

# The LOOKOUT

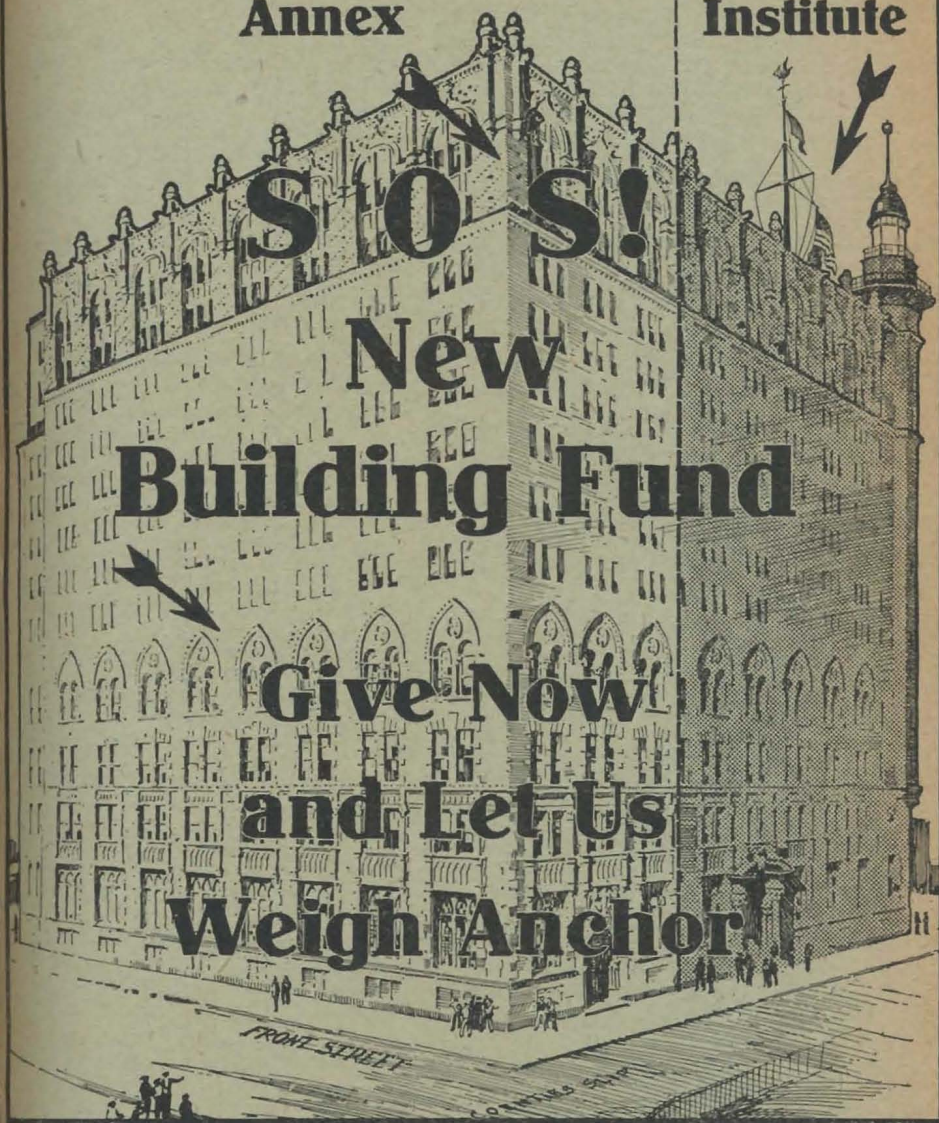
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Present  
Institute

**S O S!**

**New  
Building Fund**

**Give Now  
and Let Us  
Weigh Anchor**



Seamen's Church Institute of New York  
25 South Street

# Seamen's Church Institute of New York

Incorporated 1844

## OFFICERS AND MANAGERS OF THE SOCIETY

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### President

EDMUND L. BAYLIES, 1885

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Note: Dates refer to year of election.

## LEGACIES GREATLY NEEDED

for endowment to help meet current expenses. Present vested funds produce approximately only \$7,000 of the \$108,000 annually required to maintain the work.

### FORM OF BEQUEST

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.

If land or any specific personal property such as bonds, stocks, etc., is given, a brief description of the property should be inserted instead of the words "the sum of.....Dollars."

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## NEW BUILDING

The Time Has Come and We  
MUST BUILD

but we cannot begin until there has been pledged or subscribed at least **\$475,000.00** as part of the total cost of the building, which sum will pay for the foundations and steel construction.

## Approximate Estimated Cost of New Building \$1,900,000

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The ever increasing demands for nightly lodging capacity from 584 exceed the capacity of our present building, which has become congested and impeded. Hundreds seeking lodging are turned away every week.

