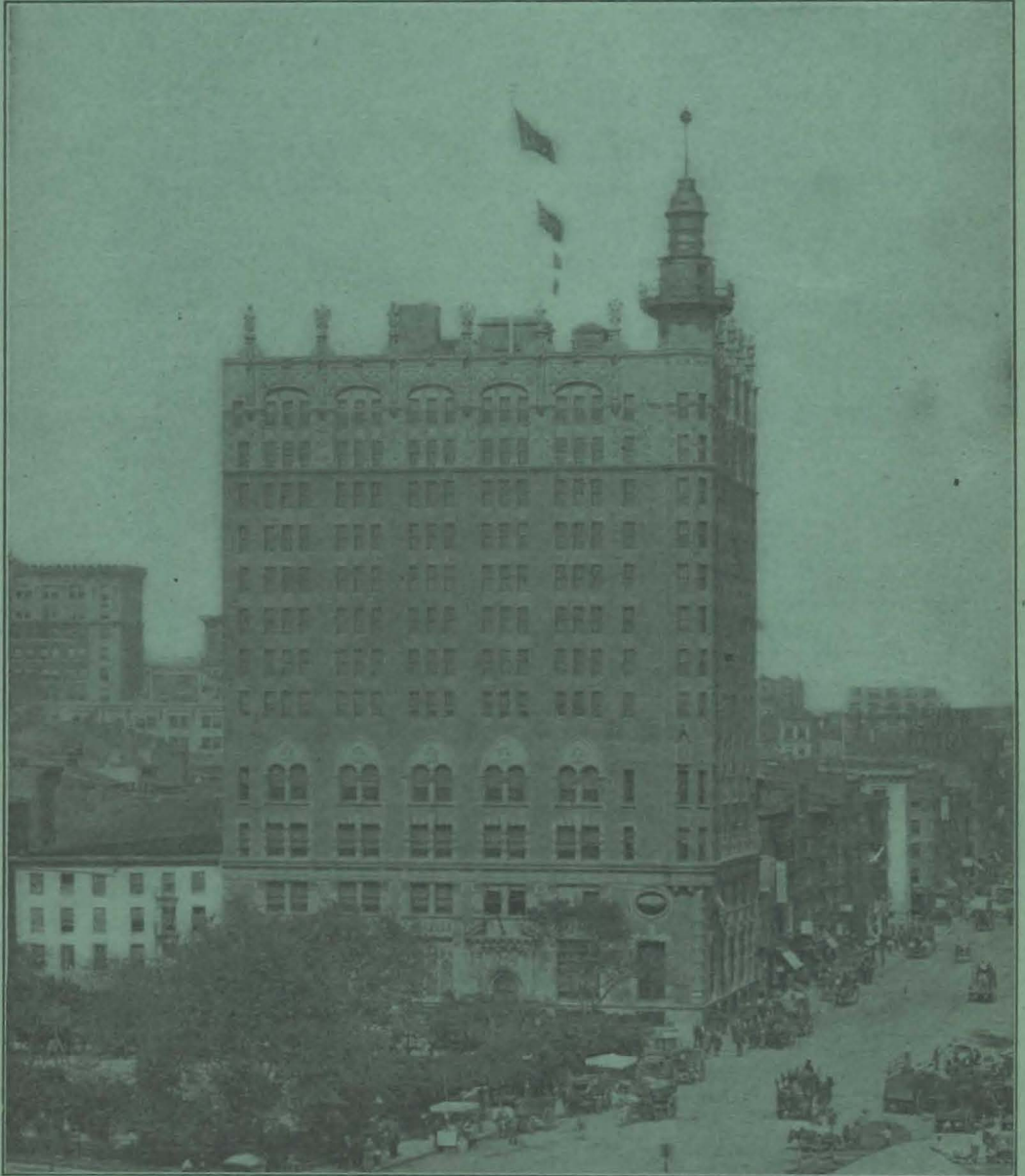


# The Lookout



THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK  
25 SOUTH STREET

# THE DEBT

**Lookout** readers will be glad to see that the style of appeal, with which they have so long been greeted when they turned this first inside cover, has permanently disappeared.

Its absence is due to the highly important fact that the **Institute has now secured sufficient funds to cancel all indebtedness**, and need, therefore, no longer appeal to its friends for help.

**The Building Fund balance** has been eliminated.

**BUT** the Institute itself is just entering upon its fullest development.

*Every single department of the work is bound to expand.*

**Every branch has grown since the new building opened and must continue.**

Consequently the **Ways and Means Committee** must always exist to meet the current expenses.

A list of the members of this Committee is printed upon the outside cover of the *Lookout* where for five and a half years have appeared the names of the Building Committee.

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## For Good.

It was one of the largest of the thick, white carnations and it was very tightly wedged in the narrow button-hole of Peter's rough, brown coat. With the white carnation, Peter wore a flame colored tie, a bran new hair-cut and the widest smile in his repertoire.

