

1885. December 1st

The Resignation (on account of failing health) by the Rev. Kerr-Johnston of his position as Chaplain to the Mission was also Accepted as from the same date:

And the sum of One Hundred Pounds (£100) was at the same time voted to him "in appreciation of his life-long labours."

1886. March 30

Eleven (11) applications received for the Chaplaincy.

April 28th

Mr. Ebenezer James appointed Chaplain (for twelve months) conditionally upon his residing at Port Melbourne, and on the terms mentioned in his letter of the 29th of March [for Copies of which letter see the Committee's Minute Book of this date.]

June 8

Mr. James publicly welcomed at a Tea meeting.

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Mr. James appointed Sup^{dt} of the Sunday School in connection with the Sailor's Rest, Port Melbourne.

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Mr. Webber's resignation as Manager of "The Sailor's Rest" at Williamstown Accepted.

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Mr. Dowall appointed to the position,

September 21(Tuesday)

Annual Meeting of the Mission, held in "The Melbourne Athenaeum" His Excellency The Governor of The Colony, Sir H. B. Loch, K. C. B. in the Chair.

November 30

Decided that the Collections at the Port Melbourne Sailor's Rest on one Sunday in the Month

had consented to the "permanent reservation of the Site of the Institute at Port Melbourne."

" " " Leave of absence granted to Mr. Hugh R. Reid for the purposes of his proposed trip to the "Auld Country"

" " " Decided that, for the future, the mission's financial year shall end on the 31st December

" August 26 The Chaplain (Mr. S. James) reported the steps he had taken against "crisping", and his action was thoroughly approved by the Committee.

" October 28 Mr. William Douglas's Resignation (after 6 years work in connection with the mission) was "accepted with regret."

" November 25 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory appointed caretakers of the Institute at Port Melbourne, in his stead, for 3 months on probation.

" December 4 The Executive Committee of the Mission presented a "Welcoming Address" to the newly appointed Governor of the colony His Lady, The Earl & Countess of Hopetoun.

His Excellency replied accepting the proffered office of "Patron" of the Mission.

The Address and Reply are entered in the Committee's Minute Book [which see]

1890. January 28.

The Chaplain (Mr. James) brought forward the urgent necessity for erecting a "Seamens Institute" on the Yarra owing to the difficulty sailors had in walking from that neighbourhood to the Port Melbourne Institute; and it was agreed that a Deputation should wait on the Committee of the Melbourne "Sailors Home" in Spencer Street to ascertain if they would provide the funds for its erection out of the Bequest made to them by the late Francis Ormond.

" February

That Committee declined to receive a Deputation. Subsequently however, they wrote that they would consider the matter when they had received the Ormond Bequest.

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Mr. & Mrs. Shotwell appointed Managers of "The Sailors Rest" at Williamstown: on probation.

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Mr. & Mrs. Gregory were appointed for the Port Melbourne "Seamens Institute" permanently under a monthly engagement, their term of probation having expired.

March 24
(Monday)

" June 30

The Annl. Meeting held in Congregational Church Collins St. Hill, the Com. of Justices (from J. B. Patterson) in the Chair. Mr. & Mrs. Shotwell (their probation having expired) were confirmed in their appointment at Williamstown subject to a 3 months Notice on either side.

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The Honble J. B. Patterson, Q.C. thanked, by letter, from the Executive, for having, in his capacity of Commissioner of Justices, stamped out the nefarious "brimpering" which used to be so rife in this Port.

" August 25"

The Executive acceded to Captain Bullarton's request that Mr. James the Chaplain to this Mission should also be allowed to act as Chaplain to "The

The Mayor of the Port (G. Malcolmson) in the Chair.

" " 26 The Chaplain's Salary fixed at £185 per Annum subject to one Months Notice on either side.

" April 2 Mr. James reported to the Executive that, as Chaplain to the Fleet he had gone down that Day on board the "erberus" to the Easter Manoeuvres and that he had found the Conduct of the Officers and Men to be most Exemplary

" July 26 His Excellency the Governor the Earl of Hopetoun attended the "Grand Concert" at The Melbourne Athenaeum organized by Mr Lindsay Pollock in aid of the Funds of this Mission.

" September 24 The Chaplain granted 3 weeks Holiday

1895 January 28 Messrs Robert Harper & Co undertook to have re-bound gratuitously for this Mission all such Books belonging to the Libraries in connection with the "Seaman's Institute" and "Sailors Rest" as the Executive might think fit to send to them in consideration of their being allowed to print their illustrative advertisement on the outside of such Works

" " " Mr. W. W. Stephens, the Honorary Secretary to the Mission was granted 6 months ^{absence to visit} leave of England on private business.

" " " Mr. Wm. H. Chat Darvall - a member of the Executive - was unanimously appointed "Acting Honorary Secretary" during such absence

1900 - Dec 3.

The Chaplain to the Mission (Mr. James) congratulated on his having received a Commission as Honorary "Chaplain to the Naval Forces."

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The whole fund formed into an "Exhibition Fund" with power to add to their numbers.

1901 - January 14th

The Court decided to present Mr. James with his uniform as Naval Chaplain.

" February 4

Motion passed appreciative of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria's deep interest in Sailors.

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Salary of Port Melbourne caretaker raised from £3 to £4 per month.

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Mr. E.W. Underwood promised a new flag for the "Seaman's Institute", Port Melbourne.

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The Annual Meeting held in this Institute, The Hon^{ble} Mr. Gurr. (Postmaster General) presiding

" March 4

The Nautical Exhibition postponed as the Duke of York cannot open it during his visit to Australia

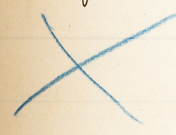
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Henry Jee reported at the Annual Meeting of the Melbourne Branch of the Mission on 21st February.

" April 29

Notices to Seamen - re concerts - to be printed for distribution on the Ships.

" July 1st



Epitomised History of the Mission from its inception prepared by the Hon Secretary at the Committee's request & forwarded to "The Age" for publication read to the Committee today & thoroughly approved of.

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The Chaplain (Mr. James) died at Ballarat whilst on a visit to his brother William for change of air. His remains were brought to Melbourne & interred in the Melbourne Cemetery - Many of the Officers and men of the Naval Forces - as well as members of this Committee attending the funeral on the instant. [See the Mission's "Sevap Book".]

" September 2

Applications for the vacant post of Chaplain rec^d from 18 candidates & referred to a sub-committee

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The Rev. J. P.