After most thoroughly considering this serious situation it has been decided to undertake immediately the huge task of raising the *Building Fund* and erecting the proposed thirteen story Annex, which when completed will increase the

to 1,500 and enable the Society adequately to house its present activities and meet the pressing demands for expansion.

It is confidently hoped that all those who have shown so deep an interest in this great work for these men, who are indispensable to commerce and the nation, will, with united action, continue to *stand behind* the society and further help to make this essential and magnificent project possible.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE

EDMUND L. BAYLIES, *Chairman*

WALTER WOOD PARSONS, *Vice-Chairman*

JAMES BARBER	BAYARD C. HOPPIN
F. KINGSBURY CURTIS	CLARENCE G. MICHALIS
CHARLES E. DUNLAP	FRANKLIN REMINGTON
LOUIS GORDON HAMERSLEY	JOHN JAY SCHIEFFELIN

## List of Memorials and Gifts

2	Taken—200 Chapel Chairs . . . . .	Each	\$50
	8 Drinking Fountains on Dormitory floors	Each	\$250
	3 Drinking Fountains on 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors . . . . .	Each	\$500
	1 Drinking Fountain in Entrance Lobby . .		\$700
	Name as Co-Builder in Entrance Lobby . .		\$500 to \$1,000
5	Taken—205 Seamen's Bedrooms (inside) . . . .	Each	\$500
21	Taken—211 Seamen's Bedrooms (outside) and wash basins . . . . .	Each	\$1,000
12	Taken— 41 Staff and Licensed Officers' Bedrooms	Each	\$1,500
	1 Washroom for Men Clerical Employees and name as Benefactor on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .		\$3,000
	Taken— 1 Twenty-eight Bed Open Dormitory and name as Benefactor on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .		\$3,000
	1 Cloak and Washrooms for Volunteer Women Workers and name as Benefactor on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .		\$5,000
	10 Bedrooms and Endowment for Free Use of Destitute Convalescents and name as Benefactor on Tablet in Entrance Lobby	Each	\$5,000
	8 Very large Dormitory Washrooms . .	Each	\$5,000
	6 Forty-two Bed Open Dormitory and name as Benefactor on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .	Each	\$5,000
	1 Seventy Bed Open Dormitory and name as Benefactor on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .		\$7,000
	Taken— 1 Very Large Rest and Wash Rooms for Women Clerical Employees . . . . .		\$10,000
3	Subscribed— Name as Benefactor on large Bronze Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .		\$3,000 to \$10,000

## List of Memorials and Gifts—Continued

4	Subscribed— Name as Founder on Large Bronze Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .	\$10,000 or more
	Superintendent's and Administration Offices and name as Founder on large Bronze Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .	\$15,000
	Entrance Doorway and Lobby . . . . .	\$20,000
	Enlarged Apprentice Room, and name as Founder on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . .	\$25,000
	Dispensary and Hospital Rooms and name as Founder on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . . . . .	\$50,000
2	Large Structural Units and name as Founder on Tablet in Entrance Lobby . .	\$50,000

### PAYMENTS IN INSTALMENTS

All memorial subscriptions or general contributions may be made payable in four equal instalments over a period of one and one-half years. The last payment is to be made not later than July 1, 1926.

This convenient arrangement for payments often makes it possible to give a larger memorial or contribution than if the entire sum is payable at once.

These construction memorials in perpetuity, including furniture or equipment, provide for the establishment of units of the new building, which will be marked by simple bronze tablets, inscribed according to the donors' wishes.

The campaign expenses have been arranged for separately by the Building Committee.

## 383 out of 7000 LOOKOUT READERS

have pledged or contributed \$124,654.42 made up of a few large and many small amounts—

**MORE** must **GIVE** and larger sums before we can **WEIGH ANCHOR**.

**Typical Significant Major Community Services Rendered  
Since the Present Institute Was Opened,  
January 1st, 1914 to January 1st, 1924**

1. Number of Lodgings Furnished .....	2,288,614
2. Number of Pieces of Dunnage Received and Protected .....	467,769
3. Number of Pieces of Mail Received and Cared For .....	1,033,382
4. Number Furnished with Employment .....	49,819
5. Amount of Seamen's Wages Received for Deposit and Transmission .....	\$5,895,950.40
6. Total Attendance at Religious Services .....	156,571

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Teaching the seaman self respect and implanting in him a desire for better living by surrounding him with the cleanest and best environment.
- War Accomplishments—
  - Increasing nightly lodging capacity from 518 to 822, in order to care for War victims, hundreds of men from the Coast Guard Service and 165 British Blue Jackets nightly for two years.
  - Graduating from Navigation, Marine Engineering, Radio, Gunnery, etc., Schools, 2,200.
  - Establishment of "Missing Men" Department, locating 50% of 1,000 inquired for annually.
- The establishment of free Radio Medical Service to men at sea under all flags, which has become international, accomplished by splendid cooperation of Department of Commerce, U. S. Public Health Service and the Radio Corporation of America.

