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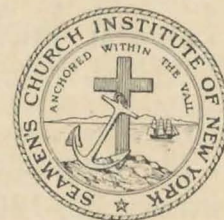
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Seamen's Church Institute of New York

formerly the

Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society
for Seamen in the City and Port of New York

1844



1924

Service



Sunday, April 6th, 1924

Four P. M.



In Commemoration of the Eightieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Society and of the Seventy-ninth Anniversary of its First Annual Service held in Saint Thomas's Church on Sunday, April 6th, 1845.



Saint Thomas's Church
Fifth Avenue and Fifty-third Street
New York City

Act of Incorporation—April 12, 1844

Part of Section 1. REVEREND SMYTH PYNE, GEORGE N. TITUS, J. R. VAN RENSSELAER, PIERRE E. F. McDONALD and AUGUSTUS PROAL, and their associates, being members of a missionary society, attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the city of New York, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate by the name of "THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK."

Order of the Supreme Court, February 23, 1906

ORDERED that said petition be and the same hereby is granted, and that the petitioner herein, "THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CITY AND PORT OF NEW YORK" be and it hereby is authorized to assume another corporate name, to wit, the name "SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK," on and after the 5th day of April, 1906.



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Order of Service



Prelude, Largo in D

Beethoven

Processional, Hymn 266

YE watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

¶ *The Minister shall begin the service by reading the following sentences of Holy Scripture:*

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab. ii. 20.

They that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters; Psalm cvii. 23.

These men see the works of the Lord: and his wonders in the deep. Psalm cvii. 24.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. I Chron. xxix. 11.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Then, all kneeling, the Minister and the people shall say the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then, likewise, he shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Psalm.*

PSALM 98. *Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvelous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

* 5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and shawms : O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

¶ *Then shall be read the Lesson:*

St. Luke, V, 1—11.

¶ *After which shall be sung the Hymn called Magnificat.*

Magnificat, Stanford, in B-flat; St. Luke, i. 46.

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed and the Prayers.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

O ETERNAL Lord God, Who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; Who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; Be pleased to receive into Thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of Thy servants who are on the deep. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the elements; that they may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God; and that they may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of their labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies to praise and glorify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we implore Thy blessing upon the SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK and all similar welfare organizations for Seamen throughout the world.

Endue with wisdom, judgment and strength from on high all who are in anyway engaged in directing or administering their interests: direct and prosper all their doings to the advancement of Thy glory and for the salvation of our seafaring brethren in the faith of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD God of Hosts, who hast laid the foundation of the round world and all that therein is, grant that Government Officials, Legislators, Shipowners and all who affect directly and indirectly, the lives of Seamen may employ the power and influence wherewith Thou hast endowed them to Thy glory, by dealing with their seafaring brethren in a Spirit of equity and Christian love; and this we ask, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Address by
EDMUND LINCOLN BAYLIES,
President of the
Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

Hymn 418

O MAKER of the sea and sky,
Whose word the stormy winds fulfill,
On the wide ocean thou art nigh,
Bidding these hearts of ours be still!

What if thy footsteps are not known?
We know thy way is in the sea;
We trace the shadow of thy throne,
Constant amid inconstancy.

Thou bidd'st the north or south wind blow;
The lonely sea-bird is thy care;
And in the clouds which come and go,
We see thy chariots everywhere.

The sun that lights the home-land dear
Spreads the new morning o'er the deep;
And in the dark thy stars appear,
Keeping their watches while we sleep.

Our friends seem near when thou art nigh;
And homeless on the ocean foam,
Beneath an ever-changing sky,
With thee we are at rest, at home.

And so, secure from all alarms,
Thy seas beneath, thy skies above,
Clasped in the everlasting arms,
We rest in thine unslumbering love.

Amen.

Address by the
REVEREND ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD, D.D.,
Superintendent of the
Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

Hymn 415

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

O Christ! whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea!

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

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow:*

THE SERMON, by
THE REVEREND ERNEST M. STIRES, D.D.,
Rector.

¶ *Then an Offering for the Eightieth Anniversary Building Fund
of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York shall be taken up,
during which the following Anthem shall be sung:*

Anthem:—Fierce was the wild billow Tertius Noble

F IERCE was the wild billow, Dark was the night, Oars laboured heavily, Foam glimmered white; Trembled the mariners, Peril was nigh; Then said the God of God, "Peace, it is I."	Ridge of the mountain wave, Lower thy crest, Wail of Euroclydon, Be thou at rest; Sorrow can never be, Darkness must fly, When saith the Light of Light, "Peace, it is I."
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Jesus, Deliverer,
Come Thou to me,
Soothe Thou my voyaging
Over life's sea;
Thou, when the storm of Death
Roars sweeping by,
Whisper, O Truth of Truth,
"Peace, it is I."

¶ *After the Offering has been received, there shall be sung:*

Hymn 422

NOW thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us!
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next. Amen.

¶ *Then, all kneeling, the Minister shall say the following Thanksgivings:*

ALmighty God, whose way is in the sea and whose paths are in the great waters, we give Thee humble thanks for all the great things Thou hast done and art doing for the SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK and through it for the Seamen of the world, who are under Thy almighty and most gracious protection and to whom Thou showest Thyself in Thy wonders of the deep and in the Gospel of Thy dear Son.

