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I give and bequeath to the "SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK," a corporation incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York, the sum of _____ Dollars to be used by it for its corporate purposes.

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S. O. S.

Superintendent's Letter of Gratitude

Dear good and faithful Friends:

St. Paul's exhortation, "In everything give thanks," has always been one of my mottoes and guiding principles. Experience and results have taught me how much we all desire thanks from one another and that there is nothing of which we receive less.

In my *S. O. S.* letter in the *Special Issue* of the *Lookout* I did not hesitate to urge you to "lend a hand" in helping the Committee on Ways and Means to raise \$30,000, to pay off the floating indebtedness. You promptly responded and for this your goodness and generosity I devoutly give thanks.

The appeal was mailed to 7,000 and up to date (January 14th) **410** have contributed **\$13,661** in amounts varying from 50 cents to \$1,000 and **I am confident that many others will yet respond.**

Were it possible to have the appeal read by at least one-half of those to whom it was sent, the whole amount would have been contributed ere this.

The letters that accompanied the contributions expressed a realization of obligation and brotherhood and revealed feelings of affection, confidence, sympathy and good will that almost overwhelmed me and are more inspiring and encouraging and count for more than thousands of gold and silver. Earnestly do I wish that time, body, and mind, permitted me to write each contributor a personal letter expressing the appreciation and the gratitude which I feel so deeply. I have read carefully every letter and have signed every receipt but I should have preferred to acknowledge personally the heartening, individual things, so many of you have written and to reciprocate with my whole heart your helpful good wishes.

Faithfully and gratefully yours,

ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD.

Flashes from the S. O. S. Letters

The following excerpts from the letters received with checks, in answer to our S.O.S. appeal were of tremendous interest to us, and will be to you. Many who contributed did not write letters but their checks conveyed their good will. But when you read these expressions of feeling and get the cumulative effect, you will have an idea of how we felt when they came.

Our feelings were a mixture of humility and gratitude and of confidence for the future. An institution with so much faith behind it must go ahead. And when one contributor said, "I hope we will get the \$30,000," it brought to us a picture of you all, scattered over this country, but partners with us, in a great work for humanity.

General Good Wishes

Wish it were ten thousand times as large, but some others would have to go without if it were. One has to give here a little and there a little.

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It would be a joy to my heart if I could add three ciphers to it, all I can do is ask the Lord to increase and multiply it as it passes along.

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I have just received and read the S.O.S. Lookout and if others respond as quickly it will be encouraging. I am only sorry I can afford to send so little, but the small sums help to make the big ones.

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I take pleasure in enclosing a

check for the many expenses of your splendid work during these trying days of need.

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I certainly hope you will succeed in raising the \$30,000 which you need and I honestly wish I could give you ten times as much as I am contributing.

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I am not a person of large means, and we have so many demands here at home, but I gladly enclose this small check for the extra appeal.

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As I understand the matter, the Episcopal Church claims this institution as its "very own." Why then with its great wealth should it put the managers to such an embarrassing position. If I am not misinformed, at a not distant National Church Convention, it was given official approval, and if that is correct it is their moral Christian duty to support the enterprise. While I am out of the fold I am still willing to include this great charity among quite a number of others that seem to claim equal virtues.

It occurs to me to say that the appeal is so well said that if used as an "ad" in the daily or religious papers would surely bring the desired amount.

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I have read from cover to cover your S. O. S. Special Issue of the Lookout.

I had determined that my pocket-book was empty but I have squeezed

out for you, a contribution in your need. I wish I might hand you a check for the whole \$30,000.

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I will pledge myself to send a similar amount each month of the coming year.

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Answering your S. O. S. I "stand-by" to the best of my ability, and I earnestly hope others "hove in sight" with better help.

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Your S. O. S. issue of the Lookout has again jarred me into realizing how very little help or attention I have given to the work of the Institute, in which I am really so much interested, but from which I have been crowded out by the stress of other things.

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I know this is a mere birch bark canoe to answer such a call, but I have other responsibilities. I hope large sums have come in. For New York and the country generally to let the work be cut down seems unthinkable.

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I could not let the opportunity pass to give what help I could to the cause in which my father, John Davenport, was interested. He and Mr. Cummings were the active members, who were the means of having the Floating Chapel placed at the North River Station. It would grieve me much if I did not add my mite to save the cause in which he took so much interest.

