The Seamen's Church Institute of New York



Eightieth Annual Report 1924

Announcement

Growing demands on the Scamen's Church Institute of New York have exhausted the possibilities of the present building. Thousands of active scamen who deserve its benefits have been turned away in the past few years because of lack of lodging room.

Even now, over 800 men are daily lodged in a building built for only 500. Hundreds more use the general facilities of the building each day, but there is not a portion of the building that is not overcrowded to the point of discomfort.

This imperative need for further quarters has forced the Officers and Managers of the Society to begin the erection of an Annex adjoining the present building, facing on Front Street, covering an area of 11,264 square feet between Coenties Slip and Cuyler's Alley on Front Street.

This building will become a unit of the present structure. The Officers of the Society, the Superintendent, and the architects and builder have devoted months to the study of plans which would combine the Annex and the present building in the most effective way at the lowest possible cost. The plans adopted seem ideally suited for such purpose. The enlarged Institute will comfortably lodge 1,500 seamen at a lower proportionate cost for maintenance than is possible with the present plant.

The contributions of some of the friends of the Institute enabled actual work to begin on April 13th, 1925. But more money must be secured at once to complete the Annex. An active effort is now being made to gather the funds necessary for its completion.

To those interested in the welfare of the mariner, those who have helped the past work at 25 South Street, the Institute now turns for active assistance in obtaining the necessary funds to complete this building for the merchant seamen of the world, men indispensable to commerce and to whom, as a class, the entire nation is indebted.

Building Committee.

Edmund L. Baylies, Chairman Waiter Wood Parsons, Vice-Chairman Charles E. Dunlap, Vice-Chairman James Barber F. Kingsbury Curtis Bayard C. Hoppin Louis Gordon Hamersley Clarence G. Michalis Franklin P. Reminaton John Jay Schieffelin Thomas A. Scott Frank T. Warburton

Seamen's Church Institute OF NEW YORK



PRESENTED AT A

STATED MEETING OF THE SOCIETY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1925



YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1924

Headquarters of the Society 25 SOUTH STREET NEW YORK CITY

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Officers and Managers of the Society

Chosen at the Annual Meeting, January 22, 1925.

Honorary President RT. REV. WILLIAM T. MANNING, D.D., D.C.L., 1908

President

EDMUND L. BAYLIES, 1885

Clerical Vice-Presidents

RT. REV. FREDERICK BURGESS, D.D., 1906 RT. REV. FREDERICK BURGESS, D.D., 1906 RT. REV. EDWIN S. LINES, D.D., 1908 VERY REV. HOWARD C. ROBEINS, D.D., 1918 REV. S. DEL. TOWNSEND, D.D., 1900 REV. ERNEST M. STIERS, D.D., 1902 REV. WILLIAM TUFTS CROCKER, 1903 REV. FRANK WARFIELD CROWDER, D.D., 1916 REV. CALER R. STETSON, D.D., 1922 REV. W. RUSSELL BOWIE, D.D., 1923 REV. H. P. SILVER, D.D., 1923 REV. FREDERICK BURGESS, JR., 1923 REV. FREDERICK BURGESS, JR., 1923 REV. FRANK W. CREIGHTON, 1924

Lav Vice-Presidents

Secretary and Treasurer

FRANK T. WARBURTON, 46 Cedar Street, 1888

Managers

AUGUSTUS N. HAND	1902	CHARLES E. DUNLAP	
HERBERT L. SATTERLEE	1902	GEORGE W. BURLEIGH	
EDWIN A. S. BROWN	1904	EDWIN DET. BECHTEL	
CHARLES A. CLARK	1905	BERNON S. PRENTICE	1915
BENJAMIN R. C. LOW	1905	JAMES BARBER	
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT		JOHN J. RIKER	1916
AYMAR JOHNSON	1908	ALLISON V. ARMOUR	1917
ERNEST E. WHEELER		F. KINGSBURY CURTIS	1920
ROBERT MCC. MARSH		Edward J. BARBER	1920
CHARLES W. BOWRING		FRANK C. MUNSON	1920
ORME WILSON, JR			1920
FRANKLIN REMINGTON			1921
J. FREDERIC TAMS			1921
BAYARD C. HOPPIN			1922
OLIVER ISELIN			1923
SIR T. ASHLEY SPARKS			1923
MARINUS W. DOMINICK			1924
JOHN S. ROGERS			1924
LEROY KING		CLARENCE G. MICHALIS	1924
LOUIS GORDON HAMERSLEY		LOUIS B. MCCAGG, JR	1924

Honorary Members

JOHN H. MORRISON..... 1877

Superintendent

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

Note: Dates refer to year of election.

