

# THE LOOKOUT

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Proposed New Building

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

## AN APPEAL

**W**E intend to build a new Institute that will be a model to its kind throughout the world. The land is purchased—the best available site in the city. The plans are drawn. We are ready. And still we delay.

It should be begun at once. Otherwise it will not be ready for use next May when our present lease expires. Until it is done we cannot expand our work and help more than a very limited number of the seamen of the port. But we cannot begin until we have more subscriptions. Nothing else delays us and hampers this work. We have raised \$465,000. We need \$280,000 more to completely pay for the land and building.

The Institute relies upon us to secure these subscriptions and start the building. We are doing the best we can, but it is a big undertaking. We need your help as well as your subscription. If all the friends of the Institute would rally to our assistance and carry this appeal to their friends the remainder would soon be raised and we could have our new building, free and clear, by May 1, 1911.

That is what we are asking you to do. Now is the time that your help is needed. Your subscription may be made payable any time before the building is completed, but we must know that you stand back of us and that the money will be forthcoming.

In making this appeal we confidently believe that those who help to make the new Institute possible will find it a continual source of honor and pride, and that, in the future, they will be grateful to us for persuading them to have a part in the building of it. Can you not persuade yourself and others to help us now and generously. The building was described in the May issue of *THE LOOKOUT*.

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## New York Produce Exchange

Resolutions Unanimously Adopted by the Board of Managers  
February 16, 1911



WHEREAS, The safe and speedy handling of commerce is largely dependent upon the character and efficiency of the men who man our ships, and

WHEREAS, The Seamen's Church Institute of New York is engaged in a non-sectarian work, protecting seamen against the notoriously bad conditions along the waterfront, affording them a chance to live decently, to save their earnings and remit their savings to their dependents, to secure employment in a fair and honorable manner and to become self-reliant and more efficient, and

WHEREAS, The said Institute proposes to erect, at the corner of Coenties Slip and South Street, a twelve-story building, providing rooms for five hundred men, with accommodations for its free shipping bureau, saving department, reading and recreation rooms—the building and site to cost about \$750,000, of which over \$450,000 has already been subscribed, and

WHEREAS, In the amount of entered tonnage, New York is now the world's greatest seaport and should, therefore, surpass all others in its provisions for the well-being of seamen; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the New York Produce Exchange is heartily in favor of the work and purpose of the said Seamen's Church Institute, and hopes that all ship-owners, shippers and transportation interests as well as all others interested in the protection of the helpless and the inexperienced, and the welfare of the Port of New York, will favor the plans of the Institute, especially in so far as they include the new building, necessary for its humane and comprehensive work.

### The Building Fund.

During the last two months subscriptions have been made to the Building Fund, as follows:

Alfred G. Vanderbilt.....	\$ 10,000
Fred'k W. Vanderbilt (additional)...	10,000
Arthur Curtiss James (additional) ..	5,000
Mrs. N. E. Baylies (additional).....	5,000
Edmund L. Baylies (additional).....	5,000
Mrs. Richard T. Auchmuty (additional)	2,500
Ogden Mills .....	2,500
Samuel Thorne .....	1,000
Francis Lynde Stetson (additional)...	1,000
James A. Scrymser (additional).....	1,000
Miss Cornelia Prime.....	1,000
Mrs. Samuel Lawrence (additional)...	800
Miss P. Caroline Swords (additional)	500
Col. Robert M. Thompson.....	500
Wm. A. DuBois .....	500
Anson W. Hard.....	500
M. C. D. Borden (additional).....	500
James J. Goodwin.....	500
William A. Read (additional).....	500
Mrs. B. ....	400
Tiffany & Co. ....	350
R. H. Williams .....	250
W. Fellowes Morgan.....	250
Mrs. E. J. Marsh.....	100
Harvey & Outerbridge.....	100
Mrs. James H. Ottley.....	100
Nelson S. Clark.....	100
James McLean .....	100
Willcox, Peck & Hughes .....	100
Wm. G. Willcox .....	100
Robt. M. Gallaway .....	100
Robt. P. Doremus.....	100
Wm. H. McCord.....	100
Minot, Hooper & Co. ....	100
Rudolph Keppler .....	100
Edward M. Tailer.....	100
Frank W. Chambers .....	100
Jonathan Thorne .....	100
Baker, Smith & Co.....	100
William Saloman .....	100
C. E. Whittlesey.....	100
Clarence H. Kelsey.....	100
Alfred G. Smith.....	100
E. W. Humphreys.....	100
Richard Deeves & Son, Inc. ....	100
R. A. C. Smith.....	100
George F. Baker, Jr.....	100
J. S. Bache.....	100
Wm. H. Taylor.....	50
Mrs. C. L. Westcott.....	50
F. S. Witherbee .....	50
Everett P. Wheeler (additional).....	50
Heinrich Schniewind, Jr.....	50
Samuel Sachs .....	50
Mrs. Charles H. Coster.....	25
Mrs. William P. Griffin.....	25
Mrs. William Rhineland.....	25
Mrs. William D. Barbour.....	25
C. D. Blauvelt .....	25
Williams & Terhune.....	25

