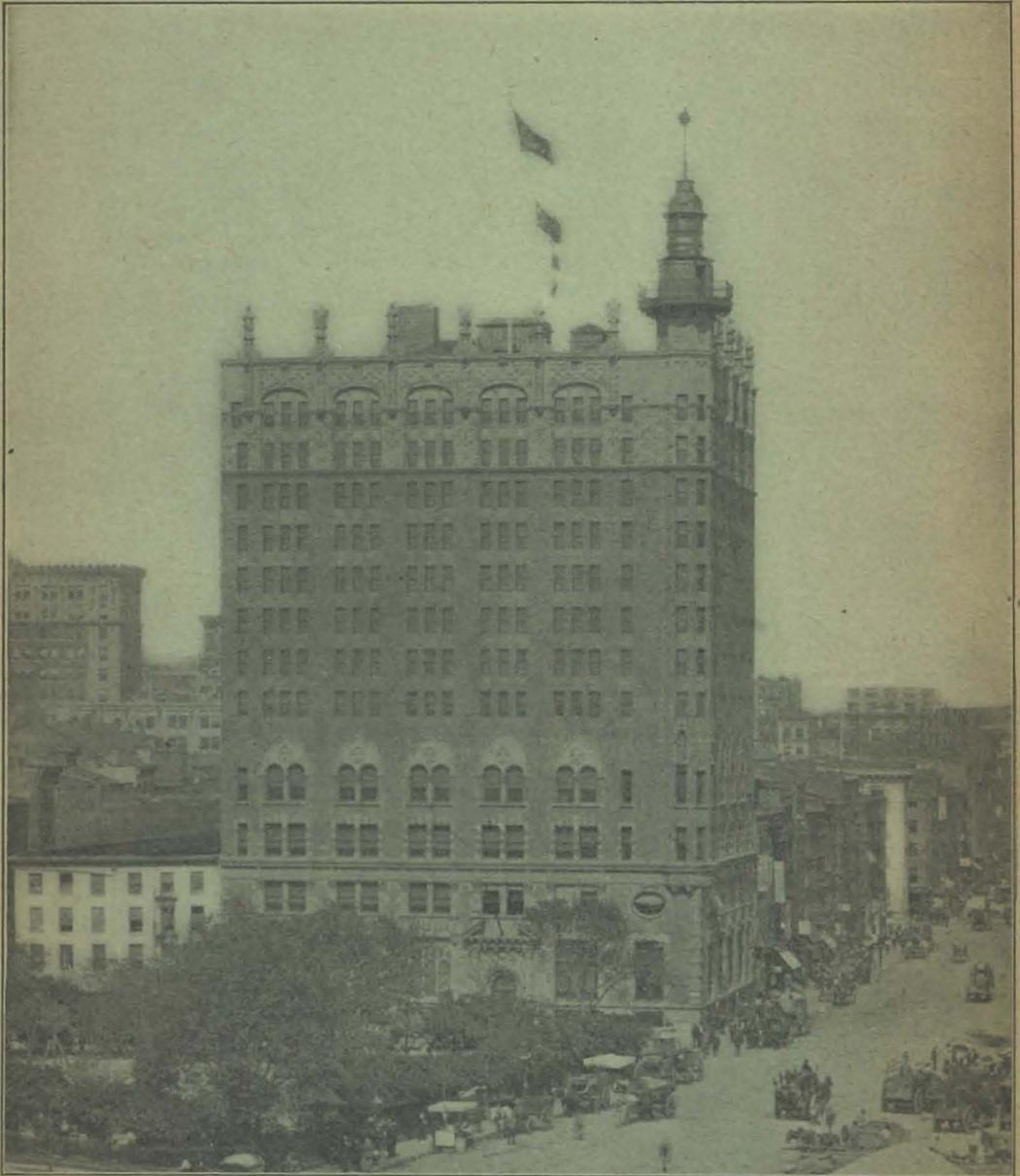

The Lookout



THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK
25 SOUTH STREET

THE WAR HAS HURT THE SAILOR

With the war destroying his chances for employment, the sailor has lived in a winter of acute distress.

When the debt upon our Building, which handicaps the work of this Seamen's Institute, is removed, we can help the sailor when he needs it most.

Two pledges of \$50,000 each will not be paid until subscriptions for the entire indebtedness are secured.

This indebtedness is \$150,000 in addition to the two contingent pledges above referred to.

This balance of \$150,000 hampers the Institute's best efforts.

Become a Founder and give \$5,000 or more of that \$150,000.

Become a Benefactor and give \$1,000 of that \$150,000.

\$500. will reduce that total.

\$100. or \$50. or \$25. or \$10. or \$1. will work against the debt.

With this debt paid, NEW LIFE will flow into every department of the Institute's work for sailors.

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Luncheon to City Fathers

Seven members of the group of men who stand in loco parentis to the city of New York, together with representatives of the Board of Managers, the Building and Advisory Committees, had luncheon at the Institute on Wednesday March 3rd.

Luncheon was served to twenty-one guests in the Apprentice Room on the fourth floor, the tables being placed in the shape of a T with the little model of the "J. Hooker Hamersley" as the central decorative figure. There were present: Mayor John Purroy Mitchel; Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port; R. A. C. Smith, Dock Commissioner; John D. Creighton, representing Brooklyn Borough President, Lewis Pounds; Bertram de N. Cruger, Secretary to the Mayor; Thomas W. Whittle of the Park Commission; Edmund L. Baylies, Henry Lewis Morris, Henry L. Hobart, John Seely Ward, Benjamin R. C. Low, J. Frederic Tams, John S. Rogers of the Building Committee, Francis Lynde Stetson of the Advisory Committee, Anton A. Raven, Frank T. Warburton, Rev. A. R. Mansfield and the Rev. C. P. Deems.

