

## Dr.

Actual cost of food (2760 meals*)	\$248.40
3 years' rent (one-half)	300.00
3 " fuel \$40, gas \$42	82.00
8 Bedsteads at \$2	16.00
Beds and bedding	60.00
Bath, \$11, fitting up do., soil and water pipe, \$25.00	36.00
Two years' cleaning	29.50
Taxes (about half)	20.00
Sign, \$4.50, dishes, \$3.00	7.50
Stove and pipe	15.00
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	\$814.40

\*Including 80 dinners.

It will be observed by the foregoing that no charge is made for salaries or hired labor, and only one-half of the rent, fuel and light. The furnishing of the Refuge at the outset has been all paid for. Should the balance deficit be made good during the present year it will enable me to relieve those who have been laboring for three years *without remuneration*, by hired labor.

## SEAMEN'S BETHEL AND READING ROOM.

Since October 1877, there has been service held for seamen in the same building as the Refuge, the two largest rooms having been set apart for Bethel and Reading Room. For the half-year ended 31st December, 1878, the aggregate number at the service was 3000; since that date the attendance has been much larger, and still continues to increase. Several times the room has proved too small, so that some had to go away, and others to remain in the hall. The attention given was all that could be desired, and the fruit encouraging. Very many have thanked God for such a meeting place, and letters have been received from seamen after leaving this port with expressions of gratitude for blessings received while worshipping God in the Bethel. Need I say that if there was no place of worship for seamen in this city, as was the case prior to October 1877, ninety per cent. would never enter a church door, notwithstanding the invitations given from every congregation. Our Nova Scotia sea-