Ferdinand Hermann .....	25
George W. Collord .....	25
Church of the Epiphany.....	20
Henry A. Murray .....	20
A. W. Hyatt.....	20
Austin C. Chase.....	20
Mrs. Chas. C. Stillman.....	10
E. D. Meier.....	10
Rev. Reuben Wing Howes.....	10
Mrs. John R. Delafield.....	10
Michael M. Van Beuren.....	10
Mrs. A. H. Sawyer .....	10
Arthur W. Watson .....	10
J. Howard Coperthwait.....	10
Max Eisman .....	10
Miss Mary Tabor.....	10
Mrs. E. A. Spadone.....	5
Jacob Hasslacher.....	5
Mrs. G. B. Satterlee.....	5
Mrs. Thomas Minford .....	5
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.....	5
Mrs. Nathaniel Bowditch Potter.....	5
Miss Valida Johnson .....	5
Miss Henrietta M. Schwab.....	5
Mrs. Charles Phelps .....	5
Mrs. Valentine G. Hall.....	5
Mrs. E. H. Wales.....	5
Mrs. Joseph S. Stearns.....	5
Mrs. Levi Brigham.....	5
Mrs. Thomas Noel Rawlins.....	2
Mrs. Florence Wier Gibson.....	2
William Trantham.....	1
Emma F. Harding.....	1
Mrs. George G. Battle .....	1
Mrs. Thomas D. Sloan.....	1

Total .....

Previously acknowledged.....

Grand Total .....

### More Rooms Taken

During the past month, rooms have been subscribed for, as follows:

Stuart F. Randolph, "Miss Mary F. Udall"	1
Mrs. James Roosevelt, "J. R."	1
Mrs. Wm. H. Kingsland.....	1
Mrs. J. Augustus Johnson, "In memory of her mother".....	1
Mrs. S. P. Avery, "Mary O. Avery".....	3
Mrs. Fred F. Thompson.....	1
Mrs. John Greenough.....	1
Mrs. James May Duane.....	1
Mrs. Paul W. Kimball, "From a little child, J. K.".....	1
Mrs. Chas. W. Harkness.....	1
Mrs. Wheeler H. Peckham.....	1
Mrs. Frank S. Smith.....	1
Mrs. Richard M. Hoe.....	1
Mr. A. G. Norrie, "In memory of Admiral Samuel Livingston Breese, 1794-1870, given by his niece, Eloise Lawrence Breese".....	1
Mrs. Glover C. Arnold, "In memory of Henry Taylor Wright, Pay Director, U. S. N.".....	1