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**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

(Continued)

- Urging and bringing about the adoption of Steamboat Inspection Service regulation, making mandatory First Aid Certificates for American licensed officers, resulting in Government First Aid lectures and examinations in ports where licenses are issued.
- Publication of 11,000 copies of advanced First Aid Text Book at the request of the Government.
- Emergency relief for the unemployed in 1921 in cooperation with the City Welfare Department, lodging, feeding and entertaining 400 nightly in the 39th Street Ferry House.
- Raising a fund of \$25,000 for and erecting the Merchant Seamen War Memorial Band Stand in Jeanette Park.
- Bringing about the abolition of Seamen's Branch of Income Tax Bureau.
- Initiating the Joint Conference of all but one Seamen's Society in the Port of New York.
- Helping to finance recreation hut and equipment, providing radio set, also bringing about the appointment of a Chaplain and becoming responsible for his salary, all in connection with U. S. Marine Hospital No. 9 for tubercular Merchant Seamen at Fort Stanton, New Mexico.
- The appointment of a Chaplain to all U. S. Marine Hospitals in the Port of New York at the Society's expense to render religious and social service to American Seamen.
- Building up such a reputation for being able to do the unexpected that Seamen in all parts of the world turn to the Institute for help.

### Sailors' Day Service

The Ninth Annual Sailors' Day Service will be held this year on Sunday, November 9, at 8 P. M. in Trinity Church, Broadway and Wall Street. This is a service for the *seamen* arranged by the Joint Conference of Seamen's Societies, which includes thirteen different organizations. The sermon will be preached this year by the Reverend H. Percy Silver, at one time Army and then chaplain at West Point, now Rector of the Church of the Incarnation and a clerical Vice-President of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

Any of our readers who care to do so are urged to be present on this occasion and join in the service.

The *object* of this Day and Service for Seamen is to especially call attention *every year* to their value and the Landsman's Obligation to them who are indispensable to Commerce and the Nation in times of both peace and war and further to Memorialize those who lost their lives during the past year.

All who are interested in the welfare of Seamen, especially representatives of the Navy and of the Merchant Marine, of Consulates and of all maritime organizations are *urged* to respond to this invitation and to help make this Annual Service a great *event* in our Port.

Tickets of admission may be secured by applying to Sailors' Day Service Committee, 25 South Street, New York.

### The Gift of Decency

We did not, in this building, ask our readers to contribute the wash rooms as gifts, but for the new building we suddenly asked ourselves: "Why not?" There is nothing that means more in the life of the seaman than a sanitary, immaculate wash room; nothing that has a more direct bearing on the original object of the Institute—raising the standard of decency and self-respect of the men. So we have decided to ask you to make this gift to the seamen. There will be eight of these rooms, costing five thousand dollars each, and there will be approximately seven basins, six toilets and five showers in each room.

If you have any doubt of the importance of such a gift, drop into the Institute some afternoon and ask to be shown a wash room. When you have seen that shining, tiled place, spotlessly clean, you will feel, as we do, that this is one of the homely ways of making men better.

Eight rooms at \$5,000 each.

### Listening In

Leaves from a Chaplain's Journal in "The Church and the Sailor," gives the following account of a voyage from Tyne to Hamburg in a thick fog:

"All these hours the Captain has stuck to his post on the bridge, and he is there still, composed, a little weary but attentive.

"Away on the starboard bow we catch the sound of another ship or is it after all on the port bow, so deceptive sometimes is the fitful

breeze. Again it seems to be on the starboard side, and the writer standing on the deck below, and abaft the two officers on the bridge, suddenly captures a striking picture of two men leaning over the rails, with hands to ears "listening in" with all their might to pick up the next sound. Quick ears may mean safety; the least carelessness extreme peril.

"Up in the bows, dimly discerned, is the look-out man, faithfully seeking to penetrate the gloom. Below, firemen are at their job, stoking; in the engine-room all is going on as if there were nothing untoward occurring. Yet every one aboard, whether on watch or trying to sleep, knows perfectly well that we are in a thick fog. In his cabin, the wireless operator is also 'listening in,' picking up signals and speaking other ships, making his contribution to the safety of all.

"The same afternoon, how many shore folk were sitting comfortably 'listening in' to the afternoon concert sent out by one of our Broadcasting Stations!

