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# READY TO LAY SAILORS' HOTEL CORNERSTONE

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Impressive Ceremonies Arranged for Next Tuesday at New Building Now Being Erected at Coenties Slip.

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With success in sight, largely through the efforts of Edmund L. Baylies, chairman of the building committee, the cornerstone of the new building of the Seaman's Church Institute, which is under construction at South street and Coenties Slip, will be laid with impressive ceremonies on Tuesday. The programme for the occasion will be as follows:

Hymn—Choir of the Church of the Epiphany, Samuel D. Chapin, organist and choirmaster.

Prayer—The Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, D. D., LL. D., bishop of New York, represented by the Rt. Rev. Charles S. Burch, D. D., bishop suffragan of New York.

Address—The Rt. Rev. Frederick Courtney, D. D., D. C. L., "The Sailor."

Address—Edmund L. Baylies, chairman building committee, "The New Institute."

Presentation of silver trowel to the



Home of the Sailors' Church Institute Bldg. at Coenties Slip

Mayor of the city of New York by Chairman building committee.

Reading—By the superintendent, the Rev. Archibald R. Mansfield, of a list of the contents of the box to be placed in the cornerstone.

Cornerstone Hymn—Written for this ceremony by Marie E. J. Hobart.

Laying of Cornerstone and Address—Mayor William J. Gaynor.

Address—The Rev. Henry van Dyke, D. D., LL. D., "The Landsman's Dependence Upon the Seaman."

Hymn—"America."

Prayer.

Benediction—The Rt. Rev. Frederick Burgess, D. D., bishop of Long Island.

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ters and boarding house keepers which forced the sailors to pay them "blood money" and exacted exorbitant fees and bonuses from ship owners. It now maintains two large reading rooms and a free shipping bureau at 1 and 2 State street, while at its sailors' hotel in Brooklyn it can lodge 100 men.

The new building, which will be twelve stories high, will accommodate 500 men. It will occupy a plot 92x112 feet. It is situated close to the office of the United States commissioner and the Consular Shipping office maintained by the various foreign governments whose ships frequent these ports.

It was in 1843 that the institute was started as a purely religious institution, with a floating church. Finding that the sailors needed more than this, an old sail loft was obtained at Pike and South streets. Here the social work began, and the tars found a place where they could meet, play cards and swap yarns and write letters. Later a house was obtained at 34 Pike street. This was abandoned five years ago to come to the State street houses.

There is also the North River Station, which was also started with a floating church, but which now has a fine home which stands at Houston and West streets.

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## TO START HOME OF SHANGHAI TRUST

Shipping Interests and Government Solidly Behind New Seaman's Nest.

The new home for seamen to be added to the list of seamen's nesting nests. The construction of the thirteen-story building of the Seaman's Church Society, now under construction at 100 South street and Center street, is being this afternoon. Representatives of the shipping trade, who are among the list of heavy donors to the new enterprise, to whom it is interesting to be able to witness the laying of the cornerstone, and others interested in the exploitation of seamen are expected to take part in the ceremony.

From old sources it was learned yesterday that the Seaman's Church Society is planning to transfer the entire business it has been carrying on at the "breakwater," the notorious seamen's skimming station, to the new building on its completion. This "home," which is to be built for the purpose of furthering the "welfare work" among seamen, is going to take place at the old trap on Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, which this institution is planning to abandon on account of the bad business it has been doing.

It is to take the place of the "breakwater," which became historic on account of the outrageous methods employed during 1907, when it rounded up a lot of destitute seamen took advance orders for their cases and then shipped them on the steamer Drummond Castle to England, where they were thrown ashore to become an addition to the already existing nests where the earnings of the seamen are taken away.

The building will have 600 rooms, which means that it will be able to lodge 5,000 men in the course of the year, and will undoubtedly come in handy to the steamship companies, for which it will be able to recruit crews during strikes. The Rev. Archibald Mansfield, who is the head of the institution, who has been branded through the columns of this paper as being in league with the "crimps" to fleece seamen, is to be the main figure in this new home for seamen.

The United States Government, which, it has been learned, is paying the charitable reverend \$2 per head for every seaman he recruits for the navy, and the big steamship companies, will continue to hand into the coffers of this institute the thousands of dollars it receives for performing a similar service for them. After all competition has been carefully excluded seamen will continue to pay their last pennies in the "hotel," in order that the charitable institution may find them employment, which the law says shall be free to all.

