
The Lookout



NEW BUILDING

Now being erected at South Street and Coenties Slip

THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK
ONE STATE STREET

A LAST APPEAL

\$380,000 Needed To Complete New Institute

On the corner of South Street and Coenties Slip the new building of the Seamen's Institute is rapidly nearing completion. The exterior of brick and terra cotta is finished. The Lighthouse tower is completed except the lantern. Inside, the partitions are in place.

When ready to open, this Institute will be a model of its kind for all the world.

But we began to build even though a portion of the money required was not subscribed. The success of this tremendous work for seamen demanded it, and it was our duty to our subscribers as well as to the seamen depending upon us.

With the final estimates in on substantially all the work, and with an allowance for furnishing, it is believed that the building will cost about \$750,000. Of this there still remains \$380,000 to be raised.

The chief item increasing the expense of erecting this building was the cost of the foundations. The new Institute had to be on the water-front to be easily accessible for sailors, but the excavations were made on a site which was originally a part of the East River. To use pneumatic caissons, forming a water-tight cofferdam, cost \$116,000.

The building should not be opened until fully paid for. Then it will be self supporting without any endowment.

The new Institute is absolutely necessary.

Will you help us raise this final \$380,000?

Subscriptions, payable any time before May, 1913, should be sent to

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The Washington Statue in Wall Street

Like a straight tree that shadows a cascade,
And breathing heaven, where the great
winds go,
However much of thunder moils below,
Brimming the precipice, is unafraid.

Like a lone star elusive out of cloud,
That bears the while too beautiful a face
To stoop to bickerings of time and place,
But passes on, serene and perfect-browed.

How large he looms beyond this troubled
hill!

How, lost in balancings of life and death,
He heeds the flutter of his country's breath,
And bids: "I crave you, gentlemen, be still!"

This was the man who stemmed through
brutal seas

And broke the dreadful shadow of a throne;
Who supped with swords, and watched all
night alone,

Far off, in some silence, on his knees.

—Anonymus.

A Slice of Life

Bruno Skowrons was for several years an ordinary seaman until one day he found himself quite unexpectedly promoted to the rank of boatswain. His wages were much larger than he had been accustomed to receive and after a few months he felt himself called to still greater things. So he left the sea, securing a position in the department store of a Long Island town. Just before he abandoned his old trade he deposited \$50.00 with the Savings Department at the Institute. This he drew upon very cautiously in small sums.

About three months ago he was arrested, goods from the store being

found in his rooms, and he was sent to the Queens County Jail.

Sailor friends of Bruno made inquiries at the Institute but we only learned of his predicament when he sent for the balance of his deposit to use for legal advice. He persuaded a fellow prisoner to write us, asking our aid in securing a suspended sentence when his case came up in November. His defense was that he had not taken the stolen goods but that they had been placed in his room by salesgirls.

So the Ass't Superintendent investigated the case, learning of Bruno's promotion from seaman to boatswain, his reputation for honesty and sobriety, and of his careful habit of drawing out his savings. All the letters from the jail were written by the accommodating cell-mate who was serving a life sentence for manslaughter.

After convincing himself that if Skowrons had a suspended sentence he would make a supreme effort to keep out of difficulties in the future, the Ass't. Superintendent went to the judge and pleaded for the man's release.

"Well," the judge said finally, "what can you do with him and for him if I let him out on a suspended sentence?"

"I can put him up at our sailors' hotel, 'The Breakwater'; I can feed and lodge him, get him proper outfit and secure him a berth on a vessel sail-

ing in three days," was the reply.

Bruno Skowrons got his chance and he means to make good.

Cycling Around the World

Henry Holmes came into the shipping department one day not long ago and asked to secure a berth on a vessel bound for Liverpool. He said that he was starting out to go around the world on a bicycle and wanted to work his passage to England. His story was most extraordinary.

The "Waco Bugle," of Waco, Texas, offered a prize of \$10,000 to any man who would use that newspaper's carefully prepared itinerary and cycle around the world. And Henry had a family which he had but imperfectly kept from the point of absolute starvation for some time.