"All you thousands of 'listeners in,' with something of the best at your service in your homes, your friends around, and in perfect safety, give a thought, we ask you, to others who are also 'listening in,' under such different conditions, toiling that the means of life may safely reach our shores; then try to persuade others to 'listen in' actively to the challenge that comes to us at home to do something on behalf of these men."

F. A. W. W.

### Letters

Letters are a badge of respectability. They give a man caste. They mean that he has a place in life that is known and recognized by someone.

When a man wishes to disappear, he changes his name and does not give an address. He voluntarily becomes an exile.

Others become that involuntarily. They have no permanent address and their mail trails after them around the world and back until worn and disreputable, it falls by the wayside in the hands of some careless clerk. They look eagerly for letters that never come. They are hurt and embittered. They stop writing.

The restraining influence of a place in society and the affection of friends is gone. They don't care.

It is to overcome that terribly deteriorating condition, that the Institute has a post office doing as large a business as that of a city of fifteen thousand inhabitants.

Do the men value it?

13,846 pieces of mail were received during the month of July alone.

**GIVE NOW**  
**And Let Us Weigh Anchor**

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Superintendent

or

FRANCES MARION BEYNON, Editor.

## Christmas Dinners

Whatever else you do or leave undone, please do not forget to send a dollar for the Christmas Dinner Fund.

This is not charity, it is friendliness; it is opening your door—through us—to the stranger, of whom Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

And it is Christ's birthday we are celebrating by giving a welcome, a feeling of home to the stranger in our city and country. It is a little thing to do in His name, but it has great possibilities in happiness.

Send your gift specifically to "The Christmas Dinner Fund."

## Skidding

Language is merely the mould into which we pour our thoughts, and sometimes they take the shape of the mould and sometimes they refuse. Smith's refused. There was something about Smith that made

one expect his thoughts to stand out alone, independent of his words.

There is something terrible about the struggle of a thought to be borne, when it refuses the only garments its owner can provide. It has to compromise, accepting a word here and there, and leaving the rest to the imagination. That's the way Smith's confession came. Stark, bare, undressed, and yet breathing a vigorous life, all its own.

Smith is a barge captain and he rubbed his calloused hands on his new blue overalls as he talked, and by a word now and again thrown out bare and alone, with long pauses and gestures between, explained that a new life, from which he could not escape, had been born in him.

"I know God is caring for me," he threw the words into the unresisting air, "I know I can skid away from heaven if I like. Nobody is going to stop me. I have twice. I'm back now to stay. When this thing happens to a man—when it happens to him—he can't—a new life—I ain't worth Him looking after me, but He is and—but He is."

## The Rummage Sale

This notice of the rummage sale will reach you at the last minute of the eleventh hour, too late for any but those near to New York to respond, but if our readers can resist this appeal in rhyme we will be surprised.

### WHAT

have you got in your house?  
Anything from the size of a LOT  
to a mouse

That you don't want  
That you've always hated  
That you've stuck in the attic and  
forgot?

### WHAT?

Old shoes? Old hats?  
Wicker basket? Baseball bats?  
Old trimmings? Old smocks?  
Old flowers? Old frocks?  
Slips the baby has outgrown  
Socks and caps she used to own?  
Balls of wool or silken skeins?  
Toys intact and jingling reins?  
Cups and saucers, bowls and plates  
Even though they are not mates?  
Bags and satchels shabby grown  
(If clasps and handles still they  
own)

Underwear that's out of date  
Sweaters not the style of late?  
The coffee pot that was forsook  
When you a percolator took?  
Pictures framed and statuettes?  
Bric-a-brac and tennis nets?  
Hat pins, brooches, ties and belts?  
Overcoats and dining felts?  
Quills and feathers, ribbons, laces?  
Dust pans, whisk brooms, trouser  
braces?

Chairs and tables, blotters, stools?  
Market baskets, cast-off tools?  
Strips of carpet, rugs and shades  
From the old house? Beads and  
jades?  
Canes and carts and candlesticks?  
Casts and tiles and lamps with  
wicks?

Piano lamps and iron beds?  
Wash stands, cushions, ageing  
spreads?

Buttons, bangles, spools of silk  
(Partly used); and for a quilt

Bits of muslin, cloth and silk  
Of any size or any ilk?  
The centerpiece that you began  
But cannot finish? Someone can.  
Fans of paper, fans of gauze  
Though the spangles show some  
flaws?  
Working gowns and evening  
clothes?  
Tarnished finery always goes.  
Slippers though the satin's spotted?  
Curtain rods and cords a-knotted?  
Curtains that are not in pairs?  
Earthenware and old portieres?  
Jelly glasses, tops and rings?  
Any sort of cooking things?  
Irons (since you use electric)?  
Gridirons by gas stoves rejected?  
Shaving mugs, discarded razors?  
Bells and buttonhooks and vases?  
Rubbers, shoes and all footgear  
Of the make of yesteryear?  
Or those that hurt you now to wear?  
Every kind of man's apparel  
(We can sell it by the barrel!)?  
Christmas gifts and boudoir caps?  
(They'll suit another's taste, per-  
haps.)