Mansfield will again reap the harvest when the home is completed and will continue to draw advance notes in return for their jobs and will again get on his feet since he has been put down by the organization of the seamen who have organized to fight the fleecing they had to undergo for years. This home, it is said, is encouraged by the shipping companies who intend to start a fight against the unions as soon as it is completed, and the Rev. Mansfield, it is said, will be chief employment agent when the crusade against the unions starts.

Though Mansfield said two years ago that he helped to go away with the crimping when the license of Weinfield & Horn, notorious seaman fleecer, was taken away on account of their violation of the law in signing up seamen on ships from which they were thrown ashore, penniless, are said to be again on the job, and these very men are said to be working again on the waterfront, helping the reverend recruit men for the navy colleges, for which he gets \$2 per head.

The new home, the laying of the cornerstones of which is to be celebrated today, it is said, will be the main employment shark on the waterfront and will be used as a means of fighting the seamen's unions. It is planned to open a branch of a so-called Seaman's Legal Aid Society there.

Upon the completion of the home the reverend will no more have to appeal to the so-called "crimps" to help him fill orders of the many ships he is sailing, as he will now have enough to help the crimps fill their crews. Since Mansfield enjoys the controlling power of service the entire collar service and is possessed by many big ship companies on account of being a churchman, it is easy to understand that his income will now be considerable.

This institution, which is fostered by J. P. Morgan, father and son, Andrew Carnegie, William Waldorf Astor, John Jacob Astor and others of similar standing in the world of finance, religion and charity will now be sure to serve the interests that support it, since it will be the controlling power of the seamen's supply on the waterfront. Everything will now be nice and lovely for the reverend, as he will now be the chief boss on the waterfront and will swallow up all his competitors. He will be able to accommodate all those in need of lodging, and the United States will no longer have to advertise for help for the navy colleges. The reverend will furnish as many as necessary for \$2 per head.

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## SAILORS' CLUB BEGUN IN TEARS FOR TITANIC

Prayer for the Lost Marks Cornerstone Laying of Seamen's Church Institute.

### SILVER TROWEL FOR MAYOR

Dr. van Dyke Pays Tributes to Those Who Follow the Sea—Rooms as Memorial to Titanic's Men.

Mayor Gaynor in the presence of prominent clergymen, foreign Consuls, members of the Maritime Exchange, and many men and women interested in the welfare of the sailor laid the cornerstone yesterday of the new Seamen's Church Institute at South Street and Coenties Slip.

Over the exercises the disaster to the Titanic threw a cloud of gloom. The many men and women in the large room on the ground floor of the new building in course of construction, in which the exercises were held, were sad and depressed. Mayor Gaynor himself showed plainly that he felt the air of depression that pervaded the assemblage. One of the churchmen present said the exercises seemed more like a memorial service for the dead than an occasion which marked the beginning of a happy and snug home for sailors. When Dr. Henry van Dyke in his address referred to the sinking of the Titanic he brought tears to the eyes of all in the room, and when Bishop Burgess of Long Island offered a prayer for the lost and for the survivors soba here and there in the room were distinctly audible. The exercises were opened with a prayer by the Rev. Charles E. Burch, Suffragan Episcopal Bishop of New York.

Mayor Gaynor was presented with a silver trowel by Edmund L. Bayles, Chairman of the Building Committee of the new Institute. After the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstones the Mayor graciously returned the trowel to the Institute that it might keep it as a souvenir of the occasion. Mr. Bayles, in presenting it to the Mayor, said it was fitting that the cornerstones of the new Institute should be laid by such a person as the Mayor of the city. Mayor Gaynor in reply said:

#### Clubs for the Well-to-Do.

"The building is to meet one of the great needs of our times. Most of the ordinary men of the world hardly know what to do with themselves when they are not at work. Of no workman is this more true than of the sailor. The well-to-do people have their clubs, and by a law of the State these clubs are not only open but open for all sorts of refreshments even on Sunday, as some of you gentlemen present know very well. The ordinary man has no club. He therefore, if I may say so, is obliged to make the liquor saloon his club, and we often hear it said that the man of means has his club and his place to refresh himself even on Sunday, there being no excise law against clubs on Sunday. That is a discrimination which the ordinary man does not understand, and maybe when you and I come to think of it we may not be able to understand why his club should not be as free as the other man's club.

