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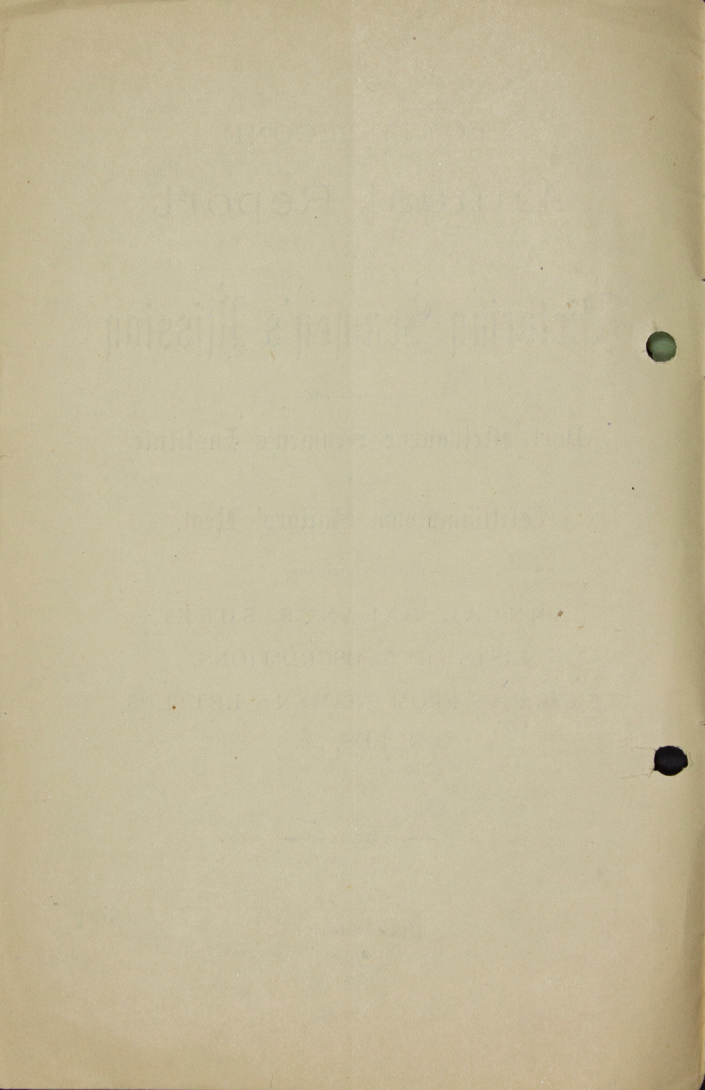
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Victorian Seamen's Mission, Institute, and Rest.

THIS MISSION has been in existence for over forty years, and was instituted—and has been throughout conducted—with the view of conserving the vital interests of Seamen and promoting their spiritual as well as their temporal welfare; and, as means to this end, it has not only provided Religious Services and Attractive Amusements and Entertainments for them whilst on shore, but has likewise supplied them with suitable Literature for their instruction and amusement whilst at sea.

THE MISSION has also been the means of completely stamping out "Crimping" and the Sailor's "Boarding Master" curse, and otherwise removing many of the abuses which still exist in other Ports.

"THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE," Beach Street, Port Melbourne, and "THE SAILORS' REST" at Williamstown (and it is hoped before long to add "The Seamen's Institute," Melbourne), are OPEN DAILY to all Seamen in Port, from 9 a.m. till 11 p.m.; and

The former, for Religious Services	On Sunday Mornings, at 11 o'clock.
" " "	On " Evenings, at 7 "
" " "	On Wednesday " at 8 "
And, for Prayer Meetings	On Saturday " at 8 "
And at WILLIAMSTOWN for Service	On Sunday " at 7 "
At Port Melbourne Sailors' Institute there is a Weekly Concert every Monday Evening at 8 o'clock.	
" " " and a Weekly Social every Friday	" at 8 "
At the Williamstown Sailors' Rest there is a Weekly Concert every Thursday	" at 8 "
" " " and a Weekly Social every Tuesday	" at 8 "

There is an EXCELLENT LIBRARY at each place stocked with Literature suitable both for the enquirer after knowledge or the seeker for amusement or mental relaxation; and, as a further means towards this latter end, not only are the daily—and various illustrated—papers and numerous magazines and other periodicals always on the tables; but materials for quoits, chess, draughts, dominoes, and other indoor games are provided.

There is also a WRITING ROOM, with pens, ink and paper, at each Institution, always ready for the use of Seamen desirous of corresponding in comfort with "Friends at Home;" and this is ever-largely availed of.

EVERYTHING IS FREE TO SEAMEN
AND
ALL ARE WELCOME.

Victorian Seamen's Mission, Institute, & Rest.

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The Forty-second Annual Report

Of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

VICTORIAN SEAMEN'S MISSION

For the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

IN presenting to the Subscribers to the Mission and to the general public this their Forty-second report, the Executive Committee have to record their thankfulness to the former for the continued assistance, which, under the guidance of an omniscient and all-wise Providence, they have been led to render throughout the past year to the efforts put forth by the Committee, their Chaplain, and the numerous band of co-workers for the amelioration of the social condition of our sailors both ashore and afloat, and for the advancement of their moral welfare—efforts which the Committee are glad to say have by the blessing of God, borne abundant fruit in the reclamation and the rescue from surrounding temptation of many a young seaman, as is attested over and over again by letters either from themselves or their parents or other relatives expressing a heartfelt thankfulness for the means adopted by the Committee, their kindly assiduous Chaplain, and his co-workers, both for their temporal and spiritual comfort whilst in this port. Extracts from a few of these letters are hereto appended for the information not only of supporters and well-wishers of the Mission, but also of the public, to and by many of whom it is feared that the objects, methods, and advantages of the Mission are (in some cases) altogether unknown, and in others misunderstood, although a card setting forth same in detail (a copy of which is re-printed on page 3 hereof) has been extensively circulated.

It is extremely gratifying to the Committee to be able to again report that the Seamen's Institute at Port Melbourne and the Sailors' Rest at Williamstown have throughout the past year well sustained their reputation for usefulness and attractiveness, as shown by the way in which our seamen—from the Captain to the apprentice—have practically evinced their appreciation of the benefits to be derived therefrom, as clearly appears from the following tabulated statement, the figures of which are compiled from the daily diaries kept by the caretakers of the respective Institutions, Mr. J. H. Allen and Mr. John Hodgson, viz :—

<i>At Port Melbourne "Seamen's Institute."</i>			<i>At Williamstown "Sailors' Rest."</i>		
Number of Attendances.	Number of Letters Written by Seamen	Pledges Taken by Seamen.	Number of Attendances.	Number of Letters Written by Seamen.	Pledges Taken by Seamen.
49,567.	1720.	114-	8,218.	269.	

