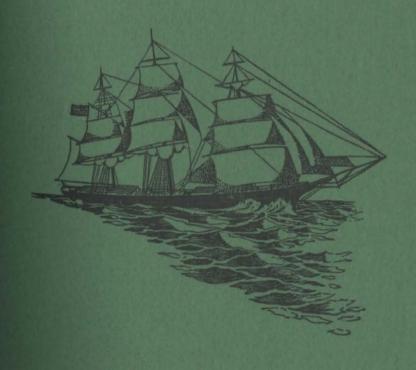
SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK



SEVENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL REPORT
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For the Year Ending 1920 PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY Wednesday, January 19, 1921

STATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

SOUTH STREET INSTITUTE

25 SOUTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY Telephone Bowling Green 3620

NORTH RIVER STATION

341 WEST STREET (near Houston) Telephone Spring 1623

INSTITUTE TENDER, "J. HOOKER HAMERSLEY"

REVEREND ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD, D.D.



THE "INSTITUTE"

25 South Street (corner Coenties Slip)

In view of every vessel entering the Harbor. Thirteen stories above the street and three below, of concrete, steel and brick. Ground, building and equipment cost \$1,225,000. Titanic Memorial Lighthouse Tower and Time Ball, erected by popular subscription. Flag Pole and Flags presented by Lafayette Post No. 140, G. A. R. Top Floor, Navigation and Marine Engineering School, Clinic, Meredyth Whitehouse Memorial, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Whitehouse.

Officers and Managers of the Society

Chosen at the Annual Meeting, January 19th, 1921.

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Rt. Rev. William T. Manning, D.D., D.C.L., 1908

President

EDMUND L. BAYLIES, 1885

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1883 LISPENARD STEWART, WILLIAM H. BUTTERWORTH, 1873 1889 JOHN A. McKIM, JOHN H. MORRISON, ALLISON V. ARMOUR, 1917

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FRANK T. WARBURTON, 46 Cedar Street, 1888

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	Honorar	y Members	1917

Superintendent

1891

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

Note: Dates refer to year of election.

CLAYTON PLATT,

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ROBERT L. HARRISON BERNON S. PRENTICE JUNIUS S. MORGAN, JR. Committee on "The Lookout"

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CARTER, LEDYARD & MILBURN, 54 Wall Street

Annual Report of the Board of Managers JANUARY, 1921

During the seventy-sixth year of the SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTI-TUTE OF NEW YORK, the legitimate requests by seamen for the service which the Institute holds itself out to give were so far in excess of its capacity to respond that no definite estimate can be made of the number of men seeking lodgings, with money to pay for the same, who were of necessity turned away

Our staff found it impracticable to keep count.

If the work of the Institute consisted in mere loose or sentimental giving. its expansion would certainly be destitute of any element of surprise, and would be unjustifiable either from the standpoint of social betterment or Christian morals. The sailor pays a fair price for his lodgings and food; for the care of his dunnage and for other services such as are adjuncts to any great hotel. What he does not pay for in money is the kind of place in which he finds himself; the comfort of game and reading rooms; the entertainment he delights in; the social and religious service of many kinds from which he benefits; in short, the clean and friendly atmosphere that makes him feel at home. This margin of cost over return which shows on the books of the Institute and similar organizations is simply an expression by the people of the great port of New York of a whole-hearted Christian hospitality. It is a recognition of the homeless quality of Jack's life; that ashore he is, perhaps, irresponsible, and that if he does not get a welcome from us he will be most cordially received by that numerous gentry who pander to his weaknesses with a view solely to promptly separating him from his wages. It is a recognition that to give him a chance to deposit his money for safe keeping and transmission to his distant family, that to assist him with practical counsel and endeavor tactfully to recall him to his better nature, are sound purposes. The greatest port in the world can do no less than generously maintain such a social and Christian institute for those who contribute so essentially to its commerce and who could not by any effort of their own provide themselves with such a home ashore.

Convinced of the need of expansion, and encouraged by the keen appre ciation of the seamen, the Board of Managers has taken action looking toward the early utilization of the property owned by the Institute adjacent to its building at South Street and Coenties Slip. Whether this can be done soon depends, of course, upon the generosity of our friends.

The short summary of the work of each department which follows, and the statistics given, must speak for themselves. However, we call especial attention to two significants attention to two significant items. We have received from seamen, for safe keeping \$1 201 067 51 keeping, \$1,201,067.51, and have registered 260,449 lodgings.