Mr. Baylies made a short address in which he said that the Institute was not only a special building for the seamen of this port, but that it was also a gift by the people to the City of New York. He referred to the fact that we receive seamen of every denomination and nationality, touching also upon the very significant tendency shown by our lists of subscribers which include men widely divergent in religion, business and philanthropic interests.

He spoke further of the building's multifold activities, the relief work and the many-tongued services being held in the Chapel. After Luncheon the guests went all through the building from the Titanic Memorial Tower to the Shipping Office in the basement. Admiration and astonishment greeted every department, many of the officials declaring that they had never suspected that the city contained so admirably complete and efficient an establishment. Realization of the scope of the Institute's work came as a delightful surprise to most of the visitors, one of them becoming so enthusiastic that later in the day he brought his wife and a friend to inspect the building.

Quick Action

Whenever stories in magazines run too smoothly, the fiction devotees throw them aside in disgust, "That's not like life," the seeker for realism declares, "Things do not arrange themselves so amiably and pleasantly in real situations." But they do, and the Institute can prove it.

One day last week two sisters (Swedish) applied at the Inquiry Department producing a letter, written on Institute stationery, from their brother whom they had not seen for sixteen years. He wrote that he had deserted an Italian ship and was afraid he would get caught.

"He is not living in the Institute," Hedwig informed the assistant, "but we think you can find him."

"And here is \$20.00 for his expenses that he may come to see us at once when you find him," put in Olga.

The Inquiry Man assured them that \$2.00 would be sufficient to take the brother to their home in a New Jersey suburb, and very reluctantly Olga returned the \$18.00 to her purse.

"We cannot describe him for you—that is the worst trouble," she added mournfully, "for we have not seen him for sixteen years and he is probably much changed."

However, at the Inquiry Man's suggestion they went downstairs and asked another Scandinavian if he had heard of this lost brother. Before he could reply a seaman, with whom he had been talking, turned to the sisters and called them by name.

"Olga! Hedwig!" he began brokenly and—you have already guessed it!—it was the prodigal brother! The sisters clapped their hands and then they cried a little, while the brother watched them, a bit overwhelmed by their joy and making a furtive search for his own handkerchief.

"You must not be so excited, Olga," admonished Hedwig shrilly.

"Ah, it is you who are excited," accused Olga.

After that, the Inquiry Man returned the \$2.00 and the united three went, radiantly happy, out to the little New Jersey suburb.

Chapel Chairs

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| Mrs. H. A. Field..... | 1 |
| Miss Agnes R. Lane..... | 1 |
| Miss Bertha R. Parsons..... | 1 |
| Rev. Eliot White | 2 |
| Mrs. A. Neilson..... | 1 |
| Mrs. Robert Champion..... | 2 |
| Miss Charlotte Baylies | 2 |

A Concert Vaudeville

Members of the Seamen's Benefit Society and the Board of Managers came down to the Institute on the evening of Thursday, February 25th, to attend the concert and vaudeville supplied by the Seamen's Benefit Society.

Just to start things off with a warm friendly feeling, Mr. Deems (the ass't. superintendent) stood on the stage, when the choruses of popular songs were thrown upon the screen, and led the singing. Everyone, guests rather enjoying the experience, sang "When You Wore a Tulip and I wore a Red, Red Rose." They also sang, "Chinatown" and "I'm on my way to Mandalay," and of course, "Tipperary." The volume of sound was truly startling: it seemed incredible that so many foreign seamen could read and sing English, entering with such whole-souled joy into the intricacies of big yellow tulip and red rose wearing.

Then Mr. Mansfield spoke, with tactful brevity and the right note of welcoming friendliness, introducing Mr. Baylies, as President of the Institute. Mr. Baylies, too, assured the men that he was not going to make a long speech when they had come there to be amused, so he simply told them of his happiness in seeing them in the new Institute building which he had so long dreamed of and planned for so many years. He said that he, too, knew how to sail a boat and that he, too, knew what it was to work hard, finishing his little talk with a suggestion that they give three cheers for the ladies of the Seamen's Benefit Society who had arranged for the evening's vaudeville. Sailors, for the most part, have strong lungs and "three-cheering" is one of their specialities: they responded to Mr.

Baylies' suggestion with great zeal.

There were a sleight-of-hand man and a little Scotch girl who danced her national folk dances, and moving pictures and a colored comedian. Three members of the Fencers Club gave exhibitions with foils and rapiers: they also showed the use of sabres in actual combat. Coffee and buns were passed around in the intermission while two banjo players proved that you can do anything with a banjo if you put your mind to it. Then Miss Eshelmann gave a group of ballads in a clear, vibrant contralto which delighted the music loving seamen, after which they sang one of the fourteen-versed chanties "Blow the Man Down."

It would repay some of the LOOKOUT readers for the slight trouble of a trip to South Ferry if they were to come down to one of the Friday night concerts, if only to hear the sailors sing Chanties and to observe their elemental delight in the simplest of the troubadours who come to divert them.

Fountains All Taken

Mr. Herbert D. Robbins has made the fountain in the Officers' Reading and Game Room his gift to the Institute, thus completing the group of three fountains which has been mentioned in the Lookout.

Staff Room 1205 (\$250.00)

There is one staff room at \$250.00 which can be made a gift or memorial, or just a method of showing interest in seamen and in the work which this Institute does for mariners. 1205 has been relinquished by Mr. M. W. Dominick a member of the Board of Managers, his donation being transferred with an additional \$500.00 to the building of two very essential offices in the Administration Department.

