

that the Pastors be requested to preach timely sermons on the duty of benevolence, and that the Deacons and other prominent members in the churches begin in good season to obtain contributions to our benevolent operations, and that our churches and congregations be urged to give liberally according as God has prospered them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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The Committee on the Claims of Seamen report:

That they feel deeply conscious of their responsibility to their neighbours of the Sea, who, in their arduous toil for our comfort, are exposed to all the wicked influences with which our world abounds. In their peril they are often robbed of their money, reputation and health, and thus left to perish while too many of our Province act the part of the Priest and Levite of old in passing them by.

Can we pray for and anticipate the fulfilment of Prophecy, "the abundance of the sea shall be converted to thee," while we remain inactive and supine to this large class "who do business in great waters"?

The conversion of one sailor may be the means of carrying our holy religion unto hundreds of dark and superstitious abodes. We recommend our Brethren in Nova Scotia to imitate the benevolent example set us in the city of St. John and the United States and would exhort that in our seaports means be taken for Tract distribution among them, especially every Lord's day morning and that exertions be made to induce as many to attend religious worship as possible.

We further recommend that a Committee be now appointed in the city of Halifax to take immediate action in reference to the claims of seamen.

All of which is respectfully submitted.