

recede into the infinite ocean, perhaps to return no more. These are the blood of the world which in its semi-annual pulsations flows out into every artery bearing the work of one country to its use in another. How important to the world's welfare that the blood, which is the life, should be a pure and holy stream! How different is the fact! To cast salt for the healing of the waters into each successive wave, has been the aim of the Seamen's Mission, which has been carried on by Mr. Massey for eleven years. When this work commenced, it took the place in the field vacated by the late devout Mr. Osgood, whose name and memory live in the hearts of thousands, whose lives once were quickened by his faith and quiet zeal, and whose many prayers for a permanent provision for the seamen coming to this port, are now beginning to be answered. When our Association took up the field, a year or two after his death it was the only organized agency at work for the spiritual good of the seamen: we rejoice to know that there are now many workers together for the same end, and yet the field is far from supplied.

Fewer than usual old faces were met with last spring. Each vessel was visited once, twice or thrice by the missionary, who, in addition to the work of the tract distributors above mentioned scattered a large quantity of tracts and bibles with some good counsels, the bibles being sometimes marked at certain passages with the request that such should be read.

"Considering the comparatively small number of vessels this season," Mr. Massey says, "our Bethel meetings were never better attended. I am constantly meeting (he says) with both sailors and landsmen who have received spiritual good at our meetings in past years. A young man, a sailor in the hospital, informed me the other day with delight that he heard me at our Bethel meeting four years ago, and told me what I said in the application, which I remembered well. He said we gave him a tract

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