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I have your S. O. S. and have

prayed over the situation wondering how I could help. A Christmas gift was unexpectedly mine. I pass it on in answer to your call, with a thankful heart that it is mine to give. I trust that many more Christmas gifts will come to your aid. God bless the Seamen' Church Institute and lift it above want.

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I sincerely hope that nothing will have to be given up that adds to the pleasure or comfort of seamen.

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I am distressed to know that it has been necessary to discontinue some departments of the work and sincerely hope that your appeal may make further curtailment unnecessary.

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I realize that it is a very small drop in a very large bucket but it represents somewhat more than a tenth of my month's salary. However, feeling that there are a good many things I can get along without much better than the seamen can get along without any phase of the aid and cheer the Institute gives them, I am glad to do what I can to help it meet the present emergency.

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I have got rid of a lot of money lately, but your S. O. S. call for help for the sailor men who defied the Prussian submarines is not to be denied.

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Your S. O. S. reached us and if we were not prompt in answering it

was not because we were unmindful of your requirements nor the special service you are rendering. We regret that we cannot send you a larger check. The past year has been a hard struggle to make both ends meet, and it has been rough sailing, but thank goodness we are still on top and hopeful for the future.

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Your great work deserves more, but deficits would never be met if those who can afford to give only a little should all leave it to those with large bank accounts to finance.

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My esteemed and valued parishioner put your little S. O. S. into my hands asking also if there was any way in which my Church could answer the appeal. Fortunately I have a little Fund upon which I can draw at times—viz—our Church School Treasury.

This money for the most part is devoted to missions—but I have the privilege of occasionally putting some of it where it is most needed outside the regular missionary field. It therefore gives me great pleasure to send along a check from the Church School.

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Seems hardly worth while and still it may be some use. So I send it with every good wish for success in overcoming the many difficulties you are facing just now.

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I take pleasure in sending you my mite for your grand work for the sailors.

Faith in the Work

Enclosed please find check for one of the best institutions I know of. I wish I could make it more. With best wishes.

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I am sending a very small check to help your splendid work. And am more than sorry that it could not have been much larger. My sincere hope is that you may have thousands more.

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Enclosed please find a small contribution to the Institute. I gave the S. O. S. number to a travelling salesman, who said he knew of the Institute and the good it did, and would pass it on to a former sailor of his acquaintance.

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In recognition of your appeal published this month am enclosing check with all good wishes for the continuation of the good work of the Institute.

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Having just received the S. O. S. Special Issue of the Lookout and being interested in the wonderful work being done at the Institute, I enclose my check toward helping to pay off the floating indebtedness.

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I hope very much you will get the needed amount. It would be too bad to have to close down on any of the work.

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Having received the special issue of the Lookout I am sending in response to it, a small check. I earnestly hope that all the money you

are in so great need of for the work of the Institute will be forthcoming. The work appeals to one, but these are days when the calls are numerous as you know.

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Hoping your appeal will meet with unqualified success.

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Hoping you will be more than successful in your effort.

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I trust it will help toward raising the amount needed to carry on the Christ-like work in which you are engaged.

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I am enclosing a small amount which I cannot well spare, but I heartily believe in your good work, and should much regret to see its activities curtailed for lack of support. With all best wishes.

* * * *

In answer to your emergency appeal. With best wishes and the compliments of the season and success in your great work.

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I am enclosing check for 1/3000 of your need in reply to your S O S and trust 3,000 more will be moved to do the same and more. Your work is too good a work to be allowed to fall behind.

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I know of no Institute more worthy of support than yours.

Surely the Seamen's Church Institute must have, as it deserves, the enthusiastic loyalty of a great body of supporters.

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I believe thoroughly in the work

of the Institute and most sincerely hope it will be able to continue its work.

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Do not be discouraged. Your work is too good to fail in any part of it.

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Hope you may have great response and get help from all sides.

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Inclosed you will find my check toward helping the Institute in its hour of S O S.

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The first check drawn in this New Year of 1922 goes in response to the S. O. S. call of the Seamen's Church Institute. I have no fear but that the \$30,000 will come. The cause is too good a one to fail through the lack of interest and such a small amount.

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I can't resist the "Lookout's" S. O. S. I am sure I can give a little more for a cause I believe so worth while, to be spent as well as I am certain S. C. I. money is.

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Here is an additional contribution for 1921 and is sent in response to your S. O. S. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Regarding the Superintendent

I cannot resist the appeal that came to me this morning. Ever since you came out to St. John's a number of years ago, and told of the wonderful work for the seamen, I have been deeply interested, and only wish I could do more to help.