"Now the object of places like this is to give them a club. I tell you, my friends, all men are very much alike. Don't flatter yourselves that you know more or that you are above people in more ordinary walks of life. That is a mere vanity which some people indulge in. We are all alike. If we want to do good work in this world we must not divide ourselves into coteries or what are sometimes called mutual admiration societies. We want to broaden our range out. We do not want the horizon of a little coterie, but our horizon should be all mankind. Then we will be in a position to speak to and to help all mankind.

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"I could see," said Dr. Van Dyke, who spoke on the landsman's dependence upon the seaman, "on every face to-day the shadow of sorrow and pity. There has been revealed to us like a lightning flash the perils and the dangers of the sea. We can feel in our hearts that some time at any hour a like peril might come to us. Then we shall want to know what kind of men are on the ship and in charge of it. Are they brave, loyal, true? God help us to remember them that it is women and children first. We would ask what church they belong. Who would ask such a question when we face the black darkness, and the ship, shivering a moment, takes the final plunge?"

Dr. van Dyke said a tribute to the men who follow the sea. He declared that we depend on them for a large part of our food supply, and that the sailor who does his work well and could be depended on in an emergency is the temperate man.

The new building will accommodate 500 men and will cost \$800,000. There are to be reading and club rooms, an auditorium in which moving pictures and entertainments will be given, and a chapel in which services will be held by clergymen of all denominations and in all languages. Of the 500 rooms for seamen persons interested in the Institute have paid for the building and furnishing of some 225 of them. An arrangement has been made by which the British Consulate will have its shipping office in the new building.

Deaf William M. Grosvenor of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine offered a concluding prayer. Announcement was made that the Seamen's Benefit Society had given \$200 to pay for two rooms as a memorial to the seamen of the Titanic.

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WEDNESDAY, **New**

## MAYOR LAYS FIRST STONE

Compares Coming Sailors' Home with Clubs of the Wealthy.

300 ATTEND THE CEREMONY

Dr. Van Dyke, Among Many Speakers, Makes Touching Reference to Titanic.

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A prayer written by the Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington was read by the Right Rev. Charles S. Burch, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Church in New York. At its close reference was made briefly to the great sorrow that had come to those whose relatives and friends had perished at sea. Bishop Frederick Courtney, now rector of St. James's Church, was a speaker. His subject was "The Sailor." The Rev. Archibald F. Mansfield, superintendent of the institute, read a list of the articles placed in the cornerstone.

The Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke spoke on the subject, "The Landsmen's Dependence Upon Seamen." That, he said, was something all could especially feel at this time, when "there had been revealed, as by a lightning flash, the great, awful, unescapable perils of the sea."

Edmund L. Baylies, chairman of the building committee, told of the struggle made by the society to break up the gang of East Side boarding house keepers and liquor sellers who formerly preyed on the sailor ashore.

It is hoped that the new building will be completed within the year. It will have accommodations for 500 men, with a restaurant and reading and recreation rooms.



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## MAYOR GAYNOR SAYS SAILORS NEED CLUB LIFE

Corner Stone Laid for New Seamen's  
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"The corner stone of this institution is laid and it is founded. I am sure it will be a great success. It meets one of the great needs of our time. A large part of the ordinary men of the world hardly know what to do with themselves when they are not at work. Of no workman is that more true than of the sailor. The well-to-do people have their clubs, and by a law of the State these clubs are not only open, but open to all sorts of refreshments, even on Sunday, as some of you clubmen present know very well. The ordinary man has no club. He therefore perforce—if I may say so—is obliged to make the liquor saloon his club, and we very often hear it said that a man of means has his club and his place to refresh himself, even on Sunday, there being no excise law against clubs on Sunday. That is a discrimination which the ordinary man does not understand, and maybe when you and I come to think of it we may not be able to understand it, either."

The new institute, including the land, will cost about \$950,000, of which about \$250,000 is still to be raised. The building will have accommodations for 550 men, with restaurant, reading and recreation rooms, clubrooms, in fact, for boys as well as for men, and a post office and baggage room, as well as an auditorium.



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**TWO BEDS IN MEMORY OF THE TITANIC'S MEN**

Gift Announced at the Laying of Cornerstone of the New Seamen's Church Institute.