Mrs. Annie Delano Hitch, "Algonac".....	I
Mrs. J. M. Thorburn, "A friend".....	I
Mrs. A. D. Juilliard.....	I
Mrs. J. Heny Alexandre, "Francis Alex- andre".....	I
Ethelbert I. Low.....	I
St. Stephen's Church, New York.....	I
Mrs. John E. Alexandre, "In memory of John E. Alexandre".....	I
Mr. James J. Goodwin.....	I
Mrs. R. R. Colgate.....	I
Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, "North Star".....	I
Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes.....	I
Mrs. Morris K. Jessup.....	I
Mrs. James A. Scrymser.....	5
Miss Mary G. Van Cott, "In memory of Major Louis Hallen".....	I
Miss Anna Jay Pierrepont.....	I
Mrs. Samuel Carey.....	I
Mrs. Herbert D. Robbins.....	I
Miss P. Caroline Swords, "In memory of Dr. F. E. Doughty".....	I
Miss P. Caroline Swords, "In memory of James R. Swords".....	I
Mrs. Samuel Lawrence, "In memory of Alexander I. Cothel".....	I
Mrs. Samuel Lawrence, "In memory of Samuel Lawrence".....	I
Anonymous.....	2
Total.....	44
Previously subscribed.....	13
Revised total.....	57

This number represents cash subscriptions  
of \$5,700.00

**Konigskinder Matinee.**

A special matinee performance of Engelbert Humperdinck's beautiful new opera, Königskinder, was given at the Metropolitan Opera house, on the afternoon of February 16th, under the auspices of the Seamen's Benefit Society. From every standpoint the opera was a huge success. Offering, as it did, an unscheduled opportunity to matinee goers, the entire house was sold, netting the Society about fifty-two or fifty-three hundred dollars. As the readers of the LOOKOUT doubtless know, this Society contributes very largely to the support of *The Sentinel*, one of the most useful features of the Institute's work. The ladies who worked so indefatigably for the success of this performance deserve a very full measure of gratitude and praise.

**North River Station.**

During January we have distributed a large number of "comfort bags." On one certain evening, there was "a run on the bank." One hundred and eighty-six men came to the Institute between 7 and 9 p. m., and each was supplied. We remained solvent by a dangerously close margin. The bags are given only to men whose names are recorded as applicants for same. They are an expense to prepare, as will be seen readily by contents of each big, viz:

Spool white sewing cotton, spool black linen thread, ball darning cotton, 6 large sewing needles, 3 darning needles, bag assorted buttons, 1/2 paper of pins, safety pins, emery bag, beeswax, thimble, bottle of vaseline, adhesive plaster, bandage, tape, shoestrings, comb, Testament.

A year's subscription for the "World's Work," "Everybody's Magazine" and "McClure's" has been presented to the Institute by the Rev. H. A. Walton, of Pasli, Pa., and also a year's subscription for "Hampton's Magazine" from Mr. B. F. Childs, of Arkansas City, Kansas. The men appreciate these fresh periodicals, coming weekly and monthly.

Constant calls for men's partly worn clothing and shoes are made at the Institute. This is the third appeal in THE LOOKOUT. Hitherto there has been no response. The members of the staff at the North River Station have given away from their own personal effects about all they can and remain respectably clad.

The great need at the North River Station is RESPONSE TO APPEALS. We have been placed here to work—we are perfectly willing to work—please give us things to work with.

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### The Remnant.

TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS stand between us and the new building. It is a good-sized sum of itself, and yet this is but the remainder of the SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND which must be completed before the first of May; or else, we must forfeit SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

This forfeiture merely means delay and more work and added appeals. Generous donors are ready to contribute it if the other supporters of the Institute show a willingness to do their share. If this willingness is not displayed by May 1st, some one else must be found to provide the \$75,000 we will have let slip through our hands.

But TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS is not such a large sum, after all. Compared with the \$460,000 already raised it is only a little more than half. In other words, nearly two-thirds of the entire fund is already subscribed. We have crossed well over the top of the hill and started down the grade toward the goal. All this is very encouraging, yet—

There are but two months left. We must raise \$140,000 in March and the same sum in April. If we had 2800 friends who could give \$100 each and would give it, the sum would be raised. Beyond a doubt there are 2800 givers in

this city and its environs who could contribute \$100 each, and if each of the Institute's supporters would make himself or herself a voluntary aid to the Building Committee, these 2800 givers could doubtless be found and enrolled as contributors to the new building.

