

Another feature of the Institute is the supplying of Coffee, and Bread and Butter. Over one half of the visits having been made to the Institute apparently to take advantage of this provision, the entries showing a sale of 3746 cups of coffee, while the visits on week day evenings were only 7387. These articles are charged for but at such a low rate that a small loss accrues to the Institute—a loss more than compensated for, a hundred-fold, by the evident pleasure of the men at being able to procure the warm pleasant beverage to associate with their newspaper or chat. The men with one voice declare that this alone after the labours of the day are over, has been the means of keeping them from having recourse to a more fiery, unsatisfying and dangerous drink, which with kindred, and generally accompanying vices, combine to rob the poor sailor of his health and hard earned gains. That it has done so, is evidenced by the fact that there are fewer Taverns, Saloons, Dance Houses, &c., in the vicinity of our wharves than exists in any other harbour where a similar amount of shipping finds an occasional resting place. Future efforts in this direction require to be continued (in watchfulness and prayer, and with dependence on the Divine blessing; ) to a much greater extent, and with an increased measure of energy, for it is quite possible that many who have lived by and fattened upon the Soldier, now that he is gone from amongst us, may in their desperate attempt to gain a livelihood turn their attention to the sailor.

We have now to refer to another matter upon which some misconception exists—that of amusements—and we hope the full and frank explanation of it which we now give will tend to do away with any feeling in regard to this.

There is a smoking-room set apart for those who indulge, or wish to indulge in this habit, and here they may rest and enjoy each other's conversation along with their pipe in quietness and away from those, who, not feeling inclined to do so, may desire to avoid the perfume of the burning tobacco. No alcoholic liquors of any kind, or on any pretence, are admitted into the Rooms of the Institute, and any one perusing our Act of Incorporation, will find a stipulation against it, in that document.

Various amusements are provided for those of the visitors who may wish to avail themselves of such a mode of spending the evening. These are Draught Boards and men, Solitaire, Dominoes, Rope, Quoits and Chessmen; and with these they spend many pleasant