

MR. HENRY F. COOMBS,

MY DEAR SIR,—You have my heartiest sympathy in your humane efforts to make less perilous the calling of those who follow the sea. I have no doubt our legislators will gladly, as far as possible, second you in such a work of love.

Respectfully Yours,

GEO. O. GATES,

St. John, N.B., April 18, 1888. *Pastor of Ger. St. Bap. Church.*

MR. HENRY F. COOMBS,

DEAR SIR,—The matter of providing for the safety of sailors and passengers is something that calls for the most earnest attention and the use of every available appliance.

Even if the best were done the danger would be great, and the story of suffering and death would be sad enough.

It is surely possible to prevent unseaworthy ships from going to sea, to prohibit overloading, and to compel owners and captains, when they do not of their own accord, through the dictates of humanity, do so, to provide every vessel with the best known appliances, so that in case of shipwreck or other disaster those on board may have some chance of saving their lives. That these things are not attended to as they ought to be may be known to any one who is accustomed to travel.

I have, myself, been on a lake boat which sometimes carried hundreds of passengers, where I distinctly saw the seams opening and closing with the straining of the ship, and the green water springing from the rotten planks. The vessel was soon afterwards sold and went to pieces on her first trip on one of the upper lakes where she was exposed to a heavier sea.

I heartily join with all who ask for the utmost protection being afforded to seamen in every way within the control of the authorities.

St. John, N. B., April 17, 1888.

G. BRUCE.

MR. HENRY F. COOMBS,

DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in commending your pamphlet to the thoughtful consideration of legislators and other humane people, and you have our best wishes in your efforts to bring about legislation that shall reduce, as much as possible, the loss of life and sufferings of those who go down to the sea in ships.

*Signed on behalf of St. John Preachers' Meeting.

W. LAWSON.

St. John, N. B., Canada, April 16, 1888.

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