"Well, Peter," the Man Who Gives Advice said to him, recognizing the gaiety of Peter's demeanor with one swiftly comprehensive glance, "just been paid off, or going to a wedding?"

"You guessed it, sir," Peter answered and the smile deepened to a grin. "I'm going to a wedding and the best of it is, it happens to be my own. That's what I came to see you about. I have the license and the girl will meet me here if you will do the job."

The Man Who Gives Advice looked through his appointment book and then he nodded.

"I think I can manage, Peter. By the way, have you ever been married before?"

"Oh, yes, lots of times," Peter replied airily, "but this time"—and his voice took on a quickly serious note—"This time it is for good!"

## Where the Launch Helps.

On several occasions recently the J. Hooker Hamersley has served as a special conveyance for seamen who would otherwise have missed their ships and been obliged to stay on shore without their dunnage and without jobs. Last week two Lascar coolies missed their ship, through a misunderstanding of the time when it was to sail. They came back to the Institute completely

crestfallen. Their bags were on board and the vessel was lying out in mid stream ready to steam away at sunrise.

Within a few minutes the Captain of the launch was notified and an hour later the coolies were being carried down the bay to the vessel. They displayed the nearest approach to grateful tears which a coolie ever permits himself.

## Old Clothing. Shoes.

Our stock of old clothing is absolutely depleted. We usually have a small supply on hand for emergency but last winter's cruel strain of unemployment took every bit of clothing and every shoe we had.

We need all sorts of clothing. No suit or over-coat or sweater need to be thrown away, unless, of course, it has been worn literally threadbare. But with most of the people who read the LOOKOUT, such a condition does not exist. Most of us get tired of our old clothes long before they have served us as faithfully as they would if we gave them a chance.

They will serve the seaman. He is often in accidents where he loses his dunnage; he has his bag stolen from him; he is on a ship where infection occurs and his things must be burned; he misses his ship and it carries his luggage half round the world before he can get it; he is ill and must pawn or sell his garments for food.

Particularly we need shoes. The average size seems to be 9, but any pair of shoes or slippers sizes 8 to 10 will be enormously useful.

### Saving by Force.

"I'm going to put all my money into the Savings Department this month," Jim told the Desk Man as he paid for his room, thereby exhibiting a roll of bills held in place by the widest of rubber bands.

"Sure, that's fine!" agreed the Desk Man heartily. "You do that and you'll be glad of it."

A few minutes later Jim was downstairs talking to the Savings Man.

"See here," he said, "I want you to give me just what you think I need for meals. Don't you give me a cent more. If I come to you with tears in my eyes, if I come and say my mother is sick—no matter what I say, don't you give me any money. Don't pay any attention to anything I say and I guess I can manage to save a little money."

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### Writing.

When his pen had painfully worked out two or three large and very unevenly balanced words, Otto paused and mopped a worried brow with a not too clean handkerchief. He looked about the big Reading and Writing Room rather helplessly and then he dipped his pen carefully into the ink.

"What's the matter, Otto?" asked the seaman at the next table who was rapidly covering a large sheet of paper with neatly turned phrases and a great many beautifully made commas.

"I haven't written home for nine years," explained Otto, and last night I was thinking about my mother all night and so I came in here and I saw that sign 'Write Home To-day' and I am doing it. But it's awful hard. I never was much on writing and when I have nine years to cover, it don't

seem as if I could do it."

He sighed heavily but he persevered. With the grating sound of high pressure, his slow pen stumbled along the white page and as his neighbor passed him, he indulged in a slender pleasantry.

"That's right, Otto, keep on," he encouraged, "you haven't got to what you did five years ago yet."

But Otto did not smile. The way of the reluctant autobiographer is hard, and he needed all his strength.

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### Noon-Day Talks.

In the big sunny Reading Room on the second floor the chairs are filled again with seamen pursuing literature with that avidity which the sharp teeth of autumn always stimulates. Summer days saw them sitting on the curb outside, or lying on the sand-piles, or swinging their indolent legs from the end of a South Street pier, but the chill wind and rain of October has changed things for every one.

And with the Reading Room full of seamen, the Noon-day music and story hour has come back on Tuesdays and Fridays. This is the special entertainment, arranged for by Mr. Gerard Beekman, which the men enjoyed so greatly last Spring.

Last Tuesday a girl played Irish airs on a cornet and when her audience applauded with emphasis, she played old ballads. They were not the conventional cornet selections and the seamen appreciated her wise judgment. Then Mr. Ross told a story. Contrary to the custom of the Spring he did not choose one of the famous bits of fiction—Sidney Carton or Jean Valjean. He told them a modern tale about a man who lived beyond his income. They listen-

ed to him with more than their usual display of interest, for here was a subject with which they were well acquainted.

"Income!" one of them murmured, "what seaman could ever learn to live upon his? Its a common failing for the landsmen and seamen alike."

The man in Mr. Ross's story began slipping because his wife was extravagant. She could travel too quickly for the husband and little by little he felt his grip on all the real things getting very weak.