Will you not try to secure at least \$100 for the fund before May 1st? You can if you will. It may be made up of a large number of small contributions, for no gift is too small to be acceptable to the Institute.

In the city of Newark, with less than 400,000 inhabitants, a campaign has just closed. The goal was a \$250,000 building for the Young Women's Christian Association. It lasted just two weeks. It was more than successful; \$300,000 was raised. It should be very much easier for the supporters of this Institute to raise this remaining \$280,000 in two months.

The Institute is supported by the contributions of about 3000 friends. Eliminating 200 of these, because of illness, absence or other good reason, the 2800 of which we have been speaking remain. You are one of these.

Will you raise your \$100 before May 1st?

### Large Gifts.

Some may not have opportunity. Others may make every possible effort and fail. Some must raise more than \$100.

But there are a great many people who can afford to give more than \$100, and we would not do anything to establish \$100 as maximum of desired gifts; nor, on the other hand, would we give anyone the impression that smaller gifts are not desired. But—

WE MUST HAVE LARGE GIFTS, and—

We do not hesitate to ask for them.

In fact, we would like every one to know that this Institute is doing so large and important a work that those who have the means cannot afford to make their contributions small unless they are willing to ignore all the laws of proportion.

Such a statement would sound too much like "blowing our own horn" if it could not be well buttressed. Here are the buttresses:

The Chamber of Commerce has endorsed it.

The New York Produce Exchange has endorsed it.

Three subscriptions for \$50,000 each.

One subscription for \$20,000.

Eight subscriptions for \$10,000 each.

Eight subscriptions for \$5,000 each.

Eight subscriptions for \$2,500 each.

One subscription for \$2,000.

One subscription for \$1,500.

Twenty-five subscriptions for \$1,000 each.

Twenty-five subscriptions for \$500 each.

Now with these precedents established by discriminating givers it is hardly necessary to say anything more; and still we remind our contributors that we are planning the GREATEST INSTITUTE FOR SEAMEN IN THE WORLD to be built in the WORLD'S GREATEST SEAPORT.

Can you not interest some one to become a large giver?

Will you not make the raising of the remainder of this fund a matter in which you have a personal responsibility?

Will you not report subscriptions to Mr. Edmund L. Baylies, 54 Wall Street, very promptly, in order that we may

make a report of progress in the next issue to encourage you and others?

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### The Busy Sentinel.

The passing of the Floating Church, which was recorded in a previous issue, indicates a change in waterfront conditions and in the activities of the Institute. Consequently, we have published on another page, a few facts concerning "the first floating bethel for seamen" that deserve a permanent record. For this information we are indebted to Mr. J. H. Morrison, the well-known author of books on American steam navigation and allied subjects, whose name guarantees their accuracy.

The passing of the Floating Church does not mean any retrenchment or cessation of work in the seamen's behalf by this Institute. The Church was closed reluctantly and solely because there was no longer a congregation for it in the neighborhood where it lay anchored, and no suitable mooring could be secured. This step was not taken until every effort had been made to secure a suitable mooring.

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For a long time it has been necessary to transport the congregation to the church on our steam yacht, *The Sentinel*. These same people can be transported quite as readily to the Church of the Holy Comforter at our North River Station, and arrangements for this have already been carried into effect.

This situation calls attention to the importance of the work of *The Sentinel*, and it also emphasizes the need of consolidating the work at a permanently central site, which is the object of the new building. *The Sentinel* is a very busy boat, running night and day to visit the

ships, to deliver crews to the ships and reading matter and other acceptable material to the sailors, to transport the sick and disabled to institutions of relief, and to do the thousand and one errands that must be done in connection with this work.

It is the right hand of the Institute stretched out to gather in those we can help in any material or spiritual way.

To appreciate the usefulness of *The Sentinel*, one must bear in mind the fact that the port of New York includes the shores of New Jersey, Staten Island and Brooklyn, as well as those of Manhattan Island. One must remember also that our stations are separated by water and by the congested streets of the busiest part of the city. If the ships upon which the seamen that come to the Institute are employed were all docked along the Manhattan waterfront, our problems would be very much easier. But that is not the case and *The Sentinel* alone makes it possible for us to reach those who enter in and depart from so many widely separated points.

