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# The Lookout

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## NEW BUILDING

Now being erected at South Street and Coenties Slip

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THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK  
ONE STATE STREET

# A LAST APPEAL

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## \$400,000 Needed To Complete New Institute

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On the corner of South Street and Coenties Slip the new building of the Seamen's Institute is rapidly nearing completion. The exterior of brick and terra cotta is finished. The Lighthouse tower is completed except the lantern. Inside, most of the partitions are in place.

When ready to open, this Institute will be a model of its kind for all the world.

But we began to build even though a portion of the money required was not subscribed. The success of this tremendous work for seamen demanded it, and it was our duty to our subscribers as well as to the seamen depending upon us.

With the final estimates in on substantially all the work, and with an allowance for furnishing, it is believed that the building will cost about \$750,000. Of this there still remains \$400,000 to be raised.

The chief item increasing the expense of erecting this building was the cost of the foundations. The new Institute had to be on the water-front to be easily accessible for sailors, but the excavations were made on a site which was originally a part of the East River. To use pneumatic caissons, forming a water-tight cofferdam, cost \$116,000.

The building should not be opened until fully paid for. Then it will be self supporting without any endowment.

The new Institute is absolutely necessary.

Will you help us raise this final \$400,000?

Subscriptions, payable any time before May, 1913, should be sent to

EDMUND L. BAYLIES, Chairman Building Committee,  
54 Wall Street, City.



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## IN THE DEPTHS.

There is a solemn graveyard where mortals never tread;  
Where stand no marble monuments to mark the nameless dead.  
Each sleeper takes his place alone, unseen of mortal eyes,  
And no man knows his resting place—nor guesseth where he lies.  
No sad array of mourners conveys them to their rest—  
No wealth of earthly blossoms is laid upon their breast.  
But never yet was graveyard so quiet and serene—  
No churchyard half so peaceful, no hill-side half so green;  
No noise disturbs the sleeper, no light nor careless tread—  
No thoughtless laugh nor mocking word can reach these quiet dead.  
Deep down where endless silence reigns the weary pilgrims rest—  
The wanderers whom old Ocean has gathered to her breast.

## "The Times" Comments

"But the most imposing structure in the Coenties Slip section," says a recent issue of the Sunday 'Times,' is the magnificent twelve-story Seamen's Institute nearing completion on a large plot at the northwest corner of the Slip and South Street. It is not only the tallest, but by far the handsomest building in the immediate vicinity, and with its Titanic Memorial Tower surmounting it at the South Street corner presents a commanding appearance from a great distance. Warren & Wetmore are the architects and when finished it will be the best equipped home for seafaring men in the world.

It is being put up by the Seamen's Church Institute."

This quotation from the real estate section of one of New York's leading newspapers is indicative of the unusual interest which is being taken in the construction of the new Institute. Its location and its purpose are sufficient to make the new building a unique achievement.

## Chaplain Carpenter Resigns

It is with great regret that we announce the resignation of the Rev. Charles Blake Carpenter, who has been chaplain of the Church of the Holy Comforter since May 1st, 1910. Finding it necessary to discontinue his work in the city owing to illness in his family he resigned on October 1st.

Mr. Carpenter came to the North River Station when the work there was in a most crucial state. He proved himself at once to be thoroughly efficient to cope with its peculiar problems and under his administration the influence of the Institute has greatly increased along the North River water-front. Not only was he a most earnest and effective chaplain but he created an atmosphere of sincere friendliness and welcome which attracted many seamen to the reading room and entertainments. His interest in the men whom he helped was so genuinely sympathetic and his personality so simple and direct that he inspired con-



fidence in every seaman who sought his guidance.

The Institute deeply regrets the loss of Mr. Carpenter's valuable services, and we take this opportunity to wish him every possible success in his future activities.

### A Bit of Psychology

This incident could just as properly be headed "Honesty the Best Policy" or "The Reward of Virtue."

Over in Battery Park not long ago, one of the stewards who had been a patron of the Institute for several years found a seal pocket book. Without examining the contents he brought it to the superintendent and asked that an effort be made to return it to the owner.

A search revealed the name and address of the owner and a curious little slip which said: "If anything ever happens to me, notify my parents gently as my mother is very easily overcome by a sudden shock." A letter was sent immediately to the address given and the next day a blonde German youth of about seventeen came in and identified his property. He had been greatly worried about his loss.