The total number of parcels of literature given away by this Mission to seamen during the past year amounted to 1471 at Port Melbourne and

48 at Williamstown ; a total of 1519. It is but right that it should be here stated that the above pleasing results are in no small degree attributable to the perfect order and cleanliness which pervade the Institutions owing to the assiduous attention of the abovenamed caretakers, who are unremitting in their endeavors to promote the comfort of their seafaring visitors, following in this direction the lead of their immediate supervisor, our esteemed Chaplain, with whom the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of our seamen is always a first consideration.

Owing to a paucity of shipping at that branch of the port, the weekly concerts at Williamstown were this year practically almost discontinued until about the last two months ; but at Port Melbourne the Committee are happy to say the Tuesday concerts at the Institute have been most successful, both in character and in the attendance of seamen ; one pleasing feature of these entertainments being that the ship's captains and other officers have begun to attend them as well as their men, they having come to appreciate the good which has been effected by them both as a counter attraction to places of questionable resort, and as raising the moral tone of the sailors owing to the ameliorating influence of the persons (of both sexes) with whom they are there brought in contact. The syllabus of these concerts for the first half year of 1900 is hereto appended.

The Committee are sorry to report that the building of the long-looked-for additional Institute, which it was hoped would ere this have been erected near the Melbourne Wharf by the Committee of the Sailors' Home, is still postponed notwithstanding the efforts of that Committee, the necessary preliminary steps in Parliament having met with opposition from the very persons whom one would have expected to have the welfare of the seamen at heart, viz., some of the Labour Members. That Committee have, however, by no means abandoned the project, and when success attends their efforts intend to place the control of entertainments in the hands of this Committee, retaining to themselves the direction of the Boarding House Department thereof.

The Committee regret to say that the present patron of the Mission, Lord Brassey, K.C.B. (so well known as "The Sailors' Friend"), is shortly to take his departure for England, his term of office as Governor of the colony having nearly expired ; but the Committee have not the slightest doubt that he will in the old country continue to exert his influence towards improving the social and moral status of the seamen, both of the Royal Navy and of the Mercantile Marine, an object to which he has devoted an almost life-long energy both with voice and pen. The Committee trust that an all-wise Providence will inspire some equally philanthropic man of capability and position with a willingness to fill the position at their head rendered vacant by his departure.

It is also with sincere regret that the Committee have to record the demise, after a long life of philanthropy and usefulness, of one of its oldest members, Mrs Underwood, senior, of Newport, whose genial co-operation at their meetings, and never-varying outside support, will always be remembered with thankfulness and be found very difficult to replace. They also regret the retirement from active service on the Executive of

Mrs. J. M. Templeton, who has zealously devoted half a lifetime to the furtherance of the objects of the Mission. Another cause for regret is the retirement of Mr. W. H. Allard from the post of Honorary Secretary, which, owing to stress of private business, he has felt obliged to resign, continuing, however, his aid as a member of Committee. The vacancy thus created has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. H. C. Darvall, who for some years past has occupied the position of Honorary Treasurer, from which he retires at the coming annual meeting, and strongly recommends as his successor, Mr F. C. Seymour, as specially qualified for the office.

In concluding this their Report the Committee tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. Mr. James for the unswerving manner in which he has fulfilled his responsible duties as Chaplain ; also to his estimable wife and daughters for having so ably seconded his efforts by their kindly attention to the seamen, thus making them ever feel "at home" in a strange port. Thanks are likewise due to Mrs. Duncan, Mr. James Poolman, and their numerous co-workers at Port Melbourne, and to the local Committee at Williamstown for their hearty co-operation in the Mission work ; also to the donors of the 1519 packages of literature with which the Committee have thus been enabled to supply the crews of ocean and home going vessels to relieve the tedious monotony of lengthy voyages; and could the givers only witness the thankfulness with which these parcels are received by the men they would feel themselves amply rewarded.

The Honorary Treasurer's Annual Balance Sheet is hereunto appended, but the Committee would point out that, although it shows a small credit balance on the 31st December, it behoves the Mission's Honorary Collectors and other friends of its cause not to relax their efforts to obtain further funds, inasmuch as at certain seasons the exchequer often requires an overdraft which (as the balance shows) means the payment of interest, and besides, when the anticipated additional Institute at the wharves comes into operation, funds will be necessary for carrying it on efficiently.

List of donors of literature for distribution amongst seamen :—

Lord Brassey ; Mesdames Bullon, Clark, Cuming, Gow, Greig, Lupton, Luplan, Lee, Monk, Matters, Templeton, Tinker, and McWilliams ; Misses Ferguson, Hatfield, and Cuthwaite ; Messrs. W. H. Allard, W. B. Bates, and Coulton ; Revs. S. Chapman, Cross, Graves, Heith Forbes, H. H. Haymon, Hopkins, Moulin, and White ; Kew W.C.E. Society (per favor of Mr. S. Lamble) ; Melville, Mullen and Slade ; Permewan, Wright and Co. ; "Friend," and one name unknown.

Annexed hereto are lists of subscriptions and donations for the year 1899, and a statement of the attendance of members of Committee for the like period, together with the Chaplain's Report, which will afford an idea of some of the good effected by the Mission which now concludes its forty-second year of usefulness.

HUGH R. REID, PRESIDENT.

W. H. C. DARVALL, HON. SECRETARY.

To the Committee of the Victorian Seamen's Mission.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

In taking a review of our work for the past year I am pleased to state that the Victorian Seamen's Mission is as popular among the class for whom it was instituted now as at any time during the forty-three years of its existence.

The great quantity of shipping of different kinds coming into our several ports during the year have made my duties most arduous and admit of no relaxation, every day bringing its own work and almost every evening bringing duties that demand attention. The Earl of Hopetoun once said, when taking the chair at one of our annual meetings, that the eight hours day did not apply to his trade, neither does it apply to mine, but from 12 to 14 hours daily and seven days per week is the order. But one is rewarded by the knowledge that the unremitting energies put forth in our work have given the Mission a world-wide reputation.

I am constantly meeting seamen who never before visited Australian waters who tell me that they have heard of this Mission and of the disinterested workers connected with it who seek to protect the seamen from the land sharks who in shoals swarm round them on their arrival in port, and who by their multifarious devices are ever seeking to get the best of Jack. My energies are, therefore, directed in thwarting as far as possible the purposes of these human vermin by getting the seamen to come into the Institutes under the control of this Mission, where they will meet men and women whose delight is by cheerful and holy associations to surround them with influences that shall make them strong to resist the machinations of the wily foe, and make their stay in this port so pleasant that it may never be forgotten by them.

My constant visits to the ships which I began with my advent into the Mission, now nearly 14 years ago, I still continue for the purpose of personal intercourse with captains, officers, apprentices and men. Such visits aggregate for 1899 upwards of 1000, and many are the pleasant incidents arising out of such visits, while the respect that has been shown to me by all classes has been most gratifying.