These and others seek ye out  
Bring them to us without doubt  
Or send a card and we will call  
And take them gladly from your  
hall  
The articles should be received  
By November 1st and you relieved  
Of your old junk. Then you'll be  
gay  
When comes your next spring clean-  
ing day.

Kindly send, if possible, to Sea-  
men's Church Institute of New  
York, 25 South Street, New York,

N. Y., or telephone Bowling Green 3620, Miss Louise C. Cutter, Executive Secretary.

### Concerning Begging

When the editor of *The Lookout* was editor of the woman's department of a farm magazine some years ago there was, among her many correspondents, one lonely farmer's wife, who used to keep up a too lively exchange of letters.

One morning, when the editor came in and saw the third long letter in two weeks, she sighed and opened it with a distinct feeling of irritation.

The letter began, "I know you are going to be annoyed when you get this letter, but if you knew the times I have wanted to write to you and didn't you would be grateful to me."

It occurred to us that you may think we are asking for too many things these days, but if you knew the things we could ask for and don't, you would, like my lady of the farm, be grateful.

### Wanted—Two Understanding People

We are looking for two understanding people to give the reading and game rooms at \$50,000 each. We say understanding because there will never be a dollar's financial profit to show for these rooms. Give a bedroom and we will be able to show you that it brings the Institute in from \$219 to \$365 a year. Give a dormitory and the income

from it will be from \$5,100 to \$8,942 a year. But, unless you count happiness profit, these reading rooms are an utter loss.

Yet if I were a rich person these are the rooms I'd like best to give. These are the home rooms of the Institute.

### One Is For the Public

The seamen public, of course. The men who are standing by on ships; men from other countries to whom this is only a port of call, so that they are living on board; men, who for various reasons, are unable to be our guests; men, who just drop in to write a letter home.

There'll be some old derelicts in it, naturally, and quite a few who are half way between being good men and bad, on whom it will have a steadying influence, and a-plenty of decent fellows, who will appreciate it.

The blue prints show this room on the second floor—a spacious room with plenty of air and light, and much interesting human scenery.

### The Guests' Room

This is on the third floor, a fine big room running across one side of the building.

This is for the guests of the house. Here also you will find the derelict, in funds for the moment, and occasionally the transient of the sea, but in this room you will find mostly the steady, responsible, seafaring men, who pay their way, mind their business, and keep out of trouble, so that you never hear of them in *The Lookout*. Nothing

could be more worth while than to make a home on shore for these men.

It is a little difficult to choose between them, but these two rooms make, probably, the most interesting gifts in the building, and there must be more than two understanding people among our wealthy readers, so if you would like to make this your contribution write soon and speak for one of the reading rooms.

### Stocktaking

At the beginning of a new venture one is compelled to look both backward and forward. Backward to measure the growth of the work with the growth of the need—forward to vision a more perfect adjustment to the greater demands.

Turning backward we find that in 1845, in the first annual report of this Society, mention is made of three miles of shipping stretching along the North River, claiming 3,000 seamen daily. In the same report it was estimated that 40,000 seamen came into this port annually.

One feels on reading the yellowing pages of that report that the Superintendent expected his readers to be staggered by the magnitude of the task they had undertaken. And yet he was hopeful. He had a plan, and his plan was to secure 1,000 members who would pay \$2 annually. That with grants from some churches and societies he believed would carry on the work successfully.

And now we look forward.

In 1924 there are approximately 445 miles of shipping around Greater New York, claiming at least 20,000 seamen daily. That, you will notice, if you are mathematically inclined, is just 148.3 times as many miles of shipping, as there were when that first annual report was written, in 1845.

In 1924 there are approximately 1,000,000 seamen coming into this port annually, which is 25 times as many as reported in 1845. And it is the transient seamen, the homeless men who are forever coming and going, who are our special care.

And now in 1924, if we had twenty-five times as many members as they were striving for in 1845, each paying \$2 annually, we could do away with our soliciting department, for our support would be assured. We would have annually \$100,000. And we could turn all the contributions from churches and other societies as well as the many other gifts we receive to the fund for the New Building.

### Report of the Flower Fund for September

First Sunday: Given by Mrs. Richard VanVoorhis "In Memoriam."

Second Sunday: Not a memorial.

