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# The Lookout

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## AN APPEAL

**W**E HAVE begun to build our new home—a twelve-story, fireproof structure that will be a model of its kind for all the world.

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To gather up the residue of a large fund like this would be an arduous task were the circumstances less favorable. Subscriptions to this fund have been accompanied almost invariably by a very genuine interest in the success of the undertaking and a pride in its future. A very pleasant and confidential relation seems to exist, and where the supporters of a society have its welfare so genuinely at heart, it is incredible that the work of gathering up the remnant should be unduly difficult.

We appeal, therefore, to the supporters of the Institute to continue their activities and generousities until the entire fund is completed. We appeal to those who have not contributed to join us in making this great work an unprecedented success.

Will you not aid us by bringing this work to the notice of your friends—personal contact is always helpful—in order that we may proceed with the building, assured that the money will be on hand to pay for it when it is finished?

Subscriptions, payable any time during 1912, should be sent to Edmund L. Baylies, Chairman Building Committee, 54 Wall Street, City.

# THE LOOKOUT

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## Clothing "Titanic" Crew.

With full authority from the White Star Line to buy everything necessary, the Seamen's Christian Association, 399 West Street, assisted by the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, were kept busy with tape-measures the day after the arrival of the "Carpathia," outfitting the 184 survivors of the "Titanic" crew.

Representatives from the Seamen's Christian Association in charge of Mr. Stafford Wright and two of the Institute staff from the North River Station and the Breakwater, took charge of the work at the pier. They measured the men, sending special hurry orders to the large department stores, and supplied each man with the following articles:

- One new suit of clothes.
- One new suit of underwear.
- One new pair socks.
- One new pair boots.
- One new cap.
- One new pair suspenders.
- One new safety razor and brush.
- One new comb and brush.

From the Deck Department there were 30 men outfitted, from the Engine Room staff 67, and from the Stewards' Department 68. There were 2 officers.

Mrs. W. A. Bastedo and Mrs. James E. Newcomb took charge of the 20 stewardesses, and in addition these ladies were exceedingly helpful in distributing clothing to the men. They also gave out many collars, ties, handkerchiefs, etc.

In view of the very close and intimate relationship which exists between the Seamen's Christian Association and the White Star Line it was natural that the company should accept that society's offer to take charge of the purchasing and distribution of clothing to the destitute survivors. The Seamen's Institute, anxious to help the seamen, but with a desire to avoid the duplication which can so easily occur in such cases, sought to co-operate with the Seamen's Christian Association, recognizing that organization as the one which would naturally take charge of the work. There have always been the most intimate associations between that society and the International Mercantile Marine, of which the White Star Line is a part, the society performing the innumerable offices for the company's employees which the Seamen's Institute renders to the seamen more directly under its supervision.

By joining forces at this time the two societies were able greatly to expedite the performance of this tremendous task.

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## A Correction.

In the short résumé of Mr. Edmund L. Baylies' address at the Laying of the Cornerstone Ceremonies, it was stated in the April issue of THE LOOKOUT that "in the last thirty years our Savings Department had handled over \$1,000,000 of seamen's money."

This is manifestly a clerical error

which we hasten to correct. What Mr. Baylies did say was that during the last *ten* years our Savings Department has handled over \$1,000,000 of seamen's money, transmitting a large percentage of this to their dependents all over the world.

### Bishop Burch Speaks at Titanic Memorial Service.

Four hundred persons crowded into the little Church of the Holy Comforter, at 341 West street, on the evening of Sunday, April 21st, to attend a service honoring the "Titanic's" dead. Flags from the S.S. "Mauretania" decorated the church, and as a background to the golden cross on the altar hung the funeral flag.

Quite three-fourths of the congregation were seamen, and most of these sat together in the pews on one side of the church. Their faces were sad, for many of them had friends among the "Titanic" crew, and to those who had no intimate associations with any of the victims there was brought with renewed force the realization of the terrors and dangers of their lives at sea.

The choir from St. Andrew's Church, Richmond, S. I., under the direction of Mr. Robert G. Walker, Organist and Choirmaster, gave Gounod's "Gallia." Their rendering of this exquisite lament was beautiful and impressive, and was followed by the address of Dr. Burch, Bishop Suffragan of New York. Dr. Burch said in part:

"A world bows to-night in sorrow for the greatest marine disaster in its history. The tragedy makes us feel so pitifully small in the great scheme of things that we cannot fully appreciate it. Thousands are staggering to-night under a weight of grief almost too great to bear. Why, in all God's providence did

it happen, we cannot fathom. We ask our hearts, but there is no response. We seek for a reason in this terrible catastrophe, but can only find a lesson. We can only reverently hope that out of the disaster will come some blessing.