Therefore the offer came to his ears almost like news of a sudden fortune; he persuaded his wife's parents to look after her and the children during his absence and, using the machine furnished by the newspaper, he started on the trip. "The Waco Bugle" no doubt will feel amply compensated for its expenditure by the amount of advertising it will receive from Henry's adventure.

Lunch Room Taken

\$4,000 has been subscribed to reserve the Lunch Room on the main floor of the new building, as a memorial. Announcement of the donor and the inscription will be made in the January LOOKOUT.

Calenders

We need 1913 calendars of all shapes and sizes both simple and decorative for seamen, apprentices and officer's cabins.

Cockatoo from Singapore

There is a certain element of adventure about the day down at One State St. One never knows when one may meet a "ship wrecked mariner" with a thrilling tale, dramatically embellished, which he is happy to tell to anyone with time to listen; or if you go into the Savings Department on a Monday morning you may see a group of Arabs each red fez making a spot of crimson against the dull brown background. And the other morning one of our former apprentice boys came in with a little white cockatoo perched jauntily upon his shoulder. He said that he and the bird had been chums since the ship was at Singapore nearly a year ago. But he had decided to give his small friend to one of the Institute's staff, because the cramped quarters on shipboard had become too crowded.

"He doesn't talk yet," explained the owner, "but I think he soon will. Once I thought I heard him say a word: its jolly listening for the first thing they say, you know."

So presently there ought to be, in addition to the music, the exchange of sea yarns, the hum of typewriting machines, the clang of the big bell on the front door, the quaint chatter of an inquiring white cockatoo.

Fishermen's Yarn

Eight skeins of English "Fishermen's Yarn" have been sent to the Institute. This is used in making the heavy stockings the deep sea fishers wear under the sea boots, and it is also used in knitting steering gloves.

Upon request to the LOOKOUT, we will send this yarn to anyone who would like to make something for the sailors.

Comedy and Tragedy

One of the apprentice boys of nineteen manages to inject a distinctly dramatic quality into his letters back to the Institute. A recent one described his sailing from Philadelphia on a strange ship. He said,

"It was nearly dark when I went aboard and the ship looked very dirty on deck but freshly painted outside. All was confusion in the half deck. It is a small place for eight boys, that is, four in the fore and aft and 4 thwart ship bunks and two chests of drawers, washstand, four cupboards, table and two benches. When I arrived, there were seven in the place all in various stages of washing and dressing and there was hardly room to move. We all went ashore that night, as we were not sailing until the next day; we just went to a ten cent "dump"—ices, etc. but no booze. Early in the morning I went ashore again to buy the sea stock of soap and tobacco and an oilstove for cocoa for the half deck."

He follows this with a most vivid description of setting sail and continues with details of the weather, of "reefing a new starboard leechline in the foresail" and a sort of ship's log concerning the gale they encountered. Then he says:

"I am now coming to a very sad incident. It was our watch on deck and Charlie and two men went up to fix the leechline which had been reefed badly. The men were already on the yard which was square. Charlie instead of going along the little crane line from the rigging to the truss of the yard, tried to step from the rigging to the footrope. The next thing we saw was Charlie holding on by both

hands to the buntline halfway along the yard. He called for help and we on deck ran and began hauling up on the buntline but he called out for us not to. Then he cried, "I can't hold on any longer," and dropped,—clear of the fore-sheet into the sea.

All was bustle and hurry. The life-buoys were lashed to the rail and neither the old man or man at the wheel had a knife. When we finally threw it, Charlie was astern. All hands rushed on deck, the ship was brought up to the wind, while others cleared away the port boat which had covers on it and was altogether unready. Finally it was launched and six got in and pushed off. They were gone about twenty minutes but could see nothing. They had all their work cut out to manage the boat in that big sea.

So poor Charlie was never seen again. He was a good swimmer but he had cold weather gear on and oilskins and seaboots. Also the ship was going ten knots and a very high sea was running. It made us very upset for a few days in the half deck. All his gear is to be sent home to London. It was his last voyage."

