

Historical background:

The Mission to Seafarers is a society of the Anglican church which cares for the spiritual and practical welfare of all seafarers regardless of nationality or faith. It was founded by an Anglican clergyman by the name of John Ashley who was holidaying near the Bristol Channel in 1835, who discovered that no one ministered to the men aboard ships. He appointed himself the chaplain to these seafarers and established the Bristol Mission in 1837, thus becoming the founder of the Mission to Seamen. Over the next fifteen years Rev. John Ashley visited over 14,000 ships at sea and sold over 5,000 Bibles and prayer books to British seamen. It was on February 28 1856 that the Mission to Seamen was officially founded, followed by a constitution two years later, stating the society's main goal to be "the spiritual welfare of seafaring classes at home and abroad." The society's flag was also designed at this time, and is based on a verse from the Book of Revelation:- "Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, sent to announce the good news of eternity to all who live on earth, every nation, race, language and tribe."

By 1858 the society was represented by 14 stations across England and Ireland, with readers also being sent to Nova Scotia, Madras, and Singapore. During the 1860s ships began to dock at the quayside, so sailors had more time on their hands, and Mission centres catered to their needs by providing such facilities as affordable accommodation, coffee bars, games rooms, canteens and dance halls. The first superintendent of the Mission to Seamen was Rev. Robert Boyer, who played a large part in the Transmission of Wages Scheme. This scheme offered sailors a rail ticket and some expense money, as well as the bulk of their wages being received at home through a money order. Until this programme was introduced, sailors were often the victims of crimping- a scam where food, drink and accommodation were offered to them, only for the price to be inflated once the seamen received their wages a few days later at the shipping company offices. This scheme was also brought into practice overseas at riotous ports such as San Francisco.

During World War One, fifteen chaplains were called for naval service, resulting in some smaller stations being closed down. 27 new stations did open in Britain during this time however, and a further 24 overseas. These new stations helped meet war time emergencies, and appreciation was shown for the Mission's efforts by a letter from the Admiralty, and a cheque for 1,000 guineas. At the close of the war, unemployed seamen who had lost their jobs in the economic depression were also assisted by the Mission to Seamen. The Mission was also involved at the very outbreak of World War Two. In Pollock Dock in Belfast, for example, 4.5 million meals were served during the war, and the dock was staffed entirely by 700 volunteers. Post-war shipping changes resulted in the reorganisation of the society, with some centres being closed down, while others were re-established.

The centenary of the Mission to Seamen was celebrated in 1956, by which time there were centres in 81 ports. The quicker turn-around of ships by the 1960s and 70s led to the revision of seafarer's needs. There was now less of a need for accommodation as less time was spent ashore. Smaller centres became the norm, with telephone access and a place to relax and stock up on essential items taking precedence. By the 1980s the Mission to Seamen was becoming an increasingly global organisation,

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as Mission chaplains played a key role in supporting seafarers caught up in the war between Iraq and Iran, by visiting the injured in hospital. During this time two thirds of the world's seafarers now came from developing countries such as India and the Phillipines. This of course lead to ship owners cutting costs by employing crews from low-wage developing countries, resulting in un-trained crews, inadequate wages, and unsafe working environments. Such practices saw the society's appointment of its first chaplain to develop work in the field of justice.

To continue monitoring such practices, a Consultative Forum was formed in 1998, in which meetings are held between representatives from different parts of the world in order to discuss the changing needs of seafarers and any future developments. The year 2000 saw the Mission to Seamen become the Mission to Seafarers, which encompasses all who earn a living at sea, regardless of gender, nationality, or rank. There are currently full time chaplains and/or centres in over 100 ports worldwide, and represented in some 200 others by honorary chaplains. The society still faces numerous challenges, such as how best to minister to people of different cultures and faiths, facing ever increasing physical, cultural, and social isolation. This is being overcome largely by developing new communications technologies to reach ships, such as email and the internet. Twenty-four hour phone access has also been introduced in many ports in recent years. More training in justice issues, understanding different cultures and faiths, and establishing relationships with and providing support for seafarers in the brief time their ships are in port are some of the pressing current issues. Even though the shipping industry has dramatically changed over the years, many of the problems seafarers faced during the early years of the mission's establishment still exist today, such as stranded crews, safety issues, living conditions, isolation, and lost lives in shipping casualties.

