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Sanctuary — A SEAMAN'S PRAYER

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, who rulest over the sea, who stillest the tempest, who sendeth the gentle rain and the blessed sun, forgive us our shortcomings, we beseech Thee. Guide us across the deep waters as we carry on our duties. In the lonely watches we think of Thee, and we pray that Thou will stretch forth Thine hand over the deep, and lead us home into safe harbors. Be with our families who faithfully wait for our return. All this we ask in Thy name. Amen.

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SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

THE YEAR 1947 IN REVIEW

(113th ANNUAL REPORT)

Based on the Report of the Assistant Director at the Annual Meeting
and on Departmental Reports — January, 1948.



A shipside view of "25 South Street."

Photographs by Lawrence D. Thornton and Oscar G. Owen

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Baylies Lobby . . . where seamen of many lands congregate.



Re-establishing international trade.

The Year 1947 in Review

VISITORS to the Seamen's Church Institute of New York are always impressed by the magnitude of the work, and often comment: "I never realized that it was such a big building!" Bigness might imply a lack of the personal, home-like touch. This has been avoided here at 25 South Street — despite its tremendous size, and its serving of thousands of merchant seamen daily — by having clubrooms, large and small, which provide the necessary intimate and friendly atmosphere so appreciated by men far from their own homes and families and especially by those for whom the Institute is their only home.

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The growth of the Institute from the humblest of beginnings as a little floating chapel in 1844 to its present stature — the largest shore home in the world for active merchant seamen of all nationalities — has come about only through the efforts of men and women who saw the need, through the generosity of those who have helped maintain its facilities and services, and through the cooperation of Board members, staff, volunteers and contributors who recognized the vital role which merchant seamen play in world trade.

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During the year 1947, merchant seamen rendered most essential service in re-establishing commerce, in rehabilitating devastated countries, and in keeping America strong through an efficient Merchant Marine. The Seamen's Church Institute of New York, in turn, did its part by ministering to these seamen, caring for their physical and spiritual needs.



Magnitude
of
this
Ministry
to
Seamen

Over
a
Century
of
Service



Swedish Reading Room . . . the most recent Club established at the Institute.



Around the fireplace in the Netherlands Seamen's Home . . . the first foreign clubroom established at the Institute.

This Report records the large volume of services rendered. It summarizes the 35 reports of the various departments and divisions, representing over 300 employees who are dedicated to serving seamen and in providing "Safety, Comfort and Inspiration" in accordance with the aims and purposes of the Institute as it was founded for the bodily welfare and spiritual comfort of men of the sea of all races and creeds.

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One of the outstanding events of the year was the dedication of the Mural paying tribute to the Men of the Merchant Marine, World War II. Painted by Edmond James FitzGerald, this Mural represents the Normandy invasion in which ships of the Allied nations participated. It was given in memory of L. Gordon Hamersley, a member of the Institute's Board of Managers from 1913 to 1942. Among the guests at the dedication, on October 23rd, were his family and many devoted friends of the Institute, several hundred seamen including many of those who had been decorated with the Merchant Marine Medal of Honor for heroism beyond the line of duty. Tribute to those seamen who had sacrificed their lives for their country was paid by Clarence G. Michalis, President of the Board of Managers, by Professor Robert Greenhalgh Albion and by the Rev. Dr. Roelif H. Brooks.

The official opening of the *Swedish Seamen's Reading Room* on November 18th, brought many people of Swedish background. Among the speakers were: The Honorable Arthur W. Wallander, Police Commissioner of New York; Andrew G. Clauson, President of the Board of Education of New York; Carl Sandburg, noted poet; G. Helmer Lundbeck, Honorary President Swedish Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.A.; Lennart Nyland, Consul General of Sweden, and Torsten Ralf, Metropolitan Opera Singer.

This Club occupies space formerly used by the British Merchant Navy Club on the second floor, and becomes another of the friendly and home-like



Gleaned
From
35 Reports

Dedication
of
Mural

Clubroom
Welcomes
Swedish
Seamen

Mural of
Kronborg Castle
serves as background in
Danish Seamen's Club.



A game of backgammon
whiles away time
between voyages in the
Belgian Seamen's Home

clubrooms maintained by their own nationals which help to make the Institute so pleasant to seamen of foreign lands. Dutch, Danish and Belgian clubrooms continued to attract seamen of these nationalities, and the other facilities of the Institute such as lodgings, auditorium, post office, entertainment, library and cafeteria were also available to these men. As men of many countries mingle in the lounges and gamerooms, they acquire a better understanding of each other.