These things happen to young sailor lads. "Charlie" was in to Sunday night tea on his last visit to New York; he was a charming boy with a really brilliant mind and he loved his life on the sea. The boys are occasionally heard to speculate cheerfully as to whether they will ever see the Institute again, but there is never a trace of morbidity in their conversation. Most of them learn on their first voyage to accept Whatever Is with a calm philosophy oddly at variance with their slender stock of years.

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HEAT AND ELEVATOR SERVICE

While the radiators have not been permanently fixed, they have been set up temporarily and the heating apparatus is now being used over at the Institute. Two of the three boilers are working, making it possible for the visitors to go about the Building in comfort.

One elevator is running from the basement to the roof and everyone who is interested is invited to come down and see just what is being done in the rapidly maturing construction work.

FLAG-STAFF

The flag-staff is in place. From the mast will fly the house flag of the Institute and from the gaff will be the American Ensign flag.

One halliard will bear the International Code flags spelling "Welcome," and the other will have the storm signals. These can be interpreted by the seamen of all nations, for they are practically universal codes.

WEATHER VANE

A three masted schooner at anchor has been chosen for the weather vane. This will be of copper and its dark outline silhouetted against the sky should make a most effective and effectual guide to the winds that blow.

Mr. Tams has prepared a sketch of this weather vane and it will be published in the January LOOKOUT.

FRESH DEVELOPMENTS

Locks of various sorts have been chosen for the 565 doors; the partitions are all up; the plastering is entirely done and work on the hard wood finish has begun; all the window frames and glass have been put in, and before the end of the month the kitchen and lunch counter equipment will be installed.

Main Staircase, Gifts and Memorials

Persons wishing to contribute to the new building may be glad to avail themselves of the following opportunities to have their gifts permanently memorialized.

Main Staircase—\$3,500

(Running from basement to 4th floor.)

It introduces the seamen to the Institute and to the hospitality of the port.

Panel and Door—\$500

Over Chapel entrance to street will be heavy wooden door with wrought iron hinges and Panel memorializing all sailors lost at sea.

Corner Stone—\$500

Granite cornerstone, date and seal of Society, carved; also metal box for documents.

Organ \$5,000

For Chapel, beautiful pipe organ, specially built. Music is a potent factor in attracting seamen from streets.

Chapel Furniture

Altar, Lectern, Credence table, Font, Altar Rail and Pulpit may be given as memorials. Estimated cost to be announced.

Officers' Bedrooms—\$250

Forty-two large, outside rooms still to be reserved. Designed for use of officers, stewards, expert engineers,

boatswains and better class of seamen. Splendid memorial rooms at \$250 each.

Two Dormitories—\$2,000

\$1,000 will build and furnish a dormitory accommodating 25 men. There are two open dormitories unreserved. Here on cold winter nights men may secure beds at fifteen or twenty cents a night.

Weather Vane—\$100

Surmounting the flag-staff will be a three masted schooner at anchor, to point out sou'westers and nor'easters.

Recreation Rooms Equipment

Twelve billiard and "pocket billiard" or pool tables, and two shuffle boards, will be needed in the recreation rooms of the new Institute. These tables were not included in the estimated cost of building and furnishing the three rooms, and they commend themselves at once as desirable gifts for persons wishing to contribute to the new building.

The list is as follows:

Game Room

1	6x12	English billiard table, fully equipped	\$350
1	4½x9	Billiard table	\$215
1	4½x9	Combination billiard and pool table, composition balls	\$225
5	4½x9	Pool tables \$200 each.....	\$1,000
1	24'	Shuffle board, with equipment	\$70

Officers' Reading and Game Room

1	6x12	English billiard table.....	\$350
1	4½x9	Combination pool and billiard table with ivory balls	\$250

Apprentice Room

1	6x12	English billiard table.....	\$350
1	24'	Shuffle board with equipment	\$70

Our "Resp. Boarding House."

The average sailor is a taciturn person not given to enthusiams and that makes the communication which came in the other morning particularly worth reading.

"Dear and Honored Sir," it began, "I was very sorry to leave your resp. Boarding House and Home for Sailors-Seamen. I'm a seaman but now I am working on the Lake (Ontario) and boarding in Dunkirk.