Fill full our hearts today with grateful love for this Thy goodness, granting us grace henceforth to serve Thee better and more perfectly to know Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY Father, we thank Thee for the light of the Gospel shining in our world on land and sea with ever increasing brightness. We thank Thee for all who have walked therein, and especially for those so dear to us, in whose lives we have seen Thy glory and beauty. May we know that whether in the body or out of the body they are with Thee, and that when these earthly days come to an end, it is not that our service for Thee and for one another may cease, but that it may begin anew; through Him Who is the Light of the World, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

ALmighty and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications and thanksgivings of thy people, and grant us peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Recessional Hymn 499

OUR Father! thy dear Name doth show
The greatness of thy love;
All are thy children here below
As in thy heaven above.
One family on earth are we
Throughout its widest span:
O help us everywhere to see
The brotherhood of man.

Alike we share thy tender care;
We trust one heavenly Friend;
Before one mercy-seat in prayer
In confidence we bend;
Alike we hear thy loving call;
One heavenly vision scan,
One Lord, one faith, one hope for all,
The brotherhood of man.

Bring in, we pray, the glorious day
When battle cries are stilled;
When bitter strife is swept away
And hearts with love are filled.
O help us banish pride and wrong,
Which since the world began
Have marred its peace; help us make strong
The brotherhood of man.

Close knit the warm fraternal tie
That makes the whole world one;
Our discords change to harmony
Like angel-songs begun:
At last, upon that brighter shore
Complete thy glorious plan,
And heaven shall crown for evermore
The brotherhood of man. Amen.

Postlude, — Imperial March

T. TERTIUS NOBLE, M.A.,
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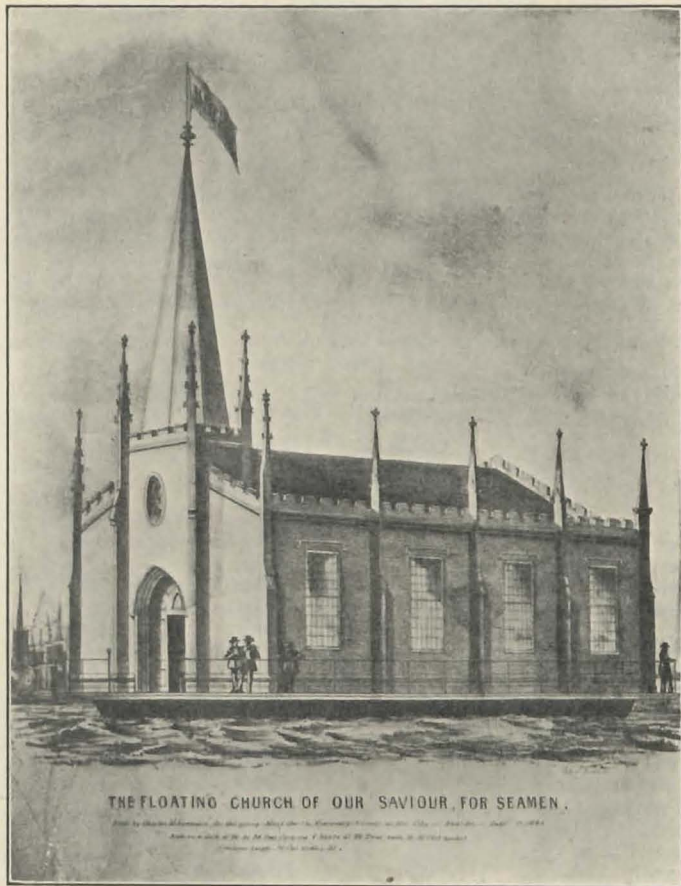
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This Floating Church built and consecrated in 1843-1844 for use on the East River was the first building owned by the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

Reverend B. C. C. Parker, Chaplain-in-Charge.



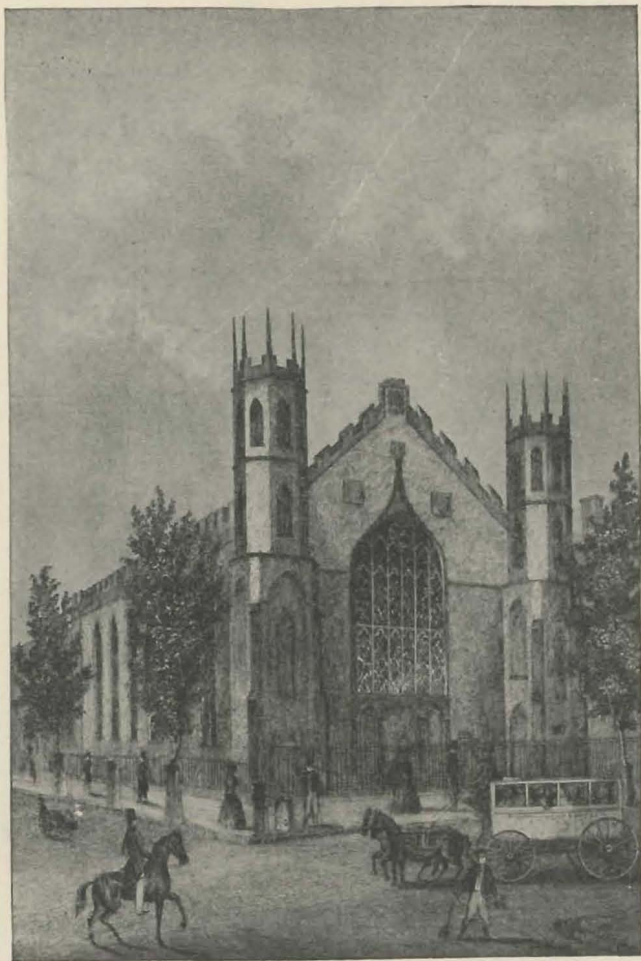
The "Institute"

25 South Street (Corner Coenties Slip)

This is the latest and present building of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York
Opened in September, 1913

Reverend Archibald Romaine Mansfield, D.D.,
Superintendent.