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### The First Bethel.

The church edifice of the first floating bethel for seamen at New York City was constructed on the hulk of the first steam ferry boat that was operated on the New York and Brooklyn ferries. This vessel was the *Nassau*, built by Charles Brownne, who constructed most of Robert Fulton's steamboats, in 1813-14 for Robert Fulton and others, and was built with two hulls, each 78 feet, 6 inches long, 10 feet wide and 7 feet deep, and 33 feet extreme breadth of vessel; and in the space of ten feet between the inside of the hulls was located the water wheel for propulsion. This vessel continued in

service until a reorganization of the ferry company in 1833, when a more modern vessel was built for the service, and the *Nassau* was then laid aside, having become too small and too slow in her movements for the then-growing village of Brooklyn. She was later dismantled.

The first practical step toward the building of a floating chapel at New York seems to have been made in 1841. By the joint efforts of a few societies working together for a common good, they at last succeeded, in a few years, in engaging the attention of some of our merchants in marine affairs and others in the subject, so that by the fall of 1843 the hull of the *Nassau* was laid at the disposal of the Young Men's Missionary Society of the P. E. Church, who made a contract with Charles M. Simonson, one of New York's well-known ship joiners, for the construction of a church building on the deck of the former ferry boat. This structure was Gothic in form, 70 feet long by 30 feet wide; apex of roof 20 feet high and having a capacity for seating 500 persons. There was a bell tower with bell, on the land end of the church, and a gangway on the outside of the structure on the sides of the vessel. There was a handsome marble baptismal font in the church that was much admired for its fine workmanship in the shape of a ship capstan, that was a gift of St. Mark's P. E. Church.

The petition of Rev. John McVickar, in behalf of the Young Men's Missionary Society, for right to locate the floating chapel in slip between Market and Pike streets, was granted by the Board of Aldermen, February 5, 1844, and approved by Mayor of the City, February 23, 1844. This building was consecrated February 20, 1844.



### Seamen's Church Institute of America.

At the last general convention of the Church, held in Cincinnati, the following resolutions were submitted by the Board of Seamen's Church Institute of America:

RESOLVED: That the work of the Seamen's Church Institute of America be, and hereby is heartily commended to the attention of our church people as a duly constituted auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

RESOLVED: That our church people at large, and especially those who "travel by water" and have interests on the waters, be asked to remember by their prayers, by thank offerings in connection with the use of the *Thanksgiving For a Safe Return From Sea*, and by memorial gifts of buildings or endowments this work among seamen. Funds for this work are urgently needed for the General Missionary Treasury as well as equipment for its proper extension and sustension on our vast National waters.

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### North River Station Notes

On Wednesday evening, February 22d, the church was well filled with an appreciative congregation, largely seamen, taking part in and listening to, a service of unusual interest. The purser of the *S.S. Laurentic*, Mr. C. P. Rogers, assisted the chaplain in reading the service. The choir and organist were present, rendering Magnificat and anthem. After evening prayer was said the members of the *S.S. Laurentic* orchestra, under the direction of their bandmaster, Mr. Hibbard, presented a musical program of such delightful interest that generally it

was declared to be the "best we had ever heard." Mr. Hibbard is a skilled organist, and in addition to his admirable selections and playing, there were a violin solo and a cello solo, and several numbers by the full orchestra and organ. Another of these musical services will occur on Wednesday, March 22d, at 8 o'clock, at which service it would be a pleasure to welcome friends of the LOOKOUT.

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The writers of the following letters were fearfully down and out not many weeks ago. Their drift had been downward for years. One had gone pretty near to the end of his rope and his experience was about as sad a tale as could be told—yet, read the letter and see if the Institute is not worth while? He is now in a neighboring city, sent there by a manufacturing firm to do some responsible work. The North River Station lodged and fed him for a while—he took the pledge and the life he follows is shown by the temper of the letter.