When I come back to New York I will board in your resp. Home again because it was and it is the cleanest, cheapest and best Home I ever could find in New York Town.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant."

Inscription Suggested

In an envelope addressed simply "The Lookout" came the following rather significant suggestion:

"If any English individual or Society should wish for a memorial room in the new Institute what better can be found for an inscription than the verse from 'England's Dead' by their own Mrs. Hemans!

'Go stranger, track the deep,

Free, free the white sail spread.

Wave may not foam nor wild wind sweep

Where rest not England's dead.'"

Ecclesiastical Book-marks

We shall need sets of embroidered book marks in the Chapel of the new building for the Lectern Bible, the Altar Bible and prayer book and the Prayer Desk prayer book. The ecclesiastical embroideries for this seamen's Chapel need not be ornate, but should be of an appropriate and uniform simplicity. Please write for particulars.

Exchanges

OCEAN LINER GALLEYS

In order to economize space on the great ocean liners, the modern ship's kitchen is equipped with a variety of ingenious labor-saving devices, says the Marine Journal, and a surprising amount of kitchen drudgery is performed by machinery. Hundreds of barrels of potatoes are peeled by deft mechanical fingers, dishes washed and dried, electric coffee mills, machines for spice grating, cream-whipping, mayonnaise mixing, meat-mincing, knife cleaners and sharpeners, and buffing heads for polishing silver.

One touch of an electric lever will do the work of two scores of scullions.

SALT WATER FARMS

The oyster beds in the vicinity of this port and to the eastward and southward are no longer in the creeks, estuaries, and rivers, but in the great open bays and sounds, for instance, Long Island Sound, Peconic, Gardiner's, Narragansett, Great South and Chesapeake bays. Here the "grounds" are swept by the deep, pure current of the salt sea and the oysters are consequently pure and wholesome. Some of these beds are from forty to sixty feet under water, and some oyster "farms" cover thousands of acres under a single management.

HOSPITAL SHIP

The old frigate "Lancaster," which has been in the service of the government for the last 54 years and had been doing duty as a training ship at the Philadelphia Navy Yard at League Island until recently, will become a hospital ship and will soon be towed to Reedy Island to be used by the National Quarantine Station Officials.

Primitive Patriotism

Dervish Salim is a Turkish patron of the Institute and he came into the Savings Department two weeks ago in a state of intense excitement and fervid patriotism. He wanted to draw out all his money and he wanted to go home at once and fight. There was a jumble of Arabic and broken English: his Mohammedan soul was greatly disturbed by the war news which had reached him in variously distorted forms.

It seems that Dervish (or perhaps his name is really "Sailim") had gone to the Turkish consul to secure his help in getting discharge papers from his ship, and his wages. The Turkish consul arranged for him to be paid off in the British Consul's office, which adjoins the Savings Department.

And Dervish departed with the express intention of cutting as many Christian throats as possible, thereby gaining for himself the certainty of an ultimate arrival in Paradise. There was a sort of grim humor in his use of the Seamen's Church Institute to further his project for blood-shed among professors of the Christian faith. Since peace was declared before his ship was half across the Atlantic, it is to be hoped that his patriotic zeal found some more humane outlet.

"No. 9919"

Naturally, the most regular correspondents the Institute has are the men who are temporarily without their freedom, either in the hospital or in prison. A former seaman patron who is now in Dannemora writes with a pathetic frequency. In one of his recent letters acknowledging some papers which were sent him, he says,

"Now, you asked me if you could be of any other use to me and I will say, yes, you can. If you would be so good as to forward me about four or five dollars for Christmas, you know if you were in my place and me in yours I would do the very same thing for you. You will lose nothing by it. You could oblige me as a friend if you would drop a line or two to the Governor to see about securing a pardon. I know he would do it if you write to him. I am in here for nothing at all. You know I have plenty of money in England and cannot get it for it is in Chancery, London. If you can help me in any way at all, when I get home I will send you a 50 pound bank of England note; when my wife is thirty years of age we will be able to draw it out.

No. 9919, Dannemora Prison."

