

The following is a report of Tract Distribution among the Seamen by the Y. M. C. Association of this city :—

"The work of Tract Distribution commenced regularly on the 1st Sabbath of May, and is still continued; the usual season extends from May to November, but as several of the distributors were anxious to continue their labors, the Committee thought it advisable to carry on the work to a limited extent during the winter."

"During the year 35,000 tracts, papers, and leaflets were distributed. The field of labor is the same as in former years. The number of distributors at work was 12. We take pleasure in noticing the heartiness with which our brothers went into their work. "Where duty calls" was their motto. It is with great pleasure that we report a new feature in this Summer's work. In the beginning of the season we purchased a boat at a cost of \$22.70, which amount was paid by a few members of the Committee. Under the able management of Messrs. Elk. Nickerson and R. E. Saunders, this boat has done good service, all honor to the crew who were so indefatigable in their labour of love. During the season 480 visits were paid to barques, 161 to brigs, 780 to schooners, and 225 to steamers, in all 1646 visits—these, were it not for our boat, would have been entirely neglected."

"In submitting this our annual report we would take this opportunity of urging upon the Association the great necessity and importance of disseminating good wholesome religious reading matter among all classes but especially among our seamen. A class not only willing but anxious to receive the tracts and papers given away,—Brethren pray for the Tract distributors and their work, and do not let this work be confined to the few who have it now in hand, but let us all become tract distributors. As we are passing the mile stones in the journey of life rapidly, let us be up and doing, remembering that time is short."

"In conclusion your committee would most heartily thank the British Am. Book and Tract Society for their very liberal grant of 33,000 tracts and papers."

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