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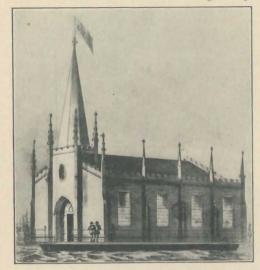


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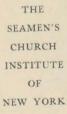
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The "little acorn" of 1843 and the "great oak" of 1927 which grew from it



THE
FLOATING CHAPEL
OF
OUR SAVIOR





New Building Announcement

THE funds to the credit of the new Annex Building at the beginning of the year 1926 amounted to \$672,686.91. This sum was increased by \$767,426.24 during the year, bringing the total to \$1,440,113.15 received in cash and in pledges at the close of the year. The balance remaining to complete the necessary fund of \$2,750,000 was therefore \$1,309,886.85 at that time.

Contributions for the Annex Building have come in from old and new friends of the Institute in amounts ranging from one dollar to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

During the summer of 1926 the shell of the Annex Building was completed and windows installed to make it watertight, but the work of interior construction, finishing and equipping was halted because of lack of funds to proceed.

The work of the Campaign Committee is going forward hopefully and with confidence that our friends will respond to the philanthropic, patriotic and commercial appeal of the Institute's service to merchant seamen.

Officers and Managers of the Society

Chosen at the Annual Meeting, January 27, 1927

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HERBERT L. SATTERLEE	1902	BERNON S. PRENTICE 19	915
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AYMAR JOHNSON	1908	F. KINGSBURY CURTIS 19	320
ERNEST E. WHEELER		EDWARD J. BARBER 19	920
ROBERT McC. MARSH	1908	Junius S. Morgan, Jr 19	920
CHARLES W. BOWRING	1909	WALTER WOOD PARSONS 19	
ORME WILSON	1910	HARRY FORSYTH 19	221
FRANKLIN REMINGTON	1911	KERMIT ROOSEVELT 19	923
J. FREDERIC TAMS	1911	JOHN JAY SCHIEFFELIN 15	923
BAYARD C. HOPPIN	1911		924
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LEROY KING		WILLIAM ARMOUR 19	927
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WILLIAM WILLI	AMS		

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	STEWART	
REV. HENR	Y LUBECK, LL.D., D.C.L	1889
	V. DOMINICK	
FRANCIS M	. WHITEHOUSE	1917

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REV. ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD, D.D..... 1895

Note: Dates refer to year of election.

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Elected Januray 27, 1927

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BOARD OF MANAGERS

of the

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

FOR THE YEAR 1926

THE eighty-two years of the life of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York in progress and expansion are typical of the growth of that comparatively modern solicitude for the happiness and protection of every class which has expressed itself with such abounding vigor in America. That impulse is stronger today than ever. No passing cynicism can check it. It springs from a wise warmheartedness which is the natural flowering of the seed sown by Christ.

The generous merchants of New York, the greatest port in the world, have long recognized the peculiar needs of the seaman ashore—his homelessness, his susceptibility to the influence of the human parasites who are after his money the moment he is paid his wages, and to the other agencies of vice ever seeking his debasement.

The Institute welcomes him to its well appointed thirteen-story home; furnishes him with lodgings and food at a reasonable cost; holds his money for safe-keeping or transmittal to his dependents; cares for his dunnage and mail; makes him at home in its comfortable, attractive common rooms; helps him to secure employment; maintains a staff of experienced men to whom he can freely come for advice and help; maintains a dispensary for his benefit; visits him in hospital; holds in the building regular religious services, and supplies diversion and educational instruction of one sort or another.

No year of the Institute's life is like another. The hours of labor for the staff are long and the tasks exacting. Morale sometimes lags and readjustments are constantly necessary. Problems of management and policy are often puzzling. Such matters do

not generally find a place in an annual report, but if they did not exist we would be a more than human institution.

The recent illness of our Superintendent gave us all great concern, but he is now happily back at his desk vigorously directing the work.

The money necessary to complete and furnish the interior of the Annex which will double the capacity of the building is not yet raised. Attention is called to the report of the Building Committee which appears on page 3.