"It has brought us to a closer approach of a finer ideal of great sacrifice. The wonderful spectacle a week ago to-night proves that there are real men alive to-day, and that a majority of them, when it comes to a test, will bear the burdens of the weak.

"There are few cowards to-day, despite the cry of the pessimist. We do not need any stronger exemplification of this than the story of the 'Titanic' last Sunday night. There we found that man still lives up to the ideal of 'women and children first.'

"Neither must we forget the beautiful heroism of the band of musicians who played 'Nearer My God, to Thee' in the face of death. What a joy and comfort it must have been to those men in the last moments of their lives. We must not forget the brave women who would not leave the side of their husband, brother, father, or whatever the case might be.

"Nine weeks ago I was called to this church to confirm a class of seamen. In the number was Thomas B. Clark, a steward on the 'Titanic.' Little did we think then that a watery grave awaited him so soon. But he went down, proving himself one of God's faithful soldiers to the end."

At the conclusion of Bishop Burch's address the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," was sung, the voices of the seamen giving the familiar lines new significance.

Dr. Lubeck, the Rector of Zion and St. Timothy, spoke eloquently and with great sincerity and forcefulness of the

victory which had been gained—the triumph of unselfishness that had been won—by those who had gone down. He said that no sailor was an atheist. Out on the sea, battling with the elements and made to feel his helplessness, the sailor knew beyond the possibility of doubt that there was a God, a High and Mighty Ruler of the Universe. During his address many of the seamen covered their faces with their hands and wept silently.

A collection was taken as a relief offering in behalf of the families of the crew and \$80 was received.

At the close of the service the congregation knelt while the choir sang the "De Profundis."

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### The Final Installment.

In one of the autumn numbers of THE LOOKOUT we published a story about an apprentice boy who deserted his ship after serving but eighteen months of his four years apprenticeship, got a position in a nearby New Jersey town and wrote home to his distressed parents that he was engaged to be married. This was followed in a later issue by a letter from the boy's mother full of anxiety and eager that the lad should return to England and rejoin the ship from which he had deserted. There was a pathetic assurance at the end of the letter, however, that if the boy were as serious about the girl to whom he was engaged as he seemed, she (the mother) would take her to her heart. "Though," she added, "I have not seen her."

The mother now writes to the Superintendent as follows:

KENT, ENGLAND.

*Dear Sir*—I am writing to you again on behalf of my son —, the apprentice, who is in —, N. J.

I have just had a very penitent letter from him. It seems he is out of work, but he is desirous of getting a berth on a ship and working his passage home, with the intention of joining his ship again.

My husband has been very unfortunate in business or I would send him the money to come home. I thought you might have some influence in helping him to get a berth on a steam vessel that he could work his way home. This is his own idea.

I think he was infatuated by a pretty girl, and attracted by promises of work and plenty of money, but he has learned a very severe lesson."

The Institute worker had gotten in touch with the lad some time ago, and it was largely through his influence that the young English boy grew to realize that he had been wrong, as well as foolish.

So the boy is going back to the waiting mother. He is going to rejoin his ship and serve out his time. The final installment of our little story is ending wisely and happily.

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### The Superintendent's House.

On April 15th the deed was signed which makes the house on Davis avenue, Livingston, S. I., intended for the use of the Superintendent, the property of the Seamen's Church Institute. The plot is about 100 x 220 feet, and as the Society was able to purchase the land and the building at a very reasonable sum, it will ultimately be much cheaper than paying the rental of a house as had been the Society's custom in the past. Mr. Mansfield and his family have moved into their new home.

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### Lantern Tower Memorial.

LIGHTHOUSE AND TIME-BALL TO MEMORIALIZE "TITANIC'S" DEAD

The Lighthouse Tower on the new Institute is to be given as a permanent Memorial to the men and women lost on the "Titanic."

This plan was first formulated by Miss Catharine S. Leverich, President of the Seamen's Benefit Society, and it appealed so strongly to the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, of which George F. Kunz, Ph.D., Sc.D., is President, that they decided to co-operate with the Seamen's Benefit. Dr. Kunz is a well-known scientist and is the Vice-President of Tiffany & Company.