Soda Fountain in Lobby, Commonly Called "Cheerfulness Centre"

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

The clerk at the hotel desk has the unpleasant duty of turning men away dmost every hour of the day and night, because there are not sufficient beds. The work at the desk, however, is not simply the booking of lodgings. Here meal tickets are sold, and money, valuables and baggage are received at hours when other departments are closed. Here 9,100 wash-room tickets at fifteen cents each, which entitle a man to a bath and to the privilege of washing and drying his clothes, were sold.

The charge for a lodging is from 30 cents to \$1.00. Out of a possible full house for the year of 260,610 lodgings, we furnished 260,449—the difference being accounted for by the necessity of special cleaning or painting.

The Baggage Department has continued to render tremendous service. During the year 82,543 pieces have been checked in.

The Restaurant Department has tripled in growth since 1917. During the vear 597,670 meal tickets were sold at an average price of 33 cents per ficket an increase of 15,700 sales over last year.

At the Soda Fountain 450,000 sales were made, an increase over the preceding year of 86,924. The average sales price of each check was 15 cents.

The total number of pieces of incoming mail received by the Post Office Department was 214,460. Over 6,000 requests to forward mail have been received. We have installed and rented 801 "call boxes," for which a monthly charge of twenty-five cents is made.

INSTITUTE BUILDING

Every square foot of space in this sixteen-floor building is in use. The mechanical equipment and the structure itself is under the care of a competent superintendent and engineer. Most of the repairs, including plumbing and electrical equipment, are done by the engineer and his staff. Operation of engines, boilers, elevators, generators, laundry and refrigerating plant has been economically successful. The building is kept in good condition at what is believed to be the minimum of cost.

SEAMEN'S WAGES DEPARTMENT

The increase of business in this department has been tremendous. In 1902 there were 900 deposits, totaling \$54,000. During the past year 6,672 deposits have been made, amounting to the largest total ever received in our history. viz., \$1,201,067.51, of which amount \$238,701.25 was transmitted by request of the depositor to family or friends in 129 cities or towns representing 21 countries.

RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL DEPARTMENT

This department is headed by the Director of Religious Work, who has at all times a staff of at least ten.

During the month of December, the average attendance at the Sunday evening services in the Chapel of Our Saviour was 248. The Chapel is generally well filled.

Evangelical services are held on Tuesday evenings in the public reading room with equally marked success. On Sunday afternoon, Bible Classes are well attended. The services conducted at the North River Station bring interesting and encouraging results.

As mentioned in our last report, one of our Chaplains is constantly in attendance at the United States Marine Hospital at Stapleton, and at the Hospital for Seamen at Ellis Island.

The Chaplain's office is the clearing house for all the religious and social work. Over 12,000 men have been recorded as coming for some kind of advice or assistance. Here is accomplished the real Christian and friendly results which count for more than anything else done in the building. Here practically all of the relief work and the Loan Fund are administered, and here is the Lost and Found department.

A Medical Clinic is conducted, and two doctors serve the building, one giving his whole time and the other part of his time. In the Clinic attention has been given to 4,967 cases.

Medical lectures are delivered, for the special consideration of men. The Libraries and Reading Room tables are in charge of a Chaplain, and there is always an abundance of entertaining and suitable reading for the men.

Entertainments of various kinds totaling 213, with a total attendance of

over 61,000, have been given.

Through the character of their employment, sailors are often lost to their relatives and friends. A Missing Men bulletin is issued and sent to all parts of the world 1000 of the world. 1,000 seamen have been inquired for by relatives or friends, and since the issue of the first bulletin in January, 1920, 450 of those missing have been located. In conducting this bureau for the missing, the Institute is rendering a unique and touching service.

ACCOUNTING AND WAYS AND MEANS

The Board is confident that a comprehensive and accurate system of accounting is in operation. The burden of raising the amount representing the difference between cost and return rests upon the Committee on Ways and Means. If the work is to grow, new friends and benefactors must be found.

THE "LOOKOUT"

Our publication is read all over the world. Through it our work is given publicity, and by its accounts of happenings at the Institute, humorous, pathetic. and often tragic, the sailor becomes a real person to his unknown friends.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The Laundry has handled an average of 3,000 pieces per day, at a cost of less than 75 cents per hundred pieces, including cost of fumigation, repairs and light and power.

The Slop Chest, or general clothing and supply store, has continued to be operated, and the Tailor Shop much patronized, the latter having been used by 2,382 customers.

The Shipping Department (Employment Bureau) shows an improvement over last year and furnished during the year employment for 3,395 men, placing crews or parts of crews on board 383 vessels.

The Harbor Boat "I. Hooker Hamersley" during 1920 made 134 trips and visited 378 vessels.

