

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
NIGHT REFUGE FOR THE HOMELESS
AND FIRST OF
Seamen's Bethel and Reading Room.

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? . . . to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked that thou cover him and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"—Isaiah lviii, 6, 7.

It is with devout thankfulness to God, the giver of all good that the following Report is submitted with the earnest prayer that He may be glorified thereby.

It is now three years since the "Night Refuge" was first established, and though it may have appeared then, or does now, to the mind of any that there was little need, if any, for such an institution in this city, yet the hundreds who have been sheltered and fed is proof sufficient of the great necessity of such a home.

Its object is three-fold :

1. To shelter and feed the destitute stranger.
2. To prevent crime.
3. To be a check on imposition.

In all three particulars it has in a great measure accomplished its mission.

First.—The fact that 660 persons have slept in the Refuge, and received supper and breakfast—very many of them dinners—is a practical proof. To the above number of persons 1,340 nights' lodgings were given. Several of them after leaving the city wrote expressing their gratitude for kindness received. One young man, who