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CLAIMS OF SEAMEN.

Your Committee on the claims of Seamen report as follows :

We feel deeply impressed with the solemn responsibilities we are under to this long neglected class of men. What could we do in time without them? Their influence at home and abroad calls loudly for our efforts in their behalf. The Sailor converted to God may carry the impress of our holy religion unto hundreds of dark and superstitious abodes. We rejoice in the efforts which are being put forth in our neighbouring provinces in their behalf. Who has not got a friend, a sailor? Who, that is a christian, is there that will not feel and act in their behalf in order to bring about the fulfilment of that great promise, "the abundance of the sea shall be converted to God." We would earnestly recommend therefore, that all our churches awake to their indispensable claims, especially those in seaport towns, and appoint persons to visit the vessels in port on Sabbath mornings and whenever else convenient, for the purpose of distributing tracts and other religious books among them, and try to influence as many as possible of them to attend places of worship.

NELSON CORNING, *Chairman.*

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TOBACCO.

The Committee on the use of Tobacco report as follows :

That it is the opinion of this Committee, and which is sustained by the best physicians, that the use of Tobacco is generally and almost universally deleterious to the health of man.

Your Committee do most earnestly recommend that strenuous and untiring efforts be put forth as well by example as by precept for the discontinuance of the consumption and use of Tobacco.

They would especially urge upon all members of our church, to take this matter into serious consideration and by their ceasing to use it, give the full weight of their example to the discontinuance of its use. We would further recommend merchants to show their disapproval of the use of this article by refusing to sell it.

Let *agitate*, AGITATE, AGITATE be our motto until this mammoth evil shall be no longer known among us.

N. VIDITO, *Chairman.*