NORTH RIVER STATION

The work at this station is functioning as well as inadequate room and equipment will allow. The funds allotted to this work are wisely spent, but the needs of this locality are by no means met. An enthusiastic group of volunteer workers are of great assistance here. A modern plant is greatly needed.

NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENGINEERING AND RADIO SCHOOL

Notwithstanding the discontinuance of the U. S. Shipping Board Engineering School, our school has had a total enrollment for the year of 972 students. Five hundred and twenty-seven students have successfully passed Government examinations and have secured licenses. The daily average attendance is 42. First aid lectures have been continued.

The Radio School received its first pupil last June, and has enrolled 54 students. A gift of \$5,000 with which to install a high-powered radio equipment has been received. It is expected that with this equipment we will be able to render medical first aid to vessels under all flags not having a doctor on board, and at a distance of from two to three thousand miles.

The Institute owns and maintains a Cemetery Plot, in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Flushing, Long Island, for the interment of homeless seamen.

LEGACIES

The following bequests have been made to the Society	:
Mrs. Lucie B. Carew\$	5,000
Frederick S. Benson	5,000
Jane Matilda Maxwell	500
Adele E. Flint	5,000

Through the establishment of a National Organization, the Seamen's Church Institute of America, and by its encouragement of institutions in other ports, our organization continues to have a wide influence.

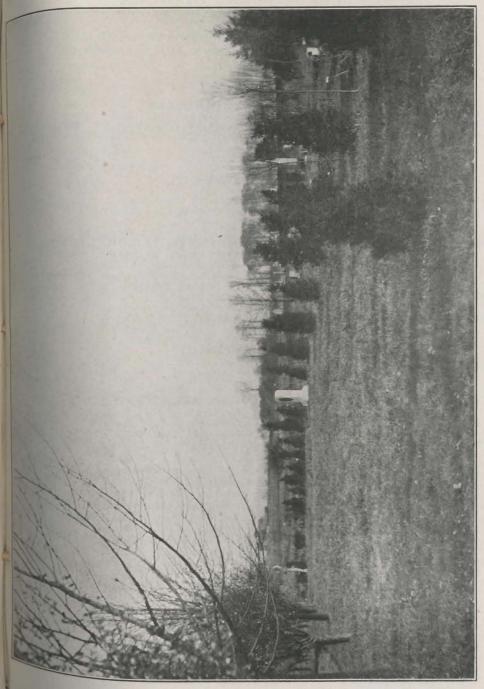
In closing this summary, the Board of Managers desires to again express its appreciation of the devoted and efficient work of the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, D.D., who has just completed 25 years of service as Superintendent. To him and his workers we are indebted for our confidence that this great work is worthy of any appeal we may make.

OBITUARY

With shocking suddenness the Board of Managers was made aware on Dec. 20th, 1920, of the death of the Right Reverend Charles Sumner Burch, D.D., L.H.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of New York and Honorary President of this Society for a little more than a year.

The Board records with profound sympathy its sorrow at the loss of a spiritual guide and a warm-hearted friend, who was genuinely interested in the work of this organization on behalf of the men of the World's Merchant Marine.





GENERAL SUMMARY OF WORK

ALL STATIONS AND DEPARTMENTS, JANUARY 1, 1920, TO DECEMBER 31, 1920. Submitted by the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, D.D., Superintendent.

SEAMEN'S WAGES DEPARTMENT			
Amount of Deposits\$1,201,062	672 Amount of Transmission \$238,701 7.51 Notary Signatures	.25	
SHIPPIN	G DEPARTMENT		
Men signed		39 5 383	
RESTAURANT, SODA FOUNTAIN, SLOP CHEST, TAILOR, LAUNDRY, LODGINGS, MAIL, BAGGAGE, WASH ROOM			
Sales in Tailor Shop		160 026 318	
"J. HOOKER HAMERSLEY"			
Trips	134 Visits 3	378	
RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL, INCLUDING RELIEF AND CLINIC			
Total attendance. 12, Bible classes. Total attendance. 3, Miscellanceous services. Attendance miscel services. 3, Communion services, hospital. Baptisms Marriages Funerals Services at hospitals Total attendance. 4, Entertainments	41 Christmas gifts. 1,8 732 Reading matter distributed. 6,5 68 Ships visited. 8 317 Home Hour. 5,3 10 Attendance. 5,3 11 Relief assisted through M. M. 2,5 48 Fund and other funds. 5,2 48 Referred to other societies. 1 48 Referred to other societies. 4	814 856 869 50 877 447 448 02 667 882	
NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENGINEERING SCHOOL			
First aid lectures	Daily average attendance Daily average attendance Questions and Answers sold. Catalogues and circulars sent.	58	