A brief summary of the accomplishments of the several departments follows:

Religious Department

Perhaps every department should be called a "religious department" because certainly the essence of Christianity is helpfulness, and who can say which is the more effective, example or exhortation?

Our present Chaplain conducting this Department began his work in March. He has been a seaman, served as a British apprentice lad, and was a Chaplain in the World War. Two services have been held in the Chapel every Sunday, and during most of the year daily morning services. The Chaplain, who is also the Burial Officer for Marine Hospital No. 43 at Ellis Island, visits hospitals and does pastoral and social work in the common rooms and lobbies of the Institute and the Apprentice Room.

One of our Chaplains is in residence at the U. S. Marine Hospital No. 21 at Staten Island. As the appointee of the Government he is the head of the Hospital Morale Department, and although paid by us, he is assisted by two secretaries under Government employ. The Institute thus renders most valuable and comprehensive service.

Social Service

The following is a brief account of the kind of help rendered.

General information bureau—dispensary—relief for the destitute

—loans—missing men—assistance in procuring legal advice—

entertainment—lectures and forum—naturalization—immigration—Federal and State bonuses—hospitalization—convalescent placements—lost and found—letter writing and translations—finger printing—affidavits—transfer of seamen's funds—loan and reference library—time tables—social service exchange—family troubles—arrests—conferences with steamship companies and representatives of the Government, and last but not least, the patient hearing of hard luck stories. The record of these transactions is shown by more than thirty-six thousand log entries during the year.

The House Mother in her effort to locate through the Missing Men Department sailors lost to their friends or relatives, has received inquiries concerning seven hundred and seventy-five seamen, and two hundred and thirty-three have been located. This has required two hundred and four interviews and the writing of one thousand four hundred and thirteen letters. Inquiries come from all over the world.

Under the direction of this Department, weekly lectures are given by an abie speaker on subjects generally political or economic. At the well conducted forum following the lecture as many as fifteen seamen sometimes take part.

The Apprentice Room continues to be the haven of youths in training to become officers principally in the British, Belgian and Dutch Merchant Marine. The administering of this club room's hospitality by means of dances, entertainments and teas is largely maintained by the ladies of the Seamen's Benefit Society and the Institute Association of the South Shore of Long Island. The amount of correspondence carried on by the boys visiting this room is shown by the fact that during the year five thousand stamps have been sold.

Post Office

The happiness of the voyaging sailor depends to a large extent upon the prompt and careful handling and forwarding of his mail. In this department, including mail for the Institute itself, 210,636 pieces of mail have been received. Call boxes to the number of 901 have been rented.

Merchant Marine School

The active enrollment of the School has been 140. Besides the technical instruction in preparation for examinations for license, 221 lectures on First-Aid have been given with an average attendance of fourteen. Instruction has also been given in the handling of life boats and life saving.

Employment Bureau

This Department shows a most satisfactory increase in the number of men assisted. During the year there were employed through us 8,842 men out of 12,552 referred by us to employers.

Institute Management

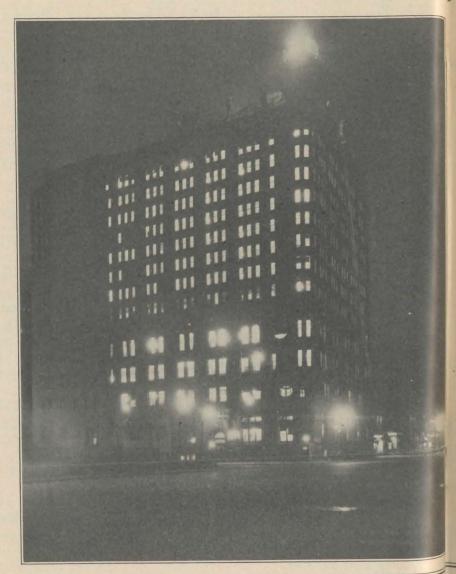
The operation of an Institute where during the year 302,690 lodgings have been furnished, requires a business manager at once keen to secure economy in administration and at the same time preserve the character and real purpose of the institution. The building is always crowded. Besides the lobby, offices and common rooms, there are 430 bedrooms and 406 dormitory beds. To keep the structure in repair and everything clean is an undertaking in itself. There have been passed through the laundry 1,145,374 pieces of linen. Facilities are provided where a man may wash himself and wash and dry his clothes all in one visit. This service, although rendered at a small charge, brings in a substantial income and is greatly appreciated by the seamen.

