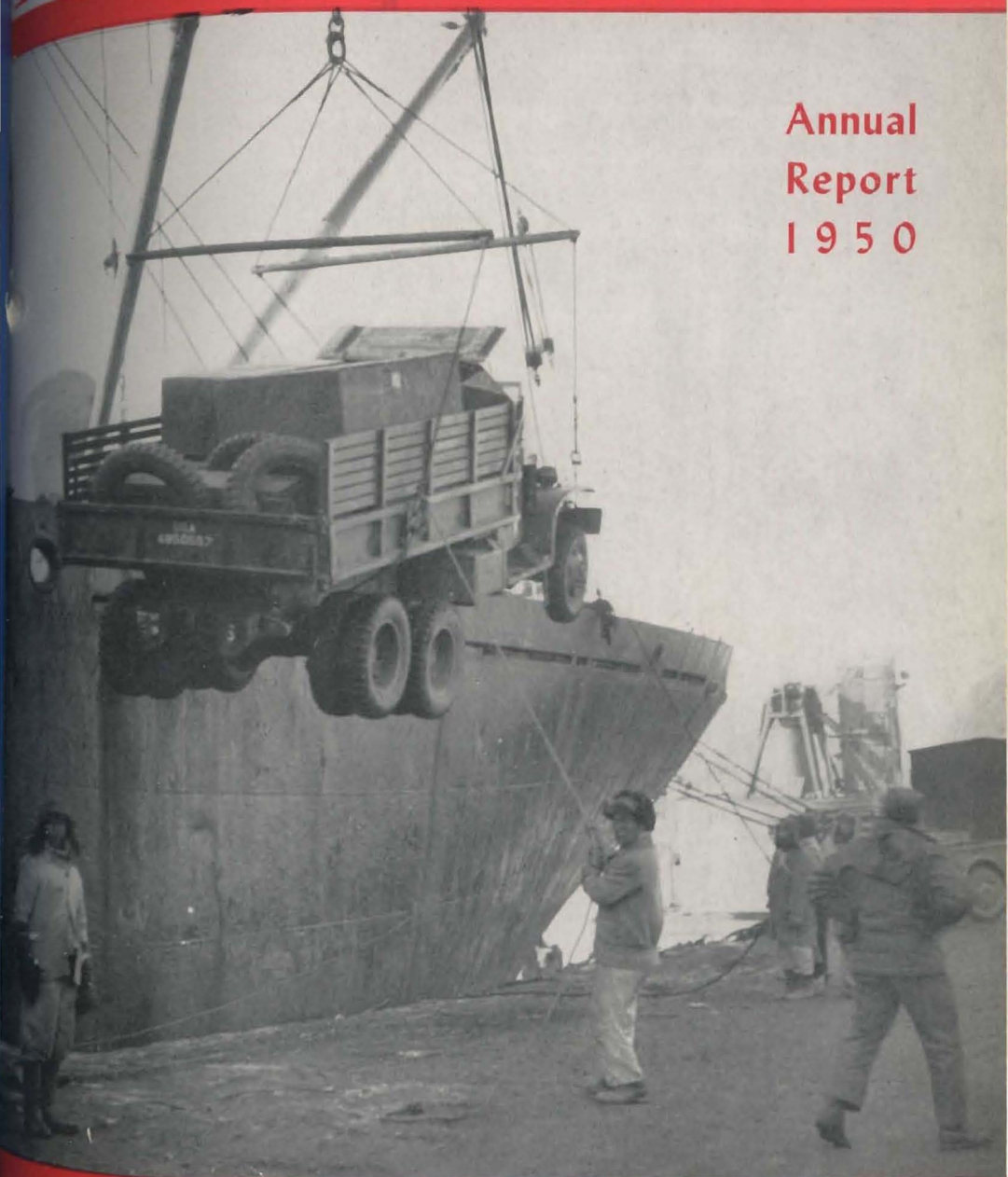


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## Sanctuary

Almighty and Eternal Lord God, whose compassion never faileth, we ask Thy Blessing upon the work of the Seamen's Church Institute, especially in this day of world confusion and crisis, as it ministers to the needs and wants of the men and women of the Merchant Marine.