My Dear Friend Mr. Carpenter:

I am sorry to send you back the ticket you gave and to think that I must lose the chance of seeing something grand, but it is this way: my firm has quite a large job in P—— and they sent me on without any chance to say good-by to you, but knowing the value of this ticket I think it my duty to give some one else the chance to go where I cannot.

(This ticket was a card of admission to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine—Presentation to Bishop Burch and the private view of Cathedral and Chapels on Washington's Birthday, under the Seabury Society of New York.)

Well, my friend, the thought that a God goes with you, that He is here the very same as at the Institute, any and everywhere the same, is a new one to me, but it gives a man confidence and a man can find lots of pleasure in the thought of knowing his Maker, in reading His Bible and thinking how His Son suffered for the wicked of the world and still will help us after we have treated Him so mean. Why, if you disappoint a man on earth or just insult him, he is your bad friend forever, but to think of the way I used God and His only Son, Christ, and yet even today I can look to Him for help and get it. You know when I first saw you I did not know what a hereafter was, but I do now, and try to look out for the good and right, and God will always be my commander.

If you run across a man like I was when I threw the devils friends to the wall and took up the light you showed me, tell him the same you did me, and tell him how I am now, and what nice clothes I wear and how well I sleep. It will be hard to tell him, at first, to serve God, but it is worth all it costs to try for it brings everything out that is best and fine. Hoping to see you soon, I am

Your true friend,

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The other writer, a young man, missed his ship, the result of a four days' spree. The boat left its dock and anchored in the lower bay. That very day he came to the Institute—he was lodged, fed, had a shave and his shoes shined and then went to the Consul's office and later re-joined his boat, from whence this letter came:

S.S. W——.

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

I am instructed by our chief to ask

you, or rather, send you an ultimatum that you must appear before him as soon as possible, as he wishes to thank you personally for your great kindness to his lad.

I am afraid that he will accept no excuse, as he is a rather determined old chap, but one of the best in the world, and a second father to me. Will you please send him a note direct, if you can, to ease his mind until you can see him. He will hardly let me out of his sight now and you should have seen his face when I went aboard. Thanks to your great kindness I was ready to face them without shame as to my appearance and I have a good memory, as you will find when opportunity serves.

Yours gratefully,

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Suffice it to say that I visited his chief aboard and found him in his bunk with a broken collar bone, and I had one of the most interesting afternoons. This chief engineer had locked in a drawer twenty pounds. He said to me, "I think the world of that lad—he was just foolish—not bad, and you helped him out of a bad scrape—now I ask you to take this key, unlock that drawer and take every penny of that twenty pounds." And so large and insistent was his gratitude that I found it not a little difficult to make this kind old "chief" realize that his friendship and a cup of tea was worth more, and so he rang at last for a cup of good English tea.

These are two good letters—two from many which impress upon us more and more the importance of the place the Institute holds and can hold in its influence with a round number of men.

# REPORT FOR JANUARY

## DEPARTMENTS REPORTS FOR JANUARY.

The following synopsis of the work done in the various departments during the month of January gives a fair idea of the workings of the Institute:

January, 1911.

### *Savings Department.*

January 1, cash on hand.....	\$15,123.90
Deposits .....	8,028.26
	\$23,152.16
Payments (\$2,168.55 trans- mitted) .....	7,633.60
	\$15,518.56
Feb. 1, balance.....	\$15,518.56

*Shipping Department.*

Number of vessels shipped entire by the Institute.....	13
Number of men provided with em- ployment in port.....	48
Number of men shipped.....	157
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Total .....	205

### *Reading Room.*

Total attendance.....	14,774
Letters written and received....	2,666
Packages reading given.....	573
Number pieces baggage checked..	386

### *Relief Department.*

Assisted .....	501
Sent to Legal Aid Society.....	16
Visits to hospitals.....	19
Visits to ships in port.....	70

### *Religious and Social Departments.*

Number of services.....	19
Attendance total .....	797
Entertainments .....	4
Attendance .....	165
Communion services .....	2
Weddings .....	2

### *Institute Boat "Sentinel."*

Trips made .....	39
Visits to vessels.....	49
Men transported .....	115
Pieces baggage transported .....	180