

APPENDIX I

The American Seamen’s Friend Society portable library

The idealized library catalogue transcribed and annotated here is from a manuscript in the archives of the American Seamen’s Friend Society (ASFS), now in the G. W. Blunt White Library at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Ct. (Collection 158, Box 2, folder 7.) From 1838 until the 1950s the Society was engaged in providing religious and other literature to US Navy and merchant vessels for the conversion, edification, and spiritual uplift of sailors. From 1858 these collections were presented as boxed libraries of approximately 40 to 45 volumes as chosen by librarians of the ASFS, according to this model collection policy, although there had been variant sizes, including some libraries with over 60 volumes.

The chart presents on the left hand side the categories of books recommended, and on the right side, examples of books in those categories. More than three quarters of the titles are religious, in keeping with the Society’s mission to improve the spiritual and moral conditions of sailors. Over half of those listed here were published by the American Tract Society in close alliance with the ASFS. All are Protestant and sometimes virulently anti-Catholic. Among them are juvenile titles, presumably aimed at young boys often serving on these vessels.

The manuscript has on its verso the following notation: “Report John Pierson on libraries - Presented to the Board May 31 1865”. In 1879 the Society published Pierson’s book entitled “*Ship’s Libraries: Their Needs and Usefulness*, which included a summary of the Ship’s Libraries program.

Ship’s library for Merchant vessel

Plan of same with a specimen library of 40 vols. as actually provided

[Part I] Religious: comprising from 2/3 to ¾ of the books

Bible	Bible
A Bible Dictionary (always)	Bible Dictionary – with maps & 200 cuts (<u>Amer. Tract Society</u>)
A volume on Infidelity (always)	Fables of Infidelity.(Patterson) 12mo
A volume on Universalism (always	Universalism not of God (Smith)
	Am Tract Soc
A book of instructions for } always	James Anx. Inquirer (AmTrSoc)
inquirers }	
A book of instructions for }	Spencer’s Pastors Sketches (1stPart)
Professors }	The Blood of Jesus (Reid)
	Faith & Assurance (Erskine)
	Words of Jesus (Macduff)

<p>Other didactic works A volume of Sermons (always Religious Biography & History</p>	<p>Christ and the Sea (Spalding) (AmTrSoc) Clark's Journey to Heaven 12mo Spurgeon's Sermons (Vol 4) 12mo Life of Bishallavy (?)(AmTrSoc) Life of Major Vaudeleur (AmTrSoc) Soldier of the Cumberland (a memoir) Anecdotes for Young (Methodist) Footsteps of St Paul (Macduff)</p>
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<p>Religious fiction Including always Bunyan's}</p>	<p>} Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress</p>
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<p>Pilgrim's Progress }</p>	<p>} Temperance tales (vol 5th) Sargent's</p>
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Helps over Hard places

Blue flag (Am.Tr.Soc)

Little Captain

<p>Young Patriot } Harry the Whaler }</p>	<p>} AmTract } Society</p>
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<p>Music,--with notes always.</p>	<p>Songs of Zion (new edition) with notes (Am. Tract. Soc) Sailor's Hymn Book. Danish—Hollatz Method of Grace Swedish—Life of J Nelson (Methodist) German—Hoffacker's Sermons} Am.</p>
<p>Foreign books---3 to 5 vols } In at least 3 languages }</p>	
<p>• Jerry Creed } TrSoc</p>	

[Part 2] Secular: comprising from 1/4 to 1/3 of the library

<p>Almanac. Book on health, with recipes } for cooking &c. }</p>	<p>Christian Almanac (AmTrSoc) Soldier's Health Companion (12mo (with Soyer's Hospital Cookery)</p>
<p>Scientific Books , -- always one or two, --Natural Philosophy & Astronomy preferred)</p>	<p>Ganot's Nat. Philosophy (12mo Mattisons High School Astronomy (12mo)</p>
<p>History – always one or two vols. 12mo</p>	<p>Lossing's History of the United States</p>
<p>Travels – always two or more vols, } as being the most popular of } subjects with sailors }</p>	<p>Curzon's Ancient Monasteries (12mo Baird's Modern Greece (in 12mo Lander's Expedition to Niger</p>

(Harper family library, 2 vols
Biography—always one or more vols Life of Cyrus the Great)
(Abbott's)
Lighter reading The Desert Home (Mayne Reid)

The foregoing served as a collection sample for developing the ASFS merchant vessel loan libraries. What follows is an alphabetical listing by author (or title) of the books listed in the ideal portable library.

