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## LEGACIES TO THE INSTITUTE

You are asked to remember this Institute in your will, that it may properly carry on its important work for seamen. While it is advisable to consult your lawyer as to the drawing of your will, we submit nevertheless the following as a clause that may be used:

I give and bequeath to "Seamen's Church Institute of New York," incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, located at 25 South Street, New York City, the sum of

.....Dollars.

Note that the words "OF NEW YORK" are a part of our title.

It is to the generosity of numerous donors and testators that the Institute owes its present position, and for their benefactions their memory will ever be cherished by all friends of the seamen.

## Orison

Almighty Father, with whom is no distance, and no darkness, and no power too strong for thy ruling; We beseech thee to bless on all seas the seamen and fishermen and all that go to and fro and occupy their business in great waters; save them from dangers known and unforeseen; deliver them from strong temptation and from easily besetting sin; teach them to mark thy works and wonders on the deep; fill them with kindness, loyalty, and faith, and make every man to do his duty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(From Dr. Mansfield's collection)

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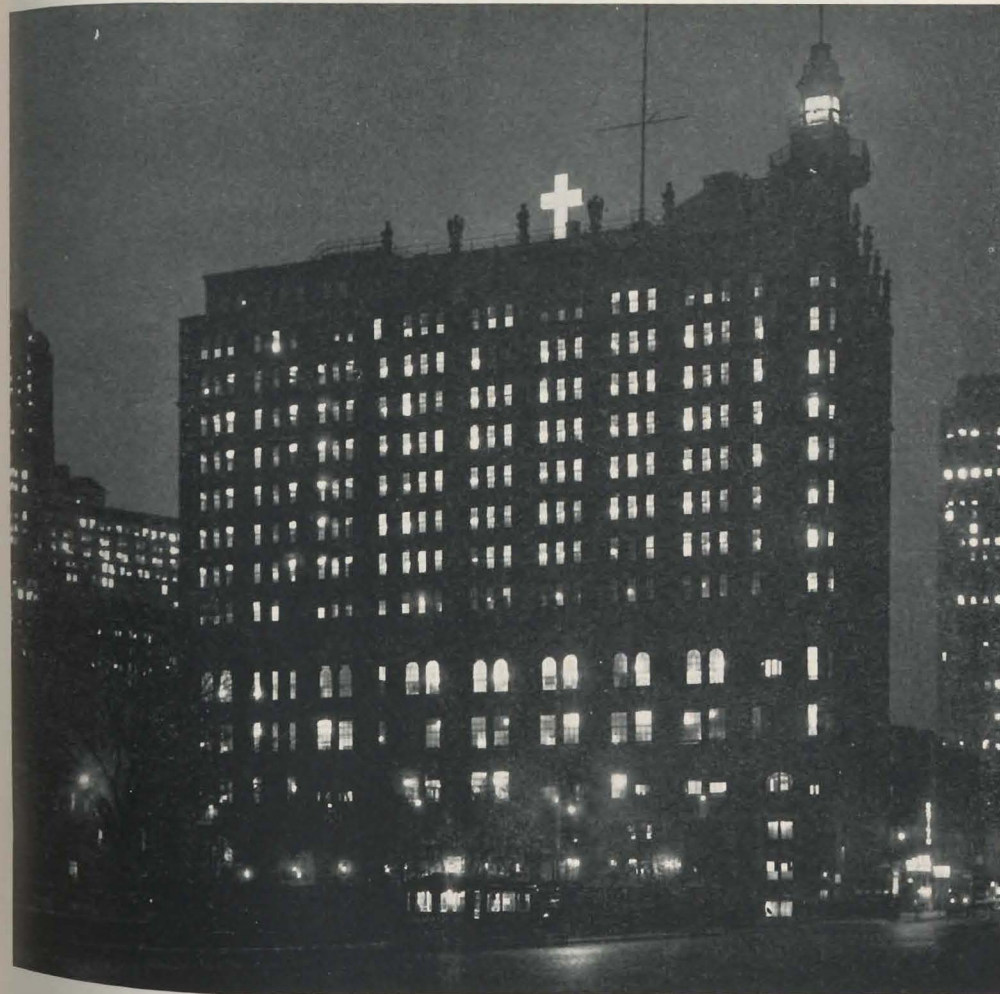
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### ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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The white light from the gleaming Cross consoled them."

## THE YEAR 1940 IN REVIEW

Let us look back: yes, it was a turbulent year.  
War drums rolled and ships went down.  
None may ever know how many brave men  
Looked upon "the bright face of danger"  
Nor how many brave men met the challenge  
Of wind and wave and war  
Unflinchingly;  
How many brave men carried  
Bread to the hungry, bullets to the soldiers,  
Steel to the factories — and never lived to see  
Their countries freed from the Iron Heel.

\* \* \*

Here in New York  
In the year one thousand nine hundred and forty  
People were suddenly roused  
And faced the grim facts. Hearts were stirred  
By gallant deeds of Heroes in the air,  
Heroes on the land, Heroes on the Sea.  
People opened their purses and gave  
To suffering Europe.  
The women knitted and sewed  
And still the ships went down.

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Along the waterfront war struck  
With deep impact. Survivors of torpedoed ships,  
Survivors of bombings — men with a look  
On their faces of grim determination, a will  
To live, a will to carry on the ceaseless battle  
Of transportation—came to the  
Seamen's Church Institute of New York.  
Twenty-three such crews came and we fear  
The end is not yet.  
The green light from the Titanic Tower beckoned them.  
The white light from the gleaming Cross consoled them.  
Friendly hands greeted them; kind hearts helped them.  
Hungry, they were given food in abundance.  
Thirsty, they were given drink.  
Naked, they were clothed.  
And still the women knitted  
And still the ships went down.

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Captain and crew of a torpedoed British freighter thank their rescuer, Captain G. J. Barendse of the "Statendam."

"FRIENDLY HANDS GREETED THEM . . ."

*Photo by courtesy of The New York SUN*

*"They are unnamed heroes whom fate  
can never surprise nor death dismay"  
—Walt Whitman*



"THEN CAME THE CHILDREN . . ."

*Photo by Marie Higginson*

*"And he who gives a child a home  
Builds palaces in Kingdom come."  
—John Masefield*

Then came the children:  
Two hundred and fifty-nine of them  
From London, from Oxford, from Coventry.  
Laughter on their lips, sadness in their eyes.  
Remembering the black-outs,  
Remembering the bombings,  
Remembering their fathers and mothers  
Hiding their tears in bright farewells.  
Here to the Institute came these children.  
Here they lived and played  
For more than four weeks.  
Within the walls of "25 South Street" they found  
The same friendliness, the same kind welcome,  
The same hospitality extended them as to the men  
Who follow the sea.  
And then their foster parents took them away  
To American homes  
"For the duration."  
And still the women knitted  
And still the ships went down.