Of course the boy was unable to give any reward to the seaman for his honesty, but it did not matter for the steward had anticipated this by asking the superintendent for a night's lodging. He was out of work and despondent and this little chance to do an unknown someone a good turn renewed his self-respect and re-established his belief in himself. A few days later he secured a berth.

All of which ought to prove to the sceptical that virtue is quite unexpectedly its own reward sometimes.

### Lads from the Ships

The "Sentinel" has had an average passenger list of thirty-five boys for several Sundays recently. This is a most encouraging sign to the friends of apprentice lads. Boys are apt to be a little suspicious of Institutes and Missions, just at first. They have a very human distaste for any inquiry into the state of their souls—a distaste which is not, after all, wholly an eccentricity of youth. But once they are assured that the Institute offers them companionship and real interest, as well as tea and cakes and laughter, they are glad to come again and again. And they are glad to go to service at the little church on West Street, to sing with joyous animation; and to listen with reverent attention to the address.

A few extracts from their letters back to the Institute give glimpses of their varied lives.

A letter from Hamburg says:

SS.....

"Dear Mr.

I have heard no news of you since I left Philadelphia and since then I have been in Vladivostock, frozen up, and in Japan and back to England again. Write to me at Port Said."

Romance abounds in these personal letters to the man who comes in closest contact with the boys. One of them says, writing from Australia where the ship is at anchor:

"Nine out of every ten boys, you know, lose their hearts and fall madly in love every time they come to the colonies. Seems to be something in the air. I was one of the nine myself, several times! And eventually got captured for good."



Another one from Melbourne, Victoria tells of his engagement. He says,

"It will be two or three years yet before I am married but I feel much more settled to know that it only rests on myself to get on, to be able to do so."

The frank excuse in the following is given by a boy of 16.

S.S. Cowes, England.

"I intended to come over to No. 1 State Sunday evening but for the fact that the tooth I had extracted the evening before started aching—not pleasantly either, I hope you did not think me an ungrateful chap, as I can assure you I am very much obliged to you all for your kindness. The books have been appreciated by us all."

The naive manner in which this boy makes his excuse is very refreshing.

S. S. London, Eng.

"I am writing to you to apologize for not coming up last Tuesday evening as per arrangement. We sailed on Wednesday at half past five and as the hour for rising was four thirty I decided that it would be better for all concerned if I went to bed early.

Another reason, the condition of my purse; I was only blessed with sufficient money to enable me to travel one way, in fact I was reduced to five cents!

I wish I were back with you. I am never pleased to leave New York."

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### To Rig a Ship

Among the diverse requests and inquiries which come to Number One State was an application, the other day, for a sailor to rig a model three masted whaling ship. The model, stated the letter, was about three feet

long and had been very handsome but owing to age, the rigging had become brittle and snapped. The writer had been referred to the Institute by the New York Nautical College.

Over at the "Breakwater," our little hotel for seamen, we finally discovered a man who was competent to do this work. Among all the multitudes in the shipping department and the reading room at State Street there was not a sailor who knew enough about a three masted whaling ship to rig one. Which only goes to prove what is fast becoming a platitude, that the sailor is truly vanishing, and that the seaman is a type totally different.

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### \$5,000 Contribution

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American Ambassador to the Court of St. James very generously gave \$5,000 to the new Institute before her return to England. Mrs. Reid has always been most interested in work tending to ameliorate the conditions of the seaman's life on shore, and she took this opportunity to become a participant in this splendid undertaking.

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### Thank Offering

A check was received in Monday morning's mail containing a thank offering from a member of the Church of the Epiphany. The unexpected quality of such gifts makes them doubly appreciated. Perhaps there is that about the autumn and harvest time which reminds the thoughtful person to express thanks. Or maybe it is the approach of the most splendid of American festivals—Thanksgiving.



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### New Building News

WHAT A BIG DAILY SAYS

The New York Herald in its issue of November 1st gave a column to the work of the new Seamen's Institute and commented upon it editorially.

"It was not many years ago," said the Herald, "that such a tremendous enterprise as this would have been regarded as a dream. Who would have thought that sailors whose way on shore is "beset with pitfall and with gin" would in the year 1913 be stopping in a million dollar hotel, an exclusive establishment in which no boarding house master would be able to see them even if they sent up cards all day.

The walls of this safe refuge for the men of the sea have been reared, the tower is complete except its lantern, and at the edge of the roof terra cotta polar bears and eagles are on guard."