Note of interest:—The top floor of this building was given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Whitehouse, son and daughter-in-law of Dr. Whitehouse, Vice-President of the Institute and Rector of St. Thomas's in 1845, in memory of their son Meredyth.



The First Saint Thomas's
Broadway and Houston Street

In this Church the First Anniversary Service of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York was held on Sunday, April 6th, 1845.

The Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., a Clerical Vice-President was the Rector.



The Fourth Saint Thomas's
Fifth Avenue and Fifty-third Street

The place of holding the Eightieth Anniversary Service of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, Sunday, April 6th, 1924.

The Rev. Ernest M. Stires, D.D., a Clerical Vice-President, Rector.

Our Merchant Marine

America has always been a land of sailors. Shipping and shipbuilding historically were the first American industries after agriculture. America of today has in its own merchant marine on river, lake and ocean, a total gross tonnage of 18,000,000, or only 1,000,000 tons less than the total tonnage documented at ports of the United Kingdom. That is to say, our country today is closely the second maritime power in the world.

Having so many merchant craft of various types, the major part of which is composed of seagoing craft, the United States has many thousands of seamen, particularly at New York, the greatest port of all the world. America has urgent need of the services of these men and of the ships on which they serve, for outside of our own huge coastwise commerce our country, of all countries, sends the greatest amount and value of its own products to foreign lands.

Beyond its indispensable service to commerce, "the merchant marine," in the words of Rear Admiral William S. Sims of the United States Navy, "has become a strong factor on the seas. Without it the fleet in time of war would be unable to operate. **THE MEN OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ARE CRACKERJACK SAILORS. THEY HAVE SKILL, WHICH PRESENT NAVAL OFFICERS HAVE NO TIME TO ACQUIRE. IT WAS THEIR ABILITY TO KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN, AND TO GET THEIR SHIPS SAFELY THROUGH THE SUBMARINE ZONE, THAT WAS THE BIG MARITIME FACTOR IN WINNING THE CONFLICT.**"

These men of the merchant marine, in peace or war, are as essential to the American nation as is a fighting navy. Because of the hazards and hardships of their calling, they deserve especial consideration from their fellow-countrymen. The sea has changed little; it demands brave men and strong men still, as in the days of our fathers. Few days ashore and many afloat are the lot of those who pursue their ocean trade, and that, from the very nature of their calling, they come, strangers and friendless, to our great ports, entitles them all the more to the sympathetic understanding and warm-hearted help of home-staying people. **VERY FIRST AMONG THE PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICA MAY BE PLACED THOSE THAT SERVE THE WELFARE OF THE MEN OF THE SEA.** None do a more vital or fruitful work, and none can make a more real and vivid appeal to a community like ours, where the blood of seafaring forebears runs in the veins of so large a proportion of our citizens.

WINTHROP L. MARVIN,
V. Pres. and Gen'l Manager,
American Steamship Owner's Ass'n.

An Announcement



The demands made upon the Seamen's Church Institute of New York have so far exceeded the capacity of its present building that the work of the Society has become congested and impeded, while hundreds of seamen seeking lodging are turned away every week.

The number who even now are being reached and helped will have to be arbitrarily reduced and limited and the "Institute" work curtailed to pre-war service, unless there be erected at once an addition to the existing structure.

The Officers and Managers of the Society, after considering the situation confronting them and having in mind the words, "YOU CAN NOT GO FORWARD BY GOING BACKWARD", spoken by Bishop Greer, on a memorable occasion of the Society, decided that there was but one course to pursue.

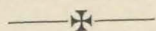
They therefore have secured additional land adjoining the present building, covering an area of 11,264 square feet with a frontage on Front Street of 162 feet. On this land it is now proposed to erect an Annex of the same height as the present structure, of which it will become an integral part.

When the money has been raised and the Annex completed, it will be possible at a moderate price to comfortably lodge nightly at least 1500 seamen.

It is confidently hoped that united action on the part of all those who have shown so deep an interest in this great work for the Merchant Seamen will soon make it possible to begin the erection of the proposed Annex,—and thus further help to fulfill their obligation to those who are indispensable to commerce and the nation in times of both peace and war.

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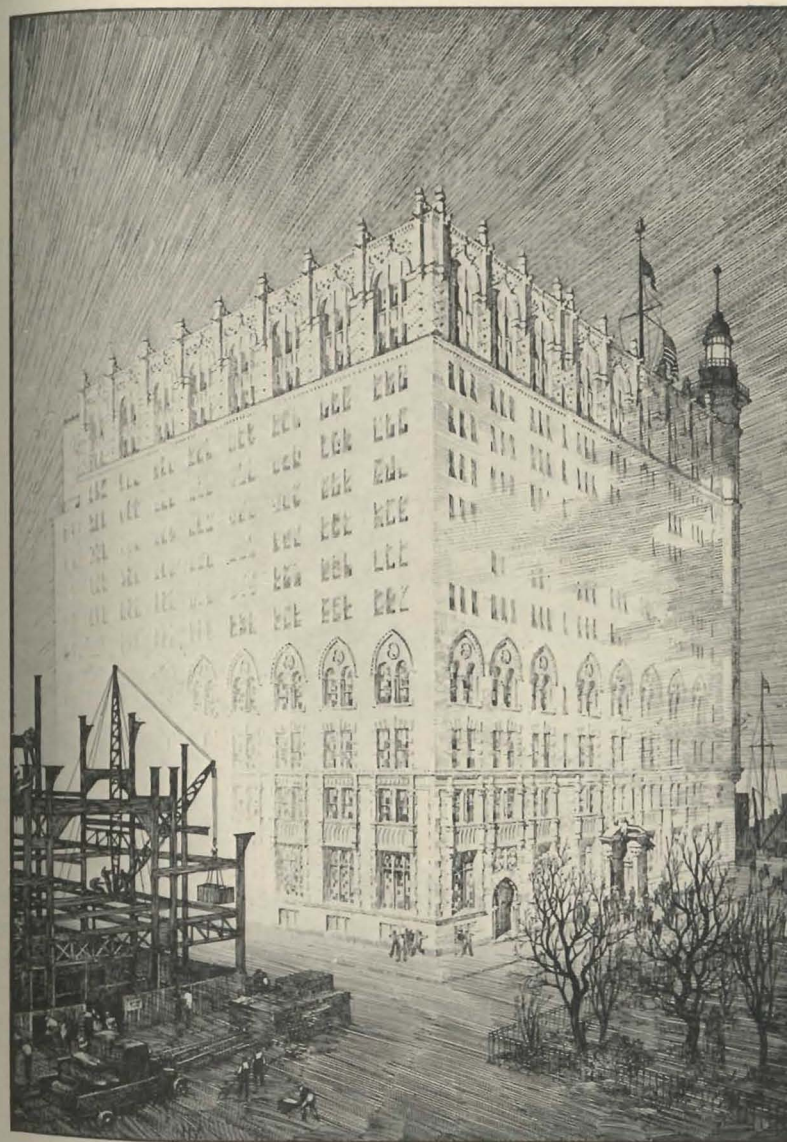
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Make checks payable to
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The Architect's perspective drawing showing the "Institute" as it will appear when the proposed "Annex" along Front Street has been erected.