The following committee of well-known women was then formed to assist in the work of raising funds:

Mrs. Wm. J. Gaynor	Mrs. E. Henry Harri-
Mrs. Felix Adler	man
Mrs. Richard Aldrich	Mrs. J. Borden Har-
Mrs. Edmund L. Bay-	riman
lies	Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin
Mrs. Emil Boas	Mrs. De Lancey Kane
Miss Cornelia Beek-	Mrs. Seth Low
man	Mrs. Frederick
Miss Mary R. Cal-	Nathan
ender	Mrs. William Robison
Mrs. Timothy M.	Miss Annie Russell
Cheesman	Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff
Miss Caroline de For-	Mrs. Wm. D. Sloane
est	Mrs. Cornelius Van-
Mrs. Cleveland H.	derbilt
Dodge	Mrs. Frederick W.
Mrs. David H. Greer	Vanderbilt

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall street, have kindly consented to receive

all subscriptions intended for this Memorial, and checks should be drawn to their order. They will be promptly acknowledged by them. Already over \$4,600 has been received. Mrs. Jacob H. Schiff headed the list of contributions by a gift of \$500. Mr. Charles M. Faulkner of Baltimore, Maryland, gave \$200. Mr. Faulkner stated in his letter that he felt that this should not be a purely local memorial but one to which persons from all over the United States could contribute.

It seems especially fitting that New York City should be the home for this Monument, because this was the "Titanic's" American port, and is, moreover, one of the largest mercantile ports in the world. It is the gateway through which thousands of persons enter the New World, and this Lighthouse will symbolize to those entering the harbor the spirit of reverence and the appreciation of heroism and self-sacrifice which prompted the giving of the Memorial.

As was stated in last month's LOOKOUT, this tower will be identical with the accepted form of lighthouse, with stairs in the rear, a lantern gallery, and a fixed green light which will shine out over the Harbor and be visible to all the lower anchorage down through the Narrows to Sandy Hook.

Surmounting the tower a Time-Ball similar to the one now in use on the Western Union Building will be erected. The latter time-ball is now so surrounded by tall buildings as to render it invisible except to a few vessels on the Hudson River.

That this Lighthouse Tower and Time-Ball should be given in memory of those lost at sea is significant, for it is this green light that sailors will watch for as they steam or sail slowly up the

Harbor by night. And the Time-Ball which drops each day at noon shall be a daily reminder of what this Memorial means. In a busy, careless city the average person so soon forgets.

The Lighthouse Tower will be given in memory of the engineers who sent their stokers up on deck while they went to certain death; of the members of the heroic band of musicians who played even while the water crept up to their instruments; of the postal clerks who bravely put duty ahead of personal safety; of the Marconi operator; of the officers and crew who staid by their ship. It will be given in memory of those in the steerage who perished without ever realizing their hopes of the new land, the America of endless possibilities. It will be given in memory of all the heroic deeds by first and second-cabin passengers. In short, it will be a monument to every person without regard to rank, race, creed or color, whose life went down when the giant vessel slipped beneath the waves.

This Memorial, therefore, interferes in no way with the Women's Memorial in Washington. That is to be given as a tribute to the brave men who gave their places to women and children. This one is given by everyone and is given for *everyone* who perished on the "Titanic."

A Memorial Tablet indicating for whom the Tower is given will be placed either at the main entrance or on the exterior of the new Institute, so that all who visit it may read and know for what the Lighthouse Tower stands.

The cost is estimated at \$10,000.

If more money is contributed than is needed to defray the cost of the Lighthouse and Time-Ball it will be given as a permanent fund for their endowment and maintenance.

Large cards calling attention to this project have been placed in all the prin-

cipal hotels, and we are seeking the co-operation of the press in order to gain a wide publicity for the purposes of this Memorial.

Will THE LOOKOUT readers help us by speaking about it to their friends and securing the interest of persons we may not be able to reach?

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### Memorial Bedrooms.

The following memorial bedrooms have been taken in memory of "Titanic" victims:

- 1 In memory of the wireless operator, Mr. J. A. Phillips—Anonymous.
- 1 In memory of the musicians—Miss Huguenin.
- 1 In memory of the engineers—Miss Benjamin.
- 2 In memory of the "Titanic" crew—Seamen's Benefit Society.
- 1 In memory of the "Titanic" seamen—Church Periodical Club.

These are the bedrooms at \$100 each, which have been referred to each month in THE LOOKOUT. There are 390 of these bedrooms and of these 235 have been reserved, leaving a balance of 155 still to be taken.

Past experience has proved that during a year one hundred men may each occupy one of these rooms. For *one hundred dollars* one hundred men may come under the Institute's influence and receive in some measure surely, that cheerful sense of welcome and comfort which the word "home" implies.

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### Gifts and Memorials Taken.

The Exterior Lamp and Tablet at the main entrance on Coenties slip have been taken by the Misses Augusta M. and Frances de Peyster, in memory of their father, Frederic J. de Peyster.

The Cross on the Chapel Altar has been presented by Mrs. William Rhineland.