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 1920 to DECEMBER 31, 1920

INCOME

INCOME		
evenue from Outside Sources:		
Subscriptions and Donations	\$86,882.95	
Church Offerings	1,563.03	
Collections on Ships	2,484.16	
Net Income from Invested Funds	12,170.89	
	\$103,101.03	
evenue from Institute Activities:		
Hotel (including Lodgings, Barber Shop, Wash Room, Post-Office), Baggage Room, Restaurant, Soda Foun- tain, Slop Chest, Shipping and Printing Departments, Navigation, Marine Engineering and Radio School	0462 070 70	
North River Station	\$463,978.78	
Rent, British Consulate General Shipping Branch	276.24 1,877.00	
Miscellaneous	217.82	
		\$569,450.
EVDENDITUDES		
EXPENDITURES		
Institute Building, 25 South Street:		
Religious and Social Work Salaries of Superintendent and Staff, Wages of Employees in all other Departments; also supplies for	\$33,249.98	
Hotel, Restaurant, Engine Room, Slop Chest, Printing Department, Navigation, Marine Engineering and		
Radio School, etc. Institute Boat "J. Hooker Hamersley" and Shipping De-	533,863.60	
partment, Salaries and Expenses	9,788.30	
"The Lookout:" Salaries, Printing and Postage	-6,318.35	
and Replacement Fund	7,000.00	
North River Station: Salaries, Expenses, Repairs	9,878.36	
		\$600,098.5

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527 Ships aided in transmitting

radio messages

COMMITTEE ON TRUST FUNDS

SUMMARY ASSETS

Railroad securities, etc. Bonds and Mortgages Real Estate: 52 Market Street. \$10,000.00 Front Street property 82,104.34	\$148,248.99 8,750.00 92,104.34
Cash on deposit: Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank \$250.00 N. Y. Life Insurance & Trust Co. 38,829.33	39,079.33 \$288,182.66
Permanent Fund: Income to be applied to the general uses of the Society. Balance, last report \$2,715.24 Legacy, Sarah M. Perrott \$2,715.24 Legacy, Albert E. Beh 50.00	\$203,102.00
Legacy, Margaret E. Zimmerman 5,000.00 Legacy, Christiana Schoosmith 1,437.50 Legacy, Charles E. Rhinelander 944.52 Legacy, Louisa Combs 2,500.00 Legacy, Fanny Bridgham 20,000.00 Profit on bonds sold 22.51	
23,669.77 \$148,344.41 18,000.00	\$130.344.41
WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR TRUST FUND: Income to be applied first to the support of Missionary at East River Station, and afterwards to the maintenance of any missionaries employed by the Society	
FUNDS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	
DAVENPORT FUND: Income to be applied to the purchase of books for distribution among seamen	
gomery 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.	
Hosier Morgan Fund: Income to be used in common with that of the	
EMILY H. BOURNE FUND: Income to be used in common with that of the	
SEAMEN'S RELIEF FUND: Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation Fund	
Roxy M. Smith Fund: 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	2,000.00
Carried forward	\$258,564.78

Committee on Trust Funds (Continued)

Brought forward				\$258,564.78
the use of destitute sailors under the care	of t	ncome to be he institute.	applied to	250.00
Chapel				1,167.88
RAMAGE ENDOWMENT: Income to be used for the	ne ma	intenance of	dependent	
Seamen BRITISH AMERICAN WAR RELIEF FUND: Incom				3,000.00
tressed British seamen		1		2,000.00
ANNEX BUILDING FUND: To endow rooms in A GERARD BEEKMAN FUND: In memory of his broth Income to be used to pay for a lay reade	ner Ja	mes William	Beekman.	3,200.00
sailor's reading room now dedicated to his CHARLES E. POTTS FUND: Income to be used rooms in the building now or at any time	broth for t	er he maintena	nce of the	15,000.00
Institute known and designated as the Isabel	la Pot	ts and Philip	Ruprecht	5000.00
				5,000.00
Total			******	\$288,182.66
INCOM	022			
Received from Railroad Securities, etc			*****	\$5,764.46
Received from Mortgages	ık			2,949.50 10.10
Received from New York Life Insurance & Tru	st Co			318.79
W. 6-2-6-1 5-11				\$9,042.85
Distributed as follows— Permanent Fund	Paid	Treasurer	\$2,523.39	
Astor Fund			2,279.22	
Rhinelander Fund Dearborne Fund		**	1,103.30 611.94	
Davenport Fund		11	119.50	
Morrill Foundation Fund	"	"	1,064.48	\$6,637.35
Morgan Fund	11	44	102.09	
Bourne Fund	11	44	247.50	
Seamen's Relief Fund			44.57	
"C. A. R." Memorial Fund			7.50	
Capt. Owen Fund			10.00 178.20	
Ramage Endowment Fund British American Relief Fund		-14	60.00	
Milesteal Renet Pund		_	00.00	\$1,714.34
Roxy M. Smith Fund	**	**	119.50	Ash alies
Chapel Flower Fund	17	**	13.99	
Gerard Beekman Fund		"	398.36	
Potts Fund	44	44	1.23	
Astor Fund, transferred to Sinking Fund New York Life Insurance & Trust Co., com-	- 64		58.50	\$533.08
missions	**	44	99.58	
		-		\$158.08
Dated, New York, January 19th, 1921.				\$9,042.85
JOHN A. McKim.				nd found to
Ro. L. Harrison,				oing account.
Junius S. Morgan, Jr.,			YARD C. HOP	
Committee on Trust Funds.		HA	RRY FORSYTI	H,
		VV A	LTER WOOD	
			Auditing	g Committee.