The land is owned, the plans completed and building funds are now being solicited.

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The Anniversary Service

Although the weather was more than usually unfavorable a large congregation was present at the Anniversary Service in St. Thomas's Church on the afternoon of Sunday, April 6.

The service began promptly at four o'clock with the singing of the processional hymn, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," and continued to a triumphant conclusion.

After the opening exercises Dr. Stires introduced Mr. Edmund Lincoln Baylies, as the President of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, President of the Seamen's Church Institute of America, and President of the Joint Conference of Seamen's Societies in the City and Port of New York. He pointed to these three activities of Mr. Baylies, together with his lifelong devotion to work for seamen, and the remarkable things that had been accomplished under his direction, as evidence of his complete devotion to this branch of Social Service work. He said there was no man so well qualified to speak on the subject of seamen's work as this splendid Christian, churchman and gentleman, Mr. Edmund Lincoln Baylies, who had been the leading spirit in bringing into existence the greatest institute for seamen in the world.

Mr. Baylies' Address

I feel it a great privilege to address such a large audience on the subject nearest to my heart—this work for the seamen of the world. I want, at the outset, to express our gratitude to St. Thomas's Church for the cordial welcome extended to us today. It is peculiarly fitting that this 80th Anniversary Service should be held in St. Thomas's Church, the rector of which is a Vice-President of our society, inasmuch as the first Anniversary service was held in St. Thomas's Church, the rector of which, Dr. Whitehouse, was also a Vice-President of the organization.

I also wish to thank Dr. Stires for giving me my three-fold title, as it gives me the opportunity to speak a little of each of the three seamen's organizations of which I enjoy the honor of being president.

The Seamen's Church Institute of America is a comparatively young society, which came into existence in 1920 as the result of a resolution passed at the Episcopal General Convention of 1919 in an effort to bind the whole church more closely to this great work for seamen. Even in so brief a period of life it has created or established affiliations with institutes in thirteen ports, and the flag of the Institute flies over

them all in sympathy with our Seamen's Church Institute ideals.

As president of the Joint Conference of Seamen's Societies in the City and Port of New York it gives me great pleasure to welcome the representatives of other seamen's organizations here today. I am glad to have this opportunity of making it clear to the public that there is no competition among our organizations. There is enough work for us all to do. Ours is a brotherhood of service to the men of the sea, and the friendliest feeling exists between us.

My longest service to seamen has been in association with the Seamen's Church Institute of New York. I am often asked how I became so much interested in the sea and seamen. I can only say that I think the interest was inherited. I can remember when I was a small boy, learning how to sail, taking out a sailboat in Newport harbor, and getting in the track of a large steamer. I thought that I had the right of way, but apparently I had not, and my career nearly came to an untimely end, but I escaped, and here I am.

Later on this interest in the sea led me to take a trip around the world in which I saw something of all the seven seas, and from which I came back feeling a deep interest in the men on ships. As an expression of this sympathy I became a member of the Board of Managers of the Seamen's Church Institute.

It came to my attention that the Bishop of London had publicly made

the statement that the Port of New York was the worst port for seamen in the world, and I was moved to investigate. If he was mistaken I wanted to refute the statement. If he was right I wanted to do something to rectify the conditions he deplored. I found that he had not exaggerated the truth.

From that time I have never ceased trying to serve the seaman in the way in which he needs service. He does not want words. He has heard too many of them. He wants to have the thing done for him that he cannot do for himself. The Institute has reached its present success by studying the men, making them feel that it can be appealed to for every need, lodging, food, protection for baggage, safe-keeping of mail, honest exchanging of money, and any other care their peculiar needs demand.

I recall that years ago at a particularly gloomy meeting when the financial outlook of the Society was very dark, the late Bishop Greer rose and said, "Gentlemen, you can never go forward by going backward." That has been the watchword of the Society ever since. I was interested to see that ex-president Eliot of Harvard expressed the same idea on his ninetieth birthday as the guiding principle of his long and successful life, when he said, "Look forward, and not backward. Look out, and not in."

At the time the present building was contemplated there were those who thought that one providing accommodation for two hundred and

fifty men a night would be ample, but I insisted that we must not have less than five hundred beds. Some thought I was crazy, but the building was completed on that basis in 1913.