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Lodging accommodations totalled 360,157, a drop of 42,869 over 1946. This reflects the definite decrease in shipping and the transfer to shore employment of many seamen. Among the thousands of seamen who registered at the Institute were those from the following countries: Arabia, Belgium, China, Denmark, Estonia, Egypt, England, France, Greece, Haiti, Iceland, Hawaii, Italy, Indonesia, Java, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and Turkey. In these days when it is so important to promote friendship with other nations, all these nationals lived amicably under the same roof.

The names of 12,266 seamen who had never stayed at the Institute before were added to the registration desk files. This is indicative that each year more and more seamen "discover" the building and take advantage of the facilities offered. In order to meet rising costs it was necessary to increase rates for all bedrooms, but they are still much lower than hotels with similar accommodations, and the recreational, educational and spiritual services are rendered without charge. In addition, there are the "intangibles," the personal and social services which endear the Institute to seamen. With problems of every kind, they know that they can get assistance and counsel here at "25 South Street."

United Nations
Under
One
Roof





Over a million meals served annually.



Members of the Central Council knitted over 11,000 articles for seamen.

The *Commissary* served 1,068,300 meals at moderate cost and complimentary Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to 1,200 seamen on these holidays. These festive dinners were made possible by Holiday Fund gifts.

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The *Central Council of Associations*, an organization of volunteers headed by Mrs. Thorne Lanier, is composed of women scattered all over the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zone and Cuba. They knitted 11,192 articles, packed 608 comfort kits, collected magazines, books and clothing; sponsored dances and benefits. Their largest project was the packing of 6,501 Christmas boxes which were distributed to seamen at the Institute, to marine hospitals, to retired seamen at Sailors' Snug Harbor, and a special shipment of 500 boxes distributed by Dr. Kelley to the Missions to Seamen at Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hamburg. In addition to the above distribution the Sloppe Chest distributed about 3200 articles of clothing. Enthusiastic letters of appreciation have been received from ship captains, hospitals and individual seamen. It is interesting to note that Protestants, Catholics and Jews joined in packing these boxes for merchant seamen, and donors ranged from a little five year old who earned the contribution he made by running errands, to a 95 year-old woman who apologized for not packing the box herself. The Secretary of the *Central Council* closes her report with this apt quotation from Seneca:

"He that does good to another does good also to himself, not only in the consequence, but in the very act, for the consciousness of well-doing is in itself ample reward."

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A truly sympathetic heart is a welfare worker's greatest asset. Problems brought to the *Personal Service Bureau*, (directed by a veteran staff member who combines efficiency with gentleness and understanding), often require the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job to untangle them.

Over a Million Meals Served



Central Council of Associations

The Wisdom of Solomon



Elderly seamen created the biggest problem, for it is no longer possible for most of them to obtain employment. When Sailors' Snug Harbor could not be offered as a haven because of ineligibility or insufficient proof of sea service, provision was arranged through the Department of Welfare for old age assistance or home relief. Distress signals were also hoisted over a variety of problems. Some of those solved included the finding of the grown-up sons of a deceased seaman; the rescuing of a seaman in Canada from being deported to Russia because of a technicality; assisting a marine engineer in locating a home for his aged uncle; finding a dog and returning it to the crew of a Victory ship; arranging for two "would-be" seamen without experience to obtain ship employment — a difficult task these days. A total of 45,106 Social Service interviews were recorded.

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Practically all the war-time agencies set up to help seamen have been closed with the result that established welfare organizations such as the Institute must take up the slack and meet the needs of the men. Constant efforts are made to personalize the various services and to strive for more individual and sympathetic contact with the men and their problems. Here it is that the Personal Service Bureau, Janet Roper Club, Seamen's Lounge and Game Room are especially helpful. Both staff members and volunteer hostesses have developed the fine art of listening, and their patience and understanding are of immeasurable help to the seamen. Considering that in the early part of this century, the introduction of women social workers, and the establishment of a house mother (with Mrs. Janet Roper serving in that capacity) was considered an extremely liberal step in seamen's work, we have come a long way. Our present staff has 90 women serving in welfare, educational, recreational and administrative positions.