- Abbott, Joseph. *History of Cyrus the Great*. New York: Harper, 1857.
- Baird, Henry Martyn. *Modern Greece....* New York: Harper, 1856.
- Baker, Sarah S. *The Blue Flag*. New York: American Tract Society, [c1861]
- Bible Dictionary. See Rand below.
- Barth, Christian Gottlob. *Jerry Creed: eine Erzählung für die Jugend*. Neu-York: Amerikanische Tractat-Gesellschaft, [184?]
- Beman, Nathan S. S. *Seamen's Hymns*. New York: American Seamen's Friend Society, 1844.
- Bunyan, John. *The Pilgrim's Progress*. New York: American Tract Society [185-?]
- Christian Almanac: see *Family Christian Almanac*.
- Erskine, Ebenezer. *Faith and the Assurance of Faith*. New York: American Tract Society [18--?]
- The Family Christian Almanac for the United States*. 8 vols. New York: American Tract Society, 1841-48.
- Note that the *Christian Almanac* is listed as one of the secular recommendations on the ASFS list. It is improbable that all eight volumes were included in any of the ASFS loan libraries.
- Ganot, Adolphe. *Introductory Course of Natural Philosophy...* Edited from Ganot's *Popular Physics* by William G. Peck. New York: A. S. Barnes & Burr, 1862.
- Hoffacker. *Sermons*. (German). American Tract Society. Unidentified.
- Hollatz, David. *Method of Grace*. (Danish). No Danish edition identified.
- Holmes, Mead. *A Soldier of the Cumberland: Memoir of Mead Holmes*. Boston: American Tract Society, 1864.
- Holy Bible. No edition specified.
- James, John Angell. *The Anxious Inquirer after Salvation*. Rev. ed. New York: American Tract Society, 1860?
- Landor, Richard Lemon. *Journal of an Expedition to Explore the Course and Termination of the Niger*. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1854.
- Life of Bishallavy?* New York: American Tract Society. Not identified.
- Life of J. Nelson*. (Methodist). Not identified.
- Loring, Aaron Kimball. *The Young Patriot, or, Fidelity Rewarded*. Trans. from the German. Boston: Loring, 1863.
- Lossing, Benson John. *A History of the United States*. New York: Mason Brothers, 1857.
- Macduff, John Ross. *The Footsteps of St. Paul*. New York: R. Carter & Bros., 1859.
- Marsh, Catherine. *The Life of Arthur Vandeleur, Major, Royal Artillery*. New York: R. Carter & Brothers, 1862.

- Palmer, Lynde, pseud. *Helps over Hard Places: Stories for Boys*. Boston: American Tract Society, 1862.
- Palmer, Lynde, pseud. *The Little Captain: a Temperance Tale*. Boston: American Tract Society [1861?]
- Patterson, Robert. *Fables of Infidelity and Facts of Faith: a Series of Tracts on the Absurdity of Atheism, Pantheism, and Rationalism*. Cincinnati: American Reform Tract and Book Society, 1859.
- Rand, William Wilberforce, editor. *A Dictionary of the Holy Bible....* New York: American Tract Society [c1859]
- Reid, Mayne. *The Desert Home: or, The Adventures of a Lost Family in the Wilderness*. Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1857.
- Reid, William. *The Blood of Jesus*. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, [186-?]
- Sargent, George E. *Harry the Whaler*. New York: American Tract Society, [18--]
- Sargent, Lucius M. *Groggy Harbor, or, A Smooth Stone from the Brook, and a Shepherd's Sling*. Boston: Temperance Press, 1834.
- Scott, J. Walter. *The Soldier's Health Companion, or Hints Gathered from Old Campaigners*. New York: Robert M. De Witt, Publishers [c1861]
- Smith, Daniel. *Anecdotes for the Young*. New York: Carlton & Phillips, 1854 [c1850]
- Smith, George Charles. *Sailors' Hymn-book*. London: Francis Westley, 1823.
- Smith, Matthew Hale. *Universalism Not of God; an Examination of the System of Universalism, its Doctrine, Arguments, and Fruits*. New York: American Tract Society [c1847]
- Songs of Zion Enlarged*. New edition. New York: American Tract Society, 1864.
- Soyer, Alexis. *Culinary Campaign, being Historical Reminiscences of the Late War, with the Plain Art of Cookery for Military and Civil Institutions, the Army, Navy, etc.* London: Routledge, 1857.
- The ASFS list refers to Soyer's Hospital Cookery. This may be a variant.
- Spaulding, John. *Christ and the Sea*. New York: American Tract Society, 1864.
- Spencer, Ichabod S. *A Pastor's Sketches, or Conversations with Anxious Inquirers Respecting the Way of Salvation*. London: Hamilton, Adams, & Co., 1856.
- Spurgeon, Charles H. *Life and Sermons of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon*. New-Haven: H. Mansfield, 1858.