One year later the war broke out, and not only was every bed taken, but the institute had to take over game rooms and make them into dormitories, thus increasing its capacity to eight hundred and twenty-two beds. With the coming of peace the demands on the Institute have not abated, and in addition to the eight hundred and twenty-two men given shelter every day at least a hundred are turned away. Once more the Institute is confronted with the problem of either going forward or going backward. It has gone as far as possible with its present equipment. It is now proposed to erect an addition to this building which will make it possible to house fifteen hundred men a day. The exact cost of this new building cannot be given at this juncture but it will be over one million dollars.

This added accommodation will serve in part as an endowment fund in providing income to support the social service activities, now sustained by voluntary contributions.

On the roof of this building it is proposed to erect an illuminated cross, a symbol of the religious significance of our work, without which it would be nothing.

In speaking of these past achievements and our hopes for the future I would be most ungrateful if I did not allude to Dr. Mansfield. Without

him the work could not exist today. I do not know a living man who could have done the thing that he has done. I could do only one part of the work. I could not do his part in organizing this great institution to realize our ideal of Safety, Comfort and Inspiration for the seamen.

Dr. Mansfield's Address

The Seamen's Church Institute of New York, formerly known as the "Protestant Episcopal Church Missionary Society for Seamen in the City and Port of New York," was incorporated April 12th, 1844, 80 years ago.

On the first Sunday of the month, the 6th day of April, 1845, the first Anniversary Service of this Society was held in the first St. Thomas's Church, located on Broadway and Houston Street, and was conducted by my first predecessor, Chaplain-in-charge, the Rev. B. C. C. Parker, a son of the second Bishop of Massachusetts. There were present the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., a Clerical Vice-President, Officers, Managers and friends of the Society.

On the first Sunday of the month, the 6th day of April, 1924, in this fourth St. Thomas's Church, we are here commemorating not only the Eightieth Anniversary of the incorporation of the Society but also the Seventy-ninth Anniversary of its first Annual Service, and there are present the Rector of the Parish, a Clerical Vice-President, and Officers, Managers and friends, some of them representatives of other Seamen's

Societies, and officials of our own, and other countries, whom we are most glad to have with us on this occasion.

These facts, together with all the glorious history and wonderful associations of eighty years, linking the past with the present hour, to which the rapid march of time has brought us, make this double Anniversary Service we are commemorating, a peculiarly unique, interesting and profoundly inspiring one.

To him whose rare privilege it has been to serve this Society over 28 years,—more than one third of all the 79 anniversaries—to him standing here, and looking back over them—the years seem like a dream.

At such a time as this and on such an occasion it is natural that our thoughts should go back to the first days and the earliest events of our history, and that we should think of those true and loyal ones, the founders, officers, managers and missionaries of the Society who laid the foundations for its work, and recall their virtues and be animated to renewed diligence by the lessons they taught us by their loyalty, service and devotion.

Today we remember and bless God's Holy Name for those His Servants, Pyne, Titus, Van Rensselaer, McDonald, Proal and their associates, founders and incorporators, who established this Christian philanthropic work of caring for the bodies and souls of seamen; to whose activities and generosity the existence of this Society is due.

May they one day hear the blessed

words from Him who loved Seamen, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto my seafaring brethren ye did it unto me."

Down through all the years, there has been an ever increasing number of true and loyal ones, until today the largest number directs and supports this second oldest Missionary Society of the Diocese of New York, and its Christ-like work for the Merchant Seamen of every nation and creed.

This is one profoundly significant lesson of the Anniversary, that men may come and men may go, but the work of the Living God continues, offering the same blessed opportunities and privileges; and not only claiming, but securing, from each generation the same loyal, loving service to God and man. He who has been with us in the past is with us today and will be to the end of the ages.

Just a brief reference at least should be made to our earliest history as a background to this Anniversary Service.

Therefore be it known that this Society was founded by the "Young Men's Church Missionary Society" in 1843.

In the first Annual Report of the Society, published in 1845, the following statement was made: "The great spiritual destitution of seamen in this city determined that body (The Young Men's Church Missionary Society) upon an entire reorganization and devotion of its whole strength to this long much-neglected portion of our fellow men. In furtherance of this determination that

body, after much interesting inquiry, proceeded to erect a Floating Church as combining all the advantages of a church on land with less original cost in building, less annual expense in its maintenance, and far greater attractions for those whose accommodation was especially intended. Application was immediately made to the legislature for the charter from which this Society first derived an independent legal existence. It was clothed with power to provide by building, purchase, hiring or otherwise, so many floating or other churches for seamen at different points in the city and port of New York as might be deemed proper, and to provide suitable clergymen to act as missionaries in the same, and an amendment later made it lawful to possess one or more houses for the boarding and lodging and entertainment of seamen and boatmen. This charter, accompanied with the action of the convention of the diocese and the Episcopal sanction, has placed with this Society the full control of this department of the great work of the church and by the canons of this diocese it is now constituted one of the standing charities of the church in this city."

This is an official and accurate account of the beginning, and during 80 years, in accordance with the charter the Society has provided five Churches, seven Mission Houses, and five Sailors' Homes or Hotel buildings located on or near both the East and North Rivers in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Many faithful Missionaries, Clergymen and Laymen have given their whole time and attention to the work and have been indefatigable in their efforts for the spiritual and temporal benefit of all the seamen and boatmen, brought by the winds and waves within their influence.

Yesterday, beginning with the first Floating Church in 1843, our first building, all the buildings, agencies, and the ever increasing number of departments of work, Religious, Philanthropic and Charitable, developed through the years, have been, as it were gathered together, assembled and coordinated, in our one and only building, the largest Merchant Seamen's Institute in the world; into one strong homogeneous Organization under one head, and today the great whole stands erected on the foundations laid 80 years ago.