The contribution made by the *Seamen's Lounge* and by the *Janet Roper Club* to the overall program of the Institute is very great. When a seaman

The Fine Art of Listening

comes into the Club for the first time, he cautiously walks to the desk, is greeted with a welcoming smile and the birthday book is brought out and he is asked to sign it, giving his name, home address, his rating and his birth date. (Monthly birthday parties with cakes supplied by the Commissary help foster the home-like atmosphere in this Club.) When this is done and he has shown his last discharge papers as evidence that he is an active seaman, he feels that he really qualifies and belongs. There is more to the Club, however, than just home atmosphere. Entertainment is planned with a specific program each night in the week. These events are publicized in an illustrated folder announcing the activities a month in advance. Professional entertainers have given freely of their time and talents. Invariably these performers declare that seamen provide the finest and most appreciative audiences. These programs include variety shows, musical comedies, concerts, dances, theatricals, quizzes, seamen-participation contests and documentary films. These entertainments are only one phase of the activities in the Janet Roper Club. The Club director summarizes her Report: "The important factor is the seaman himself and his reactions to the things we do for him. We are here to help him and that is only possible when we can help him to help himself. A seaman often asks for advice, but if you will first listen to his story, his problem becomes clarified in his own mind so that he can arrive at his own decision. One must have unlimited patience and compassion. A truly sympathetic heart is a welfare worker's biggest asset." The total attendance in this Club was 35,756.

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During the summer months an average of 120 seamen enjoyed the three o'clock daily coffee hour in the *Seamen's Lounge*. In cold weather, the number served daily increased to about 300. Entertainment is furnished by volunteers with usually a piano or accordeon accompaniment. The group of hostesses who play cards and pour coffee for the men are loyal and keep faithfully their schedules. The supervisor of the Lounge writes:



Recreation for Seafarers



A
Substitute
for
Home

"One hears such interesting conversations here. The seamen come in from all over the world and love to tell about their experiences and ports of call. On occasion, some seaman is especially enthusiastic about handicraft and the men like to talk and compare work in leather, wood or marlinespike seamanship, and hobbies such as stamp and coin collecting are often discussed. Some of the engineers are changing from steam to diesel engines on their ships and it is an education to hear them tell about it. Frequently, concert or drama tickets are sent us for the men. When this happens they always come back the next day to tell about the good time they had at the theatre or concert hall. There is a general atmosphere of friendliness in the Lounge and it serves its purpose of being at least a substitute for home." The total attendance in the Lounge was 50,678.

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The third floor Game Room was redecorated and repainted and the draperies, a gift from the Staten Island branch of the Central Council, add to the attractive appearance of this Room. The billiard and pool tables were in constant use and men frequently had to await their turn at the tables. Snooker tournaments, checkers, chess, cards and jig-saw puzzles every day held the interest of many men. Tuesday evening Bingo parties were inaugurated, and they drew about 250 men at each session. These games are conducted in lively fashion by the Institute's recreational director, and prizes include shaving or toilet kits, sweaters, socks and gloves.

Movies in the *Auditorium* on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings are an old established custom and drew capacity crowds. Even though films were more difficult to get than formerly, because of decreased production in the industry, the Institute was able to get the best quality current pictures.

A large costume dance on Thanksgiving night was an innovation and proved a big success; the men were furnished with costumes and accessories from the Institute's backstage supply.

The average daily attendance at the games was about 100 men, while around 250 used the reading and lounging facilities. The attendance in the *Auditorium* at the moving pictures averaged about 650. The gatherings in the Game Room are undoubtedly a composite of the men using the Institute as a shore home and the more and better entertainment we can offer, the more worthwhile we can make their time ashore between sailing dates. The congenial atmosphere provided here helps to keep lonely men from wandering off to the dubious solace of nearby barrooms where they are always a target for exploitation. The total attendance at movies, concerts and sports was 104,683.

The Institute's comprehensive recreational program provides relaxation and fellowship, and fills time pleasantly and constructively for those who are waiting to ship out.

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"O Blessed Snow!" wrote the head of the *Missing Seamen's Bureau* in her report. Because the "Blizzard of '47" prevented her from returning to her home in the suburbs, she stayed at the Institute for several days and consequently was there when a certain Pat, long missing and long searched for by anxious relatives, walked into her office. So many letters in the files of this Bureau conclude with "Thank you and God bless you." A total of 330 missing seamen were located and many hundreds more are still being searched for, painstakingly and sympathetically, in response to the letters pleading for some news of a missing son, brother, husband or other relative.