The ASFS list specifies an American Tract Society imprint; this may be a variant.

APPENDIX II

Surviving Books from ASFS and other Loan Library

- Anon. *The Biblical Treasury*. Vol. 1. London: Sunday School Union, 1860.
- Anon. *The Biblical Treasury*. Vol. VII. London: Sunday School Union, 1866?
- Anon. *Choice Memorials*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1865?
- Anon. *Happy Hour at Home*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1860.
- Anon. *The Holly and Mistletoe*. London: Frederic Warne, 1869.
- Anon. *Jimmy, a Christian*. 2nd ed. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1859.
- Anon. *The Leisure Hour 1883*. London: Stevens, 1883.
- Anon. *The Sailors' Magazine...* New York: ASFS, 1881.
- A., F. S. *The Inquirer*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1859
- Pleasant Readings for our Soldiers*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1863.
- A.L.O.E. *The Young Pilgrim*. New York: Carter, 1881.
- Abbott, Jacob. *Rollo's Correspondence*. New York: Sheldon, 1863.
- Adams, Henry C. *Stories for Sundays*. London: Routledge, 1872?
- Adams, Robert C. *On Board the "Rocket"*. Boston: Lothrop, 1879.
- Adams, William H.D. *Famous Caves and Catacombs*. London: Nelson, 1886.
- Farragut and Other Great Commanders*. London: Routledge, 1880?
- Addison, Joseph. *The Spectator*. Vol. VIII. Philadelphia: Crissy, 1834.
- Aikman, William. *The Moral Power of the Sea*. Philadelphia: Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, 1863.
- Aimwell, Walter. *The Sinner's Friend*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1845.
- Albro, John Adams. *The Life of Thomas Shepard*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1847.
- Alden, Joseph. *The Example of Washington...*: New York: Dodd, 1847.
- American Bible Society. *The Holy Bible*. New York: ABS, 1863.
- ASFS. *Seamen's Manual for Public and Private Worship*. New York: ASFS, 1887.
- American Sunday-School Union. *Good Health*. New York: Carlton & Phillips, 1853.
- American Tract Society. *The Color-Bearer*. New York: ATS, 1864.
- *Little Dot*. New York: American Tract Society, 1879?
- Andrew, John. *The Soldier's Child*. Boston: Sabbath School Society, 1860.
- Baker, Sarah S. *Kelly Nash*. New York: American Tract Society, 1863.
- Balme, Joshua Rhodes. *The Magnet of the Gospel*. London: Adams, 1849.
- Barr, Amelia E. *Remember the Alamo*. Toronto: Willard Tract Depository, 1888.
- Cluny Macpherson*. New York: American Tract Society, 1883?
- Battersby, Charles. *The Gift of the Father*. New York: Tibbals, 1867.
- Baxter, Richard. *A Call to the Unconverted*. Philadelphia: Hunt, 1845.
- Bible. The Old Testament. *Psalms of David*.
- Blacket, W.S. *The Young Men's Class*. London: Sunday School Union, 1861.

Boston Seamen's Friend Society. *Gospel Hymns No 4*.... Chicago: Bigelow, 1870s.

Boston, Thomas. *The Crook in the Lot*. New York: Carter, 1851. Brock, William. *A Biographical Sketch of Sir Henry Havelock*. New York: American Tract Society, n.d.

Brown, Charles Oliver. *Short Talks to Young Christians*. Chicago: Revell, 1885.

Brown, Sarah Hall. *Philip Alderton's Temptation*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1860.

Browning, Colin Arrott. *The Convict Ship*. New York: Craighead, 1856.

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. *Aurora Leigh & Other Poems*. New York: Miller, 1865.

Bunyan, John. *En Christens Rosa*... . New York: Utgifwen af Amerikanska Traktar-Sällskapet, 1890s.

----*The Pilgrim's Progress*. Boston: ATS, n.d.

Burnham, Samuel. *Life's Morning*. Boston: J E. Tilton, 1863.