Shipping Department

MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1912

1 State Street

Name of Vessel	Men Shipped	Destination
S. S. Tennyson.....	15	River Plate
S. S. Byron.....	30	Brazil
S. S. Titian.....	1	Manchester
S. S. Vasari.....	19	River Plate
S. S. Camoens.....	1	Manchester
S. S. Clement.....	47	Brazil
S. S. Hubert.....	1	Brazil
S. S. Javary.....	11	Brazil
S. S. Boniface.....	2	Brazil
Barge Dallas.....	2	Coast
S. S. Portuguese Prince.....	18	River Plate
S. S. Asiatic Prince.....	19	Brazil
S. S. Eastern Prince.....	18	Brazil
S. S. Austrian Prince.....	5	River Plate
S. S. Scottish Prince.....	21	Brazil
S. S. Aros Castle.....	6	South Africa
S. S. Gordon Castle.....	21	South Africa
S. S. Dochra.....	17	River Plate
Various Tramp, Tow- boats etc.....	24	
Men provided with work.....	90	In Port
From 341 West St.....	8	Various positions
Total.....	376	

Mr. James May Duane

The unexpected death of Mr. James May Duane on Dec. 2nd, was a shock to the Institute. Mr. Duane had been a member of the Board of Managers fourteen years and took an active part in the work. His gift of \$2,500 to the new building was one of the first contributions and so great was his habit of modest self-effacement that he insisted that the gift should be published in our literature as coming simply "From a Member of the Board of Managers."

"Mr. Duane," said Bishop Greer, after the funeral services held, Dec. 5th, in the Church of Zion and St. Timothy, "was a modern saint." And this was not the usual eulogistical phrase, but the sincere expression of what was in the hearts of the huge congregation of prominent bankers, patriotic associations and philanthropists who had come to pay sorrowful tribute to their friend.

Assisting Bishop Greer were the Rev. Henry Lubeck, rector of Zion & St. Timothy, Rev. John Lord, rector of Mr. Duane's church in Navesink and the Rev. A. R. Mansfield, Chaplain of the Seamen's Church Institute.

Mrs. Nathalie E. Baylies

With deep regret we announce the sudden death on December 9th of Mrs. Nathalie E. Baylies, mother of Edmund L. Baylies, Chairman of the Building Committee.

Mrs. Baylies was for twenty years a subscriber to the Institute and was one of the largest contributors to the Building Fund.

She had that instinct for quiet unobtrusive giving which is the essence of all true philanthropy, and her loss will give sorrow to many, unknown to her personally, who benefited by her kindly generosity.