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Then someone said: "Let us do something  
For the sailors from the land of tulips  
And canals.  
These men have no homes, now.  
Yet they sail their ships and carry cargoes  
For England. Let us give them  
A little bit of home."  
Dutch shipping lines and  
Holland-Americans, remembering happier days  
In Delft and Veere, Edam and the Hague,  
Gave liberally and so a "Home  
For Netherlands Seamen" was opened  
At the Institute with blue Dutch tile  
And a fine mural, a cheery fireplace  
And an atmosphere of home  
Where pink-cheeked, fair-haired lads  
Spend their shore leaves.  
And still the women knitted  
And still the ships went down.

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Rev. Harold H. Kelley, Director of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York,  
Mrs. Loudon and Dr. Alexander Loudon, Minister from the Netherlands.

"A CHEERY FIREPLACE AND AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOME . . ."

*Photo by courtesy of The New York Post*

"Home is the sailor, home from sea."  
—Robert Louis Stevenson

Yes, the year one thousand nine hundred and forty  
Was a turbulent year. One day there came  
To the Institute a shipwrecked crew from Newfoundland.  
They had not battled with an enemy bomber or submarine.  
They had waged a grim battle with the storm.  
They had pitted their strength  
They had pitted their seamanship  
Against the winter gales.  
They lost their little fishing schooner  
Named the "Dazzle", but they saved all hands.

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One day there came a crew  
Of Javanese. They could not speak the language.  
They could not eat the food.  
So the Institute found an interpreter  
Gave them rice and fish and spices  
Gave them a stove and fuel. To express  
Their thanks they dressed in silks and brocades  
And danced their strange, native dances.

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One day there came a crew of Finnish seamen  
Their ship, the "Wilja" had been torpedoed.  
Many of their shipmates were lost. An explosion  
Cut the vessel in two. There was no time to save  
A thing—no time but to climb, with burned hands  
Clinging to the ladder of the rescue ship. Arriving  
In New York, the Institute gave them every kind of aid.  
And still the women knitted and the ships went down.

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On the night of September twenty-sixth  
Five hundred miles west of Ireland, bound  
For New York, in ballast, the Norwegian ship  
"Tricolor" saw through the darkness a light  
Blinking an S O S.  
The Norwegian freighter "Tancred" was in distress.  
A U-boat's torpedo dealt death and disaster,  
Crashing into Number Two hold, forward.  
Lifeboats were launched. The Captain was last to leave.  
Swiftly to the rescue steamed the "Tricolor".  
Her master greeted the skipper and crew  
With tears of joy. He had once commanded  
The "Tancred" and knew every man like a brother.  
Into New York he brought them  
And they were welcomed at the Institute.

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Princess Juliana of the Netherlands Greets a Javanese Crew from the Dutch East Indies.

"TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS THEY DRESSED IN SILKS . . ."

*"Ashore, these men are not as other men  
They walk as strangers through the  
crowded street."  
—David Morton*

Fourteen English officers and thirty-eight Lascar Seamen from the freighter "Elmbank" were hit By a German submarine and shelled on September 20th. The master died in the life-boat Of bullet wounds. The rest of the crew, the mate in charge, Rescued by the freighter "Pikepool", Came to the Institute.

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Three British officers and nine Chinese firemen Of the freighter "Ben Lawers" Were the only survivors. Two lifeboats with thirty-five men Including the Captain were lost. And still the women knitted and the ships went down.

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Yes, the women knitted: with infinite patience And loving care; sweaters and socks and helmets And mittens and caps for the seamen on freighters Facing the icy blasts of the Atlantic in mid-winter For seamen in barges carrying coal, lumber, grain For seamen on coast-wise steamers with passengers And freights; for seamen on oil tankers carrying The precious fuel that helps machines do the work Of men; for fishermen on ice-covered schooners For seamen on mine-sweepers, for seamen on ferry-Boats in the harbor of Manhattan. And still the ships went down.

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The Dutch freighter "Stadschiedam" suddenly sank After a "mysterious explosion". Twenty were drowned. The rest were brought to the Institute.

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The British freighter "Anglo-Saxon" on August twenty-first Was bombed by a Nazi raider. Forty-eight were lost. Seven escaped in a sixteen-foot lifeboat. Two of these Went mad with thirst and leapt overboard. Two more Followed them. One died of shrapnel wounds. The last two, Younger and stronger than the rest, after seventy days Of suffering and hunger and thirst, made landfall At long last at Nassau. One of the seamen, Roy Widdicombe, came to New York, was welcomed At the Institute.

One day he shipped out on the "Siamese Prince", Expecting to return to England to see His young bride, and his mother, and then Join the Royal Air Force. But on February 22nd The "Siamese Prince" was torpedoed and sunk In mid-Atlantic.

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"Arrival At New York", recent canvas by Gaugin's friend, Maurice Denis.

"THEY CAME TO THE INSTITUTE, THE HUB OF THE HARBOR . . ."

*Courtesy, "The Art News"*

*"All the ships of the world come here,  
Rest a little and then are gone."  
—Cale Young Rice*

On December 14th the 11,000 ton Furness-Prince  
Liner "Western Prince" was torpedoed and sunk  
Off the Irish coast by a Nazi submarine.  
The little Apprentices and some of the Engineers  
Had danced at the Institute on December fifth  
They had played the victrola:  
"The Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square"  
"There'll Always Be An England".  
They had read the new issue of "Punch"  
And laughed and joked  
And eaten ice cream and cookies.  
The newspapers reported: "Eight of the crew and six  
Of the passengers were lost. The Captain went down  
With his ship."  
Weeks later we learned with relief  
That most of the Apprentices were saved.

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When a seaman says farewell  
To his friends at the Institute: the chaplains,  
The welfare workers, Mrs. Janet Roper  
The house mother, he says "Well, goodbye, again.  
If we ever come back—we'll be seeing you."  
Then with a smile and a shrug of the shoulder  
He picks up his bag and goes.  
One day, in the latter part of nineteen-forty  
There came to the Institute two lads  
Who had been twice torpedoed within the year;  
Once on the "Blairlogie", once on the "Blairangus".  
A shadow passed across their sea-blue eyes when  
They shook hands as they departed.  
Then one lad laughed:  
"Perhaps we'll see you again—soon. Who knows?"  
And still the women knitted and the ships went down.