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If you make a special appeal for

contributions to your work, it must be needed so because I have faith in your sincerity. I am enclosing an additional gift—small in sum but large in hopes for its usefulness.

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Your S. O. S. call has just reached me, and I am sending you what I can. Though little, if it were multiplied by the number of friends you have made by your devoted and intelligent work for the institution, it would amount to a goodly sum; more than you ask perhaps, but never more than you can use in such beneficent service.

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Evil is brought by want of thought as well as want of heart. The Institute should be supported and the burden you have borne for 26 years should not be made heavier, by present worries.

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Sincerely hoping you realize all you need to carry on the great work you are doing for the seamen.

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I am truly distressed at the present condition. You have given years of most faithful devotion, and it grieves me to have you so overcome with anxiety and worry now.

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I shall be interested to hear if you are successful and after your very urgent appeal, with Faith and Prayer, I don't see why you should not succeed.

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I am glad to be able to send you a little check in answer to your S. O. S. appeal. You are doing a

splendid work and I am happy to have a small share in it.

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I hasten to send you my mite, regretting that it cannot be much larger. I earnestly hope that your appeal may bring in all and more than you ask to keep your wonderful work from disaster.

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I wish I were able to increase it a hundred fold for I am well aware of the good work you are doing.

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It is only a mite compared with what I would love to send, but I am an aged widow with a very slender purse. It seems a shameful thing, that New York City with all its wealth should not handsomely support your splendid work.

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We wish we could do more to lift the burden. We are drawing on 1922 to do this, for we are not among the wealthy in bank accounts, but it goes with our blessing on your efforts.

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You have not overstated the case of the seamen. Someone must help them.

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We cannot let the work of so many years—work into which the Superintendent and others have put their best years, fail now.

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I certainly wish you every success in your endeavor to maintain your organization on a basis no less favorable than at present operated. It would certainly be a pity to have

this fine Institute feel obliged to curtail its work.

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May God grant that you may be enabled to keep up your glorious work.

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I do hope we may be able to get the amount and soon.

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Your S. O. S. appeal gets me. Wish I was able to put you over on the other side of the account, but I enclose my mite to help.

Wishes for the Men

May this "Special Offering" bring Christmas cheer, to hearts that are sad. Use it any way you like.

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I send \$.. for the sailors who are out of work. We all hope that times will improve before long.

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Could the good wishes and desire for good cheer which we send for the seamen and for all of those who are so wonderfully helping them be turned into cash it would meet all your needs.

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However, my sympathy goes out to the men and boys in their present condition and trust that with the coming of the New Year prospects may improve.

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I am praying frequently that God will put it into the hearts of the many who have the means to help, and that you will have an abundance for the men who have made it

possible for us to have a Merry Christmas.

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May you receive the entire \$30,000 in time for a Happy Christmas to all your staff, the men and Dr. Mansfield.

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Hope it will help to make a Merry Christmas for some poor fellows.

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My heart goes out to the sailors. I pray your appeal may be met. I am 80 years old and the calls are so many my income is stretched to the limit.

Lamps

We are trying to improve all the time. One thing that we feel would greatly help in making our reading room homey and attractive is table lamps.

We need six electric table lamps.

We have two reading rooms. Since we added beds for 74 more men we have been compelled to reserve both reading rooms for guests in the house. Until the present they have been used by any seaman in the port.

One of the reading rooms we are going to keep for games and smoking and talking. Men can read and write there if they prefer but the other room will be specially fitted up as a reading and writing room.

It is for this last mentioned room that we need the electric reading lamps. Some of the men have asked that one room be kept for the men who do not smoke. This is the room they will seek.

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Our Thanks

We have been taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive, but perhaps that does not apply when one has been receiving not only money but good wishes from many sources. Whatever it means, if you have had a better time giving to the S. O. S. than we have had in receiving, then your New Year has begun well.

In another part are some flashes of thought, from the letters sent with checks, and you cannot read even that few without realizing the goodwill behind the gifts. Of course, a gift is enough in itself to express sympathy, and our imagination is strong enough to enable us to visualize the abounding faith expressed by some very large checks and some not so large, even without any accompanying words.