The Mission to Seafarers can be supported by making donations, recycling old ink cartridges and mobile phones, holding events such as coffee mornings, buying the society's Christmas cards, knitting clothing, or volunteering at its many centres. The society has a range of posters which can be purchased, as well as two papers; "The Sea" is a bi-monthly paper about the shipping industry and practical information. "The Flying Angel" is a paper received three times a year, and talks about the society's activities and developments. Chaplains have provided counselling for people affected by the tsunami in Asia, especially local fishermen and their families. A Thanksgiving Service was held at Westminster Abbey on March 28 2006 to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Mission to Seafarers.

Custodial History:

Deposited by the Mission to Seafarers, via John Wilson, Archivist, North East Lincolnshire Archives, 9 September 2005. One additional box received from the same source, 10 November 2006.

Arrangement:

U DMS/1	National, 1856-1959
U DMS/2	Regional, 1825-1954
U DMS/3	Overseas, 1909-1961
U DMS/4	Miscellaneous, 1928-1965

Description:

The collection is composed of national minute books and letter books for the period 1856-1959 [U DMS/1], and regional records of various local institutions and societies for the period 1825-1990s [U DMS/2]. The collection also includes material about the Mission's overseas activity in Belgium, India, South Africa and Germany [U DMS/3], and in the miscellaneous section [U DMS/4] volumes of newspaper cuttings relating to the Mission for Seafarers.

Extent: 6 linear metres

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DMS/1	National DMS/1/1-36 Minute Books, 1856 - 1959 DMS/1/37-61 Letter books, 1858 - 1933 61 volumes	1856 - 1959
U DMS/1/1	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book "Index to Proceedings of Committee Missions to Seamen's Society". Minute numbers 1 - 140 1 volume	20 Feb 1856 - 28 Apr 1858
U DMS/1/2	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers 142 - 706 1 volume	19 May 1858 - 7 Jul 1868
U DMS/1/3	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers 707 - 2169 1 volume	6 Oct 1868 - 16 Jul 1878

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U DMS/1/4	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers 4040 - 6009 1 volume	17 Nov 1885 - 15 Dec 1891
U DMS/1/5	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Notes pasted in throughout 1 volume	17 Nov 1885 - 15 Dec 1891
U DMS/1/6	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers 6010 - 7074 1 volume	5 Jan 1892 - 2 Dec 1894
U DMS/1/7	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Rough Book Record of committee meetings 1 volume	5 Jan 1892 - 2 Oct 1894
U DMS/1/8	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 7075 - 8353 1 volume	16 Oct 1894 - 6 Jul 1897
U DMS/1/9	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 8354 - 9728 1 volume	20 Jul 1897 - 20 Feb 1900
U DMS/1/10	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 9729 - 10896 1 volume	20 Feb 1900 - 3 Sep 1902
U DMS/1/11	Finance and general purposes sub-committee Minute Book Minute numbers, 10897 - 11843. Also includes a selection of letters covering various topics, as well as Headquarters staff reports. 1 volume	16 Sep 1902 - 20 Dec 1904
U DMS/1/12	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Rough Book Record of committee meetings 1 volume	16 Sep 1902 - 6 Jun 1905
U DMS/1/13	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 11844 - 12764 1 volume	3 Jan 1905 - 15 Jan 1907