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To the Institute's *Clinics* came many foreign seamen. Some did not speak English, but they learned quickly how to say "Glasses" — "Teeth" and "Pain" after they had pantomimed their problem to the nurses. Usually, an interpreter was found to get the complete case history. The new X-ray machine helped to speed up diagnosis and in this way saved time for the seamen so that they could report promptly back to their ships. The

Relaxation
and
Fellowship

"O
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Pain in
any
Language



Eye Clinic continued to provide glasses, facilitated by the gifts of old eyeglass frames sent in by Institute friends. New lens, prescribed after examination, were fitted in these old frames and thus the seaman could return to his job without delay. The Dental Clinics are always full, for seamen have come to learn the importance of prompt care of their teeth. The number of treatments totalled 4,846.

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The *Alcoholics Anonymous* program at the Institute continued to grow in usefulness. Letters of appreciation from seamen indicate how greatly such a program is needed, and how it is helping to rehabilitate them. The Marine Hospital, Staten Island, has set up an A. A. Ward and cooperates with the Institute in helping restore the men to health. A ship's officer who has finally conquered his alcoholism problem after a two-year struggle wrote to the A. A. Secretary recently: "I feel I have come a long way since that first day I met you in the Seamen's Institute and asked you for guidance. Believe it or not, I often say a little prayer for you and I always thank God each night for A. A.

"Soberly Yours."

A total of 1,054 alcoholic seamen were rehabilitated.

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The lessening shipping activity was reflected in a decrease in the number of seamen purchasing Traveller's cheques. The *Ship Visiting Bureau* and the *Seamen's Funds Bureau*, however, protected the wages of 6,572 seamen.

The Ship Visitors continued to serve seamen in a variety of ways, distributing booklets, calendars, folders, library books, subway maps, announcements of art, photography, poetry and essay contests for the Merchant Marine. Christmas boxes and memorandum books were also distributed and as a result, many seamen who had never stayed at the Institute came and learned for the first time of its facilities for their welfare. The visitors covered the waterfront and made 1,799 ship visits.



Reader attendance in Conrad Library: 34,420.



Institute visitors meet ships at the docks.

"Soberly
Yours"

Encouraging
Thriff



"Book Blossoms That Never Fade"

One of the interesting aspects of the *Conrad Library* is the way in which books given to seamen are re-distributed by them in hospitals, seamen's organizations, orphanages and libraries abroad. After they have finished reading these books on shipboard, they have shared them with those who have a real "book hunger." One seaman writes: "One of the nicest things that has helped to make this long trip pleasant was the wonderful collection of books you so kindly sent me before we sailed from New York. Not only in giving me the books, but that I can leave two here and three there, some in Buenos Aires, some in Rio de Janeiro, and some in Montevideo, in the Seamen's Clubs. Leaving books with friends one meets in different parts of the world is like leaving bouquets along the path of life and somehow these book blossoms never fade."

Reading for Recreation or Self-improvement

The Library continued to serve as a marine reference library as it has an excellent collection of maritime books in its permanent files, thoughtful gifts of friends, authors and publishers. Bundles of 24 fiction and 24 non-fiction books were sent to ships of all nationalities. Both English and foreign-language books are provided. Many seamen used the Library's marine technical books and magazines to study for original licenses or raise of grade. Volunteer librarians have made it possible to keep the Library open evenings, and many loyal friends who contribute books regularly keep our supply constant. The attendance was 34,420 seamen readers, and books distributed totalled 23,145 and 90,450 magazines. Marine and tuberculosis hospitals also received books from this Library.

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Artists & Writers Club for the Merchant Marine

The *Artists and Writers Club*, founded by the Institute in 1945 to encourage and help seamen writers, artists, and photographers, proved its worth by a growing membership, and sales of seamen's stories to magazines and by sales of their oil paintings and watercolors. Contests for the best marine poetry, essays, stories, and photographs attracted seamen participants from all over the country.

