	10 0
Tickets, Anniversary ..	4 0
Mr P. White ..	5 5 0
Mr Watson ..	1 1 0
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Collected by Mrs DOVE:—	
Mrs Dove ..	1 0 0
Thomas Napis ..	2 0 0
James Robertson ..	1 0 0
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Collected by Mrs EMBLING and Mrs
JENNER:—

Callender and Co ..	£1 1 0
J. H. Clough & Co ..	2 2 0
Samuel Finlay & Co ..	1 1 0
Thomas Fulton ..	1 1 0
Grice, Sumner & Co ..	10 10 0
C. J. Ham ..	1 1 0
G. Harker ..	1 1 0
C. Hetherington ..	1 1 0
Mrs Kemp ..	1 0 0
Pyne, Beath & Co..	1 1 0
Henry Mills ..	1 0 0
Sargood, King, & Sargood	3 3 0
John Sleight ..	10 0
R. Towns & Co. ..	1 0 0
Samuel Thorp & Co ..	1 1 0
Wilkinson Brothers & Co ..	2 2 0
Whitney, Powell, & Co ..	3 3 0
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Collected by Mrs SCOTT:—

Mrs Bowler ..	1 0 0
" H. Cooke ..	1 0 0
" Clarke ..	5 0
Friend ..	10 0
C. Ham ..	1 1 0
Mrs Jacob ..	10 0
Langlands Bros ..	2 0 0
Mrs A. Millar ..	2 0 0
Judge Pohlman ..	2 2 0
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Collected by Mrs GOWAN:—

Mrs Adams ..	8 0
Mrs Fulton ..	5 0
Mrs Fraser ..	5 0
Mrs Grey ..	13 0
Mr Gowan ..	13 0
J. D. Gowan ..	1 1 0
Robert Johnstone ..	2 2 0
S. P. Lord ..	1 1 0
Mrs Long ..	13 0
Miss Long ..	13 0
J. D. Millar ..	5 0 0
McCulloch, Sellar, & Co ..	2 2 0
F. Newton ..	5 0
Mrs Peterson ..	12 0
Mrs Ross ..	15 0
Miss Smith ..	13 0
Robert Smith ..	1 0 0
F. J. Sargood ..	1 1 0
F. Swan ..	5 0
Mrs Turner ..	13 0
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Collected by Mrs JACKSON:—

Messrs Beachamp & Locke ..	£0 10 0
Mrs Bowler ..	1 0 0
" Cutts ..	1 1 0
" Crosley ..	7 6
" George Fairburn ..	10 0
A Friend ..	2 0
Messrs James Henty & Co ..	1 0 0
J. C. Ham ..	1 1 0
Mrs J. Luke ..	15 0
Mr A. W. Lewis ..	9 0
Mrs Masters ..	5 0
Rev Wm Miller ..	1 0 0
Mr J. McGregor ..	10 0
Messrs Geo. Martin & Co ..	1 1 0
Messrs Smith, Strachan & Co ..	1 1 0
Messrs Wilson, Buchanan & Co ..	1 1 0
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Donations Collected by GENTLEMEN'S
COMMITTEE:—