This unit looms up at the lower end of our island in view of every vessel entering the harbor, a building thirteen stories above and three below the street; sixteen stories surmounted by the Titanic Memorial Lantern Tower. It is a hotel, a club and a Church comprehending every practical convenience necessary to meet the seamen's community needs; the greatest practical Christian philanthropic work for Merchant Seamen, successful beyond expectation, helping in every conceivable way the Seamen of the world to help themselves, who by such self-help make this Society three-fourths self-supporting.

Here last year were furnished 289,557 lodgings, and since January

1st, 1914, ten years ago, when the present building was opened, 2,288,614 lodgings were registered.

Here last year 171,723 pieces of seamen's mail were received and cared for, and during ten years 1,033,382 pieces.

Here last year 50,812 pieces of baggage or dunnage were received and protected, and for ten years 467,769 pieces.

During ten years nearly 50,000 have been furnished with employment and 63,398 given necessary relief. 156,571 have attended their own house of worship, provided for them since 1843—and during ten years seamen's wages deposited for safe-keeping and transmission to dependents, amounted to \$5,895,950.

These typical significant, major community services rendered by the Institute will help to visualize for you our daily life and work, of usefulness, in our town within a building, with its church; complete hotel; school; club; store; various kinds of shops; post office; bank; express office; and baggage stores; employment bureau; dispensary; theater; power, electric, and refrigerating plants—an Institute, truly self-contained,—a city in itself,—a community supply, to meet a class need.

Time will not permit but a passing reference to outside achievements resulting from the most helpful and generous cooperation from government and municipal departments and commercial institutions.

1. An international radio medical service to men at sea, which was begun from the roof of the Institute

building, was made possible by the officers of the U. S. Public Health Service, of the Treasury Department, of the Steamboat Inspection Service, of the Department of Commerce, and the Radio Corporation of America which, because of its interest and desire to help, is broadcasting for us this service through its station WJZ. This medical service is free to seamen on ships under all flags.

2. The publication of a First Aid text-book, 11,000 copies printed, the material being prepared by officers of the Public Health Service.

3. Regulations passed by Steamboat Inspection Service making mandatory first aid certificates for American licensed officers, and necessary national first aid lectures and examinations.

4. Construction of the \$25,000 Merchant Seamen War Memorial in Jeanette Park, opposite the Institute building, an outdoor stage and band-stand.

5. "Missing Men Department," locating by bulletins 50% of 1,000 lost inquired for annually, by splendid cooperation on the part of institutions throughout the world.

6. Cooperation in Joint Conference with all but one of the Seamen's Societies in the port, all of which are represented here today.

7. Ministering to our sick American seamen and burying those who die in U. S. Marine Hospitals.

8. And the outstanding accomplishments of the Institute during the Great War, which we entered seven years ago today, when we

realized how indispensable merchant seamen are in the time of war.

Surely you will agree that today the Institute provides a home, a headquarters, where and through which, their physical, mental, and spiritual welfare is safeguarded, where and through which they secure safety and service, comfort; help if they need it, and inspiration.

Thus the Rector of this parish described the Seamen's Church Institute in a sermon at the consecration of our Chapel on December 9, 1916, when he defined the word Sanctuary as Safety — Comfort — Inspiration: S. C. I., the initial letters of Seamen's Church Institute, and wherever there is a Church Institute (and there are now 13) there is the motto, "Safety — Comfort — and Inspiration," making another association with the work of this parish and its rector.

We have had our yesterday and we are having our today. For both, we humbly rejoice; thank God, and take courage. And just as true as Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, so we shall have our tomorrow. What shall it be? A going backward or forward? For we can not stand still.

Convinced of our duty to these hundreds, now being turned away, and by their insistent and overwhelming demands upon us; we must go forward.

Forward is our watchword and God willing, forward we will go—

Ever onward to the fight,
Ever onward to the Light
Ever true to God and Right
Up!—and On.

And in this spirit, the Managers of the Society, led by their President, Edmund L. Baylies, with his characteristic faith and great determination, have pledged themselves to "carry on"—in the words of the Bishop of Missouri, "in humility striving to build better up to best."

As a result, the Managers announce today that 11,264 square feet of additional land has been secured adjoining the present building, and plans are going forward looking towards the erection of an Annex of the same height as the present structure of which it will become an integral part, thus doubling our present capacity. Beginning with today, an effort will be made to raise the money, with the confident hope that united action on the part of all those who have shown so deep an interest in this great work for Merchant Seamen, will soon make it possible to go forward, and thus further help to fulfill their obligation to those who are indispensable to commerce and the nation in times of both peace and war.

I would most earnestly plead that everyone would ask, "What am I doing for the seamen to whom I owe so much?," and would by personal service, by generous gifts, and above all by earnest prayer, help to provide for these men the comfort of our holy religion, in its widest sense, for body, mind and soul, in our American ports,—yes, in every port in the world.

Mayhap this question may sometime, in some connection, arise,—may come to you, comfortable and safe in your homes, when a fierce

Northeast storm is raging, and ships are breaking to pieces, and men are perishing. Intelligently and honestly and earnestly answer it, in the name of Him who said to the trembling mariners, "Peace, it is I."

May the ever blessed Trinity have in His keeping, all who serve Seamen today, all who served them yesterday, and all who shall serve them tomorrow.

Dr. Stires' Address

I shall take as my text today the forty-eighth verse of the sixth chapter of Mark, "And He saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them." You will remember that this occurred after the incident of the loaves and fishes. When Christ had finished his teaching, and the people had been fed, he went apart to pray, as he so often did, and the disciples went into a ship. But a strong wind arose and they were afraid. Then Christ came walking to them on the water, and they were troubled, but he called out to them, "Be of good cheer. It is I; be not afraid." And immediately nature obeyed nature's God and the waves were still.