Making Statistics Alluring

A row of money-bags of the type used by the U. S. sub-treasurers to ship gold and silver coins to the banks have been drawn (for a diagram) by one of the Institute workers who finds statistics absorbing. There is a money-bag for each year from 1905 to 1914 and on the first one is printed the figures \$95,161.23. This is the amount of seamen's wages and savings which came into the Institute's Savings Department in the year 1905. On the money-bag for 1908 are the figures \$68,010.72 and \$48,656.85. This means that in that one year of 1908, \$116,665.57 was received from sailors, \$48,656.85 of which was sent home to dependents. And dependents do not necessarily mean wives and children. They may be fathers and mothers and cousins and grandfathers and old friends, crippled or invalided. The money-bag marked 1914 has a total of \$210,524.24 paid into the Savings Department by provident seamen. Of this \$66,196.49 was sent home.

From 1905 when \$95,161.23 was the total to 1914 when \$210,524.24 was the sum there is a significant increase, but the important story told by these money-bags is not the mere increase of seamen's savings deposits. The fact which strikes one at once as peculiarly interesting is the proof that between 37 and 44 per cent of their wages are sent home by seamen.

There is not another class of men on the face of the earth who, living away from home, contributes so large a part of their earnings toward the support of mothers, sisters and wives. Furthermore these figures represent an average condition and not a condition which prevails among a few selected exemplary men.

Crew of the "Chester"

About thirty members of the crew of the wrecked Standard Oil boat "Chester" were taken care of by the Institute upon their arrival on the rescue ship "Philadelphia." Their experiences were so fully written in the newspapers, that it is hardly necessary to repeat the thrilling history of that sea disaster in which but one life was lost—that of the Captain's collie dog.

For two days officers and men were huddled in the fo'castle with nothing to eat. Lantern signals reached the "Philadelphia" but the waves were running so high that no small boat could approach the sinking "Chester." At last, everyone was forced to jump into the February-iced waves, each man taking his own chance and fighting his own battle with probable obliteration.

"I've heard survivors talk and I never quite believed them when they told about how many hours it seemed that they were in the water," one of the crew told an Institute worker, "but after this, I shall take as Gospel truth every word of any survivor who has held his own against wind, mile-high waves and water that bites through your bones. It seemed impossible that we should ever reach those little life boats that the "Philadelphia" put out, but of course we did, and once on board we were taken care of and outfitted with so much kindness and generosity that we don't know how to say thanks hard enough. The Captain, though, he's pretty sad. Of course we all lost everything we had, but he lost one of his best friends: if that collie had had half a show he'd have gotten to the "Philadelphia" too."

The News About Ivor

We do not say it boastfully, but the belief has recently grown in significance until it is a positive conviction, that no matter what news reaches the Institute concerning any seaman, however obscure, we generally have some record of him. The gruesome incident of which Ivor is the tragic hero shows in a very striking manner what a regular clearing house our building is for the men who follow the sea.

One day late in February a sailor showed the hotel clerk a newspaper item head, "Slayer of Sailor is Freed; Man Shot in Self Defense."

The story described the murder of one Ivor Christensen on board a schooner in the harbor of Guadeloupe, French West Indies, announcing that his assailant had been acquitted.

"I know that Ivor Christensen," mused the Desk Man, reflectively. "It seems to me——" and he turned to his honey-combed section of letter boxes. "Christensen" he repeated over and over to himself, and a few minutes later he returned with a letter postmarked "Karlshomme, Sverige," received at the Institute in November. On the back was written "Alfs Frau Maire Christensen," the dead man's mother.

And that afternoon it was the sorrowfully difficult task of the Man-Who-Gives-Advice to write to Marie Christensen, informing her of Ivor's fate.

Recent Subscriptions

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Mrs. B. H. Buckingham..... | \$500.00 |
| Marinus W. Dominick..... | 500.00 |
| Mrs. James May Duane..... | 500.00 |
| Mrs. Ogden Goelet..... | 100.00 |
| Herbert D. Robbins..... | 200.00 |
| E. T. Merriek..... | 5.00 |
| Miss C. Emanuel..... | 2.00 |

Children Dance for Seamen

Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Charles Marshall about thirty children (girls and boys between ten and fourteen years of age) from the Home for the Relief of the Destitute Children of Seamen on Staten Island, gave an entertainment in the auditorium on the evening of February 6th. So interesting and unique was the programme which the youngsters gave that it follows. **Songs**

Over the Summer Sea

Lullaby: Sleep, my Baby, Sleep

The Shepherd's Song.....Godard

Last Night the Nightingale Woke me

Dances H. Kjerulf

Six-hand Reel.....Irish Jig

Frykdal PolkskaSwedish

Sailors' HornpipeEnglish

TarantellaItalian

Dressed in white and thoroughly imbued with the rhythmic spirit of their songs and dances, the children gave a performance which aroused the greatest possible enthusiasm. Seamen like children and when, as it occasionally happens, they come here to entertain them, the appreciation is intense.

Supplementing the young people's programme were moving pictures, a magician, and popular songs thrown on the screen and sung by all the men. Miss Harriet Fumade gave several very successful stories in negro dialect, including a sermon delivered by a darky preacher. Miss Fumade also warbled imitations of the birds in the Southland, a novelty which surprised and delighted the sailors enormously.

Chocolate and cakes were provided by Mrs. Marshall for the canal boat mothers and their children who sat in the balcony, and for the young dancers and singers.

A Vowel Sound

Hans regarded the attractively heaped plate of his Lunch Counter neighbor with an envy which was alleviated slightly by the agreeably jingling silver in his pocket.

"I woud thank you," he called to the waiter, "if you vill tell me what is that meat he eats. Maybe I woud vish some."

The waiter glanced at the rapidly disappearing viand.

"Oh, that's veal," he told Hans, hastening on to another customer.

"Vale!" echoed Hans in surprise, "Oh, meat from one of de big fishes, eh?"

Music and Drama

Feb. 3. Lecture—"Lumbering in the United States." Illustrated.

Feb. 6. Entertainment given by Children of the Home for Destitute Children of Seamen. A Magician. Moving Pictures.