Guide and direct us in all our endeavors and ever be with us in our deliberations. Raise up we pray Thee a never failing succession of benefactors.

Guard and protect the seamen who man our ships on the oceans of the world. May Thy presence ever be with them in all dangers and adversities, and guide them safely home.

We ask this in Thy most Holy Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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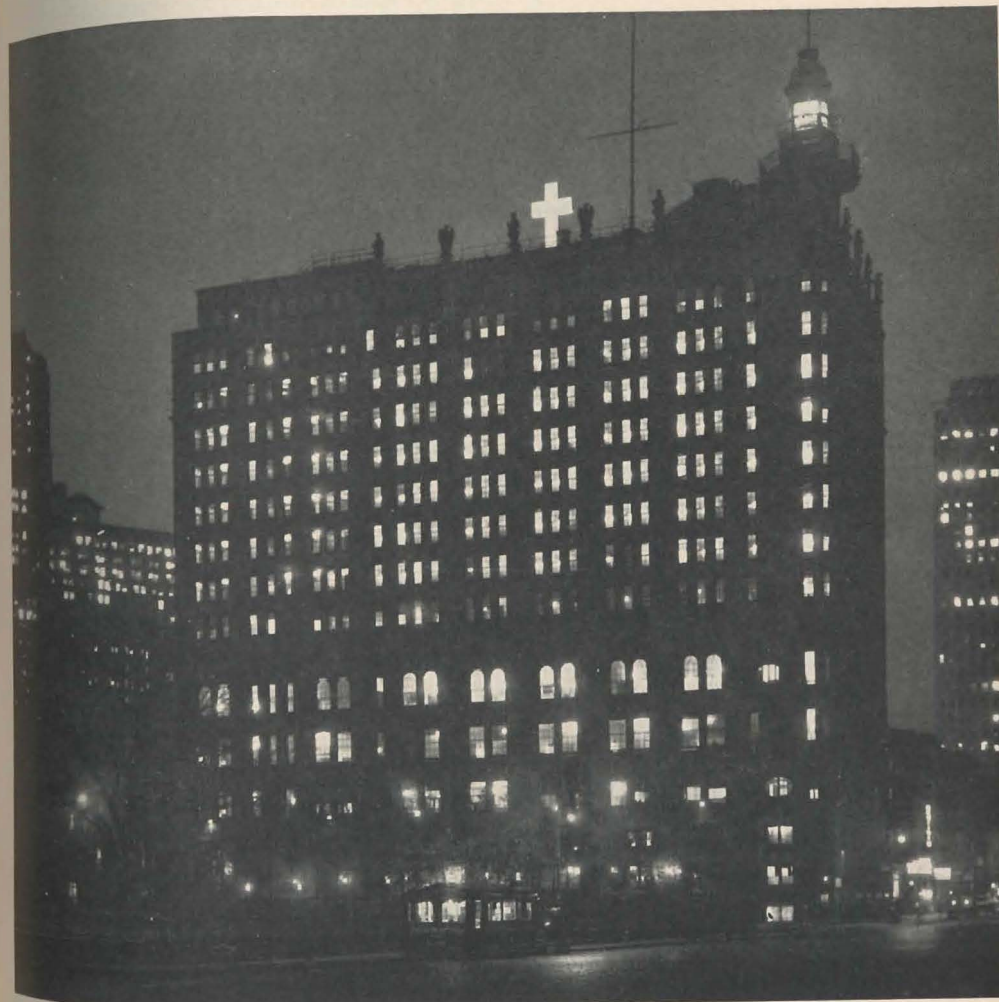
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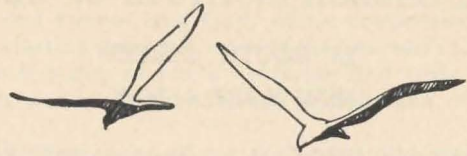
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THE YEAR 1950 IN REVIEW  
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## *Street of Ships--*