There is a message of cheer in this for the church, for nearly the whole of the original church was in that boat, when Christ came with the message, "It is I; be not afraid."

But especially there is a message of cheer for the seaman, who has to face the perils of the deep, almost daily. But, much as could be said about the perils of the seaman's life,

his greatest perils are on shore. Seventy-nine years ago, at the time that the rector of St. Thomas's was preaching the first anniversary service of this society, the waterfront in this city was full of traps for the men who came from their ships. They were nearly always robbed, and sometimes murdered.

The missionaries realized that it was not enough to reach these men one day a week, and try to uplift them; they must have week day protection as well. And yet before 1913 all the branches of the Institute together never cared for more than one hundred men a night, as contrasted with the eight hundred and twenty-two who now find shelter under its roof.

In this building, where the men find so many material advantages, the chapel is not hidden away in some obscure corner. It is on the main lobby floor, where the men are constantly reminded of the most important relationship in their lives, the relationship to their God.

There is a pressing need to duplicate the present building. You have heard it said a hundred men a day are turned away, because of lack of room, but there would be many more than that demand beds if it were not so generally known that after a certain hour of the day it is useless to apply at the Institute.

In asking you to support the extension of this work I want you to consider the value of the sailorman. When we commit our lives to his keeping we want him to be strong; we want him to be wise, we want

him to be brave. The sort of life he lives between voyages is going to determine largely whether he will possess these qualities.

In building our American Merchant Marine I assure you that it will be found much easier to build good ships than good men.

Moreover these sailors are America's real representatives to the people of other lands. What are we willing to do to help them to be the kind of representatives we want them to be? They lead a stormy life but the tempests in their minds and hearts are the most terrible they have to face. What land sacrifice are we willing to make for them to measure up to the laying down of life, which we demand of them when we go into their world?

Today let us thank God that the lamp lighted eighty years ago is still burning brightly, guiding sailor men to safe harbor. May it burn more and more brightly.

Dr. Mansfield read a letter of greeting from Bishop Manning.

Mr. Francis Whitehouse, the son of the rector of St. Thomas's, who preached the first anniversary service of the society, and an honorary member of the Board of Managers sent the following radiogram:

Congratulations anniversary institute.

Whitehouse.

Appreciations of Service

Dear Dr. Mansfield:

Congratulations on the splendid service; success of the program; the dignified and comprehensive ad-

dresses, and the inspiring hymns and anthems. You spoke most inspiringly, and I have never heard Mr. Baylies to such good advantage, or with as much eloquence. His tribute to you was well deserved, and he placed the Institute work before us most graphically.

Henry L. Hobart.

Dear Dr. Mansfield:

I have been intending to write you extending every good wish for this service, and congratulations on the splendid development of the Institute work, which makes the early foundations more significant than those who laid them probably ever dreamed of. May the 81st year be the best that the Institute has ever experienced. The Institute is doing its part to fulfill the prophetic hope, "That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

Percy R. Stockton,

Superintendent and Chaplain,
Seamen's Church Institute of Phila.

Dear Dr. Mansfield:

I send you a line of congratulation upon the splendid service held at St. Thomas's Church. I am sorry the afternoon was so inclement, as no doubt others would have been present if not prevented by the storm.

It occurred to me last night, when thinking over the afternoon, how little the work of your splendid Institute is known to the ordinary layman and laywoman in the street.

H. C. Armstrong,
(British Consul General).

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Sent Home

He was ragged and shabby, and there were tears in his eyes as he read over the letters from home. He was nominally waiting for a room, but the Man-With-the-Friendly-Smile sensed that he had a deeper need. He could not be more than sixteen, and when a boy of sixteen lets the tears well up in his eyes in a public room he must be deeply moved about something.

In response to a few friendly words the lad handed him the letters. They were full of references to the father's and the sister's graves, whom the boy explained had died within a week.

The Man-With-the-Friendly-Smile handed back the letters. "Don't you want to go home?" he inquired kindly. The boy's face lighted up. It was the one thing that could comfort him in his sorrow, but he had no funds, and no clothes.

It was explained to him that the

Institute had some money it could use for such emergencies, and he was taken to the House Mother, who found him some decent clothes. So he went to his people in Virginia. It is interesting to think of the possible effect on that boy's life of having, for once in his life, been offered a greater kindness than he sought.

Money Enough to Live

The Finnish seaman, sick in Bellevue, was fortunate in having a devoted wife. She felt sure that his life, hanging by the finest thread, could be saved if only she could have a special nurse for him. The welfare worker, to whom she made her appeal did not believe that a dozen special nurses would save the man's life, but he realized the seriousness of having a woman's whole life embittered by the feeling that it was poverty that had cost her husband his life. So, for the sake of the woman, rather than the man, he gave orders that a special nurse be engaged, without knowing just how it was going to be managed financially.

Then, because he had been associated with the Institute for some years, he remembered that Dr. Mansfield had a Discretionary Fund, upon which he could draw for special emergencies, and he telephoned and asked if the Institute would take care of the special nurse. As usual, Dr. Mansfield said that he would pay the bill.

And, almost miraculously, that man, whom the doctors said had only one chance in a million, has

profited by his millionth chance, and is recovering.

The Institute at Work

Lodgings Registered

When one reads in the report that 23,802 lodgings were registered during the month of February, it is a little difficult to visualize the amount of labor that means for the Hotel Desk, the baggage department, and the housekeeping department, nor does the statement that 4,013 pieces of dunnage were checked help materially to make vivid this, more or less mechanical, but very necessary part of our service. If those of you, who live near enough, would drop in some day and see it happening we promise you would find the visit interesting and profitable. We have no visiting hours. Our door is always on the latch to you.