Third Sunday: Anonymous.

Fourth Sunday Given anonymously in memory of James S. Slosson, who was killed in action September 29th, 1918—and also by Mrs. W. Emlen Roosevelt "In Memoriam."

## Our Institute at Work

### Seamen's Funds Department

The Seamen's Funds Department is one of several agencies which are influential in changing the character of seamen. By slow degrees the man of the sea is shedding his habit of casual irresponsibility and becoming a steady, money-in-the-bank person.

The deposits during the month of September, in spite of the unemployment, amounted to \$40,954.35, with \$4,377.88 transmitted to other countries. This is one of the best features of the Institute service—that it encourages men to send money home to their families. Very often the fact that it can be sent without leaving this building is the reason it goes to the wife and children instead of being spent on moonshine.

### The Tailor Shop

The tailor shop is next door to the barber shop and is used by the same type of seaman—the steady, hard working man, who always manages to have a job and keep himself decent. John, who is himself the neatest and tidiest of men, is in charge, and is doing an excellent business.

Asked what the seaman demanded most he said that there were more calls for pressing than for any other service, although he had a certain amount of repair work to attend to.

The tailor shop had 233 customers during the month of September. It

also sent out 201 parcels of laundry, which is an additional service rendered by this department.

### The Barber Shop

This is a department of which we are very proud. As we told you some time since this has been built over in its final form for the new building, with a Pompeian red floor and lower walls and cream upper walls and ceiling. Any time one passes one is apt to see the chairs all occupied and men sitting around the big table reading and waiting for their turn.

In September the barber shop had 1,192 customers.

### Head of Hotel Department Dies Suddenly

Mr. William W. Jasper, head of our hotel desk since February, 1921, died very suddenly of acute indigestion on the morning of October 27. It was a great shock to Mr. Jasper's associates at the Institute, with whom he was very popular. As the assistant to the Superintendent said: "He came here in a purely business capacity, but he developed the spirit of social service, and was a great asset to the work."

He had had much anxiety on account of the illness of his little daughter, and it is probable that worrying about her condition brought on the attack of indigestion which resulted in his death. The deepest sympathy is felt for his wife by all the members of the Institute Staff.

## The National Work

### Seamen's Church Institute of Newport, R. I.

This Institute, now, in the fifth year of its existence, is demonstrating that an institute does not have to be an institution. It is at Newport that young men from all over the country begin their career in the Navy, very young men, too, really boys, and in most cases, away from home for the first time in their lives.

The work of turning these boys into sailors, which is carried on at the Naval Training Station, is most interesting and the results are very remarkable. However, the sailor has liberty ashore, and it is then that he has needs which must be ministered to. He is lonesome and homesick and finds himself a stranger in a place which, though having many attractions for tourists, does not seem to attract him because it is not home.

The Newport Institute tries to provide a home for these splendid young American boys. Comfortable reading, writing and game rooms are provided; opportunities are offered for wholesome indoor recreation. Throughout the building the home atmosphere is maintained. The large attendance demonstrates that the Institute serves the Church and the nation in providing for their boys at the crucial period of their lives.

The Newport Institute does many

other things, however, beside serving young men under the Naval Training, and through its staff tries to stand by each individual as a personal friend and adviser if needed. Men from the ships of the fleet, older and more experienced, coming from everywhere, going everywhere, share the comforts and the privileges of the men stationed ashore. Men from the Marine Corps and the Army, tow boat and barge men, men from the Coast Guard and Light House Service and fishermen from Maine and the Provinces, all go to make up a great family. To provide that this family shall be protected while ashore, to provide opportunities for comforts and conveniences which every man who goes to sea has more than earned; to enable them to transact business and safeguard their money with the greatest safety and the least difficulty; to visit them when they are sick and to do countless other things for them, is the work of the Institute, and a work in which we believe many will want to have a chance to help.

Every Institute serves not only seamen and the home port, but also the nation. In a very special way this is true of Newport, as men are enlisted in the Navy from all over the country, and once enlisted, they serve to defend the whole country. The whole country should know and care more about them.



### Social Service and Seamen's Agencies Workers' Conference

A meeting of Social Service and Seamen's Agencies workers was called by the Rev. George A. Green, Social Service Director of the Seamen's Church Institute, and held in the Apprentice Room of the Institute on October 27th, 1924.