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U DMS/1/14	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 12765 - 13819 1 volume	22 Jan 1907 - 18 May 1909
U DMS/1/15	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Rough Book Record of committee meetings 1 volume	6 Jun 1905 - 21 Jan 1908
U DMS/1/16	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 13820 - 14840 1 volume	2 Jun 1909 - 2 Apr 1912
U DMS/1/17	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 14841 - 15962 1 volume	16 Apr 1912 - 4 May 1915
U DMS/1/18	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 15963 - 17119 Also includes a letter dated 1918 about an endowment of £5000 to provide an Institute for the accommodation of sailors at Southampton, to be named the H F Bailey Memorial Institute 1 volume	1 Jun 1915 - 4 Jun 1918
U DMS/1/19	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 17120 - 18217 1 volume	18 Jun 1918 - 30 Mar 1920
U DMS/1/20	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 18218 - 19151 1 volume	20 Apr 1920 - 7 Feb 1922
U DMS/1/21	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 19152 - 20164 1 volume	21 Feb 1922 - 18 Mar 1924
U DMS/1/22	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 20159 - 21382 1 volume	1 Apr 1924 - 5 Jul 1926

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U DMS/1/23	[Finance and general purposes sub-committee] Minute Book Minute numbers, 21383 - 22969. Also includes receipt and expenditure reports on finances and reserve funds 1 volume	20 Jul 1926 - 20 Nov 1929
U DMS/1/24	Index to Committee Resolutions A-Z layout. Various places covered 1 volume	1856 - 12 Oct 1891
U DMS/1/25	Index A-Z layout. Pages are divided into columns recording name and page numbers. Includes the names of chaplains and people assisted by the Mission 1 volume	[1938]
U DMS/1/26	Rough Book Minute numbers n/1 - n/302. Reports of meetings are recorded, also includes finance statements and scrutineer's certificates for general fund payments 1 volume	4 Apr 1945 - Nov 1946
U DMS/1/27	Minute Book Minute numbers n/318 - n/513. Records of meetings and general fund payments. Meetings held at 4 Buckingham Palace Gardens, London 1 volume	20 Nov 1946 - 2 Jul 1947
U DMS/1/28	Sub-Committee Minute Book [Plymouth] Includes: a) Minute numbers 1 - 36, covering Salaries, Publications, Finance, Special, Bible Accounts, Mission Premises and Clerical sub committees c) Tables of "The salaries of the Chaplains and Readers, according to the proposed scheme are shown in black ink. The salaries and increases they have actually received are shown in red ink." Scripture Readers not in the scheme are also shown. Ten double pages, for the years 1876 - 1899 1 volume	10 Jun 1881 - 11 Apr 1890
U DMS/1/29	Sub-Committee Minute Book [Plymouth] Includes: a) Minute numbers 37-345, inc Salaries, Publications, Finance, Special, Bible Accounts, Mission Premises, Clerical and Foreign Stations sub committees b) Accounts of income and expenditure from 1882-1889 c) Tables about the proposed salaries scheme [as U DMS/1/28]. This can be found in the last pages of the book, with salaries going back to 1859 1 volume	6 May 1890 - 20 Mar 1906

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U DMS/1/30	Clerical Sub - Committee Minute Book Includes an index of names, and booklets about Chaplaincy and Lay Readers 1 volume	[6 Feb] 1906 - 15 Dec 1937
U DMS/1/31	Candidates Sub-Committee Minutes Also includes copies (2) of a referee form - candidate to become Chaplain and a Lay Reader Application Form, Application for Chaplaincy. Meetings held at 4 Buckingham Palace Gardens, London 1 volume	Jan 1938 - Nov 1953
U DMS/1/32	Policy Sub-Committee Minutes Only two meetings are recorded, the rest of the book is empty. Meetings held at 4, Buckingham Palace Gardens, London 1 volume	1953 - 1954
U DMS/1/33	Sub-Committee Minute Book About chaplains and reverends. Meetings held at 4 Buckingham Palace Gardens, London 1 volume	3 Feb 1954 - 22 Jul 1958
U DMS/1/34	Director's Minute Book, for the Missions to Seamen Trust Corporation Ltd includes: a) Inside the front cover - "the seal of the company shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority...." b) An outline of The Companies Acts, 1862 - 1890. c) Letters from 1909 and 1922 about the Companies Act, including the Mission to Seamen using a seal. 1 volume	12 Jun 1893 - 27 Sep 1937
U DMS/1/35	Director's Minute Book, for the Missions to Seamen Trust Corporation Ltd Several sheets of paper all with the heading "Agenda". Also includes various items of correspondence. 1 volume	20 Oct 1937 - 4 Jan 1950
U DMS/1/36	Director's Minute Book, for the Missions to Seamen Trust Corporation Ltd Also includes letters dated June 1954 and August 1955 from the Hale, Brydon, Egerton, and Nicholas Solicitors, London, concerning some title deeds for a Belfast property. 1 volume	8 Feb 1950 - 5 Aug 1959
U DMS/1/37	Letter Book 1 volume	1858 - 7 Mar 1867