The total sales in the Restaurant for the year amounted to \$104,713.25, an increase over the previous year of \$9,639.38. A Soda Fountain, and Barber and Tailor Shops are successfully operated.

General Stores are maintained for all food and materials so that economy in purchase and issue may be secured.

Where an average of two thousand seamen gather daily, it is obvious that an efficient force of House Police must be on duty—otherwise the building would be a rich field for the gambler, the thief and for other harpies. We believe this problem is now being well handled.

LET THEE BE LIGHT!



T HIS is the picture that confronts Jack Tar, just off his ship, as he comes rolling along South Street at night with the hope that he may get a room at the Institute.

The "old" part is all a-light where 836 of his fellow sailors have found a home.

The new Annex, with space enough for him and all the lone homeless sailors along the South Street waterfront, is dark and drear.

Black windows tell him the interior is still unfinished. There is still nothing inside but the rough concrete floor and the rough brick walls he saw the last time he was in port.

No welcoming lights there for him yet!

Work has progressed as far as funds in hand will permit. Some day there will be enough funds, and some night soon afterwards there will be lights.

Meanwhile, where can a fellow get a clean bed at a reasonable price, where he will not be robbed in his sleep?

That is poor Jack Tar's problem.

Our immediate problem is where to get one million dollars to finish the Annex and thus be able to "let our light shine".

Five hundred dollars will make possible the necessary construction and equipment to furnish one seaman's room; one thousand dollars will pay for a large room with running water; and fifteen hundred for an officer's room.

But we want to emphasize that every single dollar is gratefully received, for it brings us just so much nearer our goal, which is—

Let there be light!

Baggage Department

A total of 197,847 pieces of dunnage were handled during the year, an increase of 28,873 over the previous year. This to seafarers is an indispensable service. More room is needed.

Engineering Department

The power plant, elevators, general repairs, painting and upkeep are taken care of by the Chief Engineer and his helpers with little necessity for outside help and at a remarkably low annual cost.

Seamen's Funds

There was received during the year from seamen for safe keeping or transmittal \$503,179.16. A total of 3,329 domestic and foreign money orders or travellers checks were handled involving transmittals to two hundred and eighty places representing thirty-seven different countries.

The "Lookout"

Through this monthly publication we make known to our friends the story of the life that centers at Twenty Five South Street.

Ways and Means Department

The sailor does not pay for the religious and social service rendered him nor for the comfort and pleasure afforded by the large common rooms of the building and the club life that we make possible. The cost of these things represents the margin of expenditure over receipts. Our guests pay a fair price for food and lodging. The balance required to run the Institute must be met by voluntary contributions. The budget for 1926 was fully met.

Institute Associations

These groups of women organized in communities within the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are rendering valuable help. They cooperate through a Central Council and the year has shown a marked increase in interest and memberships.

Legacies

National Work

During the past year the Seamen's Church Institute of America, the National organization, has witnessed a very great progress and development in all her seventeen Institutes and stations. Although lack of funds has made it impossible to begin new work in those ports where Institutes are very much needed, nevertheless the existing work has been substantially strengthened in every port.

At Fort Stanton a splendid new chapel has been equipped and opened for the use of our tubercular seamen; at Tampa a concrete and stucco building has been erected and will be used as an Institute for the time being; at Charleston a residence has been purchased for the Chaplain; and the work in Manila has been reorganized, and is more adequately situated for carrying on its work. In all the Institutes additions and improvements have been made both for the expansion of the work and a more efficient service to seamen. Lodging accommodations have been numerically increased by the addition of rooms and dormitories and every phase of Institute activity shows a positive expansion. The work has become better known throughout the entire country and has found its place among the great national philanthropic and social agencies as evidenced by the admission of the Seamen's Church Institute of America to membership in the National Conference of Social Work.