There was an excellent attendance of those interested, including:

#### Organizations and Representatives

Bellevue Hospital Social Service, Miss Kate M. Ryan; U. S. P. & I. Agency, Mr. William B. Donahue; Seamen's Y. M. C. A., 23rd St., Mr. E. M. Page; Seamen's Branch Y. M. C. A., B'klyn, Mr. F. C. Downs; Joint Application Bureau, Miss Ella A. O'Mara; Marine Hospital, Ellis Island, Miss J. Bertha Fulton; Marine Hospital, Hudson Street, Mr. James R. Moore; Brooklyn and Queens Y. M. C. A., Mr. C. G. Brooks; Broad Street Hospital, Miss Helen E. Campbell; Beekman Street Hospital, Miss T. R. Keogh; Amer. Seamen's Friend Society, Mr. R. C. Brown; Danish Church for Seamen, Rev. R. Anderson, Rev. Mr. Peterson, Rev. Eric Bet; Seamen's Church Institute, Mr. Green, Miss Frances Kellogg, Miss Frances Beynon, Miss K. Jones, Mrs. E. Baxter and Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Green had a very well planned program of the topics to be discussed as follows:

1. Relief in general.
2. Care and relief of convalescent and out-patient-treatment.

3. New immigration regulation affecting seamen unjustly.
4. What is the responsibility of the respective consulates towards destitute alien seaman nationals.
5. The problem of the aged seaman not eligible to Snug Harbor or other like institutions.
6. The present employment situation.

Before entering upon the general discussion of these subjects he asked if any of those present had any other topics they cared to have brought up at the meeting. Only one was suggested—

7. The question of the advisability of helping seamen to become naturalized, which arose as a result of the discussion of the problem of the aged seamen not eligible to Snug Harbor or other like institutions.

In discussing the question of relief in general it was found that many organizations represented at the meeting were giving relief; in some cases after conference with such institutions as our institution, in other cases without knowing whether they are being helped by other sources.

Miss Ella A. O'Mara of the Joint Application Bureau said that they had had excellent results from referring their cases to the Social Service Exchange, although they used it only for cases where there are families, but she saw no reason why it could not be used by the Seamen institutions for single men.

Mr. Moore of the Hudson Street Hospital suggested that men from hospitals who were sent to such organizations as the Seamen's Church Institute for relief during the time that they were out-patients should be given a card stating exactly what was being done for them by the hospital and what they needed.

Miss Fulton, representing the Social Service Department of the Marine Hospital at Ellis Island, said that since they had instituted the policy of having the men who are convalescent assist in the hospital many of them had refused to stay as patients when they should have remained and that if they are not permitted to get outside relief they would be much more apt to remain in the hospital the proper length of time.

Mr. Donahue of the U. S. P. & I. Agency said that most men taken ill or injured on ships would be cared for if they went direct to the company, and that brought up a suggestion sent by Miss Oldfield of the Hudson Street Hospital through Mr. Moore, that a pamphlet be prepared explaining to the seamen exactly what were their rights in regard to compensation and advising them to go to their companies first for settlement. After some discussion it was moved by Miss Fulton and seconded by Mr. Moore that such a pamphlet be prepared, published and distributed among seamen.

The discussion went on to consider the responsibility of the respective consulates towards destitute alien seaman nationals. Again

Mr. Donahue declared that the companies would take care of such men with the exception of cases of desertion. Then the question arose as to the definition of "desertion."

Mr. Brooks of the Brooklyn and Queens Y. M. C. A. said that it was his experience that in a great many cases all seamen missing their ships were classified by consuls and shipping companies as deserters and the men left to the care of charitable institutions in whatever country they are stranded.

The next problem to be discussed was of aged seamen not eligible to Snug Harbor or other like institutions.

The Y. M. C. A. representative declared that they urged seamen to return to their native countries.

Miss Ryan sent their seamen to the City Home and in the case of Catholics to the "Little Sisters' Home."

Everybody agreed that Jewish cases were well taken care of when referred to the Federation of Jewish Charities.

Mr. Peterson of the Danish Church for Seamen, 193 Ninth St., Brooklyn, said that they would be very glad indeed to get in touch with Danish seamen who are destitute, particularly with hospital cases.

The alien seaman act came up in connection with the further discussion of the responsibility of consulates, and Mr. Green pointed out that there are many cases of seamen who had been in the country for something like twelve and fourteen years, who at the time they left their ships and settled here were not re-

quired to pay a head-tax but who have not taken out citizenship papers. According to the new act they would have to return to their country and take chances on being allowed to come to America in order to become citizens. He considers this a very great injustice and that something ought to be done about it by such a group as that represented at this meeting.

The meeting was about to adjourn when Mr. Bet of the Danish Seamen's Church protested against the meeting disbanding without making definite arrangements for another meeting and he moved that a president and secretary be appointed. After some discussion the motion was carried and it was moved by Miss Fulton and seconded by Mr. Moore that the Chairman appoint a Nominating Committee to bring a proposed list of officers, including President, Secretary and Treasurer, to the next meeting, which should be called by Mr. Green.