**GAYNOR LAYS THE STONE**

Mayor Praises the Idea of a Sailors' Club and of Clubs for Workmen Generally.

The Seamen's Benefit Society of New York yesterday gave two beds to the memory of the officers and sailors of the Titanic who lost their lives early Monday morning. The beds are in the Seamen's Church Institute, South street and Coenties Slip, the cornerstones of which was laid yesterday afternoon by Mayor Gaynor. The announcement of the society's action was made by the chairman of the building committee, Edmund L. Baylies, at the close of his address and just before he presented to the Mayor a silver trowel with which to lay the stone.

The Seamen's Church Institute, a work begun by the Episcopal Church fifty years ago, is for sailors of the merchant marine what the great structure at the navy yard is for enlisted men. The cornerstone laying yesterday was preceded by formal exercises and attended by a large number of distinguished men and women not of the Episcopal Church alone but Presbyterian and other churches. There were also present representatives of the Maritime, Produce and other exchanges, the Chamber of Commerce, the Church Club and the Stock Exchange. Many of the shipping firms sent their officers, the interest being far greater because of the sea disaster.

Bishop Burch represented Bishop Greer and read a prayer composed some years ago by the late Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington. There was singing by the vested choir of the Church of the Epiphany, Bishop Courtney, speaking of the sailor, called him a childlike man who needs protection. The Seamen's Institute is to protect him. He spoke of the wide sympathy in all hearts, not so much for those who now rest in the sea, but for the bereaved families and friends. There were tears in many eyes as the Bishop spoke of the distress, which he said fell heavily upon this city.

Edmund L. Baylies, as chairman of the building committee, made the chief address. For seven years, he said, the Institute has been raising the funds for the great enterprise, only to arrive at the cornerstone laying on one of the saddest days New York has ever known. Fifty years ago there was opened a place on Pearl street that accommodated twenty-five sailors. Twenty-five years ago one was opened on Market street that could care for fifty sailors. Four years ago "The Breakers" was opened in Brooklyn that cares for 100 men. The present new structure now rising will have 300 rooms, that will be let to sailors at 10 to 25 cents a night. Of these rooms 220 have now been furnished completely by friends. There will be a hall for entertainments, and a chapel, in which ministers of all bodies will be asked to conduct services. The building will be completed by the spring of 1915, said Mr. Baylies. The cost of the building, furnishings and land will be about \$850,000. All of this sum has been subscribed save \$250,000. Then he announced the gift by the Seamen's Benefit Society in memory of the Titanic sailors.

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The Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke said the purpose of the institute is to make men, men who in peril will stand aside for women and children, even if to do so means the sacrifice of their own lives. He conceived it to make little difference what church conducts the work of the Institute, its sole responsibility will be to serve the sailors and to make men. Without naming the Titanic, he referred to it frequently. The closing prayer was said by Dea Grosvenor of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and the benediction was given by Bishop Burgess of Long Island. Members of the committees in charge include besides the chairman, Herbert Barkley, Henry L. Hobart, Admiral A. T. Mahan, Henry Lewis Morris, John Seeley, Robert S. Brewster, Cleveland H. Lee, Francis Lynde Stetson and William Sloane.



DEEP GRIEF TOLD  
AT STONE LAYING  
OF A SEA HOME

Titanic Disaster Gives Tragic  
Tone to the Formal Cere-  
mony at the Church In-  
stitute, South Street.

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea!

Voices broke and tongues halted as the solemn invocation for mercy to all exposed to the perils of the deep opened the ceremonies at the corner-stone laying of the Seamen's Church Institute, South street and Coenties slip, yesterday afternoon. Allusions to the Titanic disaster invested the ceremony with deep solemnity, and the joyous note usually perceptible on such occasions was absent.

Bishop Charles S. Burch first pleaded for grace "for those bereaved children in this and other lands, borne down by the overwhelming grief of a mighty visitation." Then Bishop Courtney spoke on "The Sailor."

"To-day our sympathies are given to those who are meeting the storms of the sea and who are striving by their seamanship and the use of their powers to bring their ship to the haven of their search," said Bishop Courtney. "I voice the feeling of this whole city of New York when I say that our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy to those sail-

ors and passengers who have not found their earthly haven, but have met with a watery grave in the broad Atlantic. The prayer we have just offered is not alone for those who lie at the bottom of the ocean, but also for those who mourn and weep."