We need the \$30,000. We haven't received that much, but even in our need, if you can understand me, the

goodwill back of the gifts, was more important than the gifts. Nearly every letter expressed pleasure at being able to give. Many letters expressed faith in the work and in the way it was administered. Many letters expressed sympathy for the men under existing conditions, and so many do not wish the work curtailed in any way or the workers hampered by debts.

That is the kind of thing that gives us backbone and faith and hope and inspiration. And what it must mean to the man who has put all his working life into this work, we cannot know. But it must be very satisfying, to have the assurance from those who know his work best, that he has builded well, a great work, that is a monument to the greatest and best in the human heart.

We wish more had enjoyed the pleasure of giving to this our Special appeal, but all must choose the road to happiness for themselves.

And to those who contributed, and to those who would if they could, our heartiest thanks.

His Christmas

"I have to send you a few lines now as a token of thanks to you and the whole Committee in general of the Seamen's Church Institute. I went to the service in the Chapel this morning and we had a very good sermon by the Chaplain.

"And then that splendid Christmas dinner! Well that is worth talking about, the best dinner I had for a long time. All credit to the

men who cooked it and the persons who arranged to have it made possible to give the sailors such a treat.

"I have been here now for nearly eight months and in that time studied the methods of the Institute in general, and I vouch for the fact that in regard to cleanliness, friendship, help of various kinds, it is far superior to any Institution I have been at in different parts of the world, in my eighteen years of seafaring career. Everybody is welcome and if a man behaves himself, nobody here interferes with him. I most sincerely admire the splendid work done for us sailors by you and the whole management, and wish success to the Seamen's Church Institute and all its workers."

Someone Cared

He was the old time sailor, simple as a child, and reticent and hopeless when he tried to explain himself. It was the expression in his face that spoke, and not his words.

He was in the hospital for Christmas, and the Institute sent him a present.

When the Institute visitor called, he tried to explain that it wasn't what he received so much that mattered, but because someone remembered him.

Christmas Dinner

Thirteen hundred men enjoyed a free Christmas dinner this year, the guests of the Institute. And what a dinner it was, turkey and cranberries and all the other things that go to making a dinner to be remembered, a real Christmas dinner.

And what the men emphasized this year—and it is significant of the conditions, that they should all express appreciation because they had "enough." Other years, when money and work was plentiful, they always expressed appreciation of the quality but this year, the outstanding fact was, that for once they had enough.

It was your generosity in sending money for the dinner that enabled us to give them such a treat.

Christmas Entertainments

Special entertainments were held on Christmas Monday and the hall was packed to capacity. There were men, men everywhere, and all appeared to have a good time. In another part of THE LOOKOUT is a letter from one of our guests expressing his appreciation of the whole day.

On Christmas Sunday many men attended the religious services which were of a special character. The whole Christmas season was as happy as it could be, under existing conditions.

There were no presents given the men in the house, but the Institute sent every man a special card of good wishes.

The Personal Touch

There is a side of the religious work done in the Institute that is seldom mentioned. That is the personal work done by the Chaplains and the House Mother. Often men are worried about their spiritual welfare. They do not know where to find comfort. They are too shy to express their feelings before others.

To those men the personal touch means everything.

Many, many hours, are spent by our Chaplains and the House Mother talking to such men. They advise them to the best of their ability. They help them to live up to the standard they have set for themselves. And they never feel it necessary to insist that any one church is the best.

The standard of service rendered is such that helps a man, no matter what his church, to serve it better. The making of strong useful men is their object, and they interpret religion in its broadest sense.

Nor is religion forced on the men. This is a great hotel and club, with a Chapel attached, in which they are more than welcome, but they are never unduly urged to attend a service. The Editor was once invited to a Welfare Headquarters where there was a breadline. At that time, there was much unemployment, and many capable and intelligent men were absolutely destitute. They were in the breadline, but before they were allowed to eat they were compelled to attend a religious service that lasted for one hour and a half. That was the price of their bowl of soup and hunk of bread. Nothing of that kind is ever done at the Seamen's Church Institute.