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U DMS/1/38	Letter Book 23 Inside front cover "Second Book, June 7, 1876" 1 volume	9 Jun 1876 - 16 Nov 1877
U DMS/1/39	Letter Book 28 Letters inside front cover dated October and November 1882, and June 1887. A lot of information throughout this book is about funding. 1 volume	23 Sep 1882 - 16 Apr 1884
U DMS/1/40	Letter Book 35 Letters inside the front cover concerning the promotion of a petition from Seamen to the Board of Trade, about the transmission of wages from abroad. Includes a list of names for petitions. 1 volume	22 Mar 1892 - 5 May 1893
U DMS/1/41	Letter Book 38 Letters from 1895 about the need for the transmission of wages from abroad. 1 volume	19 Mar 1895 - 6 Feb 1896
U DMS/1/42	Letter Book 39 Includes pages from book entitled, "Visitations of Stations by members of the committee". Also a letter about obtaining Scottish Bibles 1 volume	6 Jan - 22 Aug 1896
U DMS/1/43	Letter Book 42 In the front are various pages from a book - chapters entitled, "Annuities for Chaplains, other Clerical Agents, and Scripture-Readers", "Custody of Seamen's Money and Effects", "Revised Instructions to Superintendent", "Hymn Books", "Association Work" 1 volume	15 Nov 1897 - 16 Aug 1898
U DMS/1/44	Letter Book 44 1 volume	22 Feb - 19 Jul 1899
U DMS/1/45	Letter Book 54 Six page letter in the front cover, 17 July 1905, entitled, "British Crews paid off abroad." Page 30, letter dated 28 March 1905, stating that the institute is now as much American as it is British. A curate at Grace Church in San Francisco is mentioned. 1 volume	20 Mar 1905 - 20 Sep 1920
U DMS/1/46	Letter Book 55 Includes two letters dated 7 February 1906, about funds and letter talking about future plans in the Jubilee Year of the Missions to Seamen, 24 Jan 1906 1 volume	20 Sep 1905 - 14 Feb 1906

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U DMS/1/47	Letter Book 65 Includes letter about the prospect of the Mission's finances, 7 April 1914. The Royal Sailors' Orphan Girls' Home and the London Ladies' Association are both mentioned. 1 volume	21 Nov 1913 - 18 Dec 1914
U DMS/1/48	Letter Book 70 1 volume	20 Jun - 30 Dec 1918
U DMS/1/49	Letter Book 72 1 volume	17 Apr - 25 Sep 1919
U DMS/1/50	Letter Book 77 1 volume	24 Nov 1920 - 8 Mar 1921
U DMS/1/51	Letter Book Cross- referencing number system 1 volume	19 Feb - 11 Jun 1924
U DMS/1/52	Letter Book 88 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	11 Jun - 1 Oct 1924
U DMS/1/53	Letter Book 91 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	15 Sep 1925 - 18 Jan 1926
U DMS/1/54	Letter Book 94 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	13 Aug - 4 Nov 1926
U DMS/1/55	Letter Book 101 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	18 Sep - 5 Dec 1928
U DMS/1/56	Letter Book 102 Cross-referencing number system. 1 volume	6 Dec 1928 - 6 Feb 1929
U DMS/1/57	Letter Book 104 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	24 May - 6 Aug 1929
U DMS/1/58	Letter Book 108 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	17 Mar - 9 Jul 1930
U DMS/1/59	Letter Book 110 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	16 Oct 1930 - 6 Feb 1931