Feb. 10. Lecture—"Rice Cultivation in Burmah." Illustrated.

Feb. 12. Entertainment Vaudeville, Moving Pictures. Popular Songs.

Feb. 17. Lecture—"Kimberley and the Diamond Fields of South Africa."

Feb. 24. Lecture—"From Felt to Welt or the Making of a Shoe." Illustrated.

Feb. 25. Entertainment given by the Seamen's Benefit Society, including songs, dances, fencing, etc.

Feb. 26. Entertainment by the Evander Child's High School Glee Club. Musical Programme throughout.

Room 1208 Taken

Staff bed-room No. 1208 on the twelfth floor has been made the gift of Mrs. Ogden Goelet. This leaves only 1205 still to be reserved.

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\$150,000 By May First!

That does not sound like a large amount, contrasting it with the million dollars (and more) which Stevens Institute raised in January, and truly it is not a large debt. Optimists (and other persons desirous of exhilarating the spirits of Building Committee members), constantly refer to organizations which have raised \$60,000 in a week. They usually end by saying,

"Why, you ought to have no trouble in getting that."

It reminds one very much of the ancient story of the man whose lawyer, visiting him outside his thickly barred cell, kept saying,

"Why, they can't keep you in jail."

But, as the client ungratefully pointed out, they **were** keeping him there.

Equally, our \$150,000 is not raised as the LOOKOUT goes to press, but if the efforts of the Board of Managers and of the Building Committee, concentrated during the next six weeks, can be anticipated, the debt will be wiped out on May 1st. Hackneyed though it is, that phrase "wipe out the debt" is

peculiarly expressive. There is such a thoroughly satisfactory ring to it: it conveys such a pleasant picture of erasure, of the annihilation of a disagreeable fact.

As the LOOKOUT inside cover explained two months ago, there are two contingent subscriptions of \$50,000 each depending upon the raising of the entire amount. This means that we have really been paying interest on \$250,000 and \$12,500 a year interest is a distressing waste. As soon as the Building Fund is eliminated, the Institute can devote itself unhampered to the extension of its constantly demanding departments.

No practical person will deny that a debt with such an attending interest is a strong handicap to work of a character which should have every possible encouragement and sympathetic assistance. No LOOKOUT reader will disparage the importance, the humanity and the intelligent helpfulness of the Institute attitude. If this magazine has seemed to publish an unusual number of small taken-from-life sketches, it was only to bring the sailor nearer to all of you: it was to make you realize him as a person, a man whose existence has always had unique disadvantages. If one single LOOKOUT reader has ever obtained a fuller knowledge of the sailor, a larger belief in this Institute's Club—Y. M. C. A.—Chapel method of giving seamen something they need, the little magazine's monthly appearances have been worth making.

And certainly, if this be true, those of you who wish to help, will remember that we really ought, as the optimists assure us, to raise that \$150,000 by May 1st. It can be done if enough people think so.

44 Chapel Chairs (\$5.00)

There are now only 44 Chapel Chairs which can still be presented as separate gifts to the new Chapel.

Five dollars will pay for one of these chairs and a small bronze plate will be affixed to the back, reading "Presented by——."

Gifts or Memorials

The following list contains suggestions for persons wishing to make gifts or to contribute certain amounts as memorials in this new building.

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| Baggage Department | \$2,000 |
| Soda Fountain | \$1,500 |
| Laundry | \$1,500 |
| Class Room | \$1,500 |
| Motion Picture Machine | \$700 |
| Chapel Chairs | \$5.00 |
| Ice Cream Maker | \$500 |
| Incinerator | \$450 |
| 1 Staff Room | \$250 |

An Institute Diary

February began with Monday, ended with Sunday, and included exactly four calendar weeks. Therefore it offers a singularly good opportunity to condense a month's work into diary form, showing both the Institute routine and the work done for our seafaring wards.

Monday: Bible class of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. Red Cross Society lecture on "first aid to the injured" (122 seamen registered). Making of mats, to give employment to destitute seamen, in progress.

Tuesday: Noonday entertainment, music and lecture (provided by Mr. Gerard Beekman.) Industrial relief for destitute seamen in progress. First Aid lecture by Red Cross surgeon.

Wednesday: Board of Education lecture illustrated by stereoptican and moving pictures. Scandinavian service in Chapel (attended by 201 seamen in February). Mat-making, employing out-of-work seamen (395 individuals have been given a week's work, each, in this department.) Red Cross lecture on First Aid.

Thursday: Services in Lettish and Spanish in the Chapel (attendance 135 and 164 seamen, respectively). Red Cross lecture. Mat-making work continuing with increased forces. Party for Apprentice lads in their special room.

Friday: Vaudeville performance, "sing-song" and moving picture entertainment in the auditorium. Service in German in the Chapel (attendance during February, 285 seamen). Red Cross lecture. Mat-making to care for some of the seamen unable to secure immediate employment.

Saturday: Red cross lecture. These have been given daily for four weeks, being attended by over 543 seamen in this time. Mats are being sold daily to visitors and LOOKOUT readers.

Sunday: English services, morning and evening, attended by 937 seamen during February. Tea for future commanders and engineers of merchant ships in the Apprentices' room. Sunday school for children of families who live on board the canal boats and barges.

And throughout all the week the missionaries are busy with their outside work, visiting ships, cheering and giving material aid to ill seamen in hospital, conducting services in the various boarding houses which are frequented by seafaring men. Also the shipping department and its right hand, the "J.

Hooker Hamersley," are busy furnishing employment for seamen. Work was provided for 507 men by this branch of the Institute's work during February. Moreover, the Savings Department took in and safeguarded \$12,989.06 of seamen's wages, transmitting \$3,157.60 of it to their families.