The religious side of our work is represented by three preaching services and one prayer meeting weekly at the Seamen's Institute, Port Melbourne. These are very well attended. Many of our Christian seamen have professed to get much good during their stay with us, while in others we have seen the spirit's deep contrition for sins and the penitential tear.

A choir of about 25 voices still gives valuable assistance on Sundays.

Friday evenings are at the same Institute specially devoted to games and singing in the free and easy style of an "At Home," when the men

from the sociability by which they are surrounded almost forget they are amongst strangers. Many of the young lads who ten or eleven years ago came here as first voyagers, and who, from the acquaintances they formed have on every visit to this port spent their time at the Institute or with the friends connected with it, are now officers and even masters, and strong stalwart trustworthy men they are, and may be spoken as "men among men." We are often hearing from them, and although, may be, it is many years since they actually visited this port, they all speak in glowing terms of the pleasant associations of the past, and many are their allusions to the benefits derived therefrom. Both the Seamen's Institute at Port Melbourne and the Sailors' Rest at Williamstown are furnished with almost everything that can instruct and amuse, and both possess excellent libraries, containing many hundreds of books for the seamen's instruction and entertainment.

The undenominational character of our Mission is strictly maintained.

Some people who only think of seamen when they see one staggering through the street in an intoxicated condition, or read of him in the police court news of the daily papers, are, I am afraid, inclined to look at the whole class from that standpoint, never taking into consideration that upwards of 90,000 seamen enter this port annually, and that those who misconduct themselves are only as a drop in a bucket to the larger number.

I should have mentioned that in addition to the entertainments provided at the Institute and Rest before referred to, we arrange picnics for the seamen on all public holidays, and we take them on these occasions out among the gum trees of our parks and reserves to enjoy themselves, and on these occasions as well as at our indoor "pound nights" and "coffee suppers" they have ever shown themselves as perfectly well conducted as the most fastidious critic could desire, while at the same time entering with all heartiness into the sociability of the occasion.

Thousands of parcels of literature are distributed gratuitously every year among the ship's crews owing to the kindness of the general public who have from time to time so heartily responded to the appeals made through the Melbourne daily papers for such mental pabulum. The comfort this may give and the good it may do to men far away at sea on their tedious voyages can only be known when He who knoweth all things shall cast up accounts; and I must here sincerely thank the numerous donors of such literature for the cup of consolation so given.

How it relieves monotony and sweetens the bitter waters may be judged from the following:—A fireman from one of our large ocean-going steamers came to me and said, "Have you got any reading you can give me, sir?" "Yes," I said, "with pleasure." "Because you know," he said "if we haven't got something to read we are always growling at each other, or about something."

My acknowledgments for most valuable services are due to my daughter for her voluntary assistance at the organ during our Sunday services and the week-day choir practices. To the choir of ladies and gentle-

men and to the number of willing workers who are always ready to give most valuable assistance to all social workers connected with the Mission; to Mr. Mee, Superintendent, and the teachers for effective work in the Sunday School; and to Mr. Jas. Poolman for his valuable assistance in all branches of the Mission work.

The Seamen's Institute, Port Melbourne, is a model of neatness, order and cleanliness, and it always reflects the highest credit upon the caretakers, Mr. J. H. Allan and his wife, by whom on all special occasions the hall is most tastefully decorated, and in such a manner as to give an inspiring effect.

Mr Allan himself is ever busy cleaning, painting, repairing, etc., and otherwise doing his best to promote the comfort of our seamen by improving the aspect of their surroundings when on shore. Mr. Hodgson, at Williamstown, also keeps the Sailors' Rest there in excellent order.

To my Committee collectively and individually I wish to return my very best thanks for their invariable kindness towards me during the fourteen years of unbroken confidence I have passed in their service.

And to God, my Father, through Jesus Christ, I desire to ascribe praise and honor and glory for the guidance of His Spirit and the support of His grace in the performance of my responsible and onerous duties, for by these forces alone have I been made strong in the execution of this great work into which it has pleased Him to call me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours, in Christian sympathy,

E. JAMES, CHAPLAIN.

Port Melbourne,
9th February, 1900.

Letters and Extracts from Letters of Thanks

Received from Seamen who have visited the Port, or from their Parents or Friends in the Old World, to Rev. E. James (Chaplain of the Mission) or his family, or other Workers of the Mission.

CHIEF OFFICER, BAY, TO MISS E. A. JAMES.

As we are leaving to-morrow, I would like to send a line to convey to you all my heartiest thanks for your kindly welcome and hospitality, which it has been my privilege to enjoy during my stay in Melbourne, and which I shall always look back upon with the greatest pleasure. I feel sure your concert has turned out a success, and trust it has been well appreciated. We only wish we could have gone to it. Will now say good-bye, with kind regards to you all and again thanking you.

TO MISS E. A. JAMES.

LONDON.

It has been on my mind a considerable time how to express my most heartfelt gratitude to you for all the kindness you have shown to my son. I shall never forget it, nor will he. Now he has returned to us safe and sound after undergoing a hard life. I only hope he will never go away from us again. He speaks of you and your father with the utmost gratefulness. If ever you come to England, I trust that we may be able to give you as hearty a welcome as you gave him, and may God bless you is the earnest prayer of yours truly.

MISS G. JAMES.

BAY, 25th May, 1899.

Again I sit down to try and put a few words together in the shape of a letter. I tried last night, but I could not write, as my mind was on the enjoyable time I was sure you were having at your tea meeting on the 24th May, but as the song says: "What's the good of growling when you know you've got your whack, etc." I do not think I ever felt so miserable on leaving port as I do this time, and it's not only me but all the rest are the same. We never enjoyed ourselves so well in any port before. Please give to all the friends at the Mission our sincere thanks for the many favours we received. We hear this ship is likely to return to Melbourne with general cargo, if so we shall be out in her and, if not, by the first ship we can get. Please excuse this scribble as our table has got the shakes and the flies won't keep off the paper.

MR. JAMES—DEAR SIR.

LONDON, 14/4/99.

I have been waiting for a letter from you since I came home, but have not received one yet. When I last wrote you I was on the S. S. Science at Maita, outward bound. All went well with us until we got to Cape St. Vincent, homeward bound, when we met another steamer which ran right into us, causing our steamer to sink in less than a quarter of an hour. We just had time to scramble on board the other steamer leaving three men still on our sinking steamer. When on board the other ship the first thing I did was to get a boat out and row for life to the Science. I dare not go too near as she was fast sinking, going down by the head. I passed within about six feet and told the men to jump into the water and I would pick them up. They did as I told them, and I am thankful to say all were saved. The steamer that ran us down is named "The Day-break." She was badly damaged, her bows being knocked in. She turned back and landed us at Lisbon, from whence we were sent to Liverpool by one of the Pacific Steam

Navigation Co.'s boats. We landed on Easter Sunday morning and arrived in London in the afternoon, a nice looking lot of ragamuffins, only having on what we were working in. Unless I am recouped, my loss will be about £60. It does seem a long time since I heard anything from the good people in Melbourne, whose kindness I can never forget.