Religion here is not cheapened, by being forced on men. It is offered as Christ offered it, without money and without price. That many men like to attend service is proven by the number who are there. That they would like to have a church

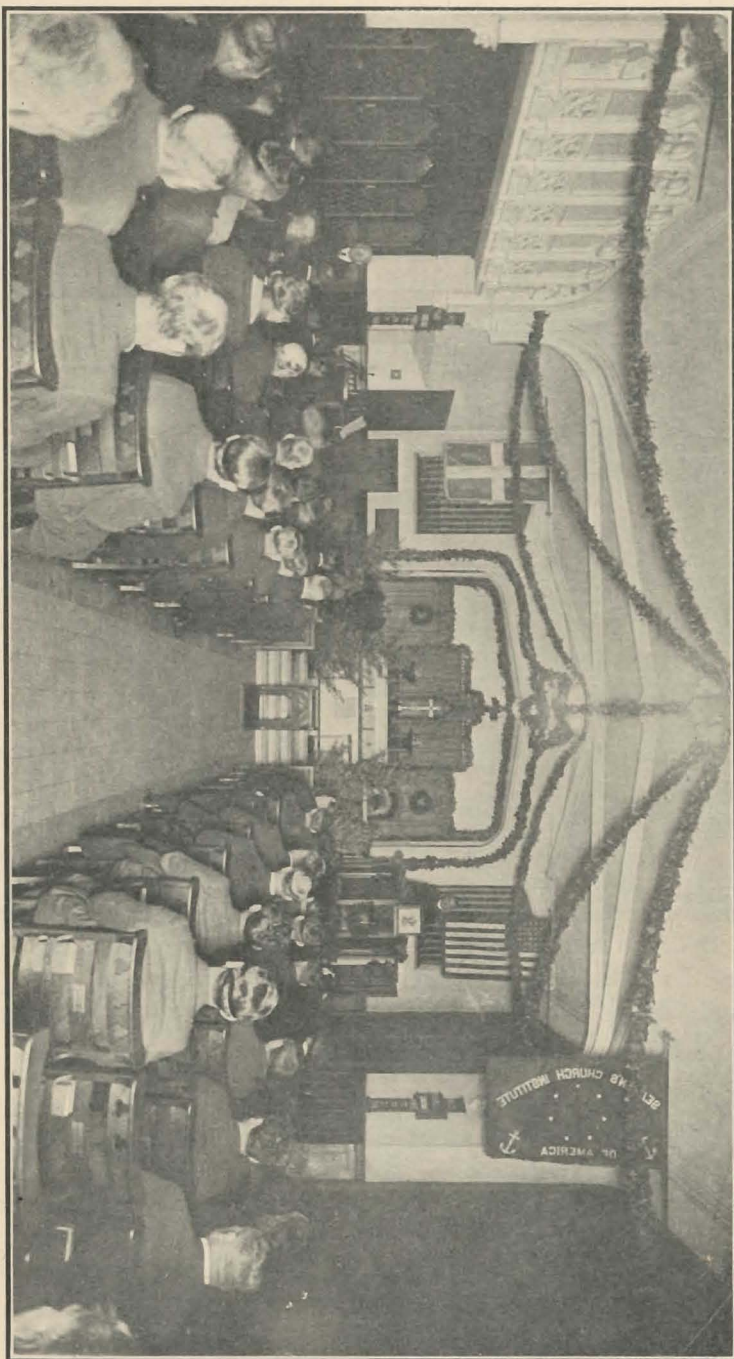
home, is proven by the fact that the Chaplain who has worked with them for three years, is beginning to build up a seamen membership.

Church Services

The Chapel of Our Saviour is a beautiful little Chapel, complete in every way, but it is a house of worship in which a man in overalls feels at home. Hundreds of men, most of them dressed in their best whatever that may be, gather there to worship without any self-consciousness, no matter how rumpled and old their best may be. The congregation is men (unless the House Mother slips into a back seat), often men, who seldom if ever, go to service anywhere else.

Services are held every Sunday Morning—a Bible Class meets in the afternoon, and in the evening there is a service in the Chapel, after which the men go to the Concert Hall for the Home Hour.

On Tuesday evening there is a prayer service held in the Chapel, and many extra services are held there. There, many seamen are married, their children are baptised and from there many are taken to their last resting place. It is the only church home thousands of men have, and what it means to them, who can say! Bread is cast upon the water, and we have the promise that it will return, after many days. Our Chaplain is building up a Seamen Congregation, a unique membership, whose Sundays will mostly be spent in other lands, but their thoughts will turn back here, at the hours for service.



At Christmas Service in the Chapel of Our Saviour

It challenges the imagination to think of a congregation scattered to the four corners of the earth, but their thoughts back in the little Chapel of Our Saviour, their church home, from which their prayers ascend. We can imagine them saying to a sympathetic friend in far away China or Africa, "I am a member of the Church in New York."

