

The Rooms were opened on the 1st of May, and closed on the 21st of November, and we have to report a steady increase of visitors, the entries in the books, shewing that during that period there were 8647 visits from seamen classified as follows, to the Reading Room and Tables 5668; to the writing Desks 1899; and to the Sabbath evening services 1080. It is to be hoped that better provision may be made for giving greater publicity to the Sabbath evening meeting and for a systematic visitation of the vessels on Sabbath to draw the men to the services.

A pleasing feature in the entries on the Books is the number of letters written by the Seamen to their sweethearts, wives and other friends and relatives which appear to be somewhere over two thousand—more than one half of which was committed to the care of your Superintendent for posting. A careful record of each letter so posted, being kept by him, we are enabled to shew the destination as follows viz., Scotland 367; England 296; Ireland 39; British America 200; Continental Europe 28; United States 80. Total 1010. Paper Pens and Ink are furnished for this purpose gratuitously to the men, the postage they provide for themselves, which they pay or not as they choose.

On the Tables of the Reading Room are fyles of Papers and Magazines as follows, viz:—

The London Daily Times	} Kindly contributed by the Messrs. Allan, of Liverpool.
Liverpool Mercury	
Do Courier,	
Do Post	
Two copies of the Montreal Daily Witness	} furnished gratuitously by Messrs. J. Dougall & Son.
One copy of the Canada Scotsman.	} furnished gratuitously by Mr. Nicholson.
The Montreal Herald, London Illustrated News, Punch and Judy, The Sunday Magazine Sunday at Home, &c.	} furnished by Mr. J. P. Clark, gratuitously.

We have to thank the donors who have so kindly furnished so much reading matter free of expense, and express a hope that others may be induced to do likewise.

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