One afternoon, as he rode uptown in a Fifth Avenue stage, he saw a woman's purse slide from her lap to the floor. He thought a long time, trying to decide to pick it up and return it to her. Then she got off and he took the purse which held the key of her apartment. A week later he entered her house, stole \$1500 of jewelry and three days afterward, returned them to her because he did not know how to dispose of them. And the magistrate suspended sentence because he believed the man had a chance to recover his self respect.

No moral adorned the little tale but the seamen caught it just the same. There is one truism which no sailor will ever dispute. It has been put into an epigram by a columnist on one of the evening papers and in that trenchant form it might easily be pasted upon the Institute walls. It is "The wages of sin is Debt!"

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### Chapel Services.

The schedule has been completed whereby a number of the Clerical Vice Presidents will occupy the pulpit of the Church of our Saviour on the last Sunday of each month. The invitations have not been confined to the Vice Pres-

idents only but to other clergymen who have been good enough thus to add to their labors.

Dr. C. F. J. Wrigley officiated on the last Sunday in September and for the next six months, the list follows:

October 31st . . . . .Rev. W. T. Crocker  
December 26th. . . . .Christmas Services  
January 30th

Rev. W. T. Manning, D. D.  
February 27th

Rev. Ernest M. Stires, D. D.  
March 26th

Rev. Henry Lubeck, LL. D., D. C. L.

The late Spring dates are kept open since it is rather difficult to make engagements so far in advance.

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### The Problem.

"Can you find if there is any prize offered either in England or France," writes Edward Gregory, "for the dividing of any angle into three equal parts for construction.

"One of our crew thinks he has solved the question. He has heard of a prize of 50,000 francs offered by the Paris Academy of Science and also one from England of 2,000 pounds.

"Hope I am not imposing too hard a task upon you. I am on a barge and we have time to work at problems."

It is possible that some of the LOOKOUT readers can answer Mr. Gregory's question.

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### Tea for Officers.

One of the suggested innovations for the coming season is the Officers' Tea on Sunday afternoon. If this seems a feasible plan, the officers from every vessel in port on Sunday will be invited to have tea at the Institute, to meet each other and to talk to the Institute workers and their friends.

### Drinking Water.

There used to be a little band of workers who called themselves "A Cup of Cold Water," or at least, they had that for their motto. The idea was not so much anti-alcoholic as pro-kindliness. Cold water has long been recognized as a symbol of altruism.

The point of this apparent irrelevance is the fact that we need faucets supplying drinking water on every sleeping floor in this building. On the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th floors the seamen are forced to drink the unfiltered water intended for bathing purposes only. This water is rather warm and not absolutely hygienic.

To install these faucets and extend our system of filtered iced water upon every floor will cost about \$500 for the plumbing, cutting and patching.

Every person who appreciates what a glass of fresh, cold water means to one at bedtime or dressing time will at once see the necessity for these faucets.

### All for Etiquette.

She was a volunteer social worker and she wanted to talk to the seamen. She had come down to one of the free and easy concerts and during the intermission she went breezily about asking questions and trying to draw out embarrassed young men who were not quite certain of the correct thing to say to a young woman. Finally she saw a Russian boy in the corner who looked less difficult; she approached him.

"You know," she explained, "I want to get to you seamen but it is very hard. Why do none of you come up and talk to me? I have to make all the advances."

The Russian stared at her a moment

and then he asked, in very good English,

"Have you been long in New York?"

And remembering her recent withdrawal from a suburb, she shook her head.

"Well," he said, with the air of one who would do his enlightening gently but vividly, "a man can't go up and speak to a lady in this city unless he's been introduced. It isn't — I do not know just how you say it — but it isn't in the custom!"

### African Utopia.

Eighteen members of the S. S. Liberia's crew, which set sail from Galveston in August 1914, bound for Africa, reached New York Oct. 7th and are staying at the Institute.

Captain Manuel F. Caceca led his swarthy seventeen off the freighter, marshalling them with a tropical umbrella, gray outside, green inside and with a marvellous ostrich-claw handle carved with ivory. The negroes were attired in everything from a fur-collared overcoat to the more modest attire of men with a year's pay coming to them.

There were 112 men when they started out to find Chief Sam's property on the Gold Coast but the other 94 either died or stayed in Africa.

According to the wireless operator, the only white man in the crew, Chief Sam is still ill in Africa, having succumbed to beri-beri. The ships' doctor explained this:

"Chief Sam's got the beri-beri," he said, "but I guess he will pull through. Its what you'd call inertia in English."

But the wireless operator interrupted.

"Inertia of the pocketbook due to

absence of money," he snorted. "I have \$355 back pay coming to me. We went to Havana, Barbados and the Cape Verde Island. On November 19th last year a British cruiser seized our vessel suspecting that we were taking supplies to the Germans. The prize crew they put aboard us stayed on till we reached Freetown in Sierra Leone, Africa.