DEAR SIR.

On behalf of our ship's crew I am requested to convey to you our heartiest thanks for the trouble that has been taken by those at the Institute to make our stay in Melbourne pleasant and enjoyable. We would, therefore, ask you to kindly convey the above to all those who assist to make the seamen's stay in this port one of pleasure.

REV. E. JAMES.

Dear Sir,—You will very likely be a little surprised when you receive this letter from me, but I am always anxious to hear how are all the kind people in Port Melbourne, for the Seamen's Mission is the place where I and so many others have met so many kind and true friends who are doing all they possibly can for the welfare of us sailors. I am afraid it will not be my good fortune to visit you again for some time, but I would very much like to hear from those who show such persistent good will for us both temporally and spiritually.

London, 15/2/99.—3rd Officer.

DEAR SIR.

I have not personally the pleasure of your acquaintance, but from my sailor boy I have heard much. I thank you first of all for your kind words to him. I trust to hear when you next see him (as he is bound for Melbourne again) that he will be bonnie and safe. You know much of the many temptations that the young boys encounter, and a mother's prayers are answered in the good friends sent to help them before too late. If you contemplate a trip to old England we would gladly welcome you in our circle. My love to my boy when you see him again, and thank you for being good to him. He is very dear to us. Mothers need brave hearts.

Battersea Park, S.W., 14/9/99.

TO REV. E. JAMES.

Dear Sir.—You must pardon me for writing such a short note, but I am anxious to let you know how I am getting on. I have had severe trouble for my dear mother died when I was at home, and in waiting for the funeral I lost the ship. I am afraid I shall not be in Melbourne for a long time. I am now going to New York and from there to Shanghai. When in Sunderland I told the Rev. E. Lambert how you conducted your Mission and of the number of young fellows that attended, and he said he would try and adopt the same things.

Hull, '99

REV. E. JAMES.

Dear Sir,—I often think of the many pleasant hours I have spent in your Institute. You do speak to us very straight when you know anything wrong or see anything that should not be; and sailor fellows like that still better than a lot of soft talk. The books you gave us came in first rate. I hear lots of chaps speak about the Institute. They say it's the best in the world.

San Francisco, '99

TO REV. E. JAMES.

I must apologise for not writing before. It seems to me to have all the appearance of ingratitude, but there is none of that about me. I can never forget how kind you all were. I have never been in another place like it. I left my old ship and got another, The best ship I was ever on. The captain was a thorough Christian, and his life was a constant sermon, for his actions were in accordance with his profession. No matter what was going on he always had worship in the morning. He was a great help to me in living the Christian life I began with you in Melbourne. I am glad to tell you that I am again with a Christian captain and I have never seen a crew get better food forrard. It is the same as we have in the cabin. I can never sufficiently thank you and your family for their kindness, for your house has been like a second home to me. When I was home I was telling my mother how you used to deal with us, and about having a day off, and you taking us through the principal public buildings and the gardens in Melbourne. My mother wanted me to tell you if I should ever see you again that earthly thanks would not suffice for your kindness, but that God would abundantly re-

ward you in His own good way. Should it be that we should not meet again in this world, we shall meet in the land of an eternal home. Cardiff, 27/11/99.—2nd Mate.

Although a stranger to you allow me to address you as My Dear Mrs. Duncan, and as the mother of H.W. to thank you for the hospitality you have shown him. It is indeed very kind of yourself and family to take such a warm interest in our sailor lads. The dangers of the sea are, I feel, less to their bodies than the dangers on shore are to their morals when left to themselves; but to feel there is a home in so many ports open to our boys is indeed a cause for much thankfulness. I have been wondering if I could send you anything that would be useful for your entertainments at the Seamen's Institute. He says you can get everything in Melbourne the same as in England, but if you want any music or songs and you have any trouble to get them I shall be delighted to send them if you will only name the kind you would like to have. Yours faithfully, E.W.

Leeds, England, '99.

TO MRS. DUNCAN. From a carpenter of a ship.

Dear Mrs Duncan.—I am so much in debt to you for your kindness to me and also to my shipmates that I shall ever keep you and your family in remembrance as dear to me. Never have I met with so much kindness since I have been going to sea, now 17 years, and I have seen many different ports in that time. I never before thought or cared about seeing any of the many places I have visited when I had once left them, but feel very different about Melbourne, and if I continue at sea I shall try to get there every time. It is not the city of Melbourne I am taken with, but the meeting with so many kind people.

Yours, E.S.

FROM AN APPRENTICE.

We are now in the Bay as you are aware. I would not mind it if I could only get ashore. It is horrible lying out here, right opposite the port too. I must take this opportunity of again thanking you for the kind interest you have taken in me and for the many pleasant times I have had at your house where I have always been made thoroughly welcome. We have been working long hours since we came into the Bay, and now I am busy stowing my shore going gear.

H.W.

DEAR MRS. DUNCAN.

I am writing a few lines to thank you for your very great kindness to my son, Ernest. It seems to me that he has found a second mother. How kind and good it is of God to raise up such friends for my dear boy. I am always thinking about him. You know as a mother how our hearts yearn for our dear absent ones. I always tell them if they trust to their Heavenly Father as their friend He will be sure to find them an earthly one. I hope for your kindness to him you will receive blessings from on high. Kindly accept thanks and good wishes from Ernest's ever-loving Mother.

Cambridge, England.

The Victorian Seamen's Mission.—BALANCE SHEET for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