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U DMS/1/60	Letter Book 111 Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	5 Feb - 7 May 1931
U DMS/1/61	Letter Book Cross-referencing number system 1 volume	13 Jul - 1 Nov 1933
U DMS/2	Regional Records of local institutes and societies: DMS/2/1-2 Bristol DMS/2/3 Great Yarmouth DMS/2/4-6 Grimsby DMS/2/7 Hull DMS/2/8-25 Kent DMS/2/26-27 Lowestoft DMS/2/28 Plymouth DMS/2/29 Rochester DMS/2/30 Scarborough DMS/2/31 Seaham DMS/2/32 Isle of Wight DMS/2/33-34 Flying Angel Fellowship, Fareham DMS/2/35 London 35 volumes	1825 - 1990s
U DMS/2/1	Bristol. Seamen's Institute. Minutes of Trustee's Meetings Pasted in the back of the book - "Deed of gift and settlement of the Seamen's Institute, Bristol," dated 12 Jan 1886. Also includes Rules relating to the duties of the superintendent of the Bristol Seamen's Institute. 1 volume	29 Jun 1887 - 10 Nov 1950
U DMS/2/2	[Bristol]. Seamen's Bethel Union. Reports of Public Worship Committee Book is divided into columns on every page, with these titles - date, services, ministers, committee, remarks. 1 volume	4 Dec 1825 - 16 Aug 1838
U DMS/2/3	Great Yarmouth. Committee Minute Book Includes: a) Harbour Lights Guild Meetings recorded at the back of the book b) Minutes of the Ladies Harbour Lights Guild Committee Meetings, 22 March 1957 - 25 April 1966 1 volume	11 Mar 1957 - 8 Aug 1966

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U DMS/2/4	Grimsby. Institute History Book Contains press cuttings and black and white photographs. Refers mainly to Christmas and New Year activities, money-raising efforts, Harvest Thanksgivings. Includes photocopies of three articles from the Evening Telegraph, 1995, and "A Story about the Grimsby Trawler St. Magnolia", by Verdon Willoughby, 4 January 1995 1 volume	10 Nov 1955 - 18 Feb 1972
U DMS/2/5	Grimsby. Minute Book 1 volume	16 Feb 1965 - 2 Mar 1975
U DMS/2/6	[Grimsby]. File containing various items Includes: a) Envelope containing a copy of the Leeds Mercury newspaper, 25 August 1896 b) Anchor Magazine, Christmas 1997 c) Small booklet, entitled "Helping the Trawlers" - "directions for making woollen comforts and other useful articles for the use of the Deep Sea Fishermen" d) International Association for the study of Maritime Mission, Newsletter, No.1, June 1992, and Spring, 1997 1 file	1896 - 1990s
U DMS/2/7	Port of Hull Society. Journal of John Hall Oliver Latter half of book is written in different handwriting, first entry entitled, "written by Captain John Hall Oliver about 1825 - 1830, "to my wife". Also includes member's ticket to the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society, 17 December 1858 1 volume	23 Mar 1846 - Mar 1848
U DMS/2/8	Deal Institute. Minute Book of the meetings of the Boatmen's Rooms, North/Upper Deal, Kent Includes: a) Four letters pasted in, from 1907 b) Number of loose letters, from the early 1900s c) Poster - Rules of the Boatmen's Rooms, North Deal 1 volume	4 Sep 1882 - 6 Mar 1907
U DMS/2/9	[St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent]. Clerical Sub-Committee Minute Book First pages of book comprise "Duties of the Superintendent of Missions", "Revised instructions to Superintendents, 15 March 1898", and "Examinations of Scripture Readers, 19 January 1886" 1 volume	1881 - 1905