Wishes Membership

The following letter to one of our Chaplains explains itself and is just another proof that sailors are like other men, ready to accept Christ when they receive the message:

"I have pleasure in writing you, also to say, how pleased I was to meet you in your Office on Wednesday morning when I called upon you, asking you to sign my pension papers for me. I would have liked very much to have had a talk to you, but you were busy with another gentleman. I may say, since I heard you preach the Word of God, in the North River Station Church, you really sent it home to my heart, as I have accepted Jesus as my Saviour. Before the beginning of last summer, I was careless and thoughtless, and did not care what became of me. I thank God Our Heavenly Father for the North River Church, also for our Dear Friend, Mr. Gookin, and I do hope the Lord has answered my prayers along with many others, after our dear Friend's severe illness, that he may be spared for many more years to come, to labor amongst us seamen. I myself for one will only be too pleased to become a member of the North River

Church whenever you make a start to enroll membership for the above, as that small place has lifted me from the mire and the clay, and set me on the Rock of Ages. And I do hope by the power of God that I will be led aright. I must now draw to a close.

"The Lord says in His blessed Word, Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all other things shall be added unto you."

Bible Class

Every Sunday afternoon in the small reading room, Mrs. Roper holds her Bible Class. Before she begins the lesson for the day she tells all who do not wish to attend, to leave. It is seldom that anyone does that, and others crowd in. She often has between one and two hundred men.

That is one of the most remarkable Bible Classes in the country. Perhaps one might say in the world. It is all men, it has members of every nationality and color. And as varied as the members are the questions they bring to be answered.

It was in that class that a man asked in a puzzled voice, "Will you tell us just what the League of Nations is?"

Labor and other problems are brought up for solution and not always by Reds. More often by simple minded men who cannot understand the problems that are shaking the world. They cannot see a way out and being forced in many cases to take part, they wish to know what is the right thing to do.

Then there are others like the man,

who begged the House Mother to help him up out of the mud. He asked if he might correspond with her, that when far away, and subject to temptation, he would feel that her good wishes and prayers were strengthening him.

Yes, in that class one sees the minds of the men for whom we carry on this work, and most of them are simple and childlike. Seamen are not atheistic, as a class. Those whose life is fighting with the great forces of nature never are. They are too close to the heart of things to doubt. And to the Bible Class they bring their problems, not always getting a settlement, but at least getting the viewpoint of others.

The Home Hour

Thousands of homeless men—yes that is what we have here. Men from every corner of this old earth, with memories turning back to days of happiness, in far off Russia and Italy and Spain and Norway and France and South America.

They are men adrift, for memory grows dim after months and years of absence, and they need something to keep green the softer side of their nature. Something not to take the place of the home fireside and the old friends, but something to comfort those who are lonely, and to teach the others the joy of simple home pleasures.

That is what the Sunday evening Home Hour does. It is a kindly friendly hour, in which the men sit around small tables in the Concert Hall, listen to music, drink coffee and eat doughnuts, and talk. It is

just such an hour as many of us have enjoyed in the homes of friends.

Sometimes the Chaplain talks informally to the men about some problem that interests them. And always there is music and talk—much talk and much pleasure.

It is difficult to adequately describe the Home Hour because the value is in the spirit of the gathering, more than what is done. But let your imagination go—try to think of being in a strange city, without friends or money—at least not much money. Think what it would be if for one hour a week, every Sunday evening, you could drop in at a home where you would be welcomed, where you could take part in the singing and the conversation and the refreshments.

Where you could feel at home.

That is what the Home Hour means to thousands of men. And the influence on the men is so great, that after it, many times men have gone to some of the Chaplains and asked them to send whatever money they could spare, to their mothers or wives.

Amusements

It is a common saying, that Satan still finds mischief for idle hands to do. If it were not a saying we would all subscribe to the truth of it. And every day we have more than a thousand men in this building, most of whom are idle, and are compelled by the nature of their occupation to be out of work every time they finish a trip. It seems a strange thing that men should not stay on the same ship for years, but they seldom

or never do. It is the custom to pay them off when they finish their trip and they must stay on shore until they get another job.

Now, it is not an easy problem, to keep these men amused but it is very important to do so. There is plenty of amusement of a questionable nature for them, but what they prefer is something good. It has been noticed here over and over again, that sailors enjoy the best music and the best actors, much more than jazz and suggestive acting. They are children of the world. They have been all over and often have seen the best and the worst, and if they have their choice they will choose the best.

