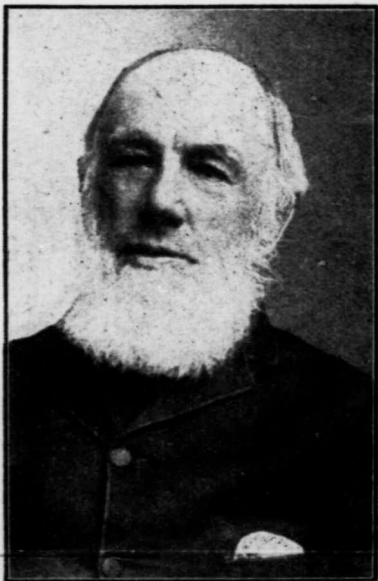


A Veteran Sailors' Missionary.

The Rev. H. T. Miller of Beamsville is the oldest English sailors' missionary alive, and in an autobiographical sketch in The August Sailors' Magazine he surveys a sphere of science, measuring some fifty-six years. He joined the Hull Society early in 1849, and had under his care a number of orphan children. Then he travelled extensively as Deputation Secretary round the shores



of the British Isles in the work of the widow and the fatherless.

In 1860 he was appointed in Liverpool to the largest bethel in the country as minister, and worked in that great seaport for seventeen years. The claims of poor Jack's child lay upon his heart, and he pleaded in vain for several years for help. At length the work took a start, and Mr. Miller was the first Secretary. In a surprisingly short time it shot ahead of all other orphanages in the port, and for long years it has provided for eight hundred children annually. The corporation gave a fine site in one of the parks, and to-day a pile of buildings, representing some £60,000 to £70,000 adorns the scene.

In his sketch Mr. Miller accentuates the importance of the sailor as a prime factor in the element of national greatness. Poor Jack's weaknesses have long been the sport of onlookers, but his place and power in the national fabric have yet to be discovered by many. There is a subtle secret in salt water which our philosophers have not yet fathomed, and how much we owe to the shores of our island homes we have not yet ascertained. Mr. Miller is the father of the Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, Principal of Ridley College, St. Catharines, and of Mr. S. P. Miller of Toronto. Though approaching eighty years, Mr. Miller is still active and gives willing service as local Secretary to the Bible Society.