

accepted time, to-morrow may be too late. That is in God's hands. The result was, that three prisoners and one gaol officer signed our total abstinence pledge. There are other incidents I have not space for here.

#### Bethel Services.

So diverse has been the state of things among the shipping this season, that I feel it somewhat difficult how best to depict the actual state of religion and morality among these people.

The first nine weeks or so was quite cheering; after that the contrary and most disheartening. The class of sailors serving on some of the ships were of the lowest and most godless sort. Religion and morality they seemed truly innocent of, honesty and truth they wholly lost sight of.

Several good and christian masters, and not a few truly moral shipmasters, were sorely tried with the intemperate and drunken conduct of some of their officers.

I had often to walk for eight hours—three or four times for ten hours, before I succeeded in arranging for my meetings. The small number at any one time, and scattered position of these English ships were as well as the unchecked activity of the crimps, and the indifference of several officers, caused me much anxiety and toil, and no small expense and danger; on the river in all sorts of weather by night and by day.

The following I trust will amply demonstrate the activity, the nature and the measure of the fruits of our efforts.

SUNDAY, 18TH MAY.—The First Bethel Service this season was on the Ship "Louisa," Capt. Griffith. There were several Welch friends among the Ship's Company and the Officers. I had a father's reception from all. The Meeting was good, nor was that all; four who signed our pledge card last spring have been faithful; moreover, now profess religion and are earnest workers among their shipmates. Their warm hearted captain is a good example and a genuine encourager of all that is good; he enjoys the good will of his people and the affection of the Missionary whom he has known for many years.

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