Literature Distributed

They are long days on shipboard. Often uneventful days. The same people, the same jokes, the same sea, the same sky; nothing to break the terrible monotony of forever plowing through the endless blue. So, if you will notice, when you are being shown through the Social Service Department, you will see bundles of magazines all neatly tied with tape, and ready to be carried away to lessen the tedium of these voyages. Also, our book cases are unlocked, and if a man likes a book well enough to want to have it with him, and takes it without mentioning the fact, nobody minds.

Knitted Articles Distributed

A friend of the Institute left a number of pairs of socks in the editor's office the other day, when she came to see her on business. Later the House Mother came in, and her attention was called to the socks. To the surprise of those present the House Mother began wrapping them up, as if she were sending them away. "I'd be mobbed if I walked through the reading room with those on my arm," she explained. So, although the Social Service Department distributed 194 knitted articles in the month of February, it might have disposed of many more.

Relief Administration

A certain number of destitute seamen are inevitable. They become ill, and idleness and doctor's bills eat up their resources. Or friends are destitute, and they lend them money, expecting to get work sooner than they do, so that they find themselves in need. In February 2,278 of such men were assisted by the Institute with meals, lodgings or clothing. 64 were tided over a brief period of financial stress by loans of money. With the coming of warm weather such assistance will be confined to hospital cases, as it is felt that most, who really want work, will be able to find something to do.

Employment

One of the most practical of the Institute activities is to find jobs, afloat and ashore for those seamen who need them. There is always a bleak period in mid-winter, when

shipping is very much depressed, and when the waiting for seamen's jobs wears the men's nerves to shreds, but with the coming of spring conditions have improved. If rumors are correct, that half of America is going to Europe this summer, there should be jobs a-plenty for all the men of the sea. In February 242 men were shipped and shore jobs found for 127 more.

The Morning Service

On Ash Wednesday morning there was inaugurated a daily morning service. At 9 o'clock the doors to the chapel are opened and those seamen, and members of the staff, who care to do so, go in for 15 minutes of prayer and song between breakfast and labor. The attendance is never large, but the audience is always deeply reverent.

Education

The navigation school offers a way out for the seaman who has ambition enough to want to rise in life. During February 11 men were enrolled, and in addition to the class-work, three illustrated lectures were given in Navigation and Engineering, and twenty-six First Aid Lectures.

Appreciation of Chaplain Stanley

The Institute has received the following gratifying expression of appreciation of the work being done at the Sanitarium at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, by the chaplain sent there by the Seamen's Church Institute of America:

"Having Mr. Stanley (Seamen's

Church Institute Chaplain) with us has been a very great pleasure to the entire Post and his activities are of immeasurable benefit to the patients."

T. B. H. Anderson,
Surgeon, U. S. P. H. S.

Chaplain Stanley's activities at Fort Stanton are many and, although he is well equipped to carry on the religious phase of his work, he is not provided with financial resources, so necessary, to meet and supply the many other needs.

At this time of the year, these sailors who have become victims of tuberculosis turn their thoughts to baseball. But even this hope and anticipation must remain unrealized, unless the Seamen's Church Institute of America is able to supply the necessary equipment for our great American game.

It may be that there are those who would be ready to help supply this need, if it were brought to their attention.

We express our deep appreciation to those readers of The Lookout who have so generously answered the appeal for this work, made in a past issue, and have sent in:

1. All necessary silver and linens for the Altar.
2. A super heterodyne radio set.
3. A typewriter for the Chaplain.
4. \$510 in cash, for the Chaplain's Fund.

William T. Weston,
General Secretary.

General Summary of Work

FEBRUARY, 1924

RELIGIOUS WORK	No.	Attendance
Sunday Services A. M.	4	71
Sunday Services P. M.	4	609
Communion Services	4	16
Midweek Services	4	318
Bible Classes	0	0
Fellowship Meetings	4	405
Weddings	0	
Funerals	1	
Baptisms	0	

U. S. Marine Hospital No. 21, Staten Island

Sunday Services	4	133
Communion Services	2	6
Funerals	0	

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

Home Hours	4	814
Entertainments	9	3,768
Packages Literature Distributed		160
Knitted Articles Distributed		194
Visitors in the Apprentice Room		1,131
Lodgings Registered		23,802
Incoming Mail for Seamen		13,320
Dunnage Checked		4,013

Social Service and Relief

Meals, Lodgings and Clothing	2,278
Assisted through Loan Fund	64
Baggage and Minor Relief	233
Cases in Institute Clinic	611
Referred to Hospitals and Clinics	28
Referred to Municipal Lodg. House	118
Referred to Other Organizations	19

Employment Bureau

Men Shipped	242
Shore Jobs	127

Visits

To Hospitals	16
To Patients	82
Miscellaneous Visits	4

U. S. Marine Hospital No. 21, Staten Island

Number of Visits	14
Number of Hours	76

MARINE AND OTHER EDUCATION

Navigation, Marine Engineering and Radio School Enrollment	11
Illustrated Lectures in Navigation and Engineering	3
First-Aid Lectures	26

SEAMEN'S FUNDS DEPARTMENT

Deposits	\$31,918.36
Withdrawals	30,848.33
Transmissions	4,256.69

What will the next eighty years bring?

The past three score years and ten have seen a tiny floating chapel develop into a sixteen story building with sleeping accommodations for eight hundred and twenty-two men.

We are today laying the foundations for the next eighty years. Let us lay them deep and wide and true. Let us build fearlessly, knowing that the future will not only be as good as the past—but better. Much better.