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What of the American seamen  
Thousands of them: Yankees,  
Southerners, Westerners,  
From every State in the Union?  
Forbidden to sail in "belligerent waters"  
What did they do in the year  
Nineteen hundred and forty?  
They brought cargoes:  
Cargoes of manganese from Africa  
And Cuba;

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"THEY BROUGHT CARGOES . . ."

*Photo by courtesy of Moore McCormack Lines*

*"They are a gallant company of  
unaccredited heroes."  
—Dr. S. Parkes Cadman*

Antimony, tungsten and tin  
From China;  
Rubber and tin from Malay,  
Bolivia and the Dutch East Indies;  
Chrome ores from Africa  
Copper from South America  
Wool from the Argentine  
Nitrates from Chile—  
All important defense materials.  
Hemp and jute from Calcutta  
Pepper and cocoa, coffee and figs  
Olive oil, cork and hides.

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They carried cargoes:  
Cargoes of automobiles and tractors  
Sewing machines and refrigerators  
Airplanes and typewriters  
Toothbrushes and radios  
Yard goods and grain  
And tobacco.  
From farmers and merchants  
From manufacturers  
From every State in the Union.  
They carried these cargoes  
To the Far East  
To South America  
To the Pacific Coast  
To Alaska and Australia  
And Spain.

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They came to New York:  
Dauntless, weather-beaten  
Debonair or wistful  
Trusting or cynical.  
They came to the Institute  
The hub of the harbor  
The heart of Sailortown  
The hostelry of the Seven Seas.  
They sailed from New York  
Gateway to the nation  
Seaport of seaports  
City on the Sea.

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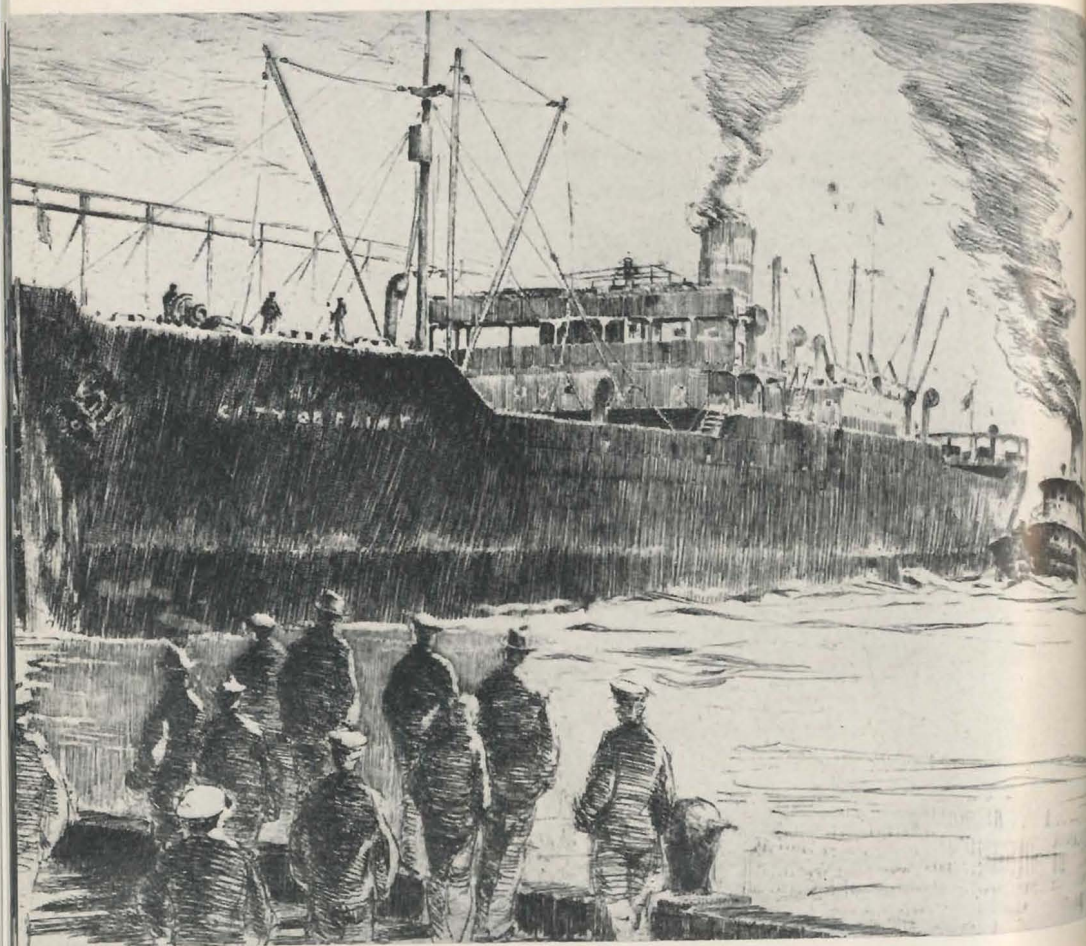
## SHIP NEWS

Painted a drab, wartime gray the 85,000 ton liner  
"Queen Elizabeth", namesake of two gracious sovereigns,  
Zigzagged across the Atlantic  
To a safe berth at Pier 90, North River.  
But not for long. One night she sailed  
Secretly away, "destination unknown".  
On a bright sunny morning the 81,000 ton liner  
"Queen Mary" steamed out of the harbor.  
On a cold, rain-swept evening the 36,000 ton liner  
"Mauretania", namesake of a beloved ship  
Sailed through Ambrose Channel  
For an "unnamed port".  
No civilians will stroll their long decks now. Only  
Troops and guns and planes.

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Out from Lisbon sailed the S.S. "Washington"  
Loaded with American refugees  
Commanded by Captain Harry Manning, hero of many sea  
Rescues.  
Off the coast of Galway, the blinker  
Of a submarine was winking.  
"Stop ship. Ease-to ship. Torpedo ship."  
The "Washington" confidently flashed back  
"American ship!" Again the submarine signalled  
"Leave ship!" Again the "Washington's" blinker:  
"American ship! American ship!"  
The ghostly dialogue paused. Sirens sounded.  
Officers and crew herded women and children  
Into lifeboats. Floodlights glowed on the American flags  
Suspended between the ship's funnels.  
"Ten minutes to abandon ship!" came out of the gloom.  
Again the "Washington's" blinker flashed  
"American ship! American ship!"  
One thousand passengers, loaded in boats,  
Awaited their fate.  
There was no panic, only prayers.  
Ten minutes expired. The boats were lowered,  
Then came the reprieve:  
"Thought you were another ship. Please go on.  
Go on."