A Tradition and Superstition of the Navy

By G. W. Baird, Rear Admiral,
U. S. N. (Retired)

While cruising on the west coast of Africa in 1866, in a gunboat, the writer observed the ship's artist unusually busy pricking his India ink pictures on the arms of the sailors. These artists were then common in the service, and drove quite a profitable trade. One of the favorite figures was a crucifix, and it was a curious fact that Protestants, Jews and Roman Catholics alike were using it.

I asked one of the men, a Protestant, why he had selected that particular figure and he replied that he had two reasons: first, because the artist had repeated that design so often he could make a handsomer job of it, and secondly, because it was reported that it would insure the wearer a Christian burial.

This tradition had its origin many years ago on the coast of Africa where we were then cruising, a region the men all dreaded because of the African fever which had been so fatal to sailors on that coast.

An agreement was entered into between the United States, England and France, in 1842, to keep at least one ship on that Coast, to intercept the slave traders and break up that most inhuman traffic.

The ships, which were at that time

all sailing ships, made periodical runs out to the Island of Porto Praya (one of the Cape de Verd groupe, owned by the Portuguese,) to replenish the water and food supply and, in the trade winds, to clean the ship and give the men time to recuperate.

The moment a case of African fever was discovered in the crew, the ship sailed out to the Island where pure air, better food and hospital attendance were available. Deaths occurred not infrequently and the deceased were sometimes buried at sea. A burial at sea is a solemn, almost gruesome sight, and while very little is ever said about it, there is a great antipathy to it. It can make no difference to the dead sailor where he is buried, but the sick man prefers that his body be buried according to the custom of his family, where they may visit and mark his last resting place.

It was, therefore, natural that the men preferred to be buried in a cemetery rather than at sea, but at Porto Praya, the priests forbade interment in their cemetery of any body not of their religion. They would suffer the French to bury there without question but neither the English nor Americans were permitted, unless the deceased were Roman Catholic. This accounted largely for the number of crucifixes tattooed upon the arms of the sailors.

We are very glad to publish a little account, written especially for the LOOKOUT by a retired naval officer, of an interesting superstition which exists among seamen. In the letter which accompanied the article, Rear Admiral Baird says that he really has not found seamen any more superstitious than other men, general belief to the contrary.

Jim on the Defensive

Just the other day one of the dormitory attendants was telling the editor of the eagerness with which the seamen sought soap and towels and the shower baths, when their tightly clutched fifteen cents had been relinquished in exchange for a dormitory bed.

"It's all nonsense about seamen not wanting to be clean," he protested, "if they only had better accommodations in the fore-castle they'd be just as immaculate as any particular landsman."

And then the very next day Jim came to the dormitory. He'd been spending a lot of time in furnace rooms or tucked in dark, dirty corners of covered docks and kindred half-warm but wholly unpleasant couches. The attendant remonstrated with Jim about sleeping in all his clothes and he spoke with pained firmness about the bad form of lying on top of the counterpane in one's boots. He went for the towel and soap which were Jim's and pointed out a vacant shower, but Jim quite unexpectedly asserted himself.

"I ain't goin' to take no bath. I come here for a night's lodging. I don't wash myself to please no one," he said defensively.

There was restrained reproach in the attendant's well-worded argument, but Jim was unmoved, and five minutes later he left the dormitory and the clean little blue and white counterpane bed. He wore the slightly martyred air of one who defends his principles at great personal inconvenience.

A National Limit

Pursuing a careful course from the Game Room where "Tipperary" was being played with all the enthusiasm that a one fingered execution could in-

duce, Sandy arrived at the Chapel door which opens into the main Lobby. He stood there, debating the desirability of exchanging "Tipperary" for hymns, when the Scandinavian missionary approached him.

"Won't you go in to the service?" he asked Sandy pleasantly.

Sandy shifted his weight rather uneasily and then inquired:

"Is the sarvice bein' carried on in English?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Ljunggren, "I am sure you would enjoy it."

"Oh no," and Sandy shook his head sorrowfully, "I canna go then, for I'm Scotch!"

"Sentinel" Re-Christened

After all her years of honorable service, bearing a name which made her unconsciously carry her small smoke-stacks a bit more erect, the "Sentinel" has now changed hands and with the change has come the new name. She is now called the "John F. Dunphy."

Mr. Dunphy, and this is the gently ironical touch, is a shipping master and one of the Institute's rivals. His occupation could be amiably referred to as sailor-baiting, which makes the little boat's new name cause a doubly satirical smile.

From The Canal Boats

Three children, two boys and a girl between four years and thirteen, coming from the canal boats that lie at the South Street piers, were baptized during the evening service on February 28th, by the Rev. A. R. Mansfield. The little girl, who is thirteen, has been a regular attendant at the Chapel services, and desires to be confirmed.

The Adjustment of Meuhr-Meuhr

Meuhr-Meuhr came from India in a British ship. So far he speaks no English, and the workers in the Institute do not know whether he was robbed, or simply disbursed his pay-day in the ordinary course of events. At any rate, he was destitute, and he indicated by signs that he needed relief.

He was sent up to the industrial relief department to work making mats, but since it was necessary for him to use both hands at the same job, he balked. Then someone remembered that there is a caste in India whose members are forbidden by the traditions of unnumbered centuries to let one hand know what the other hand is doing, so the Hindoo was sent to another department where a thorough house-cleaning was in progress. Here again he balked, because his caste is forbidden to scrub inanimate objects with water!

Although this is not a common experience in the Institute, the case of shining-eyed Meuhr-Meuhr is fairly representative of some of the black superstitions with which practical seagoing Christianity has to contend, and which will continue to be a distinct handicap to many otherwise good sailor men until they are shown its utter absurdity by long contact with enlightened and progressive Christian people.

Luckily, Meuhr-Meuhr has intuition and he is gradually learning to adapt himself to alien customs.