"Some of these fellows with me here in New York attempted to walk to Chief Sam's alleged property, seventy-four miles inland. They did, and they walked back too. They don't walk around town here any too lively, do they?"

Salt Pond was the particular spot on the Gold Coast that proved disastrous to the negroes. A large percentage fell sick of malaria and tropical fevers, while the food of mangoes, bananas and coconuts produced bilious attacks. A very disgusted eighteen called at the British Consulate to be paid off when they arrived. The clerk there sent them over to the shipping office on South Street (in the Institute) where they were promptly sent back to the Consulate again. The seamen who had done that 148-mile walk out to Chief Sam's place on the Gold Coast stood the tramping best. They finally got straightened out however, and now are resting their feet in the Institute's sunny Lobby, not worrying too hard about a fresh voyage.

In his story about their misfortunes the "Tribune" reporter added a final paragraph upon which the LOOKOUT editor could certainly not improve. He said,

"At a late hour last night not one of the eighteen cared one large, ripe mango for what might become of Chief

Sam, the Gold Coast in general, or Africa in particular."

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### **That Well Known Free Masonry.**

He stopped one of the staff in the corridor and with a humorous twinkle which deepened the sun wrinkles about his grey eyes, he pulled the linings from both his pockets, indicating total emptiness.

"Weren't you just paid off?" inquired the staff member, not particularly surprised after several years contact with seamen, but a little curious.

"I was. Yesterday afternoon I had \$40.00 and this morning I didn't have but ten cents for breakfast. You think I drank it up, don't you? Well, I didn't."

"No, I don't think you show any signs of having just been drunk," commented the Institute man, "but what—"

The empty pockets were thrust back into limp smoothness before the seaman answered.

"It sounds funny, but I met so many old friends down-stairs and they kept asking me for fifty cents here, fifty cents there and some of them wanted two or three dollars. First thing I knew I had gotten rid of the whole \$40.00. All I can do now is to wait until some other chaps come along and borrow of them."

And without any idea of borrowing of the Institute man, he went on his way, careless and not too perturbed.

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### **To Be Given**

**Baking Machine \$300.00**

**Laundry \$1,500**

**Motion Picture Machine \$700.00**

**Literature Room \$500.00**

**Incinerator \$450.00**

**3 Staff Offices \$200.00 each**

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## The Warmth of Philanthropy.

In Walter Lippman's book, "Drift and Mastery" he uses a little couplet, which, being without quotation marks, is very likely his own. It is distinctly worth reproducing here as a contrast to the Institute type of work.

"Organized charity, all cold and iced  
In the name of a cautious, statistical  
Christ."

There has been much criticism directed against the practice of organized charity, a good deal of it unwarranted. Experience has taught directors of charitable work that the best results are obtained from concentrated, classified System with a very large capital S. The old methods of promiscuous, unintelligent giving have largely disappeared. In fact, so much as been written and said about the evils of responding to uninvestigated appeals, that many generous, large hearted individuals who used to be moved by the request for "only ten cents, sir. I haven't tasted food for a week" are tempted to use the words of the humorist who is reported to have replied to such a plea,

"Well, you haven't missed much. It tastes just the same as ever."

However, luckily for the great heart of humanity, there is still small danger of turning all the altruists into cynics. Or rather, of turning all the idealists into cautious givers with a taste for statistics. It has been this belief that has kept the Institute a philanthropy and never a charity.

When a seaman comes here to this building, which is more properly a Club and Hotel than anything which the word "Institute" implies, he does not feel that he is seeking charity. When he is given his room, has stored his dunnage and comes down-stairs to a wholesome meal in a room where warmth and light and the chatter of seamen surround him with cheerfulness, he realizes that he is glad to be here. He is conscious of the tremendous contrast when he remembers for a fleeting, distasteful instant his old days in boarding houses, but he is not oppressed by a sense of receiving something for which he has not paid.

The best part of the whole Seamen's Institute spirit is the delicate balance between help and gift. The greatest reason why seamen come here again and again, why they go away to every port in the world and speak glowingly of the lodging, the food, the companionship, the concerts, is the total absence in the Institute atmosphere of any hint of patronage.

Seamen, who are just the same sort of people as all the rest of us, have never had a chance at living. In the fore-castle they have existed like beasts, and apropos of that, Lookout readers who have not already done so, should read "The Harbor" by Ernest Poole. On shore they have breathed through days



of drunken stupors, going to sea again without money, clothes or self respect.

Well, here they have their chance and they recognize it. They crowd the building; they are eager to praise and for the most part, they are slow to criticize. They all have the satisfying consciousness of having paid their way and of receiving value in full and a little over. And certainly, cold and iced charity has no part in the great Institute scheme.

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### Annual Subscribers.

In the September LOOKOUT detailed financial statements were made regarding the retiring Building Fund and the permanent Ways and Means Department.

At that time the process by which one is made a member of the Society was explained but it should be specially emphasized that what the Institute greatly needs are annual subscribers. That is, persons who wish each year to contribute to the support of the work not included in the self supporting Hotel Department.

