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THE ADDITION TO OUR STAFF of Mr. Arthur T. Pitt, who has been sent out by the Parent Society in London, has greatly cheered us. Mr. Pitt has had some years' experience at such important centres as Antwerp and Barry, and he brings valued knowledge into the Melbourne Mission. He is accompanied by Mrs. Pitt, who is heart and soul also in the work.

Wednesday, 26th May, when the Committee and workers gave Mr. and Mrs. Pitt a RECEPTION at the Central Institute, was quite a red-letter day, for His Excellency THE GOVERNOR and LADY CARMICHAEL selected the same evening to pay an informal visit to us. The proceedings were of the usual bright and lively description. An impromptu performance on the "mouth organ" by one of our sailor friends was evidently done in honour of the Vice-Regal party, and was appreciated accordingly. The Governor spoke a few hearty words, and addresses of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Pitt were given by Mr. W. H. Allard, Archdeacon Crossley, and the Chaplains. Mr. Pitt replied in a few well-chosen words on behalf of himself and his wife, and great cheers were given him. At the close of the evening the usual service was held in the Chapel, seats in the front being provided for the Governor and Lady Carmichael and Captain Hope, A.D.C. Archdeacon Crossley, in the name of the Archbishop, handed Mr. Pitt his License as a Diocesan Lay Reader, and also admitted Mr. H. K. Vickery (Lay Reader) and Mr. Alexander Patrick (3rd engineer of s.s. "Star of New Zealand") as members of the Seamen's Guild. Hearty cheers for the Governor were given as he and Lady Carmichael drove away in their motor car.

A welcome was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Pitt by the Port Melbourne workers at the Concert held at the Institute on the 25th, and another Reception was given at the Williamstown Sailors' Rest on the following Thursday, when the Williamstown Committee and workers had an opportunity of showing their hospitality to the new arrivals.

Our HOLY WEEK Lantern Services, both at the Central Institute and at Port Melbourne, were well attended, and we trust the lessons of that solemn week were not lost.

The Rev. W. and Mrs. Asher, of the AUSTRALIAN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN, took part in the Service in our Chapel on 14th May, and we had a very helpful time, 58 sailors being present.

On EASTER MONDAY, sailors were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and the Misses Clarke, at "Heatherbrae," Glenhuntly. By the kindness of our host and hostesses and the members of the Elsternwick Ladies' Harbour Lights Guild, 82 sailors and a party of workers were most hospitably entertained. The usual Football, Cricket, and Sports were vigorously promoted. Mr. Clarke had a huge bonfire lit to celebrate the occasion, and round the dying embers, vociferous cheers were given to our host and hostesses. Prizes for successful competitors were distributed at the Institutes on Australian Wharf and at Port Melbourne respectively, at the grand entertainments there provided at night. The hearty services which brought the proceedings to a close were not the least enjoyable part of a well-spent Eastertide.

The holiday on "EIGHT HOURS DAY" was spent at Brighton, where the Rev. E. A. Crawford and Mrs. Crawford gave us the use of their schoolroom and paddock, and also their personal assistance. We had a party of 62 sailors on this occasion, and although the weather in the early part of the afternoon was wet and threatening, it cleared sufficiently for a well-contested football match and other sports; and a capital photograph of the group was taken, with St. Andrew's Church for a background. Before leaving the schoolroom, ringing cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and the other helpers, to which Mr. Crawford replied in a few kind words, saying how pleased he was to see the sailors enjoying themselves.

Yet another holiday (the PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY) was kept on Monday, 7th June. A jolly party of 25 proceeded down the river on board the mission boat "Southern Cross," and spent a capital afternoon of sports and games at Williamstown. Tea was served in the Sailors' Rest, and a crowded Social was held at the Central Institute in the evening.

The Senior Chaplain paid a visit to OUR STATION AT PORT ADELAIDE in the beginning of June, and spoke at the annual meeting by the invitation of the Adelaide Committee. Fine new premises have been secured on a lease, with the option of purchase. The Committee are appealing for £2000 to purchase the property, and fit it up suitably. It is sincerely to be hoped that they will succeed in their appeal. Sailors all know, and value very highly, the genuine work of Mr. and Mrs. Shell, and the way in which they have used the incommodious premises where the flag has been flying up to the present has been a great source of encouragement to Mr. Shell.

It is evident that Port Pirie will soon need to be made a station of the "blue flag mission."

The AMBULANCE LECTURES have been as usual much appreciated, and we are glad to record that twelve St. John Ambulance Association certificates have been won.

The ENGLISH MAIL brings a report of the Annual Meeting of the Missions to Seamen in London. Our late Governor, SIR REGINALD TALBOT, was one of the selected speakers; and he said that it seemed to him extraordinary that there was such little response, on the part of the general public, to the appeal made on behalf of the great work of the Mission. He considered that the duty of promoting the spiritual and moral welfare of our sailors should precede every other.

Miss Tracy is taking leave of us for a few months' visit to Colombo. We wish her *bon voyage* and a safe return.

The LEAGUE OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS is getting a goodly number of hopeful young members, and Mr. Haire is encouraged. We should like to have a branch in every school.

Our most CORDIAL THANKS are tendered to our many friends who have helped us by giving Concerts, &c., and to those who have sent us literature for sending away to sea, also woollies, book bags, and ditty bags, during the quarter. We can never have too much of these things—friends please note!

We have to thank Councillor and Mrs. Carter for a Concert to raise funds for the debt on the Williamstown premises, and Mr. Sayers for a Concert for Mission Boat expenses.

Drawingroom Meetings have most kindly been given by Mrs. Burston (Hawthorn), Mrs. Birchnell (Murrumbidgee), Mrs. Carnegie (Kew), Mrs. Watson (Elsternwick), and Mrs. Martin (East St. Kilda), with very satisfactory results. New members are joining the Ladies' Harbour Lights Guild, but we are still short of the 500 guinea members wished for by our indefatigable Lady Secretaries, Miss Godfrey and Miss Tracy.

Mrs. Kiddle has given us some additional lights for the chapel; and Miss Hallamore and Miss Doris Martin book-markers for the Bible. Miss Dickson has given a large frame for the half-deck, and some games. The Melbourne Steamship Company and Messrs. Brooks, Robinson and Co. have given valuable gifts of paint for the Mission Boat.

These are among the principal gifts received during the quarter, for which we are most thankful.

All Sea-going Men are cordially invited to use the Institutes for Reading, Smoking, Writing, &c.

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