Exhibits of seamen's paintings in the Janet Roper Lounge aroused much interest among seamen and visitors to the building. Paintings were also given public showing through window displays at various places around New York. Well known critics, editors and artists such as John Mason Brown, Harry Hansen, Gordon Grant, Charles Robert Patterson, William Rose Benét, Joseph Auslander, Carl Carmer, Donald Kennicott, Lillian Gilkes, A. M. Sullivan and Frank Laskier, served as judges in the contests which were open to seamen of all ratings and nationalities.

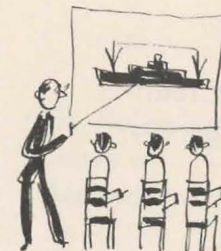
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The *Merchant Marine School* was affected by the decrease in shipping and consequently registrations declined since the peak war years. However, the School, long established, continued to prepare its graduates for examinations for original license or raise in grade, and results show that most of the men who studied here have passed with high grades. (Every effort is being made to attract new students to the School, and its courses in the new Sperry Radar School will, it is hoped, increase registrations.) The attendance at lectures totalled 4,393.

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The *Information Desk*, at a strategic spot in the main lobby, is a mecca for seamen wanting answers to a variety of \$64.00 questions as well as simple inquiries such as how to get to a pier or to Radio City. An important function of the secretary at this desk is to help acquaint newcomers with the facilities of the building. A total of 33,062 inquiries were answered.

Inquiries ranged from how to find a Welsh church for a seaman who was eager to sing Welsh hymns to a request for "T-Bone," last name unknown. "T-Bone" was paged on our callophone and was found for the shipmate inquiring for him. Mail requests enclosing money orders for such assorted items as hearing aids, overalls, a device to prevent bridge work from slipping, furniture polish, etc., were also filled.



Education for Self-Advancement

Information Please

Credit Bureau

Because of shipping conditions, calls for help through the *Credit Bureau* increased in 1947 and the same situation is expected in 1948. The total number of loans made, 15,194, was less than the preceding year, but the amount per loan increased because of the rising prices. Repayments of loans continue to show a steady increase year by year and this record indicates that seamen are becoming educated to the responsibility of paying their debts, and fundamentally are self-respecting and prefer to be self-supporting.

The Credit Bureau secretary reports: "This past year we have witnessed ship after ship sold to foreign interests and others sent to the various laid-up fleets, and again the steady working seaman must look for another ship when he would rather stay with the one which has been taken out of service. These men, for the most part resourceful and dependable, have found themselves in a position where they cannot ship out quickly, where they have run out of funds but dare not go home for fear of losing their place on the shipping list, and must somehow eat and sleep until their turn comes to join a new ship. Longshore work, night watchman and pier guard jobs are no longer available for seamen.

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As seamen held on to their jobs when paid off by signing on again at once, it became much harder for the inexperienced to obtain ship jobs. Higher ratings found work more readily. Jobs for 3,775 seamen (as compared with 4,308 in 1946) were secured through the *Employment Bureau*.

The Institute was able to give temporary shore employment to seamen as dishwashers, counter-men, elevator operators and porters in the building.

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The *Baggage Room* handled 137,781 pieces of seamen's baggage at a ten cents for ten days rate. This is a service especially appreciated by men of the sea with no home ties and to whom the Baggage Room is the anchorage for their personal belongings in sea bag, suitcase or trunk.



Dr. Kelley left on the first of September for England, where at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, he is making a tour of the stations of the Missions to Seamen in Ireland, Scotland, England, the Continent and Mediterranean where his advice on welfare methods as practiced in this country should be of great assistance.

Dr. Raymond S. Hall, formerly in charge of the Seamen's Club of Boston, came to the Institute the latter part of August as Assistant Director. He had served as a chaplain of paratroopers in the recent war and before entering the service had been in several parishes in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

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The difficulty in obtaining chaplains to serve at the Institute is a serious problem. The decrease in enrollment in Theological Seminaries during the war years explains why this is such a problem. Chaplains of a type and experience who will appeal to seamen are not easy to find. They must understand men, have the ability to make friends easily, and have caught a glimpse of the need for a ministry to seamen. The Assistant Director and one Chaplain made the visits to Marine and other hospitals, conducted daily litanies, Thursday and Sunday Holy Communions, Sunday morning and evening services at Staten Island, Ellis Island, Neponset and in the Institute's own Chapel of Our Saviour. The total attendance was 6,912.