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U DMS/2/10	St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent. Minute Book Includes letters and notes, a cash amount list for 23 June 1892, and photographs on very thin paper. 1 volume	12 Oct 1881 - 23 Jun 1892
U DMS/2/11	[St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent]. Minute Book Includes: a) Cash account forms from 1893 - 1896 b) A few short letters are pasted in the book c) Ts. letter, "scheme laid before the head quarters of St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission..." 1 volume	14 Jul 1892 - 12 Dec 1901
U DMS/2/12	[St. Andrew's] Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent. Minute Book 1 volume	23 Jan 1902 - 25 Apr 1912
U DMS/2/13	St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent. Minute Book Sheets of paper pasted in throughout the book concerning annual accounts. 1 volume	[25] Apr 1912 - 16 Dec 1925
U DMS/2/14	St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent. Minute Book 1 volume	Feb 1926 - Jun 1939
U DMS/2/15	St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent. Council Minute Book 1 volume	25 Jun 1885 - 20 Jul 1920
U DMS/2/16	St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent. Council Minute Book 1 volume	20 Jul 1920 - [2] May 1939
U DMS/2/17	[St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent]. Folder containing black and white photographs. Some photographs are titled, MV. John Ashley appears in several. Also includes photographs of an Esso Refinery, Milford Haven, and the baptism of Chinese seamen 1 volume	early 20th cent.
U DMS/2/18	St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, Gravesend, Kent. Photograph album HQ opening by HRH Prince Philip at St. Michael Paternoster Royal, London 19 Dec 1968. Photographs of the Royal Mayor's Show, 1968. Also includes a Christmas card sold in aid of the Missions to Seamen 1 volume	1968

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U DMS/2/19	Thames Church Mission Society. Minute Book Two small, undated newspaper cuttings toward the end of the book, about the services available at the missions and the duties of the chaplains 1 volume	23 Feb 1844 - 5 Nov 1847
U DMS/2/20	Thames Church Mission Society. Minute Book 1 volume	12 Nov 1847 - 27 Nov 1857
U DMS/2/21	Thames Church Mission Society. Minute Book 1 volume	11 Dec 1857 - 16 Dec 1864
U DMS/2/22	Thames Church Mission Society. Minute Book First page entitled "Public Meeting 1874 - Steps Taken". Second page entitled "Agenda for Public Meeting, Wednesday, 5 April 1874" 1 volume	13 Jan 1865 - 18 Dec 1874
U DMS/2/23	Thames Church Mission. Minute Book Includes: a) Three meetings which took place on 28 Apr 1876, 26 Apr 1877, and 25 Apr 1878 are recorded on the first pages of the book b) Two newspaper cuttings, 1 Jun 1878, from the Times, and from the City Press, 26 April 1879 1 volume	15 Jan 1875 - 15 Jan 1886
U DMS/2/24	Thames Church Mission. Finance Committee Minute Book From 5 Dec 1895-1 Oct 1896, pages are printed forms with sub-headings and columns 1 volume	31 Jul 1884 - 1 Oct 1896
U DMS/2/25	Thames Church Mission Society. Minute Book includes a) A few letters pasted into the book, 1886 - 1904 b) Leaflet for the order of divine service, for the "Dedication of the New Steam Launch", 28 Nov 1888 c) Plan showing position of proposed mission at Leigh 1 volume	18 Feb 1886 - 28 Mar 1904
U DMS/2/26	Lowestoft Station. Minute Book Also includes statement of accounts, 1928 - 1945 1 volume	8 Dec 1916 - 31 May 1949
U DMS/2/27	Lowestoft. Minute Book for the Mission to Seamen's Ladies' Committee and Advisory Committee At the end of the book is a letter to Rev. H.L. Edwards, 31 March 1943, from Rev. G. F. Trench, the General Superintendent, about the decrease in ordination candidates owing to the war. Gives figures for number of new Chaplains, and Chaplains lost 1939-1942 1 volume	18 Oct 1918 - [18] Jul 1921