As we used to say about the Building Fund, the small sums are tremendous factors in removing debt. Subscriptions of \$1., \$2., \$5., \$10., \$15., \$25., \$50., or \$100 a year are extremely important if the Society is to do its best work.

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### Literature Room. \$500.00

When an officer or seaman leaves the Institute to go on board his ship he is given a package of reading matter. If he cares more for the gaudy Red Book than for the staid Harper's and Scribner's, he receives a package of the popular magazines whose profuse illustra-

tions and thrillers will charm away many of the long hours before him. If he prefers foreign periodicals or bound books — works of fiction — or scientific monthlies, he has only to tell the man who makes up the parcels in the Literature Room.

It is because this Literature Room, its high shelves neatly stacked with things to read and entertain, is so valuable a part of the Institute that it is suggested as a memorial gift.

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### Stereoptican Slides.

In the issue for August and September we asked that people send us the money for sets of slides to illustrate the following lectures. A set will cost \$15.00 and it seems a particularly interesting and valuable gift to the Institute. Further information about the lectures and their purpose will be furnished either by Mr. Deems or the LOOKOUT editor, upon application.

**Ships.** The Barge, Lighter, Yawl, Yacht, Schooner, etc.

**Life on Board a Vessel.** The glory-hole, the Bridge, the forecastle, the galley.

**Water-front Life.**

**Getting a New Berth**

**Hospital Visiting.**

**Apprentice Boys.**

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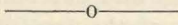
### Three Staff Offices \$200 Each

These have been variously referred to as Special Helpers' Offices, Advisors' Offices and Missionary Offices.

As a matter of fact they are the offices in which the Scandinavian, the German and the Spanish missionaries interview seamen and help them out, spiritually as well as physically. Missionary is a term which has often

been abused and therefore, these men who do so much more than the hackneyed word "missionary" implies, should be considered rather special members of the staff.

One of these offices (there are four in a row) has been made a memorial. This gives three other people an opportunity to make a permanent memorial gift.



### **Exhibit of Social Work.**

In a letter to the "Living Church," dated Sept. 25th, Dr. A. R. Mansfield (as Chairman Sub-Committee on Missionary Meetings and Exhibits) explained that the New York Convention Committee on Missionary Meetings and Exhibits wishes to ascertain at once the exact titles of all Church organizations in the diocese and whether they are desirous of taking part in the proposed combined exhibit for the purpose of showing the work that is being accomplished by the Church and of arousing the interest of the convention and of the diocese, and if so, to know what the nature and character of the exhibit would be and how much wall and floor space would be required.

The exhibit will be held in the Synod Hall which has been placed at the disposal of the committee.

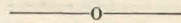
Prompt information sent to Dr. Mansfield at 25 South Street will be appreciated.

LOOKOUT readers should make a note of the dates—November 10th, 11th and 12th in order that they may see the Exhibit at Synod Hall, Amsterdam Ave. and 112th Street.

A very complete exhibit of the Institute work is being prepared. We shall show a model of the launch, J. Hooker Hamersley; the Institute flags, very

comprehensive photographs of the building exterior and interior. We shall probably show the sort of bed the seaman sleeps in, giving an intimate view of our treatment of the great lodging problem.

With the possibility of using one of the apprentice boys in uniform and a seaman plying one form of his trade, the Exhibit promises to be distinctly unique and well worth a trip up Amsterdam Avenue.

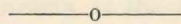


### **Furniture for Stage.**

When the dramatic societies come to the Institute to give "Our Boys" or the "Fisherman's Luck" or some of the friendly old comedies which so immensely delight the seamen, they need every assistance we can give them in the matter of stage properties.

At present we have no good domestic interior. We need an old fashioned couch—a davenport or Chestfield. We should have one or two arm chairs and possibly a desk. A long table is always extremely useful as are rocking chairs and settees.

If you have any old furniture that would serve theatrically, please notify the Rev. Charles P. Deems, 25 South Street, who has charge of this department.



### **Reading Matter.**

We are in constant need of interesting reading matter of all kinds. Magazines, novels and illustrated papers are used not only upon our reading tables, but are made up into packages and given to the seaman about to sail away on a long and necessarily monotonous voyage.

## The Entertainment Guide.

So many requests for information about the Auditorium entertainments have been received by the Man Who Gives Advice that he has at last prepared a leaflet giving complete information about the Concert Hall. This little guide is at once so useful and so replete with interesting information that the salient points are reprinted below. They may serve as an answer to questions which have arisen in the minds of LOOKOUT readers.

¶ 1. **Date.**—Weekly on Thursday or Friday, at 8. P. M.

¶ 2. **Guests**—Friends of performers, members of the Church or Organization which is providing the program, or anyone so desiring, may have seats reserved in the Balcony. Upon receipt of previous notice of the approximate number of such seats required, tickets will be issued and sent to any address. No non-seamen without tickets will be admitted.