Shipping Department Month Ending February 28, 1915

| Vessel | Men | Destination |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| S.S. Brilliant | 1 | ..Tampico, Mexico |
| S.S. Moorish Prince | 3 | ..La Pallice, France |
| S.S. Verdi | 21 |Buenos Ayres, Argentine |
| S.S. Mexicano | 1 | ..Tampico, Mexico |
| S.S. Vestris | 70 | Europe via Halifax |
| S.S. Brabant | 1 | ..Tampico, Mexico |
| S.S. K. M. Watt | 1 | ..Bridgeport, Conn. |
| S.S. Parisian | 1 | ..New Orleans, La. |
| S.S. Mundale | 3 | ...Matanzas, Cuba |
| S.S. Stephen | 32 | ..Brazil via Norfolk |
| S.S. York Castle | 3 |Cape Town, So. Africa |
| S.S. Santa Anna | 1 |Cuba |
| S.S. Afghan Prince | 9 |Cape Town, So. Africa |
| S.S. Highland | | |
| Heather | 29 |Havre, France |
| S.S. Asiatic Prince | 17 | Pernambuco, Brazil |
| S.S. Welsh Prince | 16 | ..La Pallice, France |
| S.S. Canning | 8 | Manchester, England |
| S.S. Tennyson | 15 |Buenos Ayres, Argentine |
| S.S. Gregory | 25 |Para, Brazil |
| S.S. Star of India | 4 | Australia via Colon |
| S.S. San Juan | 2 | ..Porto Rico, W. I. |
| S.S. Justin | 32 |Liverpool via Norfolk |
| S.S. Dunstan | 1 |Para, Brazil |
| S.S. Dryden | 4 | Manchester, England |
| Yacht Owera | 8 | Cruising |
| Tug Kempland | 2 | ..New York Harbor |
| Tug Tormentor | 1 |Baltimore, Md. |
| Sch. "Henrietta" | 2 | New Rochelle, N.Y. |
| Sch. "S. A. Carpenter" | 2 | ...Rockland, N. Y. |
| U. S. S. Mohawk | 8 | ..U. S. Coast Guard Service |
| U. S. Hospital Ship "Solace" | 1 | |
| Cornfield Light Vessel | 1 | ..Light House Dept. |
| Light Vessel No. 51 | 1 | ..Light House Dept. |
| Ram Island Reef Light Vessel | 1 | ..Light House Dept. |
| Barge "Quckahoe" | 1 | Norfolk, Va. |
| Trawler "Long Island" | 4 |Fishing Banks |
| Men given temporary employment | 175 | In Port |
| Total | | ..507 |

Founders and Benefactors

Contributing the sum of \$5,000 or more entitles one to be known as a "Founder." Contributing the sum of \$1,000 or more (but less than \$5,000), entitles one to be known as a "Benefactor." The names of the Founders and Benefactors will be inscribed upon large bronze tablets to be placed in the main entrance hall of the new Institute.

LIST OF FOUNDERS

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| J. Pierpont Morgan..... | \$100,000.00 |
| Ferris S. Thompson..... | 100,000.00 |
| Robert B. Minturn Foundation... | 62,500.00 |
| John D. Rockefeller..... | 50,000.00 |
| Henry C. Frick..... | 30,000.00 |
| Frederick W. Vanderbilt..... | 20,000.00 |
| William A. Du Bois..... | 18,330.00 |
| Miss Cornelia Prime..... | 16,460.00 |
| Mrs. William Douglas Sloane... | 15,000.00 |
| William Douglas Sloane..... | 15,000.00 |
| Edward S. Harkness..... | 15,000.00 |
| Charles W. Harkness..... | 15,000.00 |
| Mrs. E. Henry Harriman..... | 15,000.00 |
| Miss Katharine Du Bois..... | 13,030.00 |
| Lispenard Stewart..... | 11,000.00 |
| Andrew Carnegie..... | 10,000.00 |
| James Stillman..... | 10,000.00 |
| William K. Vanderbilt..... | 10,000.00 |
| Alfred G. Vanderbilt..... | 10,000.00 |
| Edmund L. Baylies..... | 10,000.00 |
| Mrs. Nathalie E. Baylies..... | 10,000.00 |
| Mrs. Walter C. Baylies..... | 10,000.00 |
| Frederick G. Bourne..... | 10,000.00 |
| Arthur Curtiss James..... | 10,000.00 |
| Mrs. H. McK. Twombly..... | 10,000.00 |
| Thomas Potts..... | 6,860.00 |
| Mrs. Richard T. Auchmuty..... | 6,750.00 |
| Robert S. Brewster..... | 6,000.00 |
| Augustus D. Juilliard..... | 6,000.00 |
| Jacob H. Schiff..... | 5,600.00 |
| Harris C. Fahnestock..... | 5,100.00 |
| George F. Baker..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. Edward N. Breitung..... | 5,000.00 |
| Cleveland H. Dodge..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. William E. Dodge..... | 5,000.00 |
| D. Willis James..... | 5,000.00 |
| James N. Jarvie..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. Morris K. Jesup..... | 5,000.00 |
| Ogden Mills..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. Whitelaw Reid..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. Wm. Van Rensselaer Smith..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. Frederick F. Thompson..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mortimer L. Schiff..... | 5,000.00 |
| Robert E. Tod..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. Joseph M. White..... | 5,000.00 |
| Mrs. E. Walpole Warren..... | } 5,000.00 |
| Wheaton B. Kunhardt..... | |
| Henry R. Kunhardt..... | |

LIST OF BENEFACTORS

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| Mrs. John E. Alexandre..... | \$3,500.00 |
| William L. Harkness..... | 3,500.00 |
| Mrs. Samuel Lawrence..... | 3,300.00 |
| William G. Low..... | 3,000.00 |
| James May Duane..... | 2,500.00 |
| George J. Gould..... | 2,500.00 |
| M. Guggenheim's Sons..... | 2,500.00 |
| Francis Lynde Stetson..... | 2,500.00 |
| Allison V. Armour..... | 2,000.00 |
| Barber & Co., Inc..... | 2,000.00 |
| George S. Bowdoin..... | 2,000.00 |