Capote, Truman. *Other Voices; Other Rooms*. New York: Random House, 1948.

Clark, John Alonzo. *The Young Disciple*. New York: ATS, 1854?

Collins, Perry McDonough. *Voyage Down the Amoor*. New York: Appleton, 1860.

Cook, James. *Captain Cook's Three Voyages*. London: Routledge, 1876.

Cooke, Parsons. *Necromancy*. Boston: Congregational Board of Publication, 1857.

Craig, Adam, comp. *Room at the Top*. Chicago: Sumner, 1883.

Cuyler, Theodore Ledyard. *Heart-Life*. New York: American Tract Society, 1871.

Dallinger, Frederick William. *Recollections of an Old Fashioned New Englander*. New York: Round Table Press, 1941.

Dana, Richard Henry. *The Seamen's Friend*. Boston: Little & Brown, 1845.

Davis, J. K., Compiler. *The Cabin Boy's Locker*. New York: New York Port Society, 1867.

Davis, John K. *The Sailor's Companion*. New York: Carter & Brothers, 1859.

Dickens, Charles. *Nicholas Nickleby*. New York: University Society, 1908.

----*The Personal History of David Copperfield*. Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1867.

----*Pickwick Papers*. New York: A. L. Burt, 1920?

Du Chaillu, Paul Belloni. *Wild Life under the Equator*. New York: Harper, 1873.

Ellis, Daniel. *Thrilling Adventures of Daniel Ellis*. New York: Harper, 1867.

Ellis, James J. *John Williams, the Martyr Missionary of Polynesia*. New York: Revell, 1889.

Encyclopedia Britannica. *History of the Processes of Manufacture* [etc.] New York: Bradburn, 1864.

Finn, Elizabeth Anne McCaul. *A Home in the Holy Land*. New York: Crowell, 1882.

Fiske, Nathan Welby. *Aleck, and the Mutineers of the Bounty*. Boston: Jewett, 1855.

Frye, Sarah Maria. *Abel Grey*. New York: American Tract Society, 1864?

Fyfe, James Hamilton. *Triumphs of Invention and Discovery in Art and Science*. London: Nelson, 1872.

Gage, William Leonard. *Light in Darkness*. Boston: Gould and Lincoln, 1864.

General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union. *Brother's Watchword*. New York: Carter, 1860.

Gilmore, John. *Storm Warriors*. London: Macmillan, 1875.
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Goldsmith, Oliver. *The Grecian History*. Philadelphia: Griff & Elliot, 1846.

Goodchild, George. *The Monster of Grammont*. New York: Mystery League, 1930.

Goulburn, Edward Meyrick. *Thoughts on Personal Religion*. New York: Appleton, 1866.

Gouzenko, Igor. *The Fall of a Titan*. New York: Norton, 1954.

Grenfell, Wilfred Thomason. *Vikings of To-Day*. London: Marshall, 1896.

Grierson, Miss. *Pierre and his Family*. Philadelphia: American Sunday School Union, 1840s.

Grosvenor, Mrs. H. S. *Life's Lesson*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1859.

Guthrie, Thomas. *The Parables Read in the Light of the Present Day*. New York: Carter and Brothers, 1872.

Hall, John. *Papers for Home Reading*. New York: Dodd, Mead, 1871.

Halling, H. *Sundagsbor for Sufrende*. Christiana, Norway, 1858.

Halpine, Mary Grace. *The Prayer of Faith*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1864.

Hamilton, James. *A Memoir of Richard Williams, Surgeon*. New York: Carlton & Phillips, 1855.

Hanaford, P. A. *The Young Captain...Richard C. Derby*. Boston: Degen, Estes, 1865.

Hanks, Stedman Wright. *The Chrystal River*. Boston: Lothrop, 1879.
 ----*Sailor Boys, or Light on the Sea*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1863.

Hardy, Thomas. *The Trumpet Major*. London: Good Words Magazine, 1880.

Harraden, Beatrice. *Ships That Pass in the Night*. Chicago: Weeks, n.d.

Harte, Bret. *Mrs. Skagg's Husbands*. Boston: Osgood, 1873.

Hepworth, George H. *Through Armenia on Horseback*. New York: Dutton, 1898.

Hooker, Horace. *The Child's Book on the Sabbath*. New York: American Tract Society, 1835.

Hovey, Charles Emerson. *Watch Officer's Manual United States Navy, 1917*. Annapolis: The United States Naval Institute, 1917.