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Committees of the Board of Managers

Executive Committee

EDMUND L. BAYLIES, Chairman, 54 Wall Street ERNEST E. WHEELER, Vice-Chairman, 67 Wall Street BAYARD C. HOPPIN, Vice-Chairman, 120 Broadway CHARLES E. DUNLAP WALTER WOOD PARSONS HARRY FORSYTH THOMAS A. SCOTT BENJAMIN BREWSTER JENNINGS J. FREDERIC TAMS FRANK T. WARBURTON

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LEROY KING, Vice-Chairman, 15 William Street LOUIS S. MCCAGG, JR. FRANKLIN REMINGTON HERBERT L. SATTERLEE

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HARRY FORSYTH, Chairman, 52 Broadway JOHN S. ROGERS, Vice-Chairman, 27 Cedar Street LOUIS GORDON HAMERSLEY WALTER WOOD PARSONS BAYARD C. HOPPIN JOHN JAY SCHIEFFELIN BENJAMIN BREWSTER JENNINGS FRANK T. WAREURTON

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Attorneys for the Society

CARTER, LEDYARD & MILBURN, 54 Wall Street

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Board of Managers

of the

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

of New York

1925

THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK has completed *eighty years* of service to seamen.

Its astonishing growth could not have taken place without a glowing leadership that imagines, inspires and courageously achieves. In recognition of that kind of leadership the Board of Managers desires to here record the fact that the eightieth year of the Institute's existence is the fortieth in period of service of Edmund L. Baylies, its devoted President for the past eleven years.

The great expansion in the work of the Institute has occurred during the past twenty-nine years which is the period of service of our Superintendent, the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, D.D. The final responsibility for justifying all that has been attempted or done has rested upon Dr. Mansfield. Mr. Baylies and he have been keenly sensitive to the opportunities presented, and he with tireless devotion and tact has directed all that has been accomplished.

Frank T. Warburton, our Secretary and Treasurer, has completed thirty-seven years of able and devoted service.

It has not been the custom of this Board in making its annual report to thus refer to individuals by name, nor does it now desire to establish any precedent for so doing. However, the annual meeting of the Institute was vocal with hearty cheers for the men we have named, and we cannot refrain from referring to them in this anniversary report.

The work which inspires such loyalty is indeed of deep human interest. It includes, incidentally, the maintenance of a loan department, a dispensary, game and reading rooms, the care of seamen's money for safe keeping or transmission to his family, the handling of mail, the supplying of diversion of one sort or another, the furnishing of food and lodging at reasonable rates and the care of the sailor's dunnage. But chiefly and more important than all these, and as part of such service and beyond it, is the Christian ministry in the broadest sense rendered by our chaplains and staff of men and women who in the name of Christ, and irrespective of race or creed, endeavor to recall the sailor to his better self; to help him solve his many peculiar problems and so, in sympathy, to stir his natural but latent religious impulses.

The need for an addition to our building is more pressing than ever. The plans of the Board in this respect are set forth in a separate statement which accompanies this report.

Religious Department

The spiritual appeal has been ever dominant throughout the life of the Society. Its founders were men of prayer and evangelistic zeal. We believe that their purposes should continue more and more to permeate all the activities of the Society.

The directly religious work has during the past year included two services in the Chapel on Sunday and one weekly night service. In March the custom of daily morning prayer in the Chapel at nine o'clock was instituted. Other services include those at the United States Marine Hospital No. 21. In all three hundred and twentyfive services of all kinds, not including the daily services and Bible study classes conducted Sunday afternoons, have been held during the past year.

Over forty-one meetings of the Fellowship Organization with an average attendance of over one hundred men, have been held. The success of this club work has been largely due to the volunteer workers who have come from several of our city churches.

One of our chaplains is resident at U. S. Marine Hospital No. 21 and represents our Superintendent who is the official chaplain recognized by the United States government. His service includes work at other Marine Hospitals. The activities of this department also include Board of Education lectures on current topics concluded with open discussions, a "Home Hour" after the evening service on Sunday and publicity addresses whenever opportunity offers.