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| Mrs. B. H. Buckingham..... | 2,000.00 |
| Funch, Edye & Co..... | 2,000.00 |
| Henry Lewis Morris..... | 2,000.00 |
| Percy R. Pyne..... | 2,000.00 |
| In Memory of Philip Ruprecht.... | 2,000.00 |
| Gerard Beekman..... | 2,000.00 |
| James A. Scrymser..... | 2,000.00 |
| Seamen's Benefit Society..... | 2,000.00 |
| Henry A. C. Taylor..... | 2,000.00 |
| Mrs. Anna Woerishoffer..... | 2,000.00 |
| John E. Berwind..... | 1,500.00 |
| James W. Cromwell..... | 1,500.00 |
| Miss Ethel Du Bois..... | 1,500.00 |
| Samuel Thorne..... | 1,500.00 |
| Mrs. Francis C. Lowell..... | 1,400.00 |
| James Douglas..... | 1,250.00 |
| In memory of Stuart F. Randolph.. | 1,250.00 |
| F. Augustus Schermerhorn..... | 1,100.00 |
| Mrs. William Alanson Abbe..... | 1,000.00 |
| In memory of Mary D. Bacon..... | 1,000.00 |
| Walter C. Baylies..... | 1,000.00 |
| Edward J. Berwind..... | 1,000.00 |
| C. K. G. Billings..... | 1,000.00 |
| Matthew C. D. Borden..... | 1,000.00 |
| Bowring & Company..... | 1,000.00 |
| Frederick F. Brewster..... | 1,000.00 |
| C. Ledyard Blair..... | 1,000.00 |
| William P. Clyde..... | 1,000.00 |
| Crossman & Snelcken..... | 1,000.00 |
| R. Fulton Cutting..... | 1,000.00 |
| W. Bayard Cutting..... | 1,000.00 |
| Marshall Field..... | 1,000.00 |
| Edward H. Harriman..... | 1,000.00 |
| Charles Hayden..... | 1,000.00 |
| George A. Hearn..... | 1,000.00 |
| August Heckscher..... | 1,000.00 |
| Francis L. Hine..... | 1,000.00 |
| Johnson & Higgins..... | 1,000.00 |
| Henry L. Hobart..... | 1,000.00 |
| Anson W. Hard..... | 1,000.00 |
| Mrs. H. G. Julian..... | 1,000.00 |
| Otto H. Kahn..... | 1,000.00 |
| George Gordon King..... | 1,000.00 |
| Charles Lanier..... | 1,000.00 |
| Lazard Freres..... | 1,000.00 |
| Sir Thomas Lipton..... | 1,000.00 |
| George G. Mason..... | 1,000.00 |
| Charles W. McCutcheon..... | 1,000.00 |
| John A. McKim..... | 1,000.00 |
| Levi P. Morton..... | 1,000.00 |
| Wilhelmus Mynderse..... | 1,000.00 |
| Mrs. Edwin Parsons..... | 1,000.00 |
| William Ross Proctor..... | 1,000.00 |
| William A. Read..... | 1,000.00 |
| John J. Riker..... | 1,000.00 |
| Henry Seligman..... | 1,000.00 |
| Simpson, Spence & Young..... | 1,000.00 |
| Isaac Seligman..... | 1,000.00 |
| Mortimer M. Singer..... | 1,000.00 |
| Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes..... | 1,000.00 |
| Mrs. Russell Sage..... | 1,000.00 |
| Ormond G. Smith..... | 1,000.00 |
| Henry M. Tilford..... | 1,000.00 |
| Mrs. Vanderbilt..... | 1,000.00 |
| Col. Robert M. Thompson..... | 1,000.00 |
| Edward H. Van Ingen..... | 1,000.00 |
| Felix M. Warburg..... | 1,000.00 |
| George Peabody Wetmore..... | 1,000.00 |
| Mrs. George Peabody Wetmore.... | 1,000.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Francis M. Whitehouse | 1,000.00 |

Donations Received During the Month of February 1915.

Reading matter, comfort bags, knitted articles, clothing and entertainments; toys for Canal Boat children, jelly, candy etc. for Apprentice Lads and flowers were received from the following persons:

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| Adams, Miss M. E. | Maguire, Miss Elizabeth H. |
| Babcock, The Misses | Mansfield, Mrs. A. R. |
| Barlow, Trevor M. | Merced, Mrs. N. |
| Barry, James | Moehring, Mrs. Wm. G. |
| Behar, N. | Montgomery, Miss B. |
| Berger, Miss A. M. | Mowe, Mrs. W. R. |
| Bowring, Chas. W. | Nelson, Miss V. |
| Brooks, Mrs. C. H. | Ogden, Mrs. L. N. |
| Burrall, Miss Elizabeth M. | Palmer, Frank |
| Card, James A. | Palmer, Mrs. H. |
| Carlisle, Mrs. R. B. | Parsons, Mrs. |
| Carpenter, Mrs. James E. | Pattison, Chas. E. |
| Children from the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children of Seamen | Philadelphia Tract Society. |
| C. P. C. All Angels, New York | Pitt, Fred |
| C. P. C. Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, N. Y. | Potts, Mrs. Chas. E. |
| C. P. C. Grace Church, Orange, N. J. | Public School No. 134, New York |
| C. P. C. St. Agnes Chapel, New York | Quackenbush, Mrs. |
| C. P. C. St. John's Church, Far Rockaway, L. I. | Randolph, Miss Edith |
| C. P. C. St. Luke's Church, Montclair, N. J. | Ridgway Co., New York |
| Colt, Francis S. | Riker, Norman |
| Comstock, Mrs. Robert | Ritchie, Mrs. Andrew |
| Dows, Henry A. | Roberts, Miss Edith |
| Drew, Mrs. C. D. | Robertson, Wm. A. |
| Eggleston, Howard | St. Elizabeth's Society, Christ Church, New Brighton, S. I. |
| Eshleman, Miss | St. Paul's M. E. Church, New York |
| Evander Children's High School Glee Club | Sanford, Edmund C. |
| Fonda, Mrs. J. A. | Schwab, August |
| Fox, Mrs. H. F. | Seamen's Benefit Society |
| Girls Friendly Society Church of the Redeemer, Astoria, L. I. | Senney, Mrs. L. A. |
| Girls Friendly Society St. George's Church, New York | Sieber, Jack A. |
| Granfield, Mrs. Horace | Simmons, Mrs. J. F. |
| Green, G. S., Jr. | Simpson, Miss Helen L. H. |
| Grant, Robert T. | Sister Emma |
| Hall, Mrs. Geo. L. | Skeel, Mrs. F. D. |
| Haladay, Mr. | Skilline, Mrs. G. H. |
| Hand, Mrs. Augustus N. | Southwick, Mrs. J. C. |
| Hathway, Mrs. Chas. F. | Tailer, Edward N. |
| Hender, Mrs. S. J. | Taylor, Miss M. H. |
| Hermitage Stock Farm, Centreville, Md. | Terry, Mrs. I. V. |
| Hess, Mrs. Mary | Tredwell, E. A. |
| Hospital Book and Newspaper Society, N. Y. | Udall, Miss Mary Strong |
| Jarrett, Mrs. E. P. | Usher, Miss Irene F. |
| Jenkins, Mrs. J. C. | Watson, Mrs. M. E. |
| Judge, J. H. | Williamson, The Misses |
| Junior Auxiliary St. George's Chapel, Flushing, N. Y. | Women's Auxiliary Church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck, N. Y. |
| Le Boutillier, Miss M. | CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RELIEF WORK |
| Leeb, Mrs. A. | For Destitute German Seamen.....\$53.00 |
| Leverich, Mrs. Edward D. | Larson, Miss Emma C., Coffee & Bun Fund North River Station..... 25.00 |
| Leverich, Miss Margaret D. | Potter, Mrs. R., Industrial Relief De- partment 5.00 |
| Lindabury, Mrs. R. V. | Roberts, Miss Edith, express charge on magazines40 |
| Lloyd, Carl | White, Rev. Eliot, Industrial Relief Department 5.00 |
| MacDonald, Miss H. M. | ANONYMOUS DONATIONS 9 |
| McPherson, J. J. W. | |

General Summary of Work

FEBRUARY 1915

Savings Department.

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| Feb. 1st. Cash on hand..... | \$33,421.28 |
| Deposits | 12,989.06 |
| | \$46,410.34 |
| Withdrawals (\$3,157.60 transmitted)..... | 12,140.27 |
| Mar. 1st. Cash Balance..... | \$34,270.07 |
| (Includes 26 Savings Bank Deposits in trust \$9,022.81) | |

Shipping Department.

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| Vessels supplied with men by Seamen's Church Institute | 36 |
| Men shipped | 332 |
| Men given temporary employment in Port | 175 |
| | 507 |
| Total (number of men).... | 507 |

Hotel Department.

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| Rooms and beds occupied..... | 13,265 |
| Lodgers employed through Shipping Department | 208 |

Post Office and Baggage Departments.

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| Letters received for seamen..... | 2509 |
| Aggregate pieces of dunnage checked | 1189 |

Relief Department.

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| Assisted | 1,208 |
| Men sent to Hospital..... | 26 |
| Visits to Hospitals..... | 34 |
| Visits to patients..... | 1,048 |
| Visits to vessels in Port..... | 406 |
| Men sent to Legal Aid Society..... | 2 |

Religious Department.

| | Services | Attendance | Seamen |
|---|----------|------------|--------|
| English | 13 | 1,155 | 937 |
| Scandinavian { Swedish .. | 9 | 205 | 201 |
| { Danish .. | | | |
| Spanish | 12 | 314 | 164 |
| Spanish services held in Boarding Houses | 18 | 263 | 206 |
| German | 4 | 285 | 283 |
| Lettish | 4 | 174 | 135 |
| | 60 | 2,396 | 1,926 |

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| Communion Services | 5 |
| Baptised | 3 |
| Funeral Services | 3 |
| St. Andrew's Brotherhood Bible Class Meetings | 3 |
| Attendance | 82 |
| Gerard Beekman Noon Day Talks..... | 4 |
| Attendance | 693 |

Social Department.

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| Entertainments | 11 |
| Attendance | (Seamen 2383)....2887 |
| "Sing Songs" | 8 |
| Attendance | (Seamen 918).... 975 |
| Packages reading matter given..... | 212 |
| Bibles, Gospels and Testaments given.. | 601 |
| Knitted articles and comfort bags given | 104 |
| Institute Tender "J. Hooker Hamersley." | |
| Trips made | 37 |
| Visits to vessels | 153 |
| Men transported | 277 |
| Pieces of dunnage transported..... | 381 |

BUILDING COMMITTEE

EDMUND L. BAYLIES, *Chairman*
54 Wall Street

HERBERT BARBER

CHARLES W. BOWRING

HENRY L. HOBART

BENJAMIN R. C. LOW

HENRY LEWIS MORRIS

JOHN S. ROGERS

J. FREDERIC TAMS

JOHN SEELY WARD

IRENE K. LANE, *Secretary*

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ROBERT S. BREWSTER

CLEVELAND H. DODGE

FRANCIS LYNDE STETSON

WM. DOUGLAS SLOANE

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