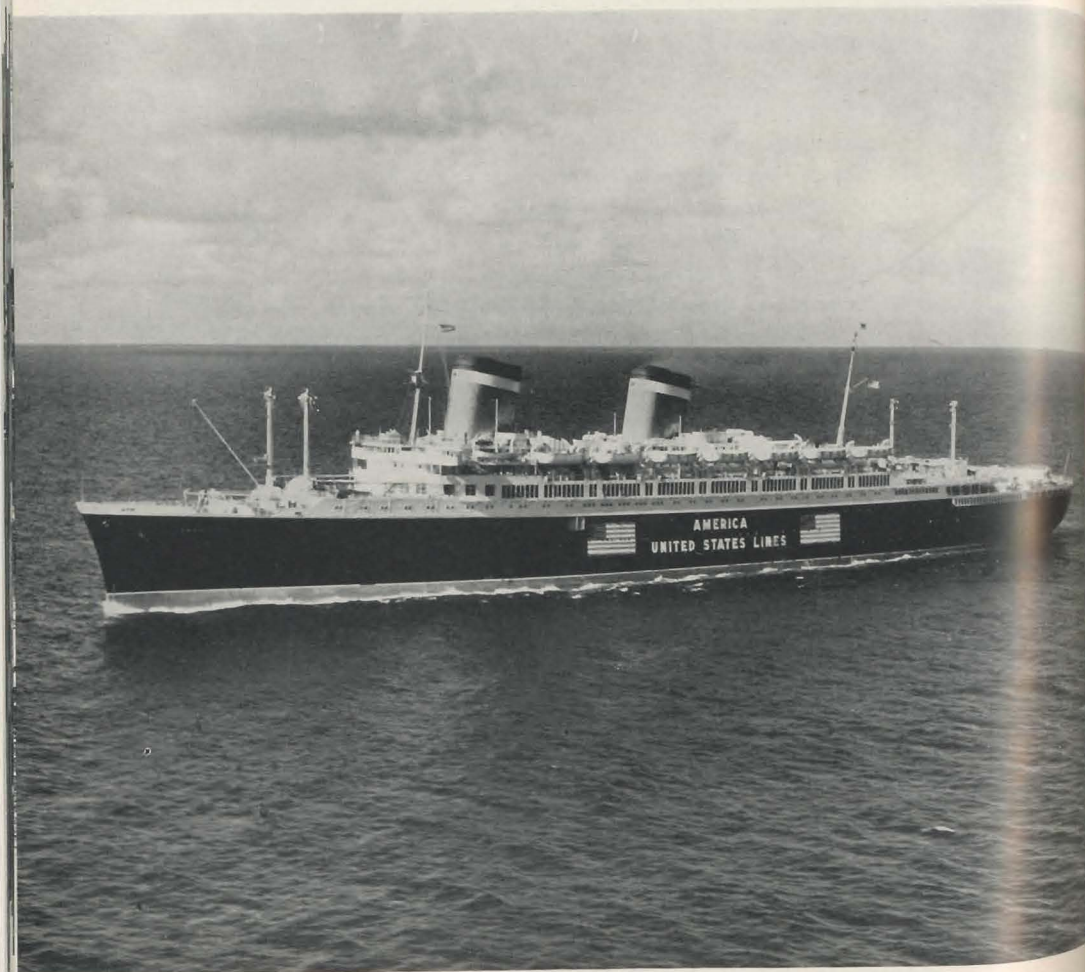
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CITY OF FLINT

Etching by Cliff Parkhurst

"The keen eye-puckered, hard-case seamen silent lean  
They are grander things than all the art of towns."  
—John Masefield



"THE NEW UNITED STATES LINER AMERICA  
OF THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND TONS . . ."

*Photo by courtesy of the United States Lines*

*"And the beauty and mystery  
of the ships,  
And the magic of the sea."  
—Henry W. Longfellow*

On July twenty-ninth, nineteen-hundred and forty  
The new United States liner "America"  
Of thirty-four thousand tons, largest ship  
Ever built in America, steamed into New York bay.  
The ship's band played  
"God Bless America" and crowds  
Lining the rails of every harbor craft  
Cheered proudly.

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Weep for the lost ships  
The lost ships of the new World War.  
A ghostly procession  
Ever-growing in number.  
Their very names: "Statendam", "Pilsudski",  
"Carinthia" bring recollections  
Of maiden voyages, tooting tugboats,  
Cheering throngs. The "Caledonia",  
The "President Harding",  
The "Andania", the "Athenia"—the first of all  
The lost liners of the war.  
Weep for these noble ships  
And weep for their nobler crews!

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Enroute to Glasgow, with general cargo  
In September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine  
The U. S. Maritime Commission's freighter  
"City of Flint"  
Rescued more than 200 survivors of the torpedoed  
"Athenia".  
In October, mysteriously shunted from port  
To port, sailed by a German crew, her officers  
And crew as prisoners. Also aboard  
The "City of Flint" were survivors  
Of the torpedoed freighter "Stonegate".  
On October twenty-seventh Captain Joseph Gainard,  
Released by the Nazi officials,  
Sailed his ship to Bergen  
Thence to Narvik  
And on January twenty-seventh,  
Nineteen-hundred and forty  
Returned to his home port, Baltimore.  
Some of the crew came to the Institute.

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"THE STately SQUARE-RIGGED SHIP TUSITALA . . ."

*Keystone View Photo*

*"The winds that drove the clippers  
Like flying deer along,  
The winds that break the weakling,  
The winds that prove the strong!"  
—C. Fox Smith*