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U DMS/2/28	Plymouth Station. Launch "Sunshine" Log Book (the heading at the top of every page). Pages laid out in columns with these headings - date, start and return, locality, name, description, nature of visit, no. at reading, books sold, no. and price, pledge, remarks 1 volume	1884 -1889
U DMS/2/29	Rochester Missions to Seamen. Minutes of the meeting of the General and Executive Committees Last item is a letter entitled "Memoranda", dated 9 January 1953 1 volume	26 Oct 1945- 23 Apr 1951
U DMS/2/30	Scarborough. Minute Book includes: a) Receipt book with stubs filled in, 1959-1964 b) Receipts c) Several box re-sealing labels 1 volume	18 Dec 1916 - 12 Feb 1960
U DMS/2/31	Seaham Harbour. Minute Book Includes: a) Loose ts. reports of meetings b) Report (3 copies) about notable events concerning an annual report c) Letter, 4 February 1955, about a clothing manufacturer showing interest in the Mission building should it become vacant 1 volume	25 May 1914 - 14 Feb 1955
U DMS/2/32	Isle of Wight, Ryde and Solent, Missions to Seamen. Journal of William H. Noble First page of book - list of signatures entitled, "Log of the Missions to Seamen named and commissioned at Ryde Pier Head, 12 June 1929". Second page of book - list of signatures entitled, "Dedication by the Bishop of Portsmouth, at Victoria Pier, Cowes, 15 Jun 1929" 1 volume	1929 - Oct 1931
U DMS/2/33	Flying Angel Club, Fareham. Volume of miscellanea Includes: a) Posters. b) Annual Reports for 1944 -1946, 1949 c) Invitations to various events d) Numerous newspaper articles from 1944 - 1945, 1947 - 1951 e) Photographs 1 volume	1944 - 1951
U DMS/2/34	Flying Angel Fellowship Advisory Council. Minute book Minutes and agenda 1 volume	Oct 1947 - 26 Jan 1954

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U DMS/2/35	London Harbour Lights Guild. Minute book Minutes and agenda 1 volume	1 Jul 1932 - 25 Mar 1954
U DMS/3	Overseas DMS/3/1 Antwerp Mission to Seamen DMS/3/2-5 Rev. Nibbs DMS/3/6 Ballin Haus, Hamburg DMS/3/7 Dunkirk War Memorial Trust Ltd. 7 volumes	1909 - 1961
U DMS/3/1	Antwerp Mission to Seamen re-opening ceremony. Souvenir volume for the general Superintendent and committee, Missions to Seamen, London includes: a) Black and white photographs of the event, and 2 leaflets listing "order of ceremony" on 16 May 1956 b) Eight small booklets - weekly programme at "The Flying Angel" 1 volume	16 May 1956
U DMS/3/2	Journal no. 1 of Rev. Nibbs, Calcutta, India As well as journal entries, includes: a) Newspaper cuttings about Hastings Seamen's Mission b) Invitations to Christmas socials c) Map of the Indian Empire d) Pictures of street scenes in India 1 volume	Dec 1909 - Dec 1912
U DMS/3/3	Journal no.2 of Rev. Nibbs, India includes: a) Lots of pictures including one of crewmen and a chapel in Calcutta b) Various newspaper cuttings c) Weather chart showing pressure and wind observations, taken at 8hrs on 16 May 1914, and rainfall for the previous 24 hours d) Various letters are stuck into the book 1 volume	Jan 1913 - Mar 1915
U DMS/3/4	Journal no.4 of Rev. Nibbs, Belgium/Germany Includes: a) Entry about the eclipse of the sun Friday 8 Apr 1921 b) Photograph [of Nibbs], taken in Hull, late 1918/early 1919 c) Various other photographs, including one of a crowd of seamen (names of individuals given) d) Various newspaper cuttings, and a Plan of Dunkirk Harbour and Docks e) Currency from various countries - French, Austro- Hungarian Empire and Germany 1 volume	Jan 1921 - Dec 1923