Told of Old Endeavors.

Edmund L. Baylies, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Institute, related the history of the work from its start in 1943 as the Young Men's Missionary Society. He told of the floating church maintained from 1844 until last year, of the Sailors' Home opened in Pearl street in 1854 and removed to Market street, and described the new eleven-story structure, crowned by a beacon, for mariners, which by next spring will house the British consul's shipping office and furnish lodging and club facilities to 550 sailors. Mr. Baylies presented to Mayor Gaynor the silver trowel with which the latter man was to lay the corner-stone.

Mayor Gaynor's address dealt strictly with the practical purposes of the building. He said the ordinary men who do the world's work have no place where they can find the refuge afforded by the city man's club. Accordingly, he said, the poor man cannot understand why his club—the saloon—should not be surrounded with the same freedom of enjoyment as any other. Such institutions as the Sailors' Institute Mayor Gaynor found to be just what was needed to fill such needs.

"Don't flatter yourselves that you know more or that you are above people in more ordinary walks of life," he said. "That is a mere vanity which some people indulge in. I tell you, my friends, that all men are very much alike. We must not divide into coteries or mutual admiration societies. We want to broaden ourselves out. Our horizon should be all mankind, and then we will be in a position to speak to all mankind and to help all mankind."

Dr. Henry Van Dyke made a poetic yet practical address on "The Landsman's Dependence on the Seaman."

"I wish," said he, "that we might understand that the prosperity of this mighty city, a very large part of whose food even is brought here by those who go down to the sea in ships, depends upon the character of these men."

"The prosperity of the world depends upon the quality of the men who do the work of the world. The squalid, demoralized man cannot do world's work."

Announcement was made that Seamen's Benefit Society had just word to the institute's Building Committee that, in memory of the seam the Titanic, the society subscribes two rooms in the new building at of \$100 each.



R. VAN DYKE AND MAYOR GAYNOR AT  
A CEREMONY OF CORNERSTONE LAYING



Rev.  
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MAYOR GAYNOR MAKING ADDRESS at CORNERSTONE LAYING of SEAMEN'S  
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# Pray for the Titanic's Victims at Cornerstone Laying

Sailor Heroes of Disaster Are Lauded at Exercises at New Home of Seamen's Institute.

Throughout the ceremonies which marked the laying of the cornerstone of the new twelve story home of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, at South street and Coenties slip, yesterday afternoon, there was noticeable a touch of sadness among those who are identified with the work for the benefit of countless seafarers.

Few eyes in the room remained dry when the choir of the Church of the Epiphany opened the exercises with the hymn beginning:—

"Eternal Father! strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep,  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea."

The opening prayer, which was composed for the occasion by the Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, was read by Bishop David H. Greer, after which the Bishop offered a prayer for those who had gone down with the Titanic, and the families who were left to mourn.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Courtney spoke on "The Sailor," telling of his jovial, care free disposition combined with a courage unknown to most landsmen. Dr. Courtney cited the incidents which must have surrounded the sinking of the Titanic, when the sailors stood back, face to face with death, doing their duty that women and children might be saved.

After an address by Edmund L. Baylles, chairman of the Building Committee, Mayor Gaynor laid the cornerstone, which contained among other things New York newspapers of yesterday morning, in which appeared details of the sinking of the Titanic.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke then spoke on "The Landsmen's Dependence Upon the Seamen." He said that while the accident to the Titanic was such an awe inspiring illustration of his subject, his words were of little avail, he felt that the landsmen owed a debt to the sailors which they could never repay. Dr. Van Dyke then said that the landsmen were in many ways responsible for the kind of men that there were on board the ships, and he asked the question, "What kind of men are there on board ships?" He answered it with a word painting of the events which must have occurred on board the Titanic that brought tears to the eyes of the two hundred and fifty men and women who heard him.

Dr. Van Dyke said the answer to the question lay in imagining one thousand men standing face to face with their God, willing to go down to their death that women and children might be saved. To such men, he said, the landsmen owed the debt which the Seamen's Church Institute was trying to repay.

The ceremonies ended with a prayer by



MAYOR GAYNOR AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE.