So the Institute has an amusement man, whose business is to arrange for concerts and moving pictures and games and singing. He is here to see that the men have plenty of games such as checkers and chess. That they have an opportunity to play such games as basketball and football and baseball. He is a leader of amusements so that the unorganized mass of men we have here may become united in play. For it is one of the pathetic things about seamen, that they do not have enough aggressiveness on shore to plan anything for themselves, but all day they sit, and read or just sit. It is part of the work of the Social and Religious department to plan amusements for the men.

Magazines Needed

We need more magazines than usual. We are now supplying the Welfare Headquarters for seamen

with reading matter and it takes a great amount. It is several months since this need was mentioned in THE LOOKOUT but the supply has kept up remarkably well.

We need books for our Holland seamen. Many of them cannot read English very well, and their own language would look good to them. It would be like meeting a friend in a strange land.

What a Christmas

You all remember the little Danish boy about whom I wrote a short time ago. He is in a hospital in Bermuda and a sailor who felt sorry for him wrote asking Mrs. Roper to send him some papers in his own language.

Well again we have word from him. The following letter from the Matron, will interest those who remember the case: "Carl Beck received so many letters and packages at Christmas that he decided he would write a general letter thanking everyone. I am enclosing it and would be so glad if you could have it published in a Danish paper. I hope it will not be too much trouble for I am sure you must have plenty to do.

"I think it very likely that Carl will be sent to New York very soon, and be sent to a hospital to get further advice about his back as there is a slight chance an operation might save him.

"We shall miss him terribly, but are very glad he is being given every chance and know he will have plenty of kind friends in New York."

In a former letter the Matron

wrote about Carl and said: "As regards Carl Beck our Danish sailor, he has received quite a number of papers and etc., which he enjoys very much. He is such a nice boy, only twenty-one and so bright and clever. He has learned to speak English quite well, and has made such dainty baskets out of tissue paper for our tree. He is much thinner and has frequent bad days now, but when feeling himself, he is the life of the ward. A great many people here are interested in him, so he gets everything he wants, and we have tried and I think succeeded in giving him a very Happy Christmas."

Carl Beck's Letter

Dear Friends:

I thank you very much for the things sent to me. I am writing in Danish because that is the only thing I can write. Miss Johnston says that someone has been asking for me, why I am lying in the hospital. I have it very good here. I have not much pain. The lower part of my body feels like as if it were dead. I can't move one toe.

Everyone is good to me in the hospital. Christmas was as good as it could be in a hospital.

There have been things in the Danish papers about me, because I got one and I saw what was said. I have had a lot of letters sent to me from people I do not know. Some of them have sent me money. I would be glad if I could get some good book to read or something else. But I haven't any money to send for it.

I thank everybody very much for all their kindness to me. I do not

know anything more to say in this letter.

With hearty greeting to all from,
CARL BECK.

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K. D. K. F.

Everything big and worth while that has been accomplished in this world, has resulted from the dream of one man. The man whose dream visualized the possibility of sending medical advice to men on ships at sea, was Captain Robert Huntington, Principal of the Navigation, Marine Engineering and Radio School, of the Seamen's Church Institute.

Captain Huntington knows the needs of men on ships where there is no doctor, for he has been there. He knows the value of man power, and as soon as he began to realize the possibilities of wireless, he thought of a way to send healing across the waves of the ocean. He persevered in the face of indifference and lack of faith. And his dream is now being realized.

First through the Institute publicity the possibility of such work was made known. The idea appealed to the imagination of Mr. Laughlin, who contributed \$5,000, so that the experiment might be tried by the Seamen's Church Institute, Captain Huntington directing the work.

That was how K. D. K. F. was established. It was operated for the sole purpose of giving free medical and surgical advice by radio, with the co-operation of the Public Health Service. Medical advice has been given in this way most successfully.

Ships at sea, not having a doctor, have called K. D. K. F., which is the Institute Radio Station, when in need of advice. The symptoms have been given to the Institute, and have been telephoned from there to a Public Health Service doctor. The doctor's advice has then been sent back. In the case of ships near shore, ambulances have been called, to meet the small boat with the sick man. Much has been accomplished already to alleviate human suffering, and bad after effects of illness not properly treated.

But our work was only experimental. We proved the value of such but it was too big an undertaking for one Institution.