### THE WEATHER VANE

At the Building Committee meeting a week ago it was decided to have a weather vane pointing out sou'westers and nor'easters from the top of the flag staff. Several suggestions were made as to the particular form the marine symbol should take. Some one proposed a grampus and there were other suggestions of a dolphin, an old galleon, or Neptune's trident. The choice will be announced later.

### SOFT DRINKS

It has been variously intimated to the Building Committee by friends of the sailor and keen students of human nature, that a small bar, where ginger ale and kindred cheerful but non-stimulating drinks could be served, be introduced on the main floor of the new Institute. A man who understands seaman psychology says that the seaman does not really want bad whiskey, that he only wants to lean over a bar and feel convivial. Many persons have urged that a bar of this nature would act miraculously in keeping the sailor from saloons and their ramifying evils.

### New Member of the Building Committee

We are glad to be able to announce that Mr. J. Frederic Tams of the firm of Tams, Leomine & Crane yacht brokers, has agreed to serve on the Building Committee. Since January Mr. Tams has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Institute and has taken an active part in the work.

He is an enthusiastic yachtsman and has already been of invaluable assistance to the Committee. It was he who designed the arrangement of signal flags for the flag pole and helped greatly in determining upon the lantern and proper light for the Lighthouse Tower. At present he has the matter of the weather vane selection under consideration. Mr. Tams' knowledge of nautical terms and observances render him an authority and the Committee feels itself to be exceedingly fortunate.



**Building Fund**

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid .....	\$5,000.00
Mrs. George Peabody Wetmore (Dormitory in memory of her sister, Mary Keteltas) .....	1,000.00
Mr. Walter C. Baylies .....	1,000.00
Mr. Dallas B. Pratt .....	400.00
Mrs. Francis C. Lowell .....	400.00
Mr. B. D. Traitell .....	325.00
Mr. F. Gray Griswold (officer's room in memory of George Gris- wold) .....	250.00
William Nelson Cromwell, (of- ficer's room) .....	250.00
Lafayette Post (Flag-staff).....	250.00
Mr. J. Harsen Purdy (additional).	250.00
Francis Guerrlich .....	10.00
William Scheele .....	10.00
Mrs. Amory S. Carhart .....	10.00
Collection on Boat .....	9.00
J. M. Gilmore .....	5.00
Godfrey Dazet .....	5.00
Isaac Derby .....	5.00
Miss C. M. Hertzell .....	2.00

Total ..... \$9,181.00

**Bed-Rooms Taken**

The Misses Griffith "In Memory of Dr. William O'Loughlin of the "Titanic" .....	1
A. E. D. "Saved by his precious Blood" .....	1
Mrs. Lewis Stewart "In Memory of Charles Huntington Jackson".....	1
Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand E. Canda.....	1
In Memory of Benjamin Adrian and Sarah Snyder Kissam by their chil- dren .....	1
Miss Lois Church Scoville .....	1
Mrs. William H. Bradford .....	1
Mr. Thomas R. Proctor .....	1
Miss Eleanor G. Hall "In memory of Anna Patterson Hall" .....	1
Dr. James Pederson .....	1
James D. Williams "In memory of Father, Charles Howard Williams" .....	1
Mrs. Caroline A. Grant "In Memory of her daughter Kathryn" .....	1
Mrs. M. V. R. Johnson "In Memory of Father, Alexander Van Rensselaer" .....	1
Henry W. J. Bucknall "Given by St. George's Society of New York" ..	1
Miss Louise Moore .....	1
	15
Previously announced .....	250
Total .....	265

**One Hundred Dollars!**

One Hundred Dollars will build and furnish a seaman's bedroom in the new Institute.

There are 390 bedrooms. 265 have been reserved by persons wishing either to memorialize someone whose interests were with sailors or to make the gift of \$100 for a specified part of the new building.

125 bedrooms are still untaken.

One Hundred Dollars will give one hundred men the use of the room during the year.

One Hundred Dollars will give somebody's son, somebody's husband, somebody's father a welcome, a clean bed in decent surroundings, good companionship, entertainment and care, then a fair chance for another job through the Institute's Free Shipping Bureau.

One Hundred Dollars will help 100 men to keep away from the temptations and degradations they would encounter in the Sailortown of this city.

One Hundred Dollars and One Hundred Men! Only a dollar apiece to help them in their fight for self-respect and right living.

Surely this is a text for an appeal for seamen.

**A Sober Man**

Ram Island, Reef Light  
Vessel No. 23

Dear Mr. Mansfield

I take this opportunity to acknowledge how much I appreciate you for sending me a nice sober man to this vessel. Position as cook, you know how hard it is in these days to get a sober man. All I wish for now is that he will like his position and stay a long time. His name is Per Jonsson. I thank you again very much.

