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That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ.—PETER.

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the last forty years. Every thing indicates a more rapid increase in the future. This cen-

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to do the adding of commerce; and their 15,000,000 of tonnage shall have become 30,000,000, and their million and a half of seamen shall have become *three million*; a number of men larger than this whole nation three-quarters of a century since,—larger than the whole Anglo-Saxon race two centuries ago. A nation dwelling on the sea drawn from every other, uniting every other diffusing its life, and spirit, and energy through every other; yet peculiar to itself, a unit in itself, separate from all the rest dwelling alone on the sea.

This is the Society's field. A field, the importance of which, compared with other fields of Christian and benevolent effort, has not been duly appreciated; and widening much faster, it will be perceived, than means and men furnished by the Church can enter and cultivate it, and subdue it to the reign of Christ.

Robert points out the chief obstacle in the way of rapid success, is the reform of the Marine Service; attributing much of the blame to owners, in driving the present ruinous system of *shipping and rewarding sailors*; proposes a remedy in a change of system, considers and answers objections, and shows the beneficial results of the proposed change to owner, officer and sailor.

The Anniversary of the American and Foreign Bible Society, will hold its Anniversary this week, devoting to it two days. This Society derives its chief support from the Baptists. It is this Society that has sustained Mr. Ocken, in Germany, in his noble work. In its employ in this country are some fifty or more Bible readers or Colporteurs who

This branch of the work the Society designs to make prominent for the year to come. We are not able to say how many volumes of the Divine word it has circulated this year. The receipts are over \$42,000. Rev. Dr. Welch is president of this society, which is total.

disconnected from the new mission movement. Yours, G.

NEW YORK, May 7, 1856.

MR. EDITOR: The anniversary exercises continued yesterday and the weather remained fair, though rather cool for the season of the year. So far as I am able to judge there is less interest in the anniversaries than usual and fewer clergymen present from the country. The American and Foreign Christian Union had an interesting time at its anniversary yesterday morning. One of the best speeches was made by Rev. Mr. Leo, a converted Papist. He was very caustic in his remark upon Hughes and Brownson. Hughes and Brownson said the only hope for the country is the Papal Church, over its teaching and, and yet it was publicly asserted at a recent meeting of the Catholic Papists of whom there are 300,000 here, to build a library, that there is not a room twelve feet square in this city where they can meet in intellectual communion and improvement—and yet “teaching all.” He showed also, that if they had the funds and dispositions to find the library, the Index Expurgatorius prevents the great works in all departments from finding a place lawfully in Papist Library. The Cardinals have recently added Macauley's History to the catalogue

The Report states that the receipts for the year are nearly \$70,000; the whole number of labourers of the Society 119, of whom 60 are in the foreign field.

In Mexico the amount of Papal church property confiscated is computed at \$4,000,000; New Grenada, Venezuela and Argentine Republic have formally proclaimed liberty of worship, while in other countries liberal sentiments are gaining ground.

In the evening the abolitionists held a meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Marlborough street. The term abolitionist has varied diverse applications in this country. In the South it is indiscriminately applied to those who do not believe slavery to be a Divine institution. In the North, it has more generally been restricted to those who act in concert with Mr. Garrison, who advocate the dissolution of the Union as the best means to abolish slavery. There is another class

solution of the Union as the best means to abolish slavery. There is another class of opponents to slavery who hold that the United States, as a general government, is invested with power by the constitution to abolish slavery in the States, of right ought so to do. It is their object to bring the government to exercise this authority. There are but two of this class, most all anti-slavery men holding that the general government is not competent constitutionally to legislate concerning slavery in the States. As the friends of Garrison call their organization the American Anti-Slavery Society, the Society that advocates the abolition of slavery, has lately appropriated this name "abolition" to itself. Gerrit Smith may be regarded as the founder of this party. I believe it is their intention to run a separate candidate this fall for President of the United States. At present