

ciated. The attendance at the various meetings has averaged about 15, and about 31 members of the Association have assisted at them.

A strong effort was made in connection with 'the Bethel services and work among the Sailors of our Port generally to increase the influences for good there, which has been but partially successful. The Tract distributors hold a short prayer meeting in their respective divisions before separating for the several sections, and each vessel in Port from the St. Gabriel Locks to Hochelaga has been regularly visited under the thorough system employed. It having been decided to hold the Sabbath afternoon Bethel services in Association Hall, invitations were printed on each Tract circulated. The most notable result of these services has been a marked increase in the attendance as well of sailors as citizens; at one meeting nearly 400 were present, this increase which has not been so noticeable latterly, gave promise of filling regularly the large Hall of the Association, but the want of the man peculiarly qualified to interest Sailors has proved an almost insurmountable barrier to the success sanguinely hoped for, yet have we faith that in His own good time the Lord will provide, meanwhile one of the principal benefits of holding the Bethel services in the Rooms of the Association has been to advertize the Rooms among the Sailors and bring them within the spiritual influences at work there, and several instances of wonderful conversions have occurred among the sailors, which alone have amply rewarded all who have labored in this connection. Two instances will be sufficient to illustrate this point. At a promise meeting held one Sunday evening in August an earnestness of spirit was manifested by many present and at the close of the meeting the Chairman asked those desiring prayer to signify it, when among others two sailors stood up, the meeting engaged for a few moments in silent prayer and on rising both the sailors with rejoicing hearts, and faces beaming with happiness, told that they had found peace and went on their way with gladness. In another case a letter received by our Secretary from a Provincial Town in England, written by a sailor who with a comrade had learned at one of our meetings to place their trust in Jesus, and who were rejoicing away off in their own land.

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