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In each Annual Report we refer briefly to the many "behind the scenes" services — those which keep the wheels running smoothly, but which are never conspicuous or publicized. These include the Accounting; the Engineering; the Business Department, which supervises the Service Division (responsible for the cleanliness of the building); oversees the Laundry, (which handled 1,077,096 pieces) the Receiving and General Stores, and the House Patrol, all of which carry on their respective important and necessary functions with efficiency and economy.

Dr. Kelley's Leave of Absence

Shortage of Chaplains

Physical
Improvements
In
The
Building

Painting and reconditioning of many rooms was completed, thus freshening up the appearance of the building. These rooms include the Merchant Marine School, the 3rd Floor Game Room, Janet Roper Club, Belgian Room, the new Swedish Room, Laundry, Baggage and Dining Room. Six portholes and one large window were constructed for the Merchant Marine School.

Sleeping floor corridors were painted, but the painting and repapering of 785 bedrooms was postponed because of the tremendous demand for beds.

On the 5th floor, a Lounge and Reading Room was constructed. This has been received enthusiastically by seamen guests.

The conversion of the engine room from coal to oil will result in a saving of approximately \$20,000 annually. The recent delivery of new and long-awaited engine equipment, at a cost of \$180,000 will do much for the cleanliness and comfort of the building.

Other reconversion jobs undertaken during 1947 were the moving of the *Central Council* offices to the third floor, the changing of the Officers' Room to the north-east corner of the Game Room, and the moving of the Belgian Room to a portion of the former Officers' Room. This permitted increased space and improved working conditions for all concerned.

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A total of 28,968 calls were made at the barber, tailor and laundry. Extra services include such things as providing mending kits, rushing deliveries, and forwarding clothes and laundry to catch seamen at other ports when their ships leave in a hurry.

There were 333,039 News Stand sales.

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The U. S. Government continues to operate the Seamen's Institute Station Post Office with a volume of business equivalent to a town of 20,000 to 25,000 population. Postal employees take especial interest in seamen's problems and hold or forward mail as requested under certain special regulations.

The *Ways and Means Department* raised a total of \$126,654.39 which in part bridges the difference between operating costs and what the seamen pay for food and lodging, and also helps to support the free facilities which include social service, recreational, welfare, clinics and library. Annual gifts, Red Letter Days and benefit contributions from loyal and generous friends made possible this total.

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The Board of Managers lost during 1947 two of its most faithful and devoted members, Mr. William Williams, and Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee. Mr. Satterlee had served since 1902 and Mr. Williams since 1927. Both were active until the end, giving of their time and means, to help the Institute befriend seamen.

Our specific problems for 1948 are: the modernizing of the building as materials become available; the securing of chaplains to carry on the spiritual work among the seamen; the constant raising of standards and improvement of services; the finding of more contributors to help maintain our activities and services in the face of rising costs.

The major problem continues to be the stabilizing of world conditions which, of course, directly affect the shipping industry and the seamen who serve aboard the tankers, freighters and passenger liners.

We do see concrete evidences of the good that we have done for many of the men, for we frequently receive messages from families telling us what it has meant to them to have their sons or husbands assisted, and often from the seamen themselves come testimonies of appreciation. But above all else we are carrying forward the program to which we are all dedicated, and that is to help the men of the sea when they are on land. With confidence in the importance of the Institute's work, with faith in God's guidance, and relying on the loyalty of our friends, we face the future.

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Necrology

Faith
in
the
Future



SUMMARY OF SERVICES TO MERCHANT SEAMEN

by the

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

From January 1 to December 31, 1947



360,157	Lodgings
137,781	Pieces of Baggage handled
1,068,300	Commissary Meals
333,039	News Stand Sales
28,968	Barber, Laundry and Tailor Calls
6,912	Total attendance at Religious Services at Institute and U. S. Marine Hospitals
45,106	Personal Service Interviews
15,194	Credit Loans to 6,149 Individual Seamen
2,954	Pieces of Clothing and 305 Knitted Articles* distributed through Slop Chest.
4,846	Treatments in Clinics
104,683	Total attendance at Movies, Concerts and Sports
330	Missing Seamen located
3,775	Jobs secured for Seamen
35,756	Attendance in Janet Roper Room
50,678	Attendance in Seamen's Lounge
1,799	Visits to Ships by Institute Representatives
6,572	Transfers of Seamen's Earning to Banks
34,420	Attendance of Seamen Readers in Conrad Library; 23,145 Books and 90,450 Magazines distributed
4,393	Total Attendance at Lectures in Merchant Marine School
12,151	Incoming Telephone Calls for Seamen
6,501	Christmas Boxes*, 48 Bon Voyage Packages*, and 608 Comfort Kits* distributed, containing 11,192 Knitted Articles*