Twentieth Annual Report

OF THE

Seamen's Benefit Society

Twenty years ago, the only organization of women connected with the Seamen's Church Institute of New York began two customs that have left a bright wake of happiness down through the years. This is the Seamen's Benefit Society, which organized the first free Christmas dinner for the seamen, and the Sunday evening teas for the Apprentice Boys.

Had this organization done nothing else than point the way to this kind of service, it would have justified its existence; but every year it is able to report a carrying on of the old work and something new.

This organization gave "The Apprentice Room," one of the most beautiful rooms in the Institute, a room that is "home" to many thousands of boys during the year, and is also used for many other purposes that prove the need for such a meeting place.

It still provides the Sunday evening supper for the boys; the supper that has been talked of on the seven seas, the supper they can go to without an invitation and be just as welcome as if they had been expected. It has made Sunday different and worth while for hundreds, yes, thousands of boys, and from it they have gone to the Chapel, not because they were urged to do so, but because it was like "home" and when there they always went.

The Thursday evening parties have made many a boy reluctant to have his ship sail the first part of the week; and they are looked forward to as one of the reasons for getting to New York as soon as possible and staying as long as they can. These parties are supported by this organization.

But the need of the men is not forgotten and the Seamen's Benefit Society supplies a great abundance of reading matter; it sews for the Institute and sent a lot of towels made by the Lenten Sewing Class; and it also sent flowers for the Chapel of Our Saviour.

Special treats come from this organization from time to time, such as theatre tickets, or money for picnics, or automobile trips.

This year the ladies of this organization have assisted at the "Home Hour," the hour after the Sunday evening service in the Chapel, when the men go to the Concert Hall, and sit around small tables in a friendly way, and talk and listen to music, or sing together, or have someone give a short talk. This is followed by a cup of coffee and doughnuts, and it is when serving the men that the ladies have an opportunity to talk to them, and give to the evening the feminine touch that is so much valued by the men of the sea.

The Society is anxious to have the co-operation of all women who realize the tremendous importance of the work for merchant seamen; whose imagination enables them to visualize the handicaps of the men and boys in this calling.

AUGUSTA M. DE PEYSTER, Secretary.

December, 1920.



Apprentice Boys' Room. Given by the Seamen's Benefit Society

SEAMEN'S BENEFIT SOCIETY

IN ACCOUNT WITH HELEN VAN C. LUNG, TREASURER
DECEMBER 1, 1919, TO DECEMBER 1, 1920.

Receipts	Expenditures
Balance due, as per last report. \$1,394.08 Dues 351.00 Interest 25.11	To cash paid Seamen's Church Institute: Social work, 1919\$618.95 Social work, 1920662.92
\$1,770.19	Balance due Dec. 1, 1920
\$1,770.19	\$1,770.19

Seamen's Benefit Society

Mrs. H. VAN C. LUNG, Treasurer MISS CATHARINE S. LEVERICH, President MISS AUGUSTA M. DE PEYSTER, Secretary

Active Members

MRS. H. GLOSTER - ARMSTRONG MRS. WALTER P. ANDERTON MISS JOSEPHINE BEEKMAN MISS FRANCES DE PEYSTER MISS ISABEL GREGORY MRS. RYDER HENRY MISS MARGARET D. LEVERICH MRS. HOWARD L. MARTIN

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