

\$400 for salaries, about \$125 for light and fuel, \$22.12 for taxes and Insurance, and \$80.32 for other expenditures, as shewn in the account current. This amount has been all paid by the subscriptions received, as well as \$200, to settle indebtedness to the former Treasurer."

Yet in this port, where there is shipping all the year round, with boarding houses filled, no effort has been made to show to the seamen that as a City or Province we have been considering their welfare and comfort, by opening up a home for them till recently and that, by the exertions of two congregations who pay the salary of the missionary to do the Lord's work on a non-sectarian basis. Now that the time has come for a larger and more central place, if this work has to be done for the Lord, an opportunity will be given to all who desire to promote God's glory among seamen by subscribing towards the "Bethel Fund."

I am confident that the seamen themselves will not be behind in subscribing what they can for this "Home,"—also, that the Christian public have only to be convinced of its great need, to respond.

The speedy reply to this humble appeal will be sufficient proof of the desire of the merchants and public generally to benefit morally and spiritually the thousands of men (British and Foreign) who in the course of a year come to Halifax, and to make them feel after toiling on the deep, and passing through dangers that there is a comfortable Home in Hali-fax, that it is not behind in that respect, any of the seaport towns in the world.

Being fully convinced that it is God's will that this appeal should be made, there does not exist the shadow of a doubt as to the response from those to whom He has given of this world's goods—only do not let any be found thinking of their rich neighbors as if they only should give. The question is, "How much owest *thou* unto my Lord?" In childlike trust on the promises of Him who saith, "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear," is this sent forth, praying that while it is being read, the heart may be inclined to give, for the salvation of seamen.

I would take this opportunity of thanking all who have in any way aided the work, by supplying reading, helping at the meetings, visiting vessels, and inviting to the Bethel; also Duncan McGregor, Esq., for a Rubber Stamp, worth \$2.50. I would also add "still there is room" for more workers; constant employment, reward sure.