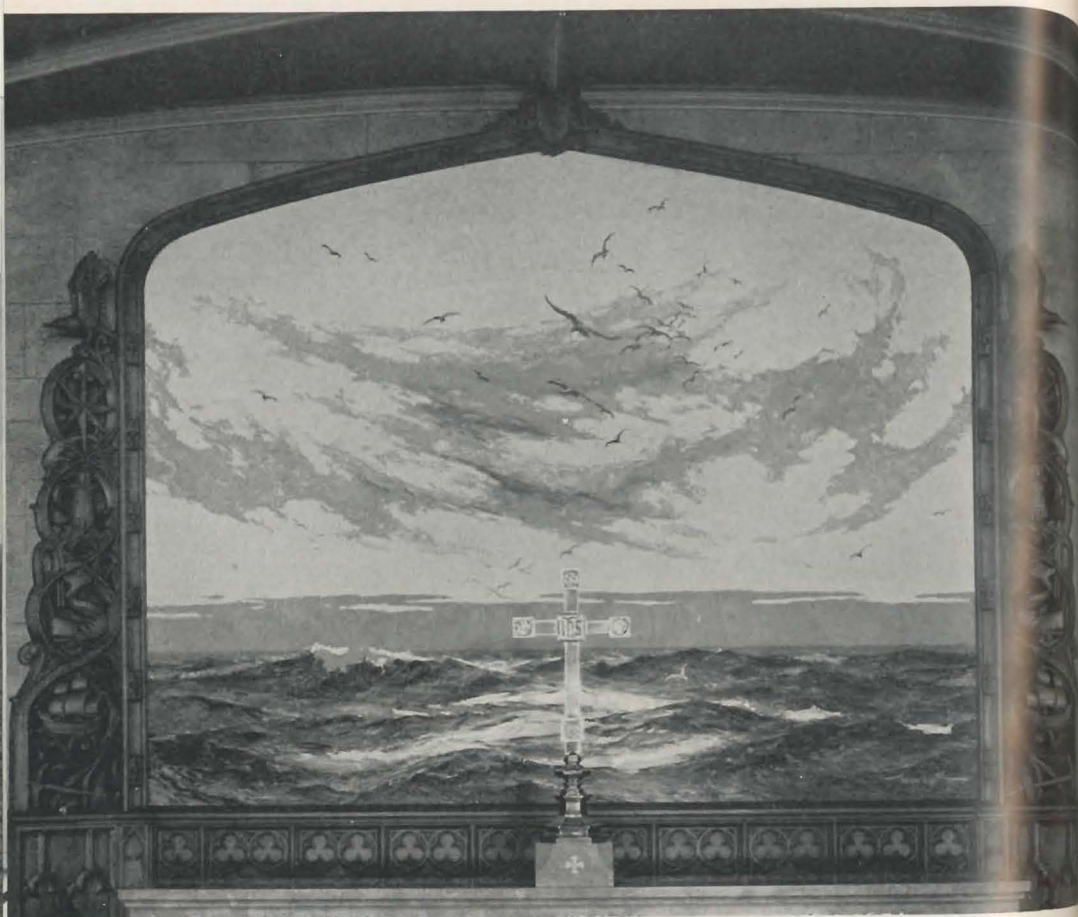
The stately square-rigged ship "Tusitala"  
(A Samoan word meaning "Teller of Tales")  
Sailed proudly out of New York harbor  
To St. Petersburg, Florida with thirty-five thousand  
Square yards of new sails. Young Americans  
Work and study aboard the old windjammer  
Under the U. S. Maritime Commission. Like  
The "Joseph Conrad", she will instil into youth  
A love of ships and the sea  
A love of discipline and duty.

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On April ninth, at early dawn  
The American-Scantic liner "Mooremacsee"  
Commanded by Captain William McHale  
Anchored in Trondheim harbor.  
The Nazi blitzkreig raged in Norway.  
A German cruiser's commander tried to cross  
The decks of the "Mooremacsee" with troops  
And cannon. McHale refused.  
Tense moments followed. At last  
The dead-lock was broken.  
The "Von Hipper" docked three hundred feet away.  
McHale, relieved, got under way and brought  
His cargo of six million dollars of gold  
Safely to the Port of New York.

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Man knives the Sea with his ship's bows  
And a short wake closes behind each vessel,  
Leaving to the masters alone the secrets  
Of the courses covered.  
For the Sea has its secrets  
Stirred though it may be, by hurricane  
And tempest, it subsides at last  
Into its unchanging tides.  
Of the Sea's eternity also are the sailors  
Who follow the Sea as a livelihood.



"LOOK UPON THIS PAINTING ETERNAL SEA . . ."

*From the painting by GORDON GRANT in the  
Institute's Chapel of Our Saviour.*

Look upon this painting, "Eternal Sea".  
Note in the foreground, the shining Cross  
Symbol of the Christian church and how One died  
To save his fellow-men. So may the Institute,  
Inspired by the Cross  
Guided by the Master-Pilot  
Chart a course to lead the men of the sea  
To the haven where they would be.

*"These men see the works of the Lord  
And His wonders in the deep."  
—Psalm 107: 24*

Day in, day out, night in, night out,  
In peace, in war  
In prosperity, in depression  
The sailor sails the seven seas.  
No trade carried more wounds and less comforts  
No trade carried more bruises and less reward.  
No trade carried more of slavery  
With its galley chains, abuse, sickness,  
Suffering, hardships and dangers.  
Yet like David's men of old, they sail  
The Sea until the end of time  
In search of far horizons  
In search of adventure  
In search of freedom  
Freedom from the Land.  
Rugged, virile, deeply philosophical,  
The seaman, buffeted by storms on land and sea,  
Deprived of normal home life,  
His kind will always be needed.  
And he will always need  
The helping hand of the Institute.

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So—looking back over the year  
Nineteen hundred and forty  
We see that the Institute helped thousands  
And thousands of self-respecting seamen.  
Helped them to do their jobs better,  
Serve their countries better  
Helped them to love their God  
And their fellowmen better.  
Like the sea  
And the seaman  
The Institute is not merely  
Of a century's duration.  
It, too, belongs to the ages.  
Let us as leaders in welfare work  
For seafarers, be eternal  
In ministering to their needs.

BY MARJORIE DENT CANDEE  
Editor, THE LOOKOUT

In reporting the year 1940 the Committee wishes to add just a few items not mentioned in THE LOOKOUT editor's account which was inspired by the report of the Director to the Board of Managers with its particular reference to the "Eternal Sea". For further details see Page 25 for our Statistical Summary of Services rendered.

The Welfare Department, which assists seamen with immigration, naturalization and social service problems, rendered special assistance to the U. S. Government by registering 1,734 seamen for the Federal selective draft, absentees being permitted to register after returning to port.

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Mr. Harry J. Pearson, former Manager of the Welfare Department was called to be Director of Sailors' Haven, Charleston, Mass. to take some of the spirit and experience of this Institute to the port of Boston.

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The Credit Bureau loaned a total of \$20,763. to self-respecting seamen to tide them over temporary financial difficulties.

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Mrs. Janet Roper, beloved house mother, completed her 52nd year in seamen's work and her 26th year with this Institute. Her total of missing seamen located now reaches 6,100.

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The Institute's three ship visitors covered the waterfront by visiting almost every American ship at each pay-off, and in addition to receiving wages for deposit in the Institute's Seamen's Funds Bureau and in banks, sold thousands of dollars worth of Travelers' Checks—a protection to the crews against loss or robbery.

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A third annual grant from the Charles Hayden Foundation made possible further improvements in the Merchant Marine School and an expansion in courses offered to licensed and unlicensed personnel. An innovation came in the gift of two standard steel life-boats which are maintained at College Point.