The Committee preparing this report is conscious that the foregoing is merely a condensation of the reports of the Superintendent and the heads of the several departments. It fails to give an adequate picture of what has really been accomplished. Our friends must read between the lines and they must see that this is not a centre for mere almsgiving-only in cases of real destitution and distress are the small funds available used and then, generally, the money is loaned. Nor is there here any sentimental pampering likely to injure self-respect.

For every department the need is more room. The walls of our great Annex surmounted by an heroic cross shelter, as yet, no life.

To those who have made this work possible and to the Superintendent and his staff our gratitude is unbounded.

ERNEST E. WHEELER, Chairman, GEORGE W. BURLEIGH, THOMAS A. SCOTT, Report Committee.

*General Summary of Work

January 1st to December 31st, 1926

Submitted by the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, D.D., Superintendent

Hotel Department	
Lodgings registered Mail received for Seamen.	302,690 153,730
Baggage received	74,503
Meals served Sales at Soda Fountain.	477,463 411,972
Barber Tailor Shop and Laundry Customers	25,340
Religious and Social Service Department	
Institute Sunday Services, including 11 Communion Services	72
Attendance Institute Week Day and Special Services	3,743 148
Attendance Services at Hospitals.	1,467 54
Attendance	1,752
Communion Services at Hospitals. Hospital Visits 180—Patients visited.	1,105
Ships visited	112
Marriages Burials	58
Baptisms	2
Office Interviews	36,911
Relief Applicants Assisted Bundles of Literature distributed.	4,142 2,826
Knitted Articles distributed	2,380 2,988
Sent to Hospitals	463
Referred to Outside Agencies	9,390
Employment Bureau	
Employed: On Vessels, 6,986; Elsewhere, 1,856	8,842
Companies served	263
Seamen's Funds Department	6.077
Deposits Deposited for Safekeeping and Transmission\$	10,642.27
Transmitted	80,386.37
Department of	0,025
Marine and Other Education and Harbor Service	
Students enrolled	94
Examined and passed by U. S. Local Inspectors	94 337
*These facts are necessarily brief. Full and detailed information will	

Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended December 31, 1926

Departmental Results for Year 1926: Hotel Lunch Counter Soda Fountain Baggage Seamen's Wages Navigation and Marine Engineering School Barber and Tailor Post Office Employment Bureau	8,062.43 3,684.57 *658.44 *629.56 989.35 *4,074.10 3,304.26
Net Departmental Profit Income from Contributions: Contributions toward Institute Operations received through Ways and Means Department	\$38,774.84
Amount of Contributions toward Operations Income from Endowment Investments	120,249.57 19,661.77
Miscellaneous Income: Interest on Bank Balances, Etc	798.90
Sundry	\$179,485.08
Service and Overhead Expenses: \$58,126.43 Administration 42,574.83 Engineering 32,018.59 Religious and Social 17,663.27 Ways and Means Department 2,467.61 Insurance 2,467.61	
\$152,850.73	
Miscellaneous: Amount Transferred to New Building Fund for alterations in old building	
Total Expenditure	172,954.82
Balance (including \$6,000.00 appropriated for alterations)	\$6,530.26

We have audited the accounts pertaining to the operations as shown in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and hereby certify that, in our opinion, it properly reflects the transactions for the year ended December 31, 1926.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & Co.

New York, N. Y., March 29, 1927. * Deficit.

Report of Committee on Trust Funds

SUMMARY OF ASSETS		
	#202 046 E1	
Securities, etc. Mortgages	5,000.00	
Cash on deposit		
		\$442,080.96
SUMMARY OF FUNDS		
Fund: (Unrestricted)	\$154,664.62	
Endowments: General	1	
Religious and Social Service		
Relief	71,839.24	
		\$442,080.96
DETAILS OF FUNDS		
Fund: (Unrestricted) Principal and income at the disposal of the Board of Managers for the general uses of the Society		
Balance as per last report	\$225,221.24	
Deduct Real Estate, Front Street Property purchased for New Annex Building and transferred to New Building		
account	89,543.60	
	\$135,677.64	
ADDITIONS TO FUND		
Legacy Frida Ashforth, balance	\$500.00	
" James L. Schaadt, Allentown, Pa	1,000.00	
" Sophia H. Palmer	500.00	
" Emily F. Southmayd, on account	1,250.00	
" Mary C. Van Cott, in memory of Major Louis F.		
Hallen	2,000.00	
waiter Mathison	11,446.81	
Sinking Fund		
Transferred from income	1,199.25	
Profit on bonds sold	1,199.23	
	1,000.02	