Our appeal then was made to the Radio Corporation of America, and their response has been most enthusiastic and sympathetic. We asked them to take over the task of receiving and transmitting messages from vessels needing medical or surgical advice, and give such service free and preference over any other message except S. O. S. provided the U. S. Public Health Service will co-operate with their stations.

The following from a letter from the Radio Corporation of America, gives some idea of the magnitude of the service we have started: "I am pleased to inform you," the representative writes, "that the Radio Corporation of America is ready to place into immediate effect a free medical service between ships of any nation, and such hospitals as you may designate, using our Marine Coastal Stations for this purpose.

"All messages received at our sta-

tions requesting medical advice will be given preferred attention.

"We shall be pleased to issue special orders to all operators under our direct control, explaining fully your available service, and shall also take the matter up with the Radio Section of the United States Shipping Board and with all foreign radio administrations.

"Other means of publicity will undoubtedly become available and in this connection we will co-operate with you, to see that all mariners and maritime interests are fully informed."

It is wonderful to think, that this service will be available as far as the radio message travels—and America will be sending out healing messages to every ship that calls for help, no matter where it belongs.

To secure this result there has been much work and wide co-operation. Dr. Mansfield has written dozens of letters and interviewed many people but the result is well worth all the effort and more. The Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce, the Radio Corporation of America, the Navy, the Public Health Service, all have gladly and enthusiastically done their part.

The Seamen's Church Institute is proud that Captain Huntington of its staff, had such a vision; that Dr. Mansfield, the Superintendent, at once saw the value of such work, and that the Board represented by Mr. J. Fredric Tams, and Mr. Allison V. Armour heartily endorsed the work and gave it their generous support.

General Summary of Work

NOVEMBER, 1921

RELIGIOUS WORK

South Street Institute, 25 South Street	No.	Attend- ance	North River Station, 341 West Street	No.	Attend- ance
Sunday Services, A. M.	4	160	Sunday Services, P. M.	4	280
Sunday Services, P. M.	4	1,067	Song Services	5	418
Miscellaneous Services	3	235			
Bible Classes	4	453			
Gospel Meetings	5	275			
Weddings	0				
Funerals	2				
Baptisms	0				

U. S. Marine Hospital No. 21, Staten Island

Sunday Services, A. M.	4	142
Funerals	2	
Baptisms	2	

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

South Street Institute	No.	Attend- ance	North River Station	No.	Attend- ance
Home Hours	3	596	Home Hours	0	
Entertainments	9	3,472	Entertainments	5	472
Lodgings Registered		21,484	Incoming Mail for Seamen		395
Incoming Mail for Men		16,360	Dunnage Checked		109
Dunnage Checked		3,384	Free Baths		
Free Baths		222	Free Clothes Washings		
Free Clothes Washings		222	Packages Literature Distributed		65
Packages Literature Distributed		274	Knitted Articles Distributed		
Knitted Articles Distributed		478			

Relief

Meals, Lodging & Clothing	448	7
Assisted by Loans	104	
Minor Relief and Baggage	549	
Cases in Institute Clinic	508	
Referred to Hospitals & Clinics	97	
Referred to Other Organizations	5	

Employment

Ships Supplied	16	1
Men Shipped	93	1
Temporary Employment		
Shore Jobs	36	2

Visits

To Hospitals	18	18
To Patients	24	
Other Visits	8	
To Ships		

U. S. Marine Hospital, No. 21

Fox Hills Hospital	No.	Attend- ance	Hudson St. Hospital	No.	Attend- ance
To Hospital	13	24	To Hospital	2	2
Number of hrs.	37¾	94½	Number of hrs.		2¼

EDUCATIONAL

Navigation, Marine Engineering and Radio School Enrollment	50
First Aid Lectures	0
Other Educational Lectures	6

SEAMEN'S WAGES

Deposits	\$35,886.23
Withdrawals	52,930.66
Transmissions	12,758.79

SEAMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND WORKERS

Almighty God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we implore Thy blessing upon all organizations throughout the world engaged in ministering to the welfare of seamen. Give wisdom to all who have undertaken to direct the management of their interests.

Endow with judgment and strength from on high the Executive Officers, Chaplains, Missionaries and all associated with them: direct and prosper all their doings to the advancement of Thy glory.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that the Seamen and Boatmen gathered from all nations of men who dwell on the face of the whole earth may find within the walls of the Institutes and Missions deliverance from danger and strength against temptation, inspiration to nobleness and purity, and, above all, such influence as will lead to their repentance and salvation through faith in Thy blessed son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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