Social Service

A head with a staff of nine assistants have handled about every imaginable kind of human problem brought to this department for solution. These problems include getting seamen into hospitals or out of jail, into the United States (immigration, naturalization), out of the United States (repatriation, passports), writing and sending letters, receiving and translating letters, relieving the needy, preparing affidavits, helping collect wages, and many other kinds of assistance. These social service transactions during the year number approximately 25,000.

In connection with the Missing Men Department the "House Mother" has received 1,245 letters of inquiry and has written 1,579. New cases to the number of 736 have come to her attention and 302 men and boys have been located. The Missing Men Bulletin continues to be sent to ports in all countries. The "House Mother's" strong and stirring talks to audiences of men, her Bible talks and particularly her interviews with individuals continue to be of incalculable value.

The Apprentice Department has had 13,321 visits from ships' apprentices making this Port. This club room for apprentices is almost entirely maintained by the Seamen's Benefit Society and the work done by volunteer workers under the leadership of Mrs. Edith Baxter.

The "Lookout"

This monthly paper continues to be our chief medium of publicity. Through it our needs are made known and our friends are given some idea of the richly human life that centers at 25 South Street. [7] The school continues to be self-supporting. During the past year 100 students were enrolled in the Navigation and Engineering courses of whom 79 passed the United States Government examination for license.

In addition to this instruction, 342 First Aid lectures were delivered during the year. Our friends will recall that the publication of an excellent manual on First Aid and the institution of a radio medical service to ships at sea were accomplished by this Society. A new course has been added on life saving, and the handling of life boats. For this purpose a model life boat has been acquired.

Seamen's Funds Department

We have received during the past year for sate keeping or transmission \$509,919.44 in 5,812 separate deposits from men representing 69 different countries. The department sold 2,651 domestic and foreign money orders.

House Department

To keep this crowded building clean and santary at a reasonable cost is no small undertaking. There have passed through the *Laundry* during the year 1,076,436 pieces. Our enlarged *Wash Room*, where the seaman may not only wash himself but also wash and dry his clothes, has during the seven months it has been open, made it possible to rent 4,400 combination wash rooms, 4,650 shower baths and 14,278 towels.

Baggage Department

This department has been subject to particular study during the past year with the result that our system of handling baggage has been improved in several ways. A total of 175,223 pieces of dunnage were actually handled during the year—an average of 480 pieces per day.

Employment Bureau

Owing to the prevailing bad conditions throughout the year, the amount of business done by this department has been comparatively small. We have, however, referred to sea and shore positions 6,618 men of whom 4,764 were employed.

Restaurant and Purchasing Department

The total sales at the *lunch counter* amounted to \$92,110 and at the *soda fountain* for candy and soda \$17,149.33 and for tobacco \$14,390.29.

For economy in purchasing, we maintain the *general stores*. The stock held in these stores includes groceries, crockery, cleaning materials, office supplies, linen, etc., for which 1,847 separate requisitions have been filled during the year.

The *barber* and *tailor shops* have been operating successfully.

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The Seamen's Church Institute with its annex, on which construction is unable of the builders. The present building faces South Street and runs along Cook the Annex will have a frontage of 162 feet on Front Street and will occupy the space between Cuyler's Alley and Coenties Slip. It was stories high, with three basements, and will accommodate 1,500 men. When completed the Institute can provide 500,000 lodgings The present building is the shaded portion at the right.

Post Office

The business of handling seamen's mail is essential and keenly appreciated. The service during the past year has been greatly improved. We received a total of 219,917 pieces of mail of which 45,026 were for the Institute and 174,891 for seamen.

Hotel Desk

An idea of the volume and variety of the work at the desk will be appreciated when it is realized that 303,609 lodgings were booked in 1924. Of those taking lodgings, 242,650 were either born or naturalized Americans. The next largest numbers in nationalities were 12,750 British and 11,550 Scandinavians. The demand for lodgings continues to be very much greater than our capacity.

Ways and Means Department

The cost of the religious and social service work, which is the principal function of the Institute, must be met by voluntary contributions. It is the business of this Committee not only to retain our old friends and contributors, but to constantly find new subscribers. The Committee has functioned successfully during the past year.