1899		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE					
Jan.	Credit Balance in Bank, brought forward	31	2	1	On General Account—					
1st to	" " " "	13	7	1	Printing and Advertising ...	...	...	11	3	0
Dec.	" " " "				Chaplain's Stipend ...	...	...	169	11	8
31st.	Sunday Collections at Port Melbourne Seamen's Institute ...	71	4	9	Postage ...	...	...	1	4	9
	Refunds and Discounts ...	2	7	9	Stationery ...	...	...	1	19	6
	Interest on £100 Fixed Deposit ...	3	0	0	Refunds: Chaplain's Railway Ticket and Sunday School Collection ...	£9	13	6		
	Government Grant to P.M. Institute Free Public Library ...	10	4	9	Bank Interest to 30th June ...	...	...	0	2	6
	Government Grant to Williamstown Sailors' Rest Free Public Library ...	6	8	0	" " to 31st December ...	...	...	0	12	3
	Subscriptions and Donations (as per Honorary Collectors' Lists appended hereto) ...	93	5	3	Vote towards Annual Picnic to Seamen	5	0	0		
	Receipts from others than Sailors attending the Free Concerts given to the latter during the year at the Port Melbourne Seamen's Institute	27	19	6	Deficiency on Professor Morris's Lecture	2	12	6		
	The like in connection with similar Concerts given at the Williamstown Sailors' Rest during the same period ...	23	3	11	Subscription to Library Association of Australasia (and Exchange 6d.) ...	...	...	0	11	0
					On Port Melbourne Institute Account—	...	...	18	11	9
					Printing and Advertising ...	...	...	2	16	6
					Caretaker's Salary ...	...	...	33	0	0
					Postage ...	...	...	1	13	4
					Stationery ...	...	...	7	11	6
					Gas, £5 1s. 6d; Fire Insurance, £2 14s; Papers and Magazines, £11 18s. 5d.!	...	...	39	2	11
					Miscellaneous, £19 9s. ...	...	...	84	4	3
					On Williamstown Sailors' Rest Account—	...	...	18	16	8
					Caretaker's Salary ...	...	...	0	3	4
					Stationery ...	...	...	
					Gas, £5 10s 9d.; Fire Insurance 15s. 6d.; Town Rates, £3; Water Rates, 15s.; Sanitary and Sewerage Rates, 11s. 6d; Papers and Magazines, £6 19s. 9d. ...	...	...	18	1	6
						...	...	36	11	6
					Dec. 31st Credit Balance in Bank ...	...	...	18	6	6
					" " Cash in Hand ...	...	...	9	7	2
						...	...	27	13	8
						...	...	£351	10	1

Audited and found correct—
 JOHN HEAD, A.I.A.V., A.S.A.A., Eng., Honorary Auditor.
 W. H. C. DARVALLO, Honorary Treasurer.

THE VICTORIAN SEAMEN'S MISSION.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
1899.				1899.			
Dec.	31st.	£	s. d.	Dec.	31st.	£	s. d.
Balance in London Bank of Australia Ltd.	18	6 6	This Month's Salaries ...	...	..	20 1 8
" in Treasurer's Hands	9	7 2	And there may be a few Current Accounts (not yet sent in) for Gas and Papers not exceeding, probably, in the whole	...	5	0 0
Amount on Fixed Deposit in above Bank	27	13 9		...	25	1 8
Estimated Value of "The Seamen's Institute," Port Melbourne (brick)	...	1500	0 0	Credit Balance ...	...	..	2852 12 1
Fixtures, Fittings, Framed Pictures, Games, and Furniture therein	...	200	0 0		...		
Books in its Library	100	0 0		...		
Estimated Value of "The Sailors' Rest at Williamstown (stone)	...	750	0 0		...		
Fixtures, Fittings, Framed Pictures, and Furniture therein	100	0 0		...		
Books in its Library	100	0 0		...		
			1800 0 0				
			950 0 0				
			£2877 13 9				

Melbourne,
31st December, 1899.

W. H. C. DARVALL,
Honorary Treasurer.

Lists of Subscriptions and Donations

Received during the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

Collected by Miss Adams—

Captain Adams	£0	10	0
Captain Anderson (Loch Katrine)	0	5	0
Captain Cattrall (Loch Lomond)	0	10	0
Mrs. Cuscaden	0	5	0
Captain Kendrick (Invergarry)	0	5	0
Captain T. C. Martin (Loch Tay), 1898 (10/-), 1899 (10/-)	1	0	0
Captain Nicholson (Loch Ryan)	0	5	0
Mr. Charles Rennie	0	10	0
Capt. Spalding (S.S. Australasian)	0	5	0
Captain Strachan (Loch Long)	0	10	0
Dr. Thomas	0	10	0
Mr. G. Tuff	0	10	0
	<u>£5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

Collected by Mrs. F. T. Derham.

Alcock, R. J., Esq.	1	1	0
Bell, The Honble James, M.L.C.	1	1	0
Berry, Henry, Esq.	1	1	0
Brunton Honble Thos., M.L.C.	1	1	0
Danks, Messrs John & Son	1	1	0
Derham, Honble F. T. ..	1	1	0
Derham, Mrs. F. T. ..	1	1	0
Knox, Honble W., M.L.C. ..	1	1	0
Madden, His Honor Sir John...	1	0	0
McCaughan, P. K., Esq. ..	1	0	0
McKinley, Alex., Esq.	0	10	6
Patterson, Messrs J. & Co	1	1	0
Sargood, Honble Sir F. T. M.L.C.	5	0	0
Siddeley, W., Esq.	1	1	0
Swallow & Ariell, Messrs	1	1	0
	<u>£19</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

Collected by Mrs. J. D. Gowan.

Arthur & Co., Messrs	1	1	0
Bagge, Mr. James	1	1	0
Begg, Mr. Arthur	1	0	0
Buckley & Nunn, Messrs	1	1	0
Buzzard, Mr. T. M.	1	1	0
Buzzard, Mr. E. W.	1	1	0
Buzzard, Mr. H. L.	0	10	0
Chepman, Mrs Stanford	1	1	0
Clarke, Mrs. Alfred E. ...	0	10	6
Clarke, Mr. Alfred E. ...	1	1	0
Miss L. C.	0	1	0
Elder, Mr. David	1	1	0
Fraser, Mr. Thos.	0	5	0
Gardiner, Mr. F.	0	5	0
Gowan, Mrs. J. D.	1	1	0
Kent, Mr. R. G.	0	10	6
Loosti, Dr. R. J.	1	1	0

Masters, Mr. A. J.	0	10	0
Moffat, Mr. J.	0	10	6
McCulloch, Sellar & Co., Messrs	2	2	0
New Zealand, The L. & M.A. Co.	1	1	0
Paterson, Mr. W. A.	0	10	0
Salter, Mr. Charles	0	5	0
Small, Mr. A. E.	0	10	6
Small, Mr. William	0	10	6
Smith, Miss B.	0	10	0
	<u>£20</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

Collected by the Rev. E. James and the Misses James.

Victorian Stevedoring Co. ...	10	10	0
Captain McIntyre	1	0	0
Masonic Lodge, per Mr. Matthews	1	1	0
Cottell, Mrs.	1	1	0
Webber, Mr.	2	0	0
Warren, Mr. F. T.	0	10	0
Tuff, Mr. G.	0	10	0
Cousins, Mr. R. R.	0	5	0
Smith, Mrs. L.	0	5	0
Close & Lawrence	1	1	0
Gillott, Mr.	1	1	0
	<u>£19</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

Collected by Mrs. Robert Lormer.