Howard, Alice Sturtevant. *The Seamen's Handbook for Shore Leave*. New York: American Merchant Marine Library Association, 1937.

Huntington, B.S. *Wreck and Rescue*. New York: Hurd and Houghton, 1872.

James, John Angel. *The Anxious Inquirer after Salvation*. New York: American Tract Society, 1860.
 ----*The Anxious Inquirer after Salvation*. London: Religious Tract Society, n.d.

Jay, William. *Prayers for the Use of Families*. New York: World, n.d.

Johnson, Elizabeth Winthrop. *The Studio Arts*. New York: Holt, 1878.

Johnson, Rossiter. *Little Classics, Fifteenth Volume [Minor Poems]* Boston: Houghton Osgood, 1879.

Kimball, Caleb. *The Awakened Sinner Directed*. Boston: Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1847.
 ----*The Happy Choice*. Boston: Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1847
 ----*The Holy Spirit Resisted*. Boston: Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1856.

-----*A View of Christ*. Boston: Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1847.

-----*The Young Christian Directed*. Boston: Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1846.

King, Moses. *Notable New Yorkers of 1890-1899*. New York: Moses King, 1899.

Knox, Ronald A. *Enthusiasm*. New York: Galaxy Books, 1961.

Leslie, Madeline. *Theology in Romance*. Boston: Jewett, 1851.

Little, George Barker. *A Memorial of Closing Scenes in the Life of Rev. George B. Little*. Boston: Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1865.

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. *Poems*. Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1854.

Lyman, Abigail Ripley. *Tales of Intemperance*. Boston: Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1849.

Macaulay, James. *Plea for Mercy for Animals*. London: Religious Tract Society,

Macduff, John Ross. *The Gates of Prayer*. New York: Carter, 1878.

Martin, Elizabeth Gilbert. *Whom God Hath Joined, a Novel*. New York: Holt, 1886.

Martin, Theodore. *The Book of Ballads*. Redfield, NY: Clinton Hall, 1854.

Martyn, Sarah Towne. *The Huguenots of France*. New York: American Tract Society, 1864.

Mason, Francis. *The Story of a Working Man's Life*. New York: Oakley Maxon, 1870.

Massachusetts Sabbath School Society. *The Boy and the Man; or Edward Cleaveland*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1860.

-----*The Christian Mechanic*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1869.

-----*Frank: or What Can One Boy Do*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1859.

-----*Wallamannumps, or, The Triumph of Religious Principles*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1856. (Mystic copy)

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Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, Committee of Publication. *Life of Thomas Chalmers*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1859.

Maugham, W. Somerset. *Traveller's Library*. New York: Doubleday Doran, 1933.

Mayde, Richard. *The Builders of the Sea*. New York: Dodd, Mead, 1876.

McConughty, Julia E. *The Hard Master: a Temperance Story*. New York: National Temperance Society, 1868.

McNair, Jack. *Ships of the Redwood Coast*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1945.

Medhurst, Walter Henry. *The Foreigner in Far Cathay*. New York: Scribner, Armstrong, 1873.

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Moody, Dwight Lyman. *Daniel the Prophet*. Chicago: Fleming H. Revell, 1884

Moore, Thomas. *Complete Poetical Works*. New York: Crowell, 1895?

More, Martha. *Mendip Annals*. New York: Carter, 1859

Morton, Daniel Oliver. *Mrs. Abigail Bayley*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1840.

Murray, Lindley. *The Power of Religion on the Mind*. New York: Wood, 1874.

Nicholas, George Warner. *Childhood's Memories*. New York: Tibbals, 1868.

Offord, Robert Marshall. *Jerry McAuley: His Life and Work*. New York: Ward and Drummond, 1885.

Oppenheim, E. Phillips. *Sinners Beware*. Boston: Little Brown, 1932.

Paret, J. Parmly. *Methods and Players of Modern Lawn Tennis*. New York: American Lawn Tennis Association, 1915.

Parker, Richard Green. *A School Compendium of Natural and Experimental Philosophy*. New York: Barnes, 1856.

Parsons, Charles Richard. *The Man with the White Hat*. New York: Philips & Hunt, 1887.

Pearson, Charles Henry. *On the Frontier*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1864.

Phelps, Austin. *The Still Hour*. Boston: Gould and Lincoln, 1861.

Piozzi, Hester Lynch. *Anecdotes of the Late Samuel Johnson*. New York: Cassell, 1887?