GIFTS DURING NOVEMBER

DONOR		DONATION
A	American News Co., New York	Magazines.
B	Benedict & Co., New York	"
	Benson, Miss J., Englewood, N. J.	1 Barrel Magazines.
	Brooks, Mrs. Fred N., New York	1 Muffler, 2 Helmets, 1 pr. Wristlets.
C	Caldwell, Mrs. A. P., New York	Basket Crockery.
	Christ, Miss C.,	\$1 for Flowers.
Church Periodical Clubs:		
	Ascension, Church of the, New York	1 Bag Books.
	All Angels' Church, New York	2 Boxes Books.
	Calvary Church, New York	Bound Books.
	Messiah, Church of the, Brooklyn	2 Barrels Magazines.
	Ascension, Church of the, Mt. Vernon	3 Bundle Books.
	Intercession, Church of the, New York	6 Bags Magazines.
	St. Agnes Branch, New York	2 Bags Magazines.
	St. Andrews', Yonkers	5 Barrels Magazines
	St. Ann's, Bronx	2 Boxes Magazines
	St. Bartholomews', Brooklyn	6 Comfort Bags, 18 pr. Wristlets.
	St. James, New Jersey	1 Box Magazines.
	St. Paul's, Englewood	1 Barrel Magazines
	St. Thomas, New York	Bags of Magazines.
	St. Paul's, New York	2 Bags of Magazines.
	St. Ann's, Brooklyn	Reading Matter.
	St. George' Girls Friendly Society	3 Bags of Reading Matter.
	St. Luke's, New York	2 Bags of Reading Matter.
	Holy Trinity, New York	Bags of Reading Matter.
	Church of the Beloved Disciple, New York	6 pr. Wristlets, 2 Helmets, Box Mag's.
	St. John's, Far Rockaway, N. Y.	8 Mufflers, 2 pr. Wristlets.
D	Davis Mrs. & Miss Willes, New York	3 Mufflers, 6 pr. Wristlets, 2 pr. Shoes, 6 pr. Mittens
F	Fairbanks, Frederick, Passaic, N. J.	Box Literature.
G	Gregory, Mrs. E. C.	Barrel of Clothing
H	Hand, Mrs. Augustus N., New York	Helmets, Mufflers and Wristlets.
I	Ives, Mrs. J. C., Mt. Vernon	3 pr. Wristlets, 3 Mufflers.
	Irving, Miss C. A., Geneva, N. Y.	1 Muffler.
L	Leverich, Mrs. Edward, Westchester, N. Y.	4 Helmets, 3 Caps, 1 pr. Wristlet.
M	Margon, Mr. W. N., New York	1 Bundle Books.
	Mount, R. T., New York	London Times.
	Marston, Mrs. E. J., New York	1 Bundle Magazines.
N	Needlework Guild of America, New York	Underwear, Clothing and Box of Comforters.
P	Paulsen, Mrs. F. P., New Jersey	1 Box Clothing.
R	Righter, Miss Jessie, Brooklyn	Generous Gift of New Games.
	Roetig, Mrs. J., New Jersey	1 Barrel Clothing.
S	Sayer, Mrs. E. S., New York	2 Bags Magazines.
	Scoville, Mrs. Nathaniel C., New York	1 Pool Table.
T	Tities, Mrs. G., Rye, N. Y.	3 Helmets.
	Tompkins, Mrs. W. W., New York	1 Billiard Table.
V	Vlymen, Mr. W., through the Princeton Club	Reading Matter.
	Verdi, Mrs. C., New York	Trunk of Clothing.
W	Wagenseil, A. H., Brooklyn	Reading Matter.
	Wurd, Mrs. Thomas, Staten Island	1 Muffler.
	Watson, Mrs. M. E., New York	2 Mufflers.
	Wilkes, Mrs., New York	Knitted Articles.
	Wilson, Mrs. Orme Jr., New York	Suit of Clothes.
	Weed, Miss Josephine, Connecticut	Box of Books, \$1 for Express Charges.

DATE	ANONYMOUS DONATIONS FROM	DONATION
Nov. 2nd	Brooklyn.	3 Box Books.
" 4th	Addressed "The Lookout."	4 Scarfs, 4 Wristers.
" 7th	American Express.	1 Bundle Reading Matter.
" 15th	American Express.	2 Bags Magazines.
" 16th	Mail	3 Boxes Magazines.
" 24th	New York.	1 Box Books.
" 26th	16 W. 38th St.	6 Mufflers.

REPORT FOR OCTOBER

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR OCT.

The following synopsis of the work done in the various departments during the month of October gives a fair idea of the working of the Institute.

OCTOBER, 1912

Savings Department.

Oct. 1st, cash on hand.....	\$14,008.63
Deposits	11,450.93
	\$25,459.56
Payments (\$4,627.73 transmitted) ...	11,690.13
Oct. 1st, cash balance.....	\$13,769.43

Shipping Department.

No. of vessels shipped by Seamen's Church Institute.....	17
No. of men provided with employment in port.....	105
No. of men shipped.....	213
Total (number of men).....	318

Reading Rooms.

Total attendance.....	13,256
Letters written and received.....	3,131
Packages reading given.....	728

Relief Department.

Assisted.....	72
Sent to Legal Aid Society.....	19
Hospital visits.....	2
Visits to ships in port.....	47

Religious and Social Departments.

Number of services.....	8
Attendance total.....	347
Communion services.....	2

Institute Boat "Sentinel."

Trips made.....	26
Visits to vessels.....	84
Men transported..	158
Pieces baggage transported.....	135

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