Beath, Schiess & Co., Messrs ...	1	1	0
Blake, Mr. Wm. H. C.	0	5	0
Booth, Mrs. A.	1	0	0
Burston, Mrs. Sophy	1	0	0
Bromfield, Mrs.	0	2	6
Chambers & Seymour, Messrs...	0	10	6
Connell & Co., Limited	1	1	0
Crew, Mr.	0	5	0
Davies, Mrs. John	1	0	0
Dick, Alexander, Esq.	1	1	0
Dean, Messrs Wm. & Geo. ...	0	10	0
Gibbs, Bright & Co.	2	2	0
Howat, Mr. George	1	1	0
Howat, Mr. William	1	0	0
Halley, Mr. A.	0	10	0
Inglis, Mr. R.	0	5	0
Langley, Archdeacon	0	5	0
McNaughton, Love & Co. ...	1	1	0
Melville, Mullen & Slade ...	0	5	0
Millar & Co., Messrs James	0	10	6
David Syme & Co.	2	2	0
Tiller, Mrs.	0	5	0
Windsor, Mr. A.	1	0	0
	<u>£18</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

Collected by Mrs. J. M. Templeton.

Andrews, Mrs. H. ...	0	10	0
Bayles, Mrs. ...	0	7	6
Bruce, Mrs. J. M. ...	1	0	0
Barber, Mrs. G. P. ...	0	10	0
Brown, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Dickins, Mr. W. A. ...	1	0	0
Griffiths Brothers, Messrs	1	1	0
Ham, Mrs. C. J. ...	1	1	0
Harper, Mrs. W. ...	0	10	0
Hordern, Mrs. W. ...	1	0	0
Hicks, Atkinson & Sons, Messrs	1	1	0
Jack, Mr. A. ..	0	10	0
Kernot, Professor ..	1	0	0
Lush, Mr. G. ...	1	0	0
Martin, Mrs. James ...	0	5	0
Martin, Mr. H. S. ...	0	5	0
Melbourne S.S. Co., per Mr. D. Y. Syme ...	5	5	0
Peterson, Mr. John ...	1	1	0
Reid, Hon. R. ...	1	1	0
Stephens, Councillor Westmore	1	1	0
Stephens, Mr. W. W. ...	1	1	0
Thomson, Mrs. John ...	1	1	0
Templeton, Colonel ...	1	1	0
Union S.S. Co. of New Zealand	2	2	0
Wilson, Mr. R. G. ...	0	10	0

£25 13 6

Collected by Mrs. E. Underwood.

The "Loch" Ships ...	6	10	0
Ship <i>Glaucus</i> ...	0	10	6
Sanderson, John and Co. ...	2	2	0
Underwood, Mrs. E. W. ...	0	5	0

£9 7 6

Collected by Misses Webb and Darvall—

Allee, Miss ...	0	5	0
C.S. ...	0	5	0
Simmonds, S.P. ...	0	10	6
Webster, A. ...	0	5	0

£1 5 6

Amounts received through "The Argus"—

Per Rev. E. James ...	£4	0	0
Amounts received through Donation Boxes—			
The one at the Seamen's Insti- tute at Port Melbourne ...	0	13	9
Sundry Subscriptions and Donations—			
Morrison, Mr Alex. (per Mrs Greenlaw) ..	1	0	0
Tickets (per Mrs. Greenlaw) ..	0	3	0
Annual Meeting Collection ..	8	11	0
Murray Smith, Esq. ..	1	0	0
James Bagge, Esq. ..	1	1	0
Underwood, Mrs. H. A. ..	0	10	0
Sargood, Butler, Nichol and McEwen, Messrs ..	1	1	0
Barton, Mrs E. M., Gladsville, N.S.W. (per W.H.C.D.) ..	0	5	0
Haig Brothers, Messrs ..	1	1	0
Dalgety and Co. (Medic Fund)	10	0	0
Shannon, Chas, Esq., Geelong	3	0	0
Seymour, F. C. ...	0	5	0
Darvall, W. H. C. ..	0	5	0
Ogilvie, Mrs. E. ...	1	1	0

£29 3 0

SUMMARY.

Collected by Miss Adams ...	£5	5	0
" Mrs. F. T. Derham ..	19	1	6
" Miss Figg ..			
" Mrs. J. D. Gowan ..	20	1	6
" The Rev. E. and the Misses James ..			
" Mrs. Robert Lormer	18	2	6
" Mrs. D. Y. Syme ..			
" Mrs. J. M. Templeton	25	13	6
" Mrs. E. W. Under- wood ..	9	7	6
" The Misses Webb and Darvall ..	1	5	6
Amounts received through the <i>Argus</i> ..	4	0	0
Sundry Subscriptions and Dona- tions ..	29	3	0
Amounts received per Donation Boxes ..	0	13	9

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE

Attendance of Office-Bearers and Members of Executive Committee

For the Year ending December, 1899.

Date of Election	Name.	Office.	Committee Meeting.	
			Attend- ance.	Out of.
1898.				
Feb. 20	Hugh R. Reid, Esq., J.P...	.. President	4.	10 "
" *	Mrs. J. M. Templeton ..	.. Vice-President	6	" "
" "	E. W. Underwood, Esq. ..	.. "	3	" "
" "	Mrs. F. T. Derham ..	.. Member	7	" "
" *	" J. D. Gowan ..	.. "	5	" "
" "	" Greenlaw ...	.. "	1	" "
" "	" Robt. Lownner ..	.. "	9	" "
" "	" J. Ogilvie ..	.. "	2	" "
" †	" C. K. Smith ..	.. "	0	" "
" "	" Page ..	.. "	3	" "
" "	" D. Y. Syme ..	.. "	1	" "
" †	" Underwood, sen. ..	.. "	1	I "
" †	" E. W. Underwood ..	.. "	6	10 "
" "	" H. A. Underwood ..	.. "	3	10 "
" "	Miss Adams ..	.. "	7	10 "
" "	" Figg ..	.. "	4	10 "
" "	" Olive Jones..	.. "	9	10 "
" "	Mr. W. H. Allard ..	.. Hon. Secretary	8	10 "
" "	" W. H. C. Darvall ..	.. Hon. Treasurer	8	10 "
" "	" J. W. Matters ..	.. Member	7	10 "
" "	" H. A. Ternes ..	.. "	4	10 "
" "	Capt. W. D. Garside ..	.. Trustee W'mst'n Rest		
" "	Mr. David Beath ..	.. " Port Melb Inst.		
" "	" Henry Berry " "		
" "	" John Blyth..	.. " "		
" "	Hon. F. T. Derham " "		
" "	Mr. W. H. Roberts ..	.. " W'mst'n Rest		
" "	Col. J. M. Templeton ..	.. " Port Melb Inst.		
" "	Mr. D. Y. Syme ..	.. " W'mst'n Rest		

Trustees of the Seamen's Institute and Sailors' Rest are ex-officio Members of the Executive Committee.

* Away from colony on leave of absence.

† Away from colony on leave of absence part of the year.

‡ Deceased.

RULES

—OF—

The Victorian Seamen's Mission.

NAME.

1. The name shall be—as hitherto—“The Victorian Seamen's Mission” (hereinafter throughout referred to as “the Mission.”)

OBJECT.