Master L.H.S.



## Exchanges

### FISH-Y

Not all the fish prevaricators live in the United States, according to the Mariner's Advocate. An editor recently received the following letter

"I have read an interesting account of singing fish in your paper. It recalled to me the memory of a rather remarkable fish we have in Nova Scotia. It is known as the 'Frost Fish,' because it may be frozen like a lump of ice, but, if placed in water in that condition, it soon thaws out and swims around as vigorously as ever. The natives make use of this property to make ice-cream. The fish is caught, frozen and placed in the cream. In thawing out, it freezes the cream, and its movements at the same time beat the mixture, making it smooth."

Taking them by and large, from Moosehead Lake to Puget Sound and from the upper Mississippi to the Gulf, we have some very capable and industrious fish liars in this country. But we hand the reel and rod over to Nova Scotia. We have talent in this country; but Nova Scotia is the abode of genius.

### SKELTON MAST SUCCESSFUL

The skeleton or cage mast recently underwent a successful test, says the "Fleet Review" when a mast was erected on the deck of the old San Marcos in Tangier Sound and a test consisting of a number of shots through the lattice work of the mast was conducted. The mast was tilted about fifteen degrees from the perpendicular to represent the roll of the ship. It required over a dozen 12-inch shells filled with high explosives to destroy the mast.

The shells were fired from the monitor "Tallahassee," and although the lattice work was badly damaged, it did not give way until all the elements comprising its construction had been finally cut away.

### SURVEYING OCEAN DEPTHS

A sixty foot ocean going vessel which is being built for the Glass Bottom Sea Viewing Co. is intended to be used for scientific investigation of the ocean depths. The vessel will be equipped with especially constructed submarine radio lights which will make possible examination of the ocean's bottom under many fathoms of water. It is also proposed to examine wrecks, some of which have been lying at the bottom of the sea for many years. This will be done by means of letting down incandescent bulbs from the glass bottom of the research boat. The Marine Journal.

### A FRIEND IN NEED

The other day, says the Legal Aid Review, a Seaman arrived in New York so ill with what threatened to be pneumonia that he was unfit for further work. He had shipped from Philadelphia as fireman on a tug boat but without signing articles. The master permitted him to go ashore but would not pay his wages and as the tug boat had no agents here, the man was destitute. And he needed medical treatment.

In order to receive hospital treatment at the U. S. Marine Hospital a seaman must have served on an American ship 60 days previous to date of application, and as this man had no discharge as evidence that he had worked, he was refused admission to the hospital.

The Seamen's Branch of the Legal



Aid Society took up his case, preparing proofs in the form of affidavits and gained his entrance finally to the hospital where he was treated for ten days and when he came out, his wages amounting to \$20.00 had been collected.

### Getting Even

Mr. Thomas Thompson is that rather remarkable person, a seaman with a real hobby. And that hobby is a very laudable desire to score against "crimps." It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. Thompson relies somewhat upon strong drink to support his moral indignation, but his methods are none the less effective for being original.

He came in the other day in that condition which is most picturesquely described as "half seas over." In his hand was the discharge book belonging to another seaman and this book Mr. Thompson had purchased from a crimp—a sailing master—boarding house keeper—shipping master—whatever synonym you like—in order to convict the man of illegal selling. It seems that crimps get hold of these discharge books and sell them to seamen who wish to ship and have lost their own books. A seaman will buy some stranger's book and take the stranger's name, a process at once confusing and unlawful.

The book in question was turned over to the consul and will be given back to the rightful owner when he is traced.

Mr. Thompson paid a dollar for the book when his sole resources amounted to but four dollars. This proved conclusively the sincerity of his desire to "get even" with the seamen's

enemy—the gradually vanishing crimp.

### Lunch Room and Main Staircase

There remain two large memorials which have not been reserved as yet. Persons wishing to contribute large sums to the new building may be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity to have their gifts permanently memorialized.

#### Main Staircase—\$3,500

(Running from basement to 4th floor.)

It introduces the seamen to the Institute and to the hospitality of the port.

#### Lunch Room—\$4,000

(About 15 x 60 feet.)

Here the men may get quick lunches or come when they prefer its informality to the regular dining room.

### Two Dormitories Left

\$1,000 will build and furnish a dormitory that will accommodate twenty-five men.