Institute Associations

These are groups of women in various communities in and about New York City who are interested in work for seamen. Their work is co-ordinated and unified through a central council. There are now in existence fifteen of such associations with a membership of over a thousand. Very substantial progress has been made during the past year in finding new friends for the sailor through these local associations. They are comparatively recent in operation and the exact manner in which these groups shall most successfully function is not yet fully worked out.

Legacies

The following bequests have been made to the Society:

Charles H. Tissington	\$100.00
Anna H. Tyler	500.00
Susan K. Thorn	
Mary M. Baldwin	
Walter Mathisonabout	
James A. Schaadt	1,000.00

In closing this report the Board of Managers desires to say that an accurate and comprehensive *System of Accounting* is maintained and that the Board is confident that the administration of the Institute is upon an efficient business basis and is conducted with the utmost economy.

We desire to thank the Superintendent and his Staff and the Employees of the Institute for their devoted service during the past year, and to all our friends who by their gifts of money and time have made it possible for us to carry on this work, we are most deeply grateful.

> E. E. WHEELER, Chairman, George W. Burleigh, THOMAS A. SCOTT, Report Committee.

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General Summary of Work

January 1 to December 31st, 1924

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

HOTEL DEPARTMENT

Lodgings Registered	300,609
Mail Received for Seamen	174,891
Baggage Received	65,117
	415,817
Meals Served	and the second
Sales at Soda Fountain	15.566
Barber Customers	2,816
Tailor Shop Customers	
Laundry Customers	2,244

RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

Institute Services	110
Institute Services	9,142
Attendance	46
Communion Services	5
Bible Classes	
Attendance	328
Midweek Services	25
Attendance	2,355
Home Hours	52
Attendance	5,896
Seamen's Fellowship Meetings	41
Attendance	2,858
Attendance	55
Hospital Services	2,122
Attendance	32
Communion Services at Hospital	5
Marriages	-
Baptisms	3
Funerals	49
Social Service Office Interviews	20,320
Diff A sided Through M M & B Fund and Other	
Relief Assisted Through M. M. & B. Fund and Other	15,520
Funds	

Unsecured Loans Returned	817
Knitted Articles Distributed	2,341
Old Clothes Distributed	9,426
Literature Distributed	1,403
Treated in Institute Dispensary	4,518
Sent to Hospitals	340
Visits to Hospitals	469
Visits to Ships	145
Other Visits	46
Referred to Outside Agencies	1,213
Entertainments	59
Attendance	35,124
Total Attendance in Apprentice Boys' Room	13,321

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU AND SEAMEN'S FUNDS DEPARTMENTS

Men Referred to Ships	4,926
Men Accepting Sea Employment	3,574
Number of Companies Supplied	632
Men Referred to Land Employment	1,692
Men Accepting Land Employment	1,190
Total Accepting Employment	4,764
Number of Deposits	5,812
Amount of Deposits and Transmissions\$509,	919.44
Amount of Transmissions\$ 76,	578.11
Number of Transmissions	2,672
Notary Signatures	578

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND OTHER EDUCATION AND HARBOR SERVICE

Students Enrolled	100
Examined and Passed by U. S. Local Inspectors	79
Daily Average Attendance	82
First Aid Lectures	342
Average Attendance	220

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Seamen's Church Institute of New York

Statement of Income and Expenditures

For the year ended December 31st, 1924

DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS FOR YEAR 1924:

Baggage Department Barber and Tailor Shops	\$3,280.87 566.26
Hotel Department (Lodgings and Pay Wash- rooms less Structural Maintenance) Lunch Counter	15,422.36 13,701.09
Post Office	203.19 *3,242.55
Seamen's Funds Department Soda Fountain	631.33 4,077.97
NET DEPARTMENTAL PROFIT	\$34,640.52
INCOME FROM CONTRIBUTIONS, ETC. :	
Contributions towards Institute Operations less	
Ways and Means Department Expense	79,713.13
Special Contributions Income from Invested Funds	5,000.00 11,709.50
Miscellaneous	185.60
TOTAL INCOME	\$131,248.75
SERVICE AND OVERHEAD EXPENSE:	1
Administration	
Light, Heat and Power	
"The Lookout" 5,386.53	
North River Station (caretaker, etc.) 1,654.11	
\$94,530.05	
Religious and Social Work 33,023.98	127,554.03
	\$3,694.72
Miscellaneous Expenses:	
Loss on Operation of Properties \$1,662.89	
Taxes North River Station 1,644.00	
Special Appropriations 100.00	
Depreciation on New Furniture and	3 532 01

Fixtures			125.12	3,532.0
SURPLUS FOR * Deficit.				\$162.7

Certificate of Auditors

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 of the year ended December 31, 1924. PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. New York, N. Y., April 20, 1925.