2. The object of the Mission is to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of all seamen visiting the Port of Melbourne.

3. For this purpose a Chaplain shall be appointed (by the Executive Committee hereinafter referred to), whose duty shall be to conduct religious services—visit the Seamen on board their ships and in hospitals—and generally, to act as their friend and Pastor; and buildings—to be known as “Seamen's Institutes” or “Sailors' Rests”—shall be erected (or otherwise acquired) and maintained, in suitable localities, which Seamen of every grade may at all times make use of for the purpose of reading, writing letters, or amusing themselves, free from the temptations which so often beset them when on shore.

Each of such buildings shall include a Library, a Reading Room (supplied with the principal daily and illustrated papers and magazines, &c.) a Writing Room (furnished with all necessary means for correspondence) and a Hall in which amusements of various kinds may be carried on, Lectures and Concerts held, and Religious Services (entirely undenominational) be from time to time conducted.

These Institutions shall be open—free to all Seamen—during such hours as the said Executive Committee shall, from time to time, decide upon, and—subject to the directions and control of such Executive—shall (where feasible) be under the supervision of local Committees.

CONSTITUTION.

4. Any person may become a “Subscribing Member” of the Mission upon payment of five shillings annually in advance; whilst the payment of ten guineas or more in one sum shall constitute the donor a “Life Member.”

5. The Executive Committee shall have the power of conferring an Honorary Membership on any person who shall, in their opinion, have rendered, or may hereafter at any time render, an important service to the Mission.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

6. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote at every election of Members of the Executive Committee.

MANAGEMENT.

7. The affairs of the Mission shall be managed by an “Executive Committee,” consisting of a Patron, a President, two Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and 33 ordinary members, all of whom (except the Secretary) shall be elected annually by and from amongst the subscribing members of the Mission as hereinafter provided; five to form a quorum. The following shall, however, constitute the *first* Executive Committee under these rules, namely; Patron—His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Brassey, K C B.; President—Commander Crawford Pasco, R.N.; Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Colonel J. M. Templeton and Hugh Ronald Reid, Esq.; Honorary Treasurer—Captain W. D. Garside, J.P.; Honorary Secretary—Westmore William Stephens; Members—Mesdames F. R. Carter, Geo. Cuscaden, F. T. Derham, T. W. Gaggin, J. D. Gowan, H. H. Hayman, Robert Lormer, A. S. Monk, C. K. Smith, D. Y. Syme, Underwood, senr., E. W. Underwood, H. A. Underwood, James Webb and Hugh Young; the Misses Falconbridge, Annie J. Figg M. Grindlay, J. Jamieson, M. B. Laurence, S. Murray, and H. A. Webb; Captain John Adams; and Messrs D. C. Armstrong, J.P.; Henry Berry, J.P.; Wm. Henry Charles Darvall, F. T. (the Honorable) Derham, Duncan Love, John William Matters, Frederick W. Poolman, J.P. (Mayor of Port Melbourne); H. A. Ternes and Edward William Underwood, all of whom shall respectively hold

office until the Annual Meeting in February next. The Trustees for the time being of any Seamen's Institute or Sailors' Rest under the control of the Mission shall also be *ex-officio* Members of such Executive; and the Rev. E. James shall be the first Chaplain under these rules; but the Executive Committee may, in future, from time to time, appoint an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, a Chaplain and such other officers as it may deem necessary, and dispense with services of same and existing officers respectively as and when it may deem fit, and may enact By-laws for the regulation of its own proceedings and the governance of its officers.

FORFEITURE OF SEAT.

8. In the event of any member of the Executive Committee (other than the Patron, or an *ex-officio* Member) absenting himself or herself without *previous* leave of such Committee, from three consecutive ordinary Committee Meetings, his or her seat shall thereupon and thereby become—and be declared—*forfeited* and vacant, and such Committee shall proceed to fill the vacancy so created subject to the provisions of rule 9; provided, however, that any meeting of the Executive Committee to which a member shall have forwarded a satisfactory excuse for non-attendance hereat shall not be reckoned as one of the three consecutive meetings.

VACANCIES.

9 (a). The Executive Committee may fill up any vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, amongst its office-bearers or members. The person appointed to fill any such vacancy shall, however, hold office only for the remainder of the term for which the person whose seat he or she takes would otherwise have occupied the same respectively.

(b). The secretary shall—at the next meeting of the Executive Committee subsequent to any vacancy occurring from any cause whatever in the list of office-bearers or Members of the Executive or other Committee—notify such vacancy to the Executive Committee; such vacancy, however, shall not be filled up until at least the meeting of the Executive Committee next after such notice.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

10. The financial year of the Mission shall terminate on the 31st day of December in each year.

ANNUAL MEETING.

11. A General Meeting of Subscribing Members of the Mission, to be called the "Annual Meeting," shall be held in the month of February in each year—at such place and hour as the Executive Committee shall from time to time direct—to appoint an Auditor (who must not be a member of the Executive) and to nominate and elect Members to fill the places of retiring Office-bearers and Members of the Executive; and at such meeting a Report and Balance Sheet—for the year ending 31st December previous—shall be presented from the Executive Committee.

ALTERATION OR RESCINDING OF RULES.

12. No proposal to add to, amend, or rescind, any or either of the rules of the Mission for the time being in force shall be entertained except at an Annual Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of Subscribing Members duly convened for that purpose; at least 14 clear days' notice of motion embodying such proposal must, moreover, in either case, be given in writing to the Secretary, who shall cause a copy of same to be included in the notices convening the meeting at which it is to be considered, one of which notices (unless directed by the Executive Committee or the President—or, in his absence, a Vice-President of the Mission—to be advertised in two daily papers circulating in Melbourne) must be delivered—or posted—properly addressed—to every Subscribing Member of the Mission at least 7 clear days prior to such meeting; and the motion containing any such proposal, to be effectual, must be carried by at least two-thirds of the Subscribing Members present at such meeting.

ADOPTED—upon motion duly carried—at the General Meeting of Members of the Mission held at the offices of the Marine Board of Victoria, No. 425 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, this second day of September, 1895.

CRAWFORD PASCO, CHAIRMAN.
W. H. C. DARVALL, ACTING SECRETARY.

REGULATIONS

SETTING FORTH THE

DUTIES of the CARETAKER of The SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.
(Or SAILORS' REST.)

1. To keep the Institute (or Rest) open each week day from 9 a.m. till 11 p.m., and on Sundays from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m., and from 8.15 p.m. till 9.30 p.m., in addition to the hours it may be required for religious services.

2. To keep the whole of the rooms, and the premises generally, thoroughly clean, and the furniture and fittings in neat order and condition, so as to give an appearance of comfort and make the Institute (or Rest) attractive to the Sailors.