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The Conrad Library, completing its sixth year of service, was especially helpful to the Government's defense program by providing seamen taking courses in maritime and other schools with up-to-date books on technical subjects.

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The Hotel Desk's index of individual seamen lodgers established in 1936 reached the total of 25,053 names.

Analyzing the Board of Managers' rehabilitation program, authorized in 1939, totaling \$41,800. for structural changes, repairs and equipment in the older section of our 28-year old building, the Committee is pleased to report great satisfaction and expressions of appreciation on the part of seamen who use our enlarged and renovated bedrooms.

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The Central Council of Associations, through which some 1,200 women are organized into 19 groups to knit, sew and raise money for the Institute, raised \$10,288.25 under the leadership of Mrs. Stacy O. Sears, Chairman. These women are of invaluable help to our work.

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Space does not permit us to describe in detail many other phases of the Institute's work of which we are proud such as the Clinics, Recreation rooms, Seamen's Funds Bureau, Employment Bureau, Baggage Room, chaplains' visits to marine hospitals and many other activities which are serving thousands of seamen annually, the statistics of which appear elsewhere.

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We wish here to pay tribute to the employed staff of the Institute. Of our 224 employees nearly half have served five years or more, and 59 have worked here from 10 to 15 years while 17 have been here from 15 to 28 years, demonstrating that theirs is a ministry and not a mere livelihood.

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#### Religious Activities

The Institute's chaplains continued their pastoral work and regular Sunday services within the building, also in the Marine Hospitals on Staten and Ellis Islands, and the Hoffman Island Training Station. Music was provided by the Institute's own quartet and by visiting choirs from metropolitan churches.

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#### The Institute and the Community

The Institute serves the waterfront community in addition to the seamen. The families of barge captains are befriended and often attend the moving pictures in the Institute's Auditorium. The Institute also has provided a life-ring, readily accessible, which has been useful in effecting a number of rescues from drowning. Through the Institute's efforts such life-rings are now installed in all waterfront radio police cars in New York City.

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#### Necrology

The year 1940 brought sadness at the loss of three loyal friends of seamen: Mr. Douglas F. Cox, Dr. John H. Finley and Mr. Charles W. Bowring, members of the Institute's Board of Managers. Each made a distinctly personal gift to seamen of his time, talents and money. We shall long remember them and their contribution to the Institute.

### Special Events

Sailors' Day and Navy Day were observed jointly at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. On Thanksgiving Day 1,230 enjoyed the traditional turkey dinner and on Christmas Day 1,018 sat down to the holiday meal, followed by moving pictures and music. The Dutch seamen celebrated on St. Nicholas Day, December 5th and the Danish seamen on December 24th. H. R. H. Princess Juliana, an exile among exiles, visited the Dutch room at the Institute while on her brief tour of New York.

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### Financial

While regretting the year's financial deficit (although every effort was made to decrease expenses), we are thankful that there was no deficit in our service to seamen. The constant and generous support of our friends is ever-encouraging. Although the Ways and Means Department raised \$6,890. less than the budget forecast, it is hoped that the year 1941 will see an increase in the amount and number of contributions received. LOOKOUT readers are particularly urged to read again the center pages of the January issue which tells of our efforts to secure *Red Letter Days* to help lighten our financial burden.

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### The Future

Among our immediate needs are funds with which to remodel and renovate the third floor reading and game rooms which are used particularly by American seamen. We are also establishing a Conrad Library Fund with the hope that friends may help to extend this useful educational service—additional shelving, books, and an increased staff are required.

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Standards of ship's personnel continually are being raised through efforts such as those of the United States Maritime Commission in refresher courses for experienced seamen, and in the selection and training of young men for licensed and unlicensed grades. Further, maritime employer and employee cooperation is steadily improving. The Seamen's Church Institute of New York, therefore, must strive to improve its standards and facilities to meet the higher requirements of its seamen guests. Thus are we challenged in a changing world, a world, however, in which seamen will always be needed, in which they are eternal, like the Eternal Sea itself.

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Report Committee of the Board of Managers  
REGINALD R. BELKNAP, *Chairman*  
ALEXANDER O. VIETOR

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES TO MERCHANT SEAMEN

by the

## SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

From January 1 to December 31, 1940

- 248,616 Lodgings (including relief beds)
- 86,758 Pieces of Baggage handled
- 599,543 Sales at Luncheonette and Restaurant
- 204,148 Sales at News Stand
- 24,314 Calls at Barber, Tailor and Laundry
- 15,273 Total attendance at 658 Religious Services at Institute, U. S. Marine Hospitals and Hoffman Island
- 44,200 Social Service Interviews
- 291 Missing Seamen located
- 73,099 Total attendance at 210 Entertainments, such as Movies, Concerts, Lectures and Sports
- 10,091 Relief Loans to 4,724 Individual Seamen
- 59,889 Magazines distributed
- 4,862 Pieces of Clothing and 1,810 Knitted Articles distributed
- 2,138 Treatments in Clinics
- 3,110 Visits at Apprentices' Room
- 2,542 Visits to Ships by Institute Representatives
- 14,267 Deposits by Seamen placed in Banks
- 1,791 Jobs secured for Seamen
- 19,511 Attendance of Seamen Readers in Conrad Library; 2,874 Books distributed
- 13,456 Total Attendance of Cadets and Seamen at 1,311 Lectures in Merchant Marine School; 1,751 new students enrolled
- 13,405 Incoming Telephone Calls for Seamen

"There are compelling demands upon all of us for support in the fight to preserve democracy throughout the world. It is proper that we should respond to these demands because the need is great. But it is inconsistent with sound sense to permit our most potent democratic force, the agencies which do a volunteer service for humans of all races and creeds in our midst, to dry up in the light of this great need. If we are sincere in our desire to preserve democratic institutions, it is imperative that we work harder than ever before not only for the maintenance of the services of these agencies, but for their expansion.

"The public agency can do only that which it is authorized by law—the proper limitation under our democratic form of Government—while the voluntary agency will always be the pioneering agency striving to fit new or better services to needs as they arise."