### Gifts and Memorials Not Reserved.

*Flagpole*, with socket, above the entrance, also set of colors consisting of National Flag and the Institute private flag. \$250.00.

*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. \$500.00.

*Cornerstone* of granite, bearing date and seal of Society, the latter to be modeled and carved, together with metal box for documents. \$500.00.

*Chapel Furniture*—Altar, Lectern, 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.

This Organ is to be a prominent feature of the Chapel, for recitals will be given on it, and it will be a potent factor in attracting seamen unaccustomed to attending religious services to enter the little church.

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 Rooms Not Reserved.

Three large rooms and the main staircase have not yet been taken. It is a splendid opportunity for those wishing to contribute large sums to the new building to have their gifts permanently memorialized. Others may wish to take a room in memory of friend or relative. The remaining rooms are as follows:

GAME ROOM—\$5,000  
(About 54 x 60 feet)

Away from home, the men of the sea are dependent upon such recreation as

they can find; if not here, in some less elevating place.

DINING ROOM—\$3,000  
(About 30 x 46 feet in size)

Where good meals will be served at reasonable prices to the seamen lodging in the Institute.

MAIN STAIRCASE—\$3,500  
(Running from basement to 4th floor)

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

LUNCH-ROOM—\$4,500  
(About 15 x 60 ft.)

Here the men may get quick lunches, or come when they prefer its informality to the regular Dining Room.

### Sewing Classes Report.

During Lent two societies held sewing classes for the benefit of the Seamen's Institute. The Entertainment Committee of the Colonial Dames of America report that they have made 13 dozen comfort bags filled, 3 dozen comfort bags unfilled, 6 pairs of wristlets, 8 helmets,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  dozen crash towels, 3  $\frac{2}{3}$  dozen huck towels. They also sent to the Institute a large quantity of tobacco for the seamen. The towels will be marked and reserved for use in the new building, and the comfort bags will be distributed at once among the men and boys whom we know will use and appreciate them.

The Seamen's Benefit Society report that they have made 50 dozen towels, both huck and crash, and 10 dozen comfort bags for use in the new building. They also took in \$230, which went into the Treasury and will be used for social purposes at the Institute. It is the Seamen's Benefit Society which provides the apprentice boys' Sunday and Thursday teas and special entertainments, beside contributing to the maintenance of the yacht "Sentinel."



**The Lunch Room.**

At the end of the long corridor on the first floor of the new Institute will be the lunch room. A lunch counter is to be installed and this will be patterned after the one now in use in the Pennsylvania Station. The counter, with a top of marble or glass, and the seats are to be of hard wood which can be easily cleaned; and with the gleaming nickel urns for tea and coffee, the cases for tobacco at one end, and clean, wholesome food, attractively served, this room is likely to become one of the most popular in the new Institute.

The seaman who wants a hasty lunch and who does not wish to wait for the regular service in the large Dining Room will use the Lunch Room where formerly he would seek the saloon or the miserably dingy and unsanitary cheap restaurants that line the waterfront.

**The Church Periodical Club.**

Reading rooms are usually the principal attraction in the Institute stations. The long tables are thickly covered with illustrated papers, magazines, daily newspapers and periodicals of all sorts. And the room is always crowded. Seamen who cannot read English and have no papers written in their own language seem to find the unfailing supply of pictures a never ending source of amusement. Naturally the reading tables have to be constantly replenished, and this is largely the work of the Church Periodical Club, with its many branches representing at least seven dioceses.

This Club was among the first to take a sailor's bedroom in the new Institute in memory of the "Titanic" seamen, and to this society we are indebted for much invaluable service. It not only helps to keep the tables supplied with a wide variety of reading matter, replenishing them daily, but it arranges for books to be sent here for the use of seamen on board ship. The old periodicals are made up into packages and either given to men leaving the Institute for long voyages or they are distributed on board the vessels. Distribution is also made from the "Sentinel." A ship for which we supplied men is never sent to sea without literature suitable to the varying tastes of the officers, apprentice boys, engineers, sailors and stokers. And all this would be very difficult to arrange if it were not for the work of the Club which sends from two to ten bags of literature to this Institute each week.

The President of the Church Periodical Club is Mrs. Otto G. Heinigke, and Mrs. J. L. Chapin is the Executive Secretary. The executive offices are at 281 Fourth avenue.

**Shipping Department.**

MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 1912.  
1 State Street.