U DMS/3/5	<p>The Flying Angel - Monthly Magazine of the Seamen's Institute Cape Town, South Africa includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) September and October 1943 b) Vol.1, No.3 and No.4, November/December 1943 c) Vol.1, No.5 and No.6, January/February 1944 d) Vol.1, No.9 - 10, May - June 1944 e) Vol.1, No.11, August 1944 f) Vol.2, No.1, October - November 1944 g) Vol.2, No.2, December 1944 h) Vol.2, No.3, February 1945 (Cape Town Edition) i) Vol.2, No.3, March 1945 (Durban Edition) j) Vol.2, No.4, April 1945 (Cape Town + Durban Edition) k) Vol.2, No.5, June 1945 l) Vol.2, No.6, August 1945 m) Vol.2, No.7, November 1945 n) Vol.2, No.8, March 1946 <p>1 volume</p>	1943 - 1946
U DMS/3/6	<p>Ballin Haus, Messberg, Hamburg. Volume of annual reports and other papers</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Various articles about a concert in 1925 b) Reports for the years ending 1924 - 1930 c) Articles from books, mid/late 1920s, all entitled, "From a Study Table" d) Leaflet for a service honouring the memory of Charles Alexander Nibbs, on 8 October 1947 <p>1 volume</p>	1924 - 1947
U DMS/3/7	<p>Director's Attendance Book for the Dunkirk War Memorial Trust Ltd. Listing dates of meetings and signatures of those present</p> <p>1 volume</p>	23 Nov 1922 - 19 Jul 1961
U DMS/4	Miscellaneous	1928 - 1965
U DMS/4/1	<p>Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. Volume entitled "Homes and Institutes and Missions Vessels".</p> <p>Financial information given for numerous places listed at the start of the book. Also includes two newspaper cuttings from 1945</p> <p>1 volume</p>	Sep 1928 - 1950

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U DMS/4/2	The Missions to Seamen Knitting Association. Minutes of the Advisory Committee includes: a) Detailed descriptions and diagrams of topics such as sailing directions and Admiralty Chart Abbreviations b) Lists of the number of garments made c) Letter dated 23 Dec 1948, from Private Secretary to Queen Mary, saying thank you for the book of patterns which was revised by the Knitting Association 1 volume	13 May 1948 - 16 Mar 1949
U DMS/4/3	Visitors' Book 4, Buckingham Palace Gardens, London Inside the front cover of the book is written, "This book is the gift of a worker for over 45 years, her great wish and prayer is for every success to the Missions to Seamen" 1 volume	20th cent.
U DMS/4/4	Chapel Memorial Book - Headquarters Chapel Lists a number of people, with heading "In Memoriam" 1 volume	1956-1964
U DMS/4/5	Scrapbook Press cuttings advertising The Mission to Seafarers 1 volume	Jan 1938 - Jan 1951
U DMS/4/6	Volume. Newspaper cuttings Relating to The Mission to Seafarers 1 volume	3 Mar - 27 Dec 1958
U DMS/4/7	Volume. Newspaper cuttings Relating to The Mission to Seafarers 1 volume	Dec 1958 - 28 Dec 1959
U DMS/4/8	Volume. Newspaper cuttings Relating to The Mission to Seafarers. Also some loose articles included 1 volume	8 Feb 1960 - 9 Apr 1963
U DMS/4/9	Volume. Newspaper cuttings Relating to the Mission of Seafarers. Including articles about seamen's hostels across England 1 volume	8 Apr 1963 - 26 Nov 1965