EDWARD K. WARREN, Greater New York Fund

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1940

Gross Income from Operated Departments .....		\$288,844.61
Institute Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Wages .....	\$263,455.42	
Food and Merchandise .....	78,395.20	
Supplies .....	22,700.79	
Heat, Light and Power .....	25,266.62	
Repairs, Renewals and Equipment .....	3,606.72	
Insurance .....	7,549.94	
Publicity and Promotion .....	15,456.85	
Miscellaneous .....	51,564.87	
	\$467,996.41	
Interest on Notes Payable in Respect of Building Annex.....	15,765.89	
Religious and Social Service Department (Salaries, Expenses and Relief) .....	64,877.54	548,639.84
Excess of Expenditures Over Income from Operated Departments.....		\$259,795.23
Deduct Income from Endowments, Bank Balances, etc., for:		
General Purposes .....	\$ 28,483.20	
Religious and Social Service .....	2,340.02	
Social Service Relief .....	9,460.89	40,284.11
	\$160,284.11	
Deficit from Institute Operations .....		\$219,511.12
Contributions for:		
General Purposes:		
General Contributions .....	\$ 70,962.98	
Special Contributions and Income from Estates.....	86,539.38	
Proceeds from Benefit Performances .....	5,146.37	
Conrad Library .....	318.75	
	\$162,967.48	
Social Service Relief .....	13,464.94	
	\$176,432.42	
Transfers from Special Funds to Cover Clinic Expenditures.....	6,701.44	183,133.86
Excess of Operating Deficit Over Contributions and Transfers from General (Unrestricted) and Special Funds to Cover Clinic Expenditures.....		\$ 36,377.26

To the Board of Managers,  
Seamen's Church Institute of New York,  
25 South Street, New York, N. Y.

We have examined the accounts of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York for the year ended December 31, 1940. In our opinion, based upon such examination and the information furnished us, the above statement of Income and Expenditures sets forth correctly the results of the operations of the Institute for the year.

HORWATH & HORWATH

New York, February 19, 1941.

## SUMMARY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUST FUNDS

Year Ended December 31, 1940.

### Summary of Assets

Securities, etc. ....	\$1,974,462.49
Mortgages .....	14,290.00
Cash on Deposit .....	27,282.51
	\$2,016,035.00

### Summary of Funds

A. Unrestricted Fund .....	\$1,353,838.57
B. Endowment General .....	292,599.86
C. Religious and Social Service .....	73,268.32
D. Social Service Relief .....	296,328.25
	\$2,016,035.00

### Details of Above Funds

A. UNRESTRICTED FUND: PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST AVAILABLE FOR THE GENERAL USES OF THE INSTITUTE .....	\$1,353,838.57
Note: Of this amount, \$1,160,000.00 has been loaned to the Building Committee for the Annex.	
B. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, GENERAL, AND FUNDS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES:	
Anonymous .....	\$ 10,000.00
Mrs. S. R. Bartholomew, Pottsville, Pa.....	500.00
Estate of Mary W. C. Bayard .....	5,000.00
Estate of Ellen W. Brown, in memory of her father, Captain David S. Babcock, of the Clipper Ship, "Young America" .....	1,000.00
Mrs. B. P. Cole, Cleveland, Ohio.....	200.00
Estate of Amelia P. Dixon.....	300.00
Gift of Wilson Farrand, in memory of Mrs. Farrand	1,000.00
Henry Lee Hobart Memorial Fund.....	1,000.00
Helen F. Hubbard Fund.....	7,500.00
Henry E. Kummel and Anna Titus Van Nostrand Fund .....	16,000.00
Estate of Sophia E. Lee.....	420.00
Estate of Annie E. Mahnken.....	1,900.00
Estate of John A. McKim.....	10,000.00
H. C. Munger Fund.....	8,609.81
William Decatur Parsons, in memory of his father and mother, William H. Parsons, and Anna Pine Decatur Parsons .....	10,000.00
William D. Quackenbush, wife and daughter, Janet....	500.00
Rathbone Fund .....	15,000.00
Kate S. Richardson .....	50,000.00
Estate of Ellen N. Robie.....	100.00
Estate of Mary C. Scrymser.....	11,690.00
The Frank Sullivan Smith Memorial Fund.....	100,000.00
Charles H. Tissington .....	100.00
Estate of Nathaniel L. McCready .....	1,000.00
"C. A. R." Memorial (Income to be used for some needy object) .....	554.03
Frederick M. Dearborne Memorial.....	28,238.30
Charles E. Potts, (Income to be used for the main- tenance 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) .....	22,337.24
Charles E. Rhinelander, (In memory of his wife, Matilda F. Rhinelander) .....	26,317.29
Forward .....	\$ 329,266.67
	\$1,353,838.57

Brought Forward .....	\$ 329,266.67	\$1,353,838.57
Fund given by Colonel and Mrs. Arthur Frederic Schermerhorn, (in memory of his father and mother, George Stevens Schermerhorn and Julia M. Gibert Schermerhorn, to be applied exclusively to the maintenance and lighting of the Cross surmounting the Institute Building, 25 South St., N. Y. C.).....	7,368.84	
	\$ 336,635.51	
Less net loss on securities sold .....	44,035.65	292,599.86

C. RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE:

William Waldorf Astor Trust, (Income to be applied to the support of a Missionary employed by the Society) .....	53,768.41	
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) .....	17,880.37	
Chapel Flower, (Income to be used for Altar and Hospital Flowers) .....	7,842.44	
John Davenport, (Income to be applied to the purchase of books for distribution among seamen).....	2,193.09	
Roxy M. Smith, (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, Aug. 2).....	2,193.09	
Estate of Madeline S. Kriskker .....	500.00	
Estate of Bonnie Wallace LeClear.....	1,789.51	
	\$ 86,166.91	
Less loss on Securities sold .....	12,898.59	73,268.32

D. SOCIAL SERVICE RELIEF:

J. Hooker Hamersley Boat, (for purchase or operation of a boat, and in the meantime income to be used for relief work) .....	8,408.52	
Endowed Bedrooms, 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	
Walker H. Belknap, (In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James H. Aldrich) .....	4,000.00	
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).....	8,000.00	
Mrs. Edward McClure Peters, (In memory of Edward McClure Peters) .....	4,000.00	
C. H. Ludington .....	4,000.00	
Howland Pell .....	4,000.00	
Estate of Bonnie Wallace LeClear.....	4,000.00	44,000.00
Forward .....	\$ 52,408.52	\$1,719,706.75

Brought Forward .....	\$ 52,408.52	\$1,719,706.75
Emily H. Bourne, (Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation).....	5,263.44	
Mary LeRoy King, (Income to be used in common with that of the Mansfield Fund).....	4,036.29	
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).....	29,958.26	
Hosier Morgan, (Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation).....	1,900.90	
Morrill Foundation, (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).....	19,558.07	
Captain William Wilson Owen Memorial, (Income to be used for destitute Seamen).....	250.00	
Ramage Endowment, (Income to be used for the maintenance of dependent seamen).....	3,316.00	
Estate of Mary A. L. Newton.....	500.00	
Henry F. Homes Estate .....	4,907.46	
The Captain Edward B. Cobb Fund, (Given by the Will of Augustus G. Cobb, deceased, in memory of his father) .....	197,421.82	
	319,520.76	
Less net loss on securities sold.....	23,192.51	296,328.25
Total Funds .....		\$2,016,035.00