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Committee on Trust Funds

Summary

Securities	\$277,714.38
Mortgages: 389 Manhattan Ave \$5,000.	
52 Market St 1,600.	00 6,600.00
Real Estate: Front St. property (pur- chased for New Annex Building, Non-	
income producing)	89,543.60
Cash on Deposit:	
Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank \$250. Bank of New York & Trust Co 24,954.	00 21 25,204.21

Permanent Fund: Income to be applied to the general uses of the Society. Balance, last report.....\$180,634.44 Legacy, Emily F. Southmayd (on a/c). 16,250.00 Charles H. Tissington, for Permanent Endowment Fund.... 100.00 66 Emily H. Bourne..... 15,000.00 14 Cornelia Prime 11,402.37 66 Marie H. Forbes..... 200.00 " Anna H. Tyler..... 500.00 ... Share of trust fund for Susan K. Thorn under Will of William E. Thorn, deceased 10,103.93

\$234,190.74

\$399,062.19

Sale of No. 52 Market St.: Broker's commission \$375.00	
Loss (from book value) 5,000.00	
Paid Treasurer for account of Build- ing Committee, legacy of Captain William James Barry, Sound Pilot	
retired	
tions 25 South St.)	18,875.00
Carried forward	\$215,315.74

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William Waldorf Astor Trust Fund: Income to be applied first to the sup- port of Missionary at East River Station and afterwards to the main- tenance of any missionaries em- ployed by the Society.	\$215,315.74
Principal	
\$51,053.00 Add Sinking Fund, transferred from income	51,111.50
Charles E. Rhinelander Fund: In memory of his wife, Matilda F. Rhinelander. Income to be applied to the general uses of the	25.000.00
Society Frederick M. Dearborne Memorial Fund: To constitute part of the Endowment Fund. In- come to be applied to the general uses of the	25,000.00
Anonymous Fund: To constitute part of the Endowment Fund. In-	26,824,22
come to be applied to the general uses of the Society	10,000.00
Funds for Special Purposes Davenport Fund: Income to be applied to the purchase of books for distribution among seamen	2,000.00
In memoriam of the late Captain Charles Mont- gomery Morrill. Income to be applied exclu- sively to the relief of destitute mariners and those dependent upon them who may have been left destitute by their death while following the sea	17,831.25
Hosier Morgan Fund: Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation Fund	1,735.27
Emily H. Bourne Fund: Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation Fund	5,000.00
Seamen's Relief Fund: Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation Fund	751.95
"C. A. R." Memorial Fund: Income to be used for some needy object	500.00
Carried forward	\$356,069.93

Brought forward	\$356,069.93
Roxy M. Smith Fund: In memory of her husband, W. V. R. Smith. In- come to be applied to giving annually an enter- tainment for seamen on the birthday of W. V. R. Smith, August 2nd	2,000,00
Captain William Wilson Owen Memorial Fund: Income to be applied to the use of destitute sailors under the care of the Institute	250.00
Chapel Flower Fund: Income to be used for flowers for the altar of the Chapel. Balance last report	
Balance last report	5,742.26
Ramage Endowment: Income to be used for the maintenance of depen- dent seamen	3,000.00
British-American War Relief Fund: Income to be used to relieve distressed British seamen	
Annex Building Fund: To endow rooms in Annex when built. Balance, last report	2,000.00
26,641.98 Paid Treasurer for account of the Building Committee\$26,641.98	
Gerard Beekman Fund: In memory of his brother, James William Beek- man. Income to be used to pay for a lay reader and sailor's friend in the sailors' reading room now dedicated to his brother	15,000.00
Charles E. Potts Fund: Income to be used for the maintenance of the rooms in the building, now or at any time here- after maintained by the Institute known and designated as the Isabella Potts and Philip Ru-	10,000.00
Total	15,000.00
[19]	\$399,062.19