Porchat, Jean Jacques. *Three Months under the Snow*. New York: Carter, 1860.

Porter, Jane. *The Scottish Chief*. Hartford, CT: Silas Andrus, 1822.

Power, P.B. *A Fagot of Stories for Little Folks*. New York: Carter, 1868.

Prentiss, Elizabeth. *Pemaquid: a Story of Old Times in New England*. New York: Randolph, 1877.

Pugh, A.A. *Life's Battle Lost and Won*. New York: America Tract Society, 1881?

Raleigh, Alexander. *The Little Sanctuary*. New York: Dodd & Mead, 1881?

Reade, Charles. *Bible Characters*. New York: Harper, 1889.

Renwick, Henry Brevoort. *Lives of John Jay and Alexander Hamilton*. New York: Harper, 1841.

Rice, John Holt and Benjamin Holt Rice, compilers. *Memoir of John Brainerd Taylor*. New York: American Tract Society, 1833.

Rich, A.B. *Gleanings from the Fields of Science, Art and History*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1864.

Roche, Regina Maria. *The Children of the Abbey*. Vol. III. Exeter, UK: Williams, 1841.

Rogers, Elizabeth Platt. *The Prodigal Son*. New York: American Tract Society.

Sargent, George E. *The Crooked Sixpence*. London: Religious Tract Society, 1887.

Sargent, M. H. *Traditions of Palestine*. Boston: Sargent, 1864.

Schele de Vere, Maximilian. *Wonders of the Deep*. New York: Putnam's, 1885.

Scott, Walter. *The Story of Prince Charlie*. London: Blackie, 1901?

Shaw, Solomon Benjamin. *Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer*. Chicago: Shaw, 1897.

Shipton, Anna. *The Lord was There*. New York: Crowell, 1870?

Smith, Daniel. *Anecdotes for the Young*. New York: Carlton & Porter, 1850.

-----*Anecdotes for the Young*. 17th Edition. New York: Carlton & Lanahan, 1884?

Smith, George Charles. *The Boatswain's Mate*. London: Southey, 1888.

Smith, Mathew Hale. *Sunshine and Shadow in New York*. Hartford, CT: J.B. Burr, 1869.

Smyth, Thomas. *Why Do I Live?* New York: American Tract Society, n.d.

Snow, John Seely. *Lectures to Sabbath School Teachers*. Boston: Whiple and Damrell, 1839.

Spaulding, John. *Stories of the Ocean*. New York: Carter, 1860?

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. *Sermons of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon*. New York: Sheldon, 1865.

St. John, James Augustus. *The Lives of Celebrated Travellers*. Vol. II. New York: Harper, 1859.

Stearns, William Augustus. *Adjutant Stearns*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1862.

Stevens, Abel. *Remarkable Examples of Moral Recovery*. New York: Carlton and Phillips, 1855.

----*When I Was a Boy*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1862.

Tenn, William. *Time in Advance*. New York: Bantam Books, 1958.

Tenney, Francis V. *An Earnest Life*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1858.

Trowbridge, John Townsend. *Hearts and Faces*. New York: Sheldon, 1863.

Trumbull, Robert. *The Raft*. New York: Holt, 1953.

Tyler, Charles Mellen. *Memorials of Lieut. George H. Walcott*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1865.

Verne, Jules. *A Tour of the World in Eighty Days*. Chicago: Belford, Clarke, 1880.

Viarot, Louis. *Wonders of Sculpture*. New York: Scribner, Armstrong, 1873.

Waddell, Alexander James. *The Revival and Its Lessons*. New York: American Tract Society, 1858.

Waring, Lily Florence. *Serbia*. London: Williams and Norgate, 1910s?

Warren, Jane. *The Morning Star*. Boston: American Tract Society, 1860

Waterbury, Jared Bell. *The Sceptic Refuted and the Bible Vindicated*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1853.

Watts, Isaac. *The Improvement of the Mind*. New York: Betts & Anstice, 1832.

Webster, George Sidney. *Seamen's Manual of Worship*. New York: American Seamen's Friend Society, 1927.

Webster, John Calvin. *Worship and Work*. Boston: Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, 1860.

Weiss, Nathanael. *Personal Recollections of the Wreck of the Ville-Du-Have and the Loch-Earn*. New York: Randolph, 1875.

Williams, Oscar, editor. *The War Poets*. New York: John Day, 1945.

Wills, William Henry. *Old Leaves: Gathered from Household Words*. New York: Harper, 1860.