¶ 3. **Season Tickets** may be obtained by special arrangement.

¶ 4. **Dressing Rooms** are located along the hallway from the Auditorium corridor to the stage.

¶ 5. **Scenery** will be set up as directed. We have on hand a parlor scene, a rough interior, a country landscape, a view of the harbor from the Battery, New York, all necessary wings, etc.

¶ 6. **Properties** will be obtained and set as directed.

¶ 7. **Pianos**—A concert grand piano is located on the auditorium floor level in front of the stage. An upright piano will be placed upon the stage when requested.

For special Musical Programs the

grand piano will be transferred to the stage and tuned for the occasion. The cost of the Institute of such an arrangement is Fifteen Dollars (\$15). Unless the organization giving the performance is willing to assume this cost, the upright piano mentioned above will be in readiness, if requested.

¶ 8. **Accompanists**—It is expected that Performers will arrange for their own accompanists, except when comic or popular songs, familiar airs, vamps, etc., are to be rendered.

¶ 9. **Program**—Plays, Sketches, Vocal and Instrumental Selections, Monologues, Magic, Juggling, Fancy Dancing, Minstrels, or any other form of elevating amusement may be arranged. All programs are augmented by popular songs sung by the seamen and moving pictures provided by the Institute. These portions of the entertainment may be introduced at any point in the Program, or omitted upon request.

¶ 10. **Rehearsals**—One rehearsal at the Institute may be arranged, preferably on the Tuesday before the performance.

¶ 11. **Dancing** may be arranged after the concert for the benefit of the performers and their friends.

¶ 12. **Escorts**—It is suggested that ladies always come to the Institute accompanied after six P. M. We shall be glad to meet anyone who telephones (Broad 297) before 6:30 P. M.

¶ 13. **Refreshments**—A thirty-five cent supper is served in the Officers' Dining Room in the basement, from 6 P. M. to 8 P. M., for the

benefit of those who find it necessary to come early.

### IMPORTANT

**Those responsible for Programs will kindly observe the following:**

1. Instruct all performers to be at the Institute in time to go on the stage at 8 P. M. promptly.
2. There must be no "Intermissions." When plays are presented, solos, recitations, sketches, etc., should be provided between the acts.
3. Your program should last not longer than one hour and a half, and not less than one hour.

### How to Reach the Institute

The building is four blocks along South Street from South Ferry.

To reach South Ferry take Elevated Lines, (downtown) 2nd, 3rd, 6th or 9th Avenue.

Surface Lines, (downtown) Broadway, 6th 8th Ave. and Belt Line Cars.

Subway, (downtown, or from Brooklyn) Change at Bowling Green when trains do not run direct to South Ferry.

From Brooklyn, Atlantic Avenue Ferry, Hamilton Avenue Ferry, 39th Street Ferry.

From Constable Hook, Tidewater and Bergen Point, via St. George Ferry, Staten Island.

### Ships' Bells.

Down-stairs in the Lobby the big bell booms out the hours and half hours in regular ships' fashion. It is the customary type of bell used on vessels and when it suddenly peals eight times the sailors know at once that it is either twelve o'clock, four o'clock or eight o'clock. Its reverberations startle the nervous landsmen but the seamen feel at once more at home and more at sea.

### Finding Gustav.

Gustav lost his right leg on board ship nearly two years ago. After that he was in various hospitals for a long time and when he was discharged last May, he decided to apply for admittance to Snug Harbor. It took him some time to prove his eligibility but the Institute was able to help him out and about a month ago word came that he had been accepted. The Man who Gives Advice sent for Gustav to tell him the very welcome news but Gustav had disappeared.

It was learned that he had been having trouble with the remnant of leg which the accident had left him, and that he had been making another tour of the city hospitals. We traced him to several dispensaries. We heard he had gone to a hospital in the Bronx. From there the clue stopped. At last, anxious that Gustav should benefit by the chance to live in Snug Harbor, the police were asked to help and, through detectives, Gustav was at last located in Blackwell's Island hospital. One of the staff went to see him and Gustav sheepishly absorbed several tears with the aid of the coarse hospital sheet.

"I never think I get to that place all trees and clean clothes, and tobacco if you want it. I think you have forgot me and I lost the heart to write," he told the Institute man.

### Ames and Alcohol.

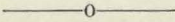
Ames was paying a little debt which he owed the Relief Department. As he smoothed out the crumpled bills upon the desk of the Relief Man, he permitted himself a smile of intense satisfaction.

"There!" he said, "that settled. Is that all?"

“Why, I think so, Ames,” answered the Relief Man, and then he added, with a smiling glance at Ames’ scant five feet of very slender bone and very thin muscle, “unless you started any fights with the watchman, or something I don’t know about. Maybe you were the chap who threw Mr. Dolan down stairs last week.”

Mr. Dolan, the watchman who weighs something under two hundred and fifty pounds and is very little under six feet, five inches tall, grinned down at Ames but no answering gleam lighted Ames’ small brown face.