James Brock ..	10 0
Beauchamp & Locke ..	1 1 0
C. Bright ..	1 1 0
A. Cunningham ..	1 0 0
Mr Clarke ..	1 0 0
DeGraves & Co ..	1 0 0
Mr DeLittle ..	10 0
Fanning & Nankivell ..	2 2 0
Ferguson & Moore ..	1 1 0
A. Flaxman ..	1 1 0
Box at Henty's ..	13 0
Grice, Sumner, & Co ..	3 3 0
Greig & Murray ..	1 0 0
Mr Jennings ..	10 0
Lukey & Rimmer ..	1 0 0
Captain Lamond ..	1 0 0
Mr Lamond ..	10 0
Mr Lloyd ..	10 0
McEwan & Co ..	1 1 0
McCulloch, Sellar, & Co. ..	2 2 0
James McFarlane ..	1 0 0
Captain Moore ..	1 0 0
Henry Miller ..	1 0 0
Oppenheimer & Co ..	1 1 0
Peterson & Co ..	2 2 0
Pacific Insurance Company ..	1 1 0
Pattison, Ray, & Co ..	2 2 0
Reid, Poole, & Co ..	1 1 0
J. Salmon ..	1 1 0
Smith, Strachan, & Co ..	1 1 0
Smith, Adamson, & Co ..	10 6
Stevenson & Sons..	2 2 0
Mr Thorpe ..	10 0
White Brothers ..	1 1 0
Sums under 10s ..	2 2 0
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Collected by the Rev. KERR JOHNSTON:—	Captain Spreightly ..	£ 1 0 0
Boxes, April ..	Mr Svenson ..	1 0 0
Collection at Ballaarat ..	Tea Meeting, 1864 ..	17 7 0
Ballaarat Regatta ..	Mr Thorndyke ..	1 0 0
Captain Crosbie ..	Tickets and Collection ..	13 5 4
" Davis ..	Great Victoria, Collection off	
H. B. Donaldson ..	Pier	5 2 6
Captain Gynthorne ..		
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Mr Martin ..	C. Webb ..	3 2 6
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Captain Reiner ..	Collected by Mrs Miller ..	1 15 0
Captain Shepherd ..	Collected by Mrs Hay ..	4 1 6

MRS. RICHARD SHANN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
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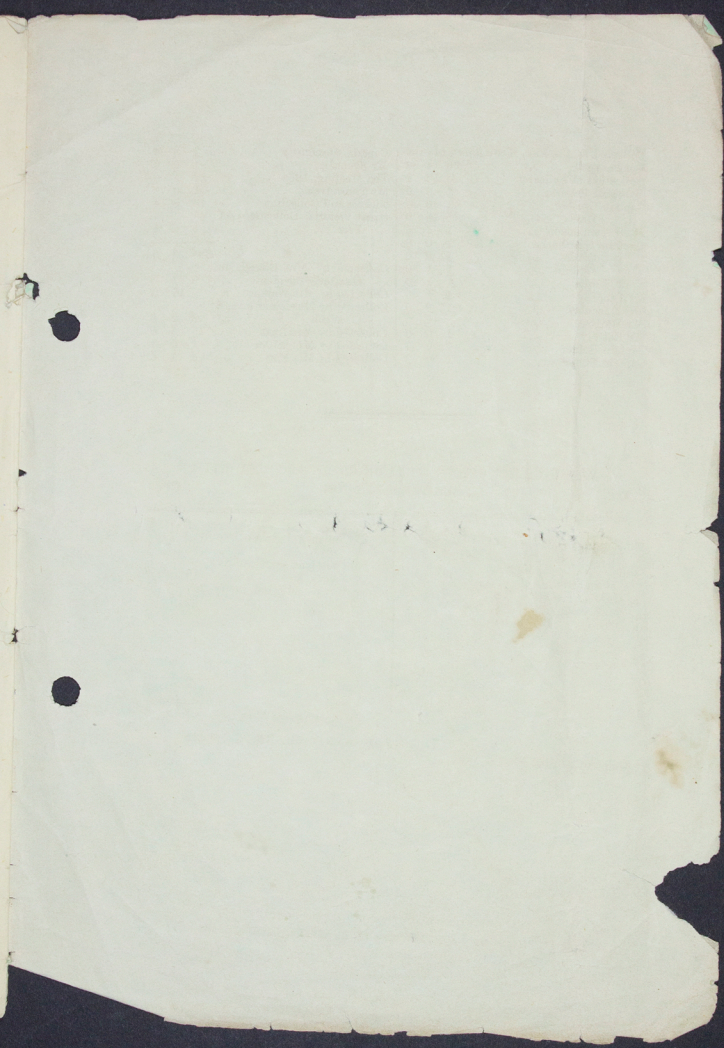
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MARY ANNE SHANN, Treasurer.

Melbourne, 28th March, 1865.





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