Wood, William Maxwell. *Fankwei: or, The San Jacinto in the Seas of India, China, and Japan*. New York: Harper, 1859.

Woodroffe, Anne Cox. *The History of Michael Kempe*. New York: Carter, 1869.

APPENDIX III

The ASFS Librarian Loan Boxes

One of the mysteries of the loan library movement is the extremely low survival rate of the physical boxes themselves: only ten known of over 15,000 sent to sea by ASFS alone. Shipwrecks would account for a fairly high number of losses, as might neglect, overuse, and theft, but no reasons seem sufficient to cause such disproportionate loss. By the post-war 1940s, the American Merchant Marine Library Association had replaced wooden boxes with more vulnerable paper cartons, but they would not have figured in the ASFS count.¹

Most of the survivals are in one of two places: the Charlie Burden Collection at the Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, Maine (4), and in the G.W. Blunt White Library at Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Connecticut (3). In listing these extant examples the following format is used: [Box Letter], Loan Library Number, Location, Date if possible, Size, Markings, Color, Contents, Notes.

[A] ASFS Loan Library No. 894. Carmen D. Valentino, book dealer, Philadelphia, Pa. Date ca., 1859-65. Size: 23 ½” high, 13” wide, and 6” deep. Markings: Paper label and stenciled legend of ASFS inside box and duplicate imprint-less labels. Stenciled in black paint above door is notice of ASFS: “To be returned to 13 Cornhill, Boston, or 80 Wall St. N. York. Color: Contents: None. Notes: “The person, to whom this Library is intrusted [sic], is requested to keep it in order, loan the books to the crew, and communicate letters occasionally for the Sabbath School or the donors who furnished it, and return it, even if books are damaged or missing, to be replenished at either office of the Society—No. 80 Wall Street, New York, or No. 13 Cornhill, Boston.” Its existence does challenge the claim that No. 1954 below is the oldest extant ASFS loan library

[B] ASFS Loan Library No. 1391. G.W.Blunt White Library. Mystic Seaport. Date: 1860s, 1890s. Size: 22 ¾” high; 13 ½” wide; 6” deep. Markings: label inside door reads “American Seamen’s Friend Society. To be returned to 13 Cornhill Boston or 80 Wall St. New York.” . Color: Faded Red . Notes: Box # 1391 appears to be a complete box, probably from the later 1860s, judging by the imprint dates of most of the contents and the relatively low number of the box. Many of the titles are juveniles and seem aimed at young sailors of at least young people. A large number of books in this box are publications of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society in Boston. Most are illustrated and many anonymous. The contents of this box betray almost no sign of use; certainly they are not books that eager tars manhandled. The relatively low number of the box, its later content of a late 19th-century book (Grenfell), and its good condition suggest that this may have been a refurbished box.

[C] ASFS Loan Library No. 1954. G.W.Blunt White Library. Mystic Seaport. Date: 1866-1908. Size: 25” high, 12 ½” wide, 7” deep. Markings: 1954 stamped inside. Color: dark brown stained wood. Contents: 30 volumes now removed from box at Mystic. Notes: The Oldest Loan Library,

It was First Sent to Sea in October 1866; After Several Voyages on Different Vessells, in December 1873 it was placed on the Fishing Schooner “Piscataque” out of Gloucester, Mass., and did service until December 1908. Mystic Seaport Library maintains a complete inventory of the contents of this box and the books themselves, which show little sign of use. (Apparently the Valentino is the older extant box.)

[D] ASFS Loan Library No. 5083. Maine Maritime Museum. Burden Collection. Date: post 1870. Size: Size: 25” high; 12 ½” wide; 7” deep. Markings: On plaque: AMERICAN SEAMEN’S FRIEND SOCIETY LOAN LIBRARY 80 WALL ST. N.Y. SENT TO SEA BY HIS MOTHER IN MEMORY OF GEORGE, EARL OF ABERDEEN HIMSELF A SAILOR AND LOST AT SEA JAN. 28 2870 AGED 28 HE HATH MADE THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA A WAY FOR THE RANSOMED TO PASS OVER. Color: soft pine. Notes:

[E] ASFS Loan Library No. *7014. Maine Maritime Museum. Burden Collection. Date: undated. Size: Markings: “Loan Library No. *7014. No. of Volumes [illegible] Color: faded red paint. Notes: Door appears to be upside down and the label reads exactly as in first example above. There is stenciling inside the case.