3. To have the tables suitably arranged (and the newspapers and magazines neatly placed thereon) in one half of the main hall—with sufficient seats for the use of readers—by opening time each morning, and the remainder of the hall left vacant to allow of quots or other indoor games being played, the materials for which (provided by the Executive) must always be at hand, available for use, and be kept in good order, any loss or breakage of same being at once reported to the Chaplain, or, in his absence, to the local Secretary, together, if possible, with the name of the author or cause thereof.

4. To have the "Writing Room" always neat and available for use by the Sailors, who should be—as opportunities occur—persuaded to make use of same for corresponding with their "friends at home," for which purpose pens, ink and paper will be supplied by the Committee free, the Caretaker seeing that a supply is available.

5. To see that no pamphlets, magazines, or other periodicals or papers are placed on the tables for use until the local Secretary has impressed the Mission's stamp thereon.

6. To—as far as possible—see that each book that is taken from the Library shelves is returned, by the person using the same, to its proper place when done with, and to report to the Chaplain (or in his absence, to the local Secretary) any breach of this Regulation and any loss of—or injury to—any book and the cause thereof, if known.

7. To take every possible precaution against the removal from the Institute of any book, periodical, paper or other property by any person whomsoever; and to instantly report to the Chaplain (or in his absence, to the local Secretary) any breach of this Regulation, so that the stolen property may, if possible, be recovered, and the offender punished.

8. To light the gas—and to arrange the seats—in the large hall and the Committee Room in ample time for the weekly Concerts and for the religious services on Sundays; and the like in the smaller hall whenever required by the Chaplain so to do.

9. To keep on hand temperance drinks, and to make provision for tea, coffee and cocoa being available for visitors at the shortest possible notice. The prices for same will be fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time, but the Caretaker will retain for his own use the proceeds from the sale thereof; and it will be optional

with the Caretaker to supply or not sandwiches, pastry, or other eatables, at the bar, and to make his own charge for same.

10. To keep his own quarters neat and tidy and in a sanitary condition, the Committee providing gas for the lighting of same.

11. To keep a record of the number of visitors to the Institute (or Rest) day by day, and to report to the local Secretary the aggregate attendance of same prior to each monthly meeting of the local Committee, or, in the event of there being no local Committee, to the Chaplain.

12. To distribute—(as may be directed by the Chaplain)—to sea-going ships such parcels of literature as may have been received for that purpose, after the same shall have been duly stamped by the local Secretary with the Mission's stamp.

13. To be particular never to leave the premises unless his wife or some other substitute (approved by the Chaplain, or in his absence by the local Secretary) be left in charge: and to be vigilant to see that no impropriety takes place—and that order is always strictly maintained—amongst those visiting the Institution.

14. To see all lights put out and the doors and windows throughout the Institute securely fastened each night at eleven o'clock.

15. To be kindly considerate to all Seamen who visit the Institute, offering them every information concerning it, and showing them that they are always heartily welcome.

16. To keep always on hand a Temperance "Pledge Book" and endeavor to prevail on Seamen to sign their names therein, reporting monthly the number of those doing so.

17. In connection with the above—and in all things pertaining to the work of the Mission—the Caretaker will be responsible to the Chaplain (as the representative of the Executive Committee), except as to such matters as he shall receive written instructions relative to—direct from such Committee through its Secretary or other duly authorised officer.

I, the undersigned, hereby accept from the Executive Committee of "The Victorian Seamen's Mission"—and undertake to fulfil the duties of—the position of "Caretaker" to the "Seamen's Institute" (or Sailor's Rest) subject to the foregoing Regulations and such other directions as I may from time to time receive in writing from said Committee under the hand of their Secretary or other duly authorised officer. This engagement to continue in force until one calendar month's notice in writing (to expire on the last day of a month) be given by either party to the other or one month's salary be paid to or allowed (as the case may be) in lieu of such notice. And I agree to accept as full remuneration for such my services, the sum of _____ per calendar month, payable, as from the first day of the month, during the first week of each month.

As witness my hand this

day of

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Witness

The Victorian Seamen's Mission, Institute, and Rest.

SYLLABUS

—OF—

Weekly Amateur Free Concerts

Provided by the Members of Committee and their Friends,
for the Seamen attending

"THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE," Port Melbourne,

—AND—

"THE SAILORS' REST," Williamstown,

During the Half-year ending 30th June, 1900.

AT PORT MELBOURNE.

AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

DATES.	BY WHOM GIVEN.
Mondays	
Jan. 8	The Misses James
" 15	The Rev. E. James
" 22	Mr. Gordon
" 29	Mr. Thos. U. Groube
Feb. 5	Mr. Stanley Theodore James
" 12	Miss Gertie Arundel
" 19	Miss Jessie McMillan
" 26	Miss Nellie Mills
Mar. 5	Mr. Towl
" 12	Mrs. Robert Lormer
" 19	Mr. Walter Bruce
" 26	Mr. Samuel Lamble
April 2	Mrs. J. Moffat
" 9	Miss Carrie Taylor
" 16	Miss Gertie Arundel
" 23	Miss Leda Norman
" 30	Mr. Thos. U. Groube
May 7	Mr. E. W. Monk
" 14	St. Anselm's Literary and Debating Society
" 21	South Yarra Baptist Choir
" 28	Miss Nellie Mills
June 4	Mrs. E. W. Underwood
" 11	Mr. D. R. Davies
" 18	Mr. Samuel Lamble
" 25	Mrs. F. T. Derham

The Thursday Concerts at Williamstown are being arranged for by the local Committee to suit the arrival of Ships at that branch of the Port.

W. H. C. DARVALL, Hon. Secretary.
266 Collins Street, Melbourne.

The Board of Directors, Trustees, and Officers

BY-LAWS

Blackburn Baptist Free Church

Approved by the Board of Directors, Trustees, and Officers
at a meeting held on the 15th day of May, 1890.
The Board of Directors, Trustees, and Officers
at Blackburn.

Section 1. The name of this church shall be the Blackburn Baptist Free Church.
Section 2. The place of worship shall be at Blackburn.
Section 3. The day of the week for public worship shall be on the first day of the week.
Section 4. The time of public worship shall be at ten o'clock in the forenoon and at seven o'clock in the evening.
Section 5. The members of this church shall be those who have been baptized in accordance with the New Testament and who have given evidence of a true and living faith in Jesus Christ.

Section 6. The members of this church shall be entitled to vote in the election of officers and to hold office in the church.
Section 7. The officers of this church shall be a pastor, a session, and a deacons board.
Section 8. The pastor shall be elected by the members of the church and shall hold office for one year.
Section 9. The session shall consist of three members elected by the members of the church and shall hold office for one year.
Section 10. The deacons board shall consist of three members elected by the members of the church and shall hold office for one year.
Section 11. The members of the church shall be bound to attend public worship and to contribute to the support of the church.
Section 12. The members of the church shall be bound to observe the Lord's Day and to abstain from all carnal pleasures and from all worldly business on that day.
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