*Prepared by the Central Council of Associations

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1947

Gross Income from Operated Departments		\$ 896,168.51
Institute Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 616,019.06	
Food and Merchandise	236,788.01	
Supplies	62,568.54	
Heat, Light and Power	53,961.28	
School Books and Certificates	621.16	
Legal and Auditing	1,508.00	
Repairs, Renewals and Equipment	6,232.31	
Insurance	16,468.99	
Publicity and Promotion	29,332.34	
Telephone Service	4,553.60	
Miscellaneous	60,237.54	
	\$1,088,290.83	
Religious and Social Service Department		
Salaries Expenses and Relief	162,946.94	1,251,237.77
Excess of Expenditures Over Income from Operated Departments		\$ 355,069.26
Deduct Income from Endowments, Bank Balances, Etc.		
General Purpose	\$ 34,539.10	
Religious and Social Service	2,804.88	
Social Service Relief	10,597.79	47,941.77
Deficit from Institute Operations		\$ 307,127.49
Contributions for General Purposes		
General Contributions	\$ 118,397.36	
Special Contributions and Income from Estates	115,158.60	
Proceeds from Benefit Performances	8,257.03	
	\$ 241,812.99	
Social Service Relief	24,155.55	
	\$ 265,968.54	
Transfers from Special Funds to Cover Clinic Expenditures	6,250.00	272,218.54
EXCESS OF OPERATING DEFICIT OVER CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED) AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO COVER CLINIC EXPENDITURES		\$ 34,908.95

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, 1947. 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 operations of the Institute for the year.

February 20, 1948

HORWATH & HORWATH

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON TRUST FUNDS

Year Ending December 31, 1947

Summary of Assets

Bonds	\$	351,515.14
Stocks		1,341,190.63
Mortgages		9,612.08
Cash on Deposit		130,134.22
		\$1,832,452.07

Summary of Funds

A. Unrestricted Fund	\$	990,985.03
B. Endowment General		399,707.52
C. Religious and Social Service		90,321.91
D. Social Service Relief		351,437.61
		\$1,832,452.07

Details of Above Funds

A. UNRESTRICTED FUND: PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST AVAILABLE FOR THE GENERAL USE OF THE INSTITUTE		990,985.03
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
Frances Goodhue de Peyster Fund		9,000.00
Estate of Amelia P. Dixon		300.00
Gift of Wilson Farrand, in memory of Mrs. Farrand		1,000.00
Mabel West Haglund, in memory of her grandparents, Robert and Laura Green		5,000.00
Captain Radcliffe Hicks Fund		3,067.00
Henry Lee Hobart Memorial Fund		1,000.00
Helen F. Hubbard Fund		13,500.00
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
Mrs. George H. Martin Memorial Fund		500.00
Nellie Keeling Mills in memory of her father, Samuel Miller Mills		4,931.78
Estate of John A. McKim		10,000.00
H. C. Munger Fund		8,609.81
Fanny Norris (Income to provide for Red Letter Day) in memory of her father, Joseph Norris		12,522.49
William Decatur Parsons, in memory of his father and mother, William H. Parsons and Anna Pine Decatur Parsons		10,000.00
Alice M. Patten		22,050.74
William D. Quackenbush, wife and daughter, Janet Rathbone Fund		500.00
Kate S. Richardson		15,000.00
		50,000.00
		Carried forward \$ 202,001.82

\$ 990,985.03

Carried forward	\$	202,001.82	\$ 990,985.03
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 maintenance of the rooms in the building now or any time hereafter maintained by the Institute known and designated as the Isabella Potts and Philip Ruprecht Room.)		22,337.24	
Charles E. Rhineland (In memory of his wife, Matilda F. Rhineland.)		26,317.29	
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. City.)		7,368.84	399,707.52

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	
Edmund Lincoln and Louisa Van Renssalaer Baylies Chapel Fund, (Income to be applied to Chapel Expenses.)		4,000.00	
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 Flowers (Income to be used for Altar and Hospital Flowers.)		7,997.44	
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. Krischker		500.00	
Estate of Bonnie Wallace LeClear		1,789.51	90,321.91