[F] ASFS Loan Library No. 9995. Marine Maritime Museum, Burden Collection. Date: Markings: Library Number 9995 is stenciled inside box. “The person, to whom this Library is intrusted [sic], is requested to keep it in order, loan the books to the crew, and communicate letters occasionally for the Sabbath School or the donors who furnished it, and return it, even if books are damaged or missing, to be replenished at either office of the Society—No. 80 Wall Street, New York, or No. 13 Cornhill, Boston.” Color: Contents: 37 volumes, not present. Notes:

[G] ASFS Loan Library No. 11234. *S. S. Roosevelt*. G.W.Blunt White Library. Mystic Seaport. Date: 1905-06, 1908-1909. Size: 27” high; 13 wide; 7 1/4” deep. Markings: stenciled library number and inscription inside the door: NORTH POLE LIBRARY NO. 11234 ALSO KNOWN AS THE “FARTHEST NORTH LIBRARY” IT WENT WITHIN 200 MILES OF THE NORTH POLE ABOARD THE STEAMSHIP ROOSEVELT JUNE 30, 1905. WHEN THIS VESSEL WAS RETURNING IT STOPPED AT A PORT IN NOVA SCOTIA AND THE NATIVES CAME ABOARD AND TOOK BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY AS SOUVENIRS. COMMANDER PEARY HAD THE CARPENTER PROTECT THE REMAINING BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY CASE BY A CHICKEN WIRE SCREEN WHICH HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED. Color: Dark brown panels. Notes: There is no inscription for the 1908-09 expedition when there was pillage of books from the *Roosevelt* by the “native” Nova Scotians.ⁱⁱ

[H] S.F.S. Loan Library, No number. Halifax, Nova Scotia. Charles Burden Private Collection. Date: undated. Size: 16 ¾” high; 11 ½ wide; 9” deep. Markings: stenciled S.F.S. label without number. Contents: None came with box, though some may have been added later. It apparently contained books from New York Port Society, whose bookplate bore the motto, “Read slowly—pause frequently—think seriously—keep cleanly—and return duly, with the corners of the leaves not turned down. Color: black with white stencils. Notes: [See George Nichols. *Childhood’s Memories or, a Pastor’s Wreath* (New York: Tibbals, 1868)]

[I] Bucksport Seamen's Friend Society Loan Library, No number. Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, Maine. Date: undated. Size: 17 3/4" long, 8 3/4" wide, 6" high. Markings: black stenciled label for Bucksport Seamen's-Friend Society inside box. Contents: none came with this box, though it once included 8 volumes of religious books and stories. Color: medium brown simple pine box. Notes: hinged lift top, lock catch with key missing.

[J] Searsport Loan Library, No number. Penobscot Marine Museum. Date: undated. Size: 25" high; 12 1/2" wide; 7" deep. Markings: none. Contents: none with box. Color: dark red paint.

ⁱ David M. Hovde. "The American Merchant Marine Library Association: the Public Library of the High Seas." *Public Libraries* 33 (July-Aug 1994) p. 208

ⁱⁱ For some time the Mystic Seaport Library believed it had some volumes belonging to Library No. 11234, including these titles:

Due South, or Cuba Past and Present, by Maturin M. Ballou (Boston, 1885).

The Ladder of Fortune, by Frances C. Baylor (Boston, 1889).

The Life, Speeches, and Public Services of James A. Garfield, by Russell H. Conwell (Portland, Me., 1881).

A Text-book of Geology, by James D. Dana (Philadelphia, 1869).

The Book of Common Prayer [Episcopal] (Philadelphia, 1864).

Beacon Lights of History, by John Lord (New York, 1885).

Lord Nial, a romance..., by John M. Moore (New York, 1834).

The Fortunes of Nigel, by Sir Walter Scott (Boston, 1893).

The Poetical Works of William Wordsworth. (New York, 1896).

This list is hardly representative of the usual ASFS libraries, and it now appears unlikely that these formed part of the *SS Roosevelt* Loan Library. None of these books contains ownership marks of the ASFS. Further evidence comes from a volume in Mystic's Loan Library No. 1391 which contains Wilfred Grenfell's *The Vikings of To-day* (London, 1896), an appropriately religious title dealing with missionary work in Labrador. A manuscript inscription claims that this is the only surviving volume from the Peary North Pole Loan Library (but see footnote ix for another possible *Roosevelt* title). By contrast, the earlier list of *Roosevelt* titles has only one religious title, *The Book of Common Prayer*.

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