

for two collections made by him resulting altogether in \$30, which being quite voluntary on his part was extremely gratifying, the Sub-Committee would certainly feel obliged to any others who should do likewise.

The Sub-Committee on Sabbath and Religious services, convenor T. J. Claxton, Esq., has very successfully carried out its operations. The attendance of the men on Sabbath evening has not been so large as is to be desired. The conductors Messrs. Young and Ritchie are however satisfied with the attention and decorum manifested in the meetings. On several occasions some from amongst the men took part in the exercises in a strain that shewed them no strangers at a throne of grace. Bills were issued inviting the presence of the seamen and other means adopted to draw them to the services. Tracts are regularly distributed to each vessel leaving port and 18 English Bibles, 1 German, and 1 Swedish have been sold during the season of 1870, and 42 of the men induced to sign the pledge with every appearance of keeping it. A book for the enrollment of the names of intending abstainers which the men are aware of, it having been opened at the suggestion of one of themselves, is kept on the superintendent's desk. A few of the men pledge themselves only for the time they are ashore renewing the pledge, each successive return their principal aim being to have this pledge, to urge in resisting the allurements of companions when landed after a sea voyage. It will be seen therefore that here is another illustration of the advantages of the Institute. The name is prominently placed before the eyes of their mates as that of an abstainer and here at the same time is a place of resort where the individual is safe from any temptation. The Sub-Committee believe if facilities were given in the shape of a retired room where a prayer meeting could be held without interfering with the quiet of the reading-room that such would be held on week day evenings. It is to be hoped a more comfortable building will be soon placed at the disposal of the Sailors.

All respectfully submitted by

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