Mayor Gaynor and Bishop Greer with Many Clergymen, Take Part in the Ceremonies.

aboard the Titanic, to her brother, Thomas Howard, of Racine. Mrs. Hanson, accompanied by her husband, left home last February in a visit to his old home in Denmark. They were on their return voyage aboard the Titanic.

## HAD AMERICAN MAIL MEN.

The Titanic carried 148 sacks of mail, according to the statement made Wednesday by Postmaster Edward M. Morgan. There were on board three American postal clerks attached to the sea post service. Their names are W. L. Gwynn, O. S. Woodie and J. S. Mack. There were also two English postal clerks.

the Rev. Dr. William M. Grosvenor and a benediction pronounced by the Right Rev. Dr. Frederick Burgess, Bishop of Long Island.

for those who have been afflicted by the loss of life.

"This, one of the worst calamities in the annals of Christendom," the resolution says, "the most awful in the history of those who go down to the sea in ships has stunned not only this community but the entire land."

## CHARITY ASSISTS THIEVING CAPTAINS

Seamen's Society's Store Issues Bills With 40 Per Cent Profit for Skipper.

The American Seamen's Friend Society's store at 507 West street, which was founded some four or five years ago by Mrs. Russell Sage, is said to be selling out its goods with the intention of retiring, as it is not a "paying proposition."

Many are the little games this society is charged with in robbing the poorly paid seamen, but that the store, which is in the Seamen's Home and

## BRITISH CONSUL EXPECTS TO TAKE PART IN INQUIRY

J. Joyce Broderick, senior vice-consul at the British consulate, 17 State street, believes his office will be called upon to assist in the investigation which will inevitably be instituted by the crown, following the Titanic disaster.

"You may be sure there will be a Board of Trade inquiry just as soon as possible," he said today. "It will take place just as soon as the crown can collect the evidence. In every case of loss, stranding, collision, or other damage to a British vessel the Board of Trade holds an inquiry to determine the cause and the responsibility, if there was any. Just in that way the big volume of the merchant shipping laws has been built up."

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HAVING laid the cornerstone of a twelve-story building at the corner of South street and Coenties Slip, the managers of the Seamen's Church Institute ask "Cornerstone donations" of five or ten dollars each to build the new Home for Sailors, which will accommodate five hundred persons. The Seamen's Institute deserves credit for really meritorious work in guarding the sailors from land sharps, establishing a cheap, clean hotel—at which 40,000 men registered last year—maintaining a savings bank, an employment bureau, a storeroom for luggage, a shop for good clothing at fair prices and legal aid to right any wrongs. All this and more should be done by the City of New York, for our sailors are among our most valuable assets. The overflowing coffers of the Sailors Snug Harbor, on Staten Island, which has more money than the trustees know what to do with, should adopt the Seamen's Institute as an annex. Failing both these resources, the request for five and ten dollar gifts is modest, and the response should be generous and immediate.



### Corner-stone Laid for the New Seamen's Institute in New York.

The corner-stone of the new Seamen's Church Institute, New York, was laid by Mayor Gaynor on the afternoon of April 16. Bishop Burch said the opening prayers and Dean Grosvenor, of the Cathedral, the closing ones. Bishop Burgess, of Long Island, pronounced the blessing. The Mayor expressed satisfaction that sailors are hereafter to have a club, and the chairman of the building committee, Edmund L. Baylies, told the story of the Church's struggles for fifty years or more to secure a club house and do a great religious and social work for the men of the merchant marine in the greatest port in the New World. Fifty years ago a small place accommodated twenty-five sailors. Later a larger one took care of fifty men. The new building, at South street and Coenties Slip, has 390 rooms, of which 226 have been furnished as memorials or gifts by Institute friends. On the day of the corner-stone-laying the Seamen's Benefit Association donated two beds in memory of the sailors who lost their lives on the "Titanic." The Institute is to be completed a year hence and will cost \$675,000, with a total expense for site and furnishings of about \$950,000. There is still needed \$250,000. The progress thus far represents the work of seven years. There has been given a chapel

fully furnished, where services will be conducted by preachers of various bodies, although the "Institute" is a Church enterprise. Last year, through services and personal work, 7,142 men were reached. The Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, who made the closing address at the corner-stone laying, said the whole effort is to make men—men like those on the "Titanic," who stood aside for women and children. At the exercises were represented many city exchanges, and many prominent men and women who have assisted the enterprise thus far.