D. SOCIAL SERVICE RELIEF:

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	
Walter K. Belknap, (In memory of Mr. and 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)		8,000.00	
Helen L. Fairchild, (For Charles Stebbins Fairchild)		8,000.00	
		\$32,000.00	
		Carried forward	\$1,481,014.46

Carried forward	\$32,000.00	\$1,481,014.46
F. K. Hascall, (In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wearne)	4,000.00	
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		
Katherine Wolfe Ambrose Shradly (In loving memory of John Wolfe Ambrose)	8,000.00	60,000.00
J. Hooker Hamersley Boat, (for purchase or opera- tion of a boat, and in the meantime income to be used for relief work.)		8,408.52
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 Memorial Established January 1926, by friends, especially the members of the Seamen's Church Institute Associations, to commemorate the thirtieth anni- versary of the Rev. Archibald Romaine Mansfield, D.D., Superintendent, and in recognition of his years of service to this Society and to Seamen		30,199.01
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 Mont- gomery Morrill, income to be applied exclusively to the relief of destitute mariners and those de- pendent 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
Captain Edward B. Cobb Fund (Given by the Will of Augustus G. Cobb, in memory of his Father)		197,421.82
Janet Roper Memorial Fund		5,676.10
Edith and Maude K. Wetmore (In memory of their father and mother, George Peabody Wetmore, and Edith M. K. Wetmore)		10,000.00
		351,437.61
Total Funds		\$1,832,452.07

Changes in Funds during year ended December 31, 1947

Assets as per report of December 31, 1946		\$1,238,018.25
Additions during 1947—		
GENERAL FUND—UNRESTRICTED	\$	100.00
Estate of Kathryn L. Bissell		5,000.00
Estate of Warren D. Brown		26,402.25
Estate of Robert W. Cochrane		1,120.00
Estate of Josephine M. Cole		6,101.45
Estate of Mary Eliza Cox		5,000.00
Estate of Elizabeth Curtis		100.00
Estate of Dora G. Dickson		164.66
Estate of Clifford M. Dolph		
Carried forward	\$	43,988.36
		\$1,238,018.25

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Estate of C. Marguerite Faile		26.79	
Estate of Jennie B. Stevens Gatter		100.00	
Estate of Frank Scott Gerrish		4,429.60	
Estate of Emily C. Hart		33,149.50	
Estate of Grace Holbrook		100.00	
Estate of Antoinette C. Jaeger		500.00	
Estate of John C. Juhring		1,000.00	
Estate of Nellie L. Kinne		6.47	
Estate of Julia W. Latimer		5,000.00	
Estate of Henry A. Laughlin		6.60	
Estate of Annie M. Laurence		.65	
Estate of Jane Rouse		1,000.00	
Estate of Evelina K. Strong		75.54	
Estate of Otto Sussman		572.00	
Estate of Edward Sykes		10,000.00	
Estate of Ferris S. Thompson		222,000.00	
Estate of Caroline R. Van Nuis		1,000.00	
Estate of William Williams		305,150.00	
Gift of Augusta N. Dreer In memory of Louise G. Tower		5,000.00	
Payments against Principal of Mortgage Interests			
Estate of Robert W. Cochrane		5.54	
Estate of Sophie E. Dierson		54.06	
Estate of Helen L. Fairchild		.16	
Estate of Annie Hyatt		533.12	
Estate of Edward McClure Peters		7.78	
Estate of Olin Scott Roche		1,981.12	
Estate of Belle J. Stewart		1,986.50	
Estate of Julia Treadwell		114.03	
Gifts for Special Purposes			
New Building Fund		380.00	
Endowment Funds General			
Miss Augusta de Peyster, for the Frances Goodhue de Peyster Fund		1,000.00	
Mrs. John Hubbard		1,000.00	
Social Service Relief			
Edith and Maude K. Wetmore		10,000.00	
Chapel Flower Fund		3.00	
Mansfield Memorial Fund		30.00	650,200.82
			1,888,219.07
Deduct Loss on Securities Redeemed			45.00
			1,888,174.07
Deduct Sundry Advances and Payments			55,722.00
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			\$1,832,452.07

Dated—New York City, December 31, 1947

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Investments examined and found to agree with the foregoing account.

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