- \$154,664.62

ENDOWMENT FUNDS, AND FUNDS FOR DESIGNA	TED PUI	RPOSES
General:		
Anonymous	\$10,000.00	
Charles E. Rhinelander	25,000.00	
Frederick M. Dearborne Memorial	26,824.22	
"C. A. R." Memorial(Income to be used for some needy object)	526.34	
Kate S. Richardson	50,000.00	
Chas. H. Tissington	100.00	
Wm. D. Quackenbush, wife, and daughter Janet	500.00	
Profit on bonds sold	305.77	
Front on bonds sold		\$113,256.33
Religious and Social Service:		*
William Waldorf Astor Trust		
Balance as per last report\$51,653.58		
Deduct Sinking Fund, transferred to General		
Fund		
\$50,483.58		
Profit on bonds sold 594.04		
1 Tollt oil bolids sold	\$51,077.62	
Davenport	2,082.90	
(Income to be applied to the purchase of books for distribution among seamen)		
Roxy M. Smith	2,082.90	
(In memory of her husband, W. V. R. Smith. Income		
to be applied to giving annually an entertainment for		
seamen on the birthday of W. V. R. Smith, August 2nd)		
Gerard Beekman		
(In memory of his brother, James William Beekman.		
Income to be used to befriend the seamen who make use of the room dedicated to his brother)		
Principal as per last report\$15,000.00 Profit on bonds sold		
Front on bonds sold	16,985.40)

Charles E. Potts (Income to be used for the maintenance of the rooms in the building now or at any time hereafter maintained by the Institute known and designated as the Isabella Potts and Philip Ruprecht Room) Principal as per last report	7,668.53 6,204.11	\$102.320.77
1 Oldi		\$102,320.77
Relief:		
Morrill Foundaton. (In memoriam of the late Captain Charles Montgomery Morrill) (Income to be applied exclusively to the relief of destitute mariners and those dependent upon them who may have been left destitute by their death while following the sea) Principal as per last report\$18,451.37		
Profit on bonds sold	\$18,579.09	
Hosier Morgan	1,805.74	
Emily H. Bourne	5,000.00	
Capt. William Wilson Owen Memorial	250.00	
Ramage Endowment	3,000.00	

THE LOOKOUT

Mansfield (Established January, 1926, by friends, especially the members of the Seamen's Church Institute Associations, to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Rev. Archibald Romaine Mansfield, D.D., Superintendent, and in recognition of his years of service to this Society and to seamen) (Income to be used exclusively for the assistance of needy Merchant Seamen)	\$7,374.54
Mary Le Roy King	3.829.87
(Income to be used in common with that of the Mans-	0,042.01
field Fund)	
Endowed rooms for convalescent seamen given by:	
Barber Steamship Lines, Inc.	
In memory of Herbert Barber \$4,000.00	
Beekman Family Association	
In memory of Gerard Beekman 4,000.00	
Mr. Walter K. Belknap	
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Aldrich	
Mrs. F. Kingsbury Curtis	
In memory of George W. McLanahan 4,000.00	
William Harris Douglas	
In memory of William Erskine Douglas 4,000.00	
Helen L. Fairchild for Charles Stebbins	
Fairchild	
Mrs. Edward McClure Peters	
In memory of Edward McClure Peters 4,000.00	22 000 00
	32,000.00

\$71,839.24

\$442,080.96

LEGACIES TO THE INSTITUTE

The Institute has been greatly aided by this form of generosity. No precise words are necessary to a valid legacy to the corporation. The following clause, however, may be suggested:

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

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."