“I don’t think I did,” he said, slowly, “but—well, you better look up on the records and see if I did. I’m liable to do anything with a bit of alcohol in me.”



### Knitted Socks and Helmets.

If some of the LOOKOUT readers have learned to knit since the great war began, we shall be glad to have them knit socks for the seamen. The average size are 10 and 10½.

We also need sailors’ helmets and we append herewith directions for knitting these very important parts of the seaman’s winter wardrobe.

These are usually knit on three needles, but the following directions for knitting them on two needles are probably the simplest that can be devised.

#### Knit On Two Needles

##### Bone No. Five

1. Cast on twenty stiches; knit plain back and forth for fifty-six rows. This forms the top of the head.

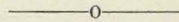
2. Pick up the stitches on both sides of the strip just made. You should now have seventy-six stitches. Knit plain back and forth for seventy rows.

This forms the back and sides of the head.

3. Now cast on twenty-four additional stitches, all on one side of this, which will give you one hundred stitches knit two, purl two, for thirty-five rows. This makes the throat or neck portion. Bind off very loosely.

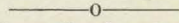
4. Pick up the stitches around the face, or front edge, you should have one hundred and fourteen stitches; knit two, purl two, for sixteen rows. Bind off loosely.

5. Sew one end of the ribbed part to the other, and you will have complete circles of ribs around the face and neck.



### Knitting Directions.

The Institute has published in the past directions for knitting helmets, scarfs, Uhlan caps and wristlets and for making comfort bags. We shall be glad to issue some more of these little leaflets if there is a demand for them.



### A Pianola for Lobby

If the Lobby, sometimes called the Hotel Sitting Room, could be filled with music two or three times a day at the hours when the seamen are most likely to seek its pleasant, sun-flooded spaces, it would be of great assistance in creating the cheerful atmosphere which is the greatest asset of an Institute of this sort.

We need another pianola for use in the Lobby. Several members of the staff operate the piano players skillfully and they would each be glad to give an hour to this work. One of the less expensive pianos could be used and with good pianola rolls we should have another weapon of defense against the South Street evils.

## Shipping Department

### Month Ending September 30th, 1915

| Vessel                 | Men | Destination              |                                |                             |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| S.S. Brabant           | 5   | Port Arthur, Texas       | S.S. Memling                   | 1 .. London, England        |
| S.S. Robert C. Clowry  | 9   | Halifax, N. S.           | S.S. Naugatuck                 | 1 Long Island Sound         |
| S.S. Siamese Prince    | 25  | Brest, France            | S.S. Jas. S. Whitney           | 1 .... Boston, Mass.        |
| S.S. Vasari            | 25  | Bahia, Brazil            | S.S. Servian Prince            | 19 .. Brest, France         |
| S.S. Bellucia          | 6   | St. Nazaire, France      | S.S. Rembrant                  | 3 St. Nazaire, France       |
| S.S. Portuguese Prince | 28  | Brest, France            | S.S. Belgian Prince            | 2 .. Capetown, South Africa |
| S.S. Port Hunter       | 25  | Australia via Cape Town  | S.S. Florida                   | 2 Port Arthur, Texas        |
| S.S. Denis             | 31  | Para, Brazil             | S.S. Achilles                  | 1 .. Australia via Panama   |
| S.S. Mundale           | 1   | Matanzas, Cuba           | Yacht Owera                    | 2 .. Cruising               |
| S.S. Russian Prince    | 2   | Trinidad, B. W. I.       | Yacht Josephine                | 3 .. Cruising               |
| S.S. Texas             | 2   | Port Arthur, Texas       | Yacht Owhyhee                  | 1 .. Cruising               |
| S.S. Tuscan Prince     | 20  | Vladivostock, via Panama | Light Vessel                   |                             |
| S.S. Welsh Prince      | 28  | Brest, France            | Fire Island                    | 1 .. New York Harbor        |
| S.S. Bulgarian Prince  | 6   | Buenos Ayres, Arg.       | U. S. Survey                   |                             |
| S.S. Burmese Prince    | 15  | Brest, France            | Yacht Isis                     | 5 .. New York Harbor        |
| S.S. Verdi             | 21  | Bahia, Brazil            | Sch. Albania                   | 1 .. Albania                |
|                        |     |                          | Barge Tampico                  | 7 Port Arthur, Texas        |
|                        |     |                          | Barge Vera Cruz                | 1 Port Arthur, Texas        |
|                        |     |                          | Tug North America              | 2 .. Philadelphia, Pa.      |
|                        |     |                          | Men given temporary employment | 176 .. In Port              |
|                        |     |                          | Total                          | 478                         |

## Donations Received During the Month of September 1915.

Knitted articles, comfort bags, pictures, reading matter, flowers, phonograph records, etc.

Barber, Herbert  
Bates, H. O.  
Bird, Dr. J. T. J.  
Briggs, Mrs.  
Campbell, Mrs. A. E.

### CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUBS.

Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, L. I.  
Christ Church, Bayridge, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Christ Church, Suffern, N. Y.  
Zion Church, Dobbs Ferry-on-Hudson, N. Y.  
Comstock, Mrs. Robert  
Ditson, Mrs. C. H.  
Dow, Mrs. F. G.  
Ewen, Mrs. J.  
Flynn, Mrs. James  
Fuller, Mrs. G. A.  
Gibbs, Mrs. T. K.  
Greenwood, Mrs. Wm.  
Hagan, Miss, M.  
Halsey, Miss E. A.  
Hand, Mrs. Augustus N.  
Hart, Mrs. M. N.  
Hayes, Mrs. B. A.  
Higgins, Mrs. H. L.  
Hoyt, N.  
Irving, Miss C. C.  
"La Caricatura"  
Leland, Miss Eufrosia  
Leverich, Miss Margaret D.  
Lung, Mrs. George A.  
McKim, John A.  
Mason, T. M.  
Moehring, Mrs. Wm. G.

Morse, Mrs. Sidney E.  
New, Mrs. C. H.  
Nissley, John J.  
Nouel, Mrs. M. N.  
Olmstead, Mrs. M. S.  
Pardo, Dr. Abel  
Perceval, Miss C.  
Powers, John C.  
Public Service Corporation, New Jersey  
Prime, Miss Cornelia  
Rice, Miss B. S.  
Richter, M. E.  
Ridgway Co., of New York  
Ritter, Mrs. W. H.  
Schenck, Miss S. B.  
Sheldon, Mrs. E. B.  
Simpson, Miss Helen L. H.  
Sims, Miss Agnes  
Stacy, Mrs. M. L.  
Underhill, Miss F. M.  
Usher, Miss Irene F.  
Von Bounhorst, L.  
Vorce, Miss A. C.  
Willard, Miss N. B.  
Women's Guild St. Philip's Church, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Wyman, Frank K.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Brown, E. A. S. Discretionary Fund..\$ .60  
Nelson, Miss V., Ice Cream Fund.... 5.00  
Van Winkle, Miss Mary, Ice Cream Fund ..... 10.00  
ANONYMOUS DONATIONS ..... 9

# General Summary of Work

## SEPTEMBER 1915

### Savings Department.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Sept. 1st Cash on hand .....                             | \$36,553.21 |
| Deposits .....   | 20,431.12   |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$56,984.33 |
| Withdrawals (\$7,193.27 transmitted) .....               | 21,221.59   |
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| Oct. 1st. Cash Balance.....                              | \$35,762.74 |
| (Includes 26 Savings Bank Deposits in Trust \$10,207.15) |             |

### Shipping Department.

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Vessels supplied with men by S. C. I. . . . . | 33    |
| Men shipped .....                             | 302   |
| Men given temporary employ. In Port. . . . .  | 176   |
|   | <hr/> |
| Total number of men.....                      | 478   |

### Hotel Department

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Lodgers registered .....                        | 13,519 |
| Lodgers employed thru Shipping Department ..... | 176    |

### Post Office and Dunnage Department.

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Letters received for seamen..... | 2,874 |
| Pieces of dunnage checked.....   | 2,158 |

### Relief Department.

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Assisted .....                     | 276   |
| Men sent to hospitals.....         | 23    |
| Visits to hospitals.....           | 36    |
| Visits to patients.....            | 1,099 |
| Visits to vessels in port.....     | 178   |
| Men sent to Legal Aid Society..... | 4     |

### Religious Department.

|               | Services                                    | Attendances | Seamen |     |                               |   |     |    |
|---------------|---|-------------|--------|-----|-------------------------------|---|-----|----|
| English ..... | 12  | 492         | 396    |     |                               |   |     |    |
| Scandinavian  | { Swedish<br>Finnish<br>Danish<br>Norwegian | 16          | 157    | 146 |                               |   |     |    |
|               |   |             |        |     | Spanish .....                 | 8 | 200 | 70 |
|               |   |             |        |     | German .....                  | 4 | 82  | 73 |
|               |   |             |        |     | Lettish services discontinued |   |     |    |
| Total..       | 40  | 931         | 685    |     |                               |   |     |    |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Communion service .....   | 1 |
| Funeral service .....   | 1 |
| St. Andrew's Brotherhood Bible Class meetings discontinued for Summer |   |
| Gerard Beekman Noon Day Talks discontinued for Summer.                |   |

### Social Department.

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Socials .....                            | 4   |
| Attendance .....                         | 432 |
| Sing Songs .....                         | 1   |
| Attendance .....                         | 45  |
| Packages reading matter given.....       | 241 |
| Bibles, gospels, testaments etc. given.. | 491 |
| Knitted articles, comfort bags given...  | 4   |

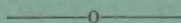
### Institute Tender "J. Hooker Hamersley."

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Trips made .....                   | 40  |
| Visits to vessels .....            | 116 |
| Men transported .....              | 263 |
| Pieces of dunnage transported..... | 439 |

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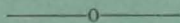
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