Rev. George A. Green, Chairman.  
Frances Beynon, Secretary.

### Just One Place

The September issue of "The Mainstay," the publication of the Seamen's Church Institute of Newport, in the following story gives one reason why our problems are so many and so varied.

"If we had the pen of a ready writer, which we have not, we would like to tell you about Carl. He is a stocky little chap, thoroughly German, said he was 18, looks as if he might be about 15, a stowaway from Bremen, where there

was nothing for him to eat. The ship was bound for Bermuda, but like some other ships now-a-days she found herself off Atlantic City. If you have ever seen Atlantic City from the sea you can have some idea of how wonderful it must have appeared to this boy, who was now a regular member of the crew. Then for reasons which we can only guess the ship appeared off Newport, twelve miles off to be exact; now you know what kind of a ship she was and we haven't even told you. Then came a fire on one of the small boats lying alongside and a shipmate and two men belonging to the small boat were terribly burned. Carl and another member of the crew were sent ashore with these men and the ship sailed off and left them. They came to us, Carl dressed in everybody's clothes but his own, no money, hungry but with a look in his face that seemed to tell us that he was confident we would take care of him. Now there was just one place where a sailor's difficulties, no matter how complicated they are, can be straightened out, and that place is the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, so after a good supper and with a suit of college cut clothes, which a Navy sailor had decided were too small, Carl was sent on his way and we are perfectly sure that everything is coming out all right, and that all the formalities with the Consul General of Great Britain and the German Republic, the Immigration Officials, the Public Health Service and sundry other persons have been attended to.

## PLEDGE

In consideration of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York proceeding with the work of erecting the proposed addition to its present building, to cost approximately \$1,900,000, the undersigned agrees to pay to said Corporation the sum of ..... Dollars as stated below.

Payments may be made in four equal instalments, the first payment to be made upon signing this pledge, and the others on the dates indicated below, the final payment not later than July 1, 1926.

Payments to be made on  
(Indicate dates)

Signed.....

Address.....

FRANK T. WARBURTON, *Treasurer*,  
25 South Street, New York City.

## CONTRIBUTION

I desire to assist in the erection of the proposed addition to the present Seamen's Church Institute building, which is to cost approximately \$1,900,000, and herewith enclose my check for \$..... to be applied to the New Building Fund.

Signed.....

Address.....

FRANK T. WARBURTON, *Treasurer*,  
25 South Street, New York City.

## MEMORIALS

I should like to be furnished with a list of unassigned MEMORIAL GIFTS that may be made for the proposed addition to the present SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE BUILDING.

Name.....

Address.....

*Building Committee*  
SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK,  
25 South Street, New York City.

# South Street Institute

SEPTEMBER, 1924

## HOTEL DEPARTMENT

Lodgings registered .....	24,623	Sales at Soda Fountain .....	25,549
Mail received .....	14,880	Barber Customers .....	1,192
Baggage received .....	5,231	Tailor Shop Customers .....	233
Meals served .....	32,693	Laundry Customers .....	201

## RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

	No.	Attendance
Institute Services .....	8	623
Communion Services .....	4	23
Other Services—Daily Chapel Service—9 a. m. ....	..	..
Home Hours .....	4	444
Seamen's Fellowship Meetings .....	4	180
Hospital Services .....	5	211
Communion Services at Hospital .....	1	2
Marriages .....	1	..
Funerals .....	6	..
Baptisms .....	0	..
Social Service Office Interviews .....		2,116
Relief Assisted Through M. M. & B. Fund and Other Funds .....		1,170
Unsecured Loans Returned .....		66
Knitted Articles Distributed .....		2
Old Clothes Distributed .....		1,084
Treated in Institute Dispensary .....		196
Sent to Hospital .....		22
Visits to Hospitals .....		42
Referred to Outside Agencies .....		96
Entertainments .....	1	700
Total Attendance in Apprentice Boy's Room .....		1,010

## EMPLOYMENT BUREAU AND SEAMEN'S FUNDS DEPARTMENTS

Men referred to ships .....	201	Number of deposits .....	551
Men accepting sea employment... ..	145	Amount of deposits and trans-	
Number of companies supplied....	54	missions .....	\$40,954.35
Men referred to land employment..	183	Amount of transmissions .....	4,377.88
Men accepting land employment..	122	Number of transmissions.....	172
Total accepting employment.....	267	Notary signatures .....	48

## DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND OTHER EDUCATION AND HARBOR SERVICE

Students enrolled .....	5	Average attendance .....	11
Daily average attendance .....	5	Examined and passed by U. S.	
First Aid Lectures .....	18	Local Inspectors .....	5