On cold nights in winter or rainy nights in summer scores of forlorn derelicts have applied to the Institute for a bed, and we have always had to send them down to the Salvation Army Hotel—and even that has been frequently overcrowded.

There are three open dormitories on the fifth floor of the new Institute with beds at fifteen or twenty cents a night. Stairways in the rear enable the men to reach the dormitories without entering the part of the fifth floor devoted to the regular seamen guests.

One of these dormitories has already been reserved as a memorial. There are two left, at \$1,000 each.



## Captain Timmer

George Clement Timmer, who had been Captain of the Sentinel over four years, died on October 13th of tuberculosis. He had been out of the city for several months trying to effect a cure, his place being supplied by Capt. Fils.

The crew of the little yacht sent a wreath with "S.S. Sentinel" upon it and a cross of flowers was sent by the Breakwater staff. The Rev. Mr. Mansfield officiated at the funeral service at the house on the Tuesday evening following his death, and Rev. Mr. Charles Deems conducted the service in Greenwood Cemetary on Wednesday morning.

Capt. Timmer was a loyal worker, conscientious and reliable. His services will be greatly missed.

## Shipping Department

MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1912

1 State Street

Name of Vessel	Men Shipped	Destination
S. S. Terence.....	13	River Plate
S. S. Canning.....		Manchester
S. S. Verdi.....	38	River Plate
S. S. Napo.....	9	Peru
S. S. Christopher....	34	Brazil
S. S. Denis.....	2	Brazil
S. S. Dunstan.....	8	Brazil
Barge Carlo.....	1	Coast
S. S. Louisiana.....	6	Coast
S. S. Florida.....	6	Coast
Barge Dallas.....	1	Coast
S. S. Hungarian Prince.....	2	River Plate
S. S. Chinese Prince.	23	River Plate
S. S. Newton Hall....	15	Chile and Peru
S. S. Howick Hall....	18	Chile and Peru
U. S. S. Hector.....	6	Coast
S. S. Harpagus.....	5	Australia
Various Lighters, Towboats etc.....	26	
Men provided with work.....	77	In Port
From 341 West St....	28	Various positions
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>318</b>	

## Gifts and Memorials

For those desiring to make small gifts or memorials there still remain untaken:—

**Panel** with Biblical or Allegorical subject, memorializing all sailors lost at sea, also heavy wooden door with wrought-iron hinges, to be placed at entrance from Chapel to the street; the door and panel comprise the filling between the jambs. \$500.

**Cornerstone** of granite, bearing date and seal of Society, the latter modeled and carved, together with metal box for documents. \$500.

**Chapel Furniture**—Altar, Lectern, Credence Table, Font, Altar Rail and Pulpit may be used as memorials. The estimated cost of these has not been determined as yet.

The Organ has been selected and this will cost \$5,000.

There are drawings of all items mentioned, excepting Chapel furniture, and these can be shown at any time upon application at No. 1 State street.

## Large Bedrooms at \$250.00

Forty-four large, outside bedrooms are still to be reserved. Those are the rooms intended for the use of the officers, stewards, expert engineers, boatswains and better class of seamen.

## A Box of Clothes

From 117 Pine Street was sent some very good slightly worn clothing for the use of seamen. At this time of year and for the six months to come we have more appeals for clothing than we can satisfy and we are most grateful both for the garments and the very kindly thought which prompted the gift.



## REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR SEPT.

The following synopsis of the work done in the various departments during the month of September gives a fair idea of the working of the Institute.

SEPTEMBER, 1912

#### Savings Department.

Sept. 1st, cash on hand.....	\$16,870.38
Deposits .....	8,696.11
	\$ 25,566.49
Payments (\$3747.59 transmitted)...	11,557.86
Oct. 1st, cash balance.....	\$14,008.63

#### Shipping Department.

No. of vessels shipped by Seamen's Church Institute.....	15
No. of men provided with employment in port.....	20
No. of men shipped.....	281
Total (number of men).....	301

#### Reading Rooms.

Total attendance.....	12,686
Letters written and received.....	3,238
Packages reading given.....	816

#### Relief Department.

Assisted.....	64
Sent to Legal Aid Society.....	15
Hospital visits.....	17
Visits to ships in port.....	106

#### Religious and Social Departments.

Number of services.....	10
Attendance total.....	307
Communion services.....	2

#### Institute Boat "Sentinel."

Trips made.....	29
Visits to vessels.....	96
Men transported.....	116
Pieces baggage transported.....	206



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