NAME OF VESSEL	MEN SHIPPED	DESTINATION
S.S. Verdi	36	River Plate
S. S. Tennyson	15	Brazil
S. S. Cavour	—	Manchester
S. S. Christopher	30	Brazil
S. S. Ucayali	18	Peru
S. S. Aidan	2	Brazil
S. S. Boniface	1	Brazil
S. S. Texas (Apr. 2)	3	Coast
Barge Dallas	2	Coast
Barge Harry Morse	4	Coast
S. S. Texas (Apr. 25)	6	Coast
Barge Caddo	2	Coast
S. S. Afghan Prince	22	China
S. S. Hungarian Prince	5	River Plate
S. S. African Prince	20	River Plate
S. S. Georgian Prince	13	Tampico
S. S. Asiatic Prince	21	Brazil
S. S. Orange Prince	20	River Plate
S. S. Newton Hall	1	Chile
U. S. S. Solace	1	Coast
S. S. Corozal	6	Porto Rico
Men provided with work	95	In Port
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	

## North River Station Notes.

### MEDICINE CABINET

It would greatly facilitate the work of attending to minor injuries of men who do not require hospital treatment if we were supplied with a medicine cabinet fully equipped with "First Aid" remedies, bandages, etc. A great many seamen come to us with scalded arms, bruises and cuts, which we are able to relieve without calling a physician. Perhaps some LOOKOUT reader will present the North River Station with an adequate cabinet.

### A SECOND MEMORIAL SERVICE

The crew of the S.S. "Adriatic" made a special request for a second memorial service in honor of the crew lost in the "Titanic" disaster, which was held Sunday evening, April 28th. The regular choir was augmented by sixteen stewards from the ship, while the "Adriatic" orchestra accompanied the organ. More than a hundred seamen from the White Star liner attended beside many of the Institute's friends who do not follow the sea. Rev. Alan Williams, vicar of Warwick, formerly Chaplain of the Seamen's Institute at Cape Town, Africa, assisted at this service.

### TWO STEWARDS

Among those of the crew who perished April 15th, were two stewards who were particularly dear to the staff of the North River Station. One of them, Thomas B. Clark, was a member of the recent Confirmation Class, receiving his first and only Communion in the Chapel. He was a man of strong character, intensely loyal to the Institute, and full of genial good fellowship. A wife and child survive him. The other seaman was William Swan, who had but recently left St. Vincent's Hospital, where he had been a patient for seven months, undergoing four operations. The Chap-

lain and he became fast friends, and his fortitude and courage in bearing pain were characteristic of the spirit in which he bravely met death.



## \$2,000 Endowment for Social Work

In the February LOOKOUT was the announcement that the Auditorium had been subscribed for and that the name of the donor would be published at some later date. We are now at liberty to announce that the very generous gift came from Mrs. William V. R. Smith, whose husband was a former business partner of Mr. James N. Jarvie. Mr. Jarvie, it will be remembered, subscribed for the Shipping Bureau.

Mrs. Smith has also contributed \$2,000 to start an endowment fund for social work. Her wish is that the income from her gift shall be used each year to give a particularly fine concert or entertainment on the anniversary of her husband's birth—that is, a sort of permanent birthday memorial.

Our new Auditorium will be such a splendid chance for us to give the kind of entertainment most likely to appeal to seamen that we are anxious to increase this endowment so that we may give lectures, concerts and amateur vaudeville two or three times each week. We should be able to provide a program in which the talent supplied by the men is supplemented by professionals sometimes. It is essential that our entertainments should be of such a nature that they will attract the men more strongly than the excitements and allurements to be found on the streets nearby and along the waterfront.

And so we are starting a Social Purpose Endowment Fund. We think it should meet with sympathy and encouragement.

# REPORT FOR MARCH

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR MARCH

The following synopsis of the work done in the various departments during the month of March gives a fair idea of the workings of the Institute:

MARCH, 1912

### *Savings Department*

March 1, cash on hand.....	\$18,726.15
Deposits.....	16,522.78
	\$35,248.93
Payments, (\$6,654.13 transmitted).	15,898.75
April 1, cash balance.....	\$19,350.18

### *Shipping Department*

Number of vessels shipped by Seamen's Church Institute.....	19
Number of men provided with employment in port.....	133
Number of men shipped.....	276
Total (number of men).....	409

### *Reading Rooms*

Total attendance.....	20,440
Letters written and received.....	3,060
Packages reading given.....	652

### *Relief Department*

Assisted.....	176
Sent to Legal Aid Society.....	45
Hospital visits.....	21
Visits to ships in port.....	138

### *Religious and Social Departments*

Number of services.....	15
Attendance total.....	650
Communion services.....	2

### *Institute Boat "Sentinel"*

Trips made.....	43
Visits to vessels.....	95
Men transported.....	00
Pieces baggage transported.....	183

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