Changes in Funds During Year Ended December 31, 1940

Assets as per report December 31, 1939.....		\$2,004,661.61
Additions during 1940:		
GENERAL FUND—UNRESTRICTED:		
Estate of Jonathan Bulkley .....	\$1,000.00	
Estate of Clifford M. Dolph .....	350.96	
Estate of Mary H. Faust .....	500.00	
Estate of Ida B. Gale .....	10,000.00	
Estate of Annie L. Hoe .....	45,000.00	
Estate of Annie Hyatt—payments against Mortgage Certificates .....	4.50	
Estate of Katherine L. Mather .....	367.94	
Estate of Victoria Morris .....	13,383.52	
Estate of Olin Scott Roche — payments against Mortgage Certificates .....	228.54	
Estate of Mary H. Seymour .....	3,734.32	
Estate of Mary Strong Shattuck .....	399.11	
Estate of Sarah E. Spence .....	600.00	
Estate of Alethea A. Stewart .....	2,000.00	
Estate of Julia Treadwell—payments against Mortgage Certificates .....	726.61	
Estate of Adeline M. Turnbull .....	25.00	78,320.50
Forward .....		\$2,082,982.11



## AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTE

WHAT is the nature of the service the Institute renders to seafarers? It welcomes them, between voyages, to a clean, attractive club house; it receives their wages for safe-keeping or transmission to relatives or to banks; it protects their luggage; it handles their mail; reunites them with friends and relatives; it finds employment for them; it provides reading rooms, game rooms, entertainments without charge; it maintains a slop chest where they may buy their outfits at reasonable prices and equips those in need; it conducts a Merchant Marine School; it offers meals of a wholesome nature and variety at moderate prices; it has lodgings for 1,600 ranging from 35c for a dormitory bed to \$1.00 rooms for officers; it has a welfare department and a relief credit bureau which tide over seamen in temporary financial distress; it maintains clinics; it sends visitors to ships to welcome crews and to receive deposits of wages; it sends chaplains to marine hospitals to visit sick and convalescent seamen; it aids seamen with immigration and naturalization problems; it provides a library; sends books and magazines to ships; provides clothing and knitted articles for needy seamen; assists with spiritual problems and provides a Chapel for inspiration and worship.

The seamen are self-respecting and by paying for their beds, meals, and personal services, provide the major support of the building, but for the entertainment, welfare and religious work, funds must be raised by mail appeals, voluntary contributions and benefits.

Brought Forward .....	\$2,082,982.11
<b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS GENERAL:</b>	
Helen F. Hubbard Fund .....	1,000.00
Gift of Wilson Farrand in memory of Mrs. Farrand.....	1,000.00
	2,000.00
<b>RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE:</b>	
Chapel Flower Fund—Sundry Donations.....	10.00
<b>SOCIAL SERVICE RELIEF:</b>	
Mansfield Memorial Fund—Sundry Donations.....	54.70
	\$2,085,046.81
Deduct net loss on securities sold .....	25,612.66
	\$2,059,434.15
Deduct amount appropriated for Special Purposes.....	43,399.15
	TOTAL ASSETS .....
	\$2,016,035.00

NOTE: Of this amount \$1,160,000.00 has been loaned to the Building Committee for the Annex.

Dated, New York City, December 31, 1940.

*Chairman, Committee on Trust Funds.*  
 JUNIUS S. MORGAN, Chairman  
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 HARRY FORSYTH  
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Assets examined and found to agree with the foregoing account.

*Auditing Committee.*  
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### MEMORIALS

They are used by thousands of seamen. When a memorial is selected it is marked by a bronze tablet suitably inscribed as the donor specifies. The objects listed here are available as memorials.

Chapel Chairs, each .....	\$ 30.
Seamen's Rooms, each .....	300.
Seamen's Rooms with Running Water, each .....	750.
Officers' Rooms, each .....	1,000.
"Sick Bay" in Clinic .....	3,000.
Additional Clinic Rooms .....	3,000.
Chapel Memorial Windows .....	3,000.
Sanctuary and Chancel .....	3,000.
Seamen's Endowed Rooms, each .....	5,000.
For those desiring to select larger memorials there are available:	
Cafeteria .....	15,000.
Seamen's Reading and Game Room .....	25,000.
Modernizing Main Lobby .....	50,000.
Remodelling and Renovating an Entire Floor (62 bed rooms, in Old Building) .....	8,000.

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From the painting by Georges Schreiber.  
 Courtesy, Associated American Artists.

"With their hates and desires men are changing the face of the earth—but they cannot change the sea. Men who live on the sea never change—for they live a lonely world apart."  
 From the Prologue to the motion picture "The Long Voyage Home" By Eugene O'Neill

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

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HENRY McCOMB BANGS .....1927	FREDERICK P. DELAFIELD .....1939
FREDERICK A. CUMMINGS .....1928	ALEXANDER O. VIETOR .....1939
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## COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Elected January 23, 1941

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## DEPARTMENTS OF THE INSTITUTE

UNDER THE

### ADMINISTRATION

**BUSINESS:** Acts as purchasing agent and supervises the following services: Lodgings; Restaurant; Soda Luncheonette; General Stores; Engineering; Building Maintenance; Barber Shop; Tailor Shop; Laundry.

**Seamen's Funds Bureau:** Receives seamen's wages for safekeeping and transmits to relatives.

**Accounting Bureau:** Serves as Institute Accountant and Cashier.

**WELFARE:** Promotes the spiritual, physical and social welfare of seamen through the following services: Religious Work; Clinics; Relief; Entertainment; Missing Men Bureau; Apprentices' Room.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Secures ship and shore jobs for seamen.

### EDUCATION:

**Conrad Library:** Provides 8,000 volumes for reference and general reading.

**Merchant Marine School:** Conducts First-Aid, Life-boat, and general nautical instruction.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** Raises funds for maintenance of Institute. Informs public as to Institute activities through THE LOOKOUT, press and radio.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS:** Coordinates women's groups assisting the Institute chiefly through contributions, knitting, sewing, supplying clothing, books, etc.



*A Year-Round Welcome  
to the Seafarer:*

*Seamen's Church Institute  
of New York*