*South Street -- June, 1950*

Only a fitful breeze ruffles the amethyst river  
Deepening to indigo as it flows inexorably  
Under the Brooklyn Bridge. Arching steel  
Bright as tangerine curves across the vaulted blue.  
Cargo hoists swing idly over freighters' yawning holds,  
Seamen look longingly seaward and skyward  
And rotting piers bleach bone-white in the sun.  
Across the world a scarlet hand reaches  
Into a Korean city and South Street in Manhattan  
Comes quiveringly to life in the June sunshine.

Cargo vessels groan with the weight of armies' needs,  
The freighters' hatches are open, the booms and kingposts  
Are hoisting barrels of oil, bags of cement, boxes marked TNT.  
The crimson burgee flies.  
Again the longshoremen's sweat, the seamen's blood,  
The wives' and mothers' tears —  
South Street has gone to war,  
(Amphibious street of heartless departures—)  
And the old familiar pattern is repeated . . .

And level with the sound of seagulls are  
The struts of superhighways which will carry the hurried.

M.D.C.

## The Year 1950 In Review



OSS a pebble in a pond, and you watch the ever-widening circles it causes. So each act of kindness rendered by the Institute staff spreads the influence and helpfulness of this work in ever-widening circles far beyond the confines of the building at 25 South Street. In this Report we shall quote from letters received by the Board and staff to indicate how global in scope the Institute is, and how thousands of seafarers depend upon it.

### A New Challenge Every Day

The year 1951 challenged the ingenuity, resources and strength of the Institute staff who had to meet all manner of changing needs of seamen. The serious decline in American shipping, so noticeable during 1949, continued in 1950. The first six months were fraught with uncertainty in the entire shipping industry as appropriations for building new ships and operational subsidies were threatened.

In July, however, our country again faced a national emergency with the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. There was an upward surge in employment and many seamen who had waited six months for work were finally successful in shipping. As more vessels were taken from the laid-up fleet a healthier spirit and improved morale among seafarers became evident.

While shipping improved, the major share of the increased activity occurred on the West Coast, and many seamen spent their last dollars to reach the Pacific ports where they could obtain berths on board freighters or tankers or transports carrying supplies to the armed forces in Korea. This situation, in part, accounts for the fact that in the latter months of the year not as many men used the Institute facilities as in the pre-Korean

Seafarers  
come home  
to  
25 South  
Street.



months. Toward the end of the year shipping levelled off, and much now depends on the development of Far East military plans, as well as defense preparations in the European theatre. If the latter are increased, more ships will sail in the trans-Atlantic trade, and more seamen will make the Institute their home base.

Faced with the problem of producing a maximum of service with a smaller income, the Institute met this challenge as it adapted its program to changing conditions. Chaplains and social workers gave counsel and assistance, and every employee was dedicated to providing mental, moral, spiritual and physical services for merchant seamen irrespective of their nationality, creed or rating. Seamen low in funds and "on the beach" for long periods found at the Institute a home where their many needs were met.

## Religion in Action

The religious activities are under as able a group of chaplains as the Institute has had in many years. Their opportunities have never been greater, for with confusion in the minds of men as great as it is in the world, many seamen sought spiritual guidance or a restoration of their faith. They came to the chaplains with their home or family problems, not always complicated but of intense importance to each man. Through the wise and friendly counsel they received, they soon came to know the Institute as the only place seamen could turn for honest and spiritually sound advice.

There is probably no place in the metropolitan area where there are so many stories of human interest, to be carefully guarded in their telling or used as an experience to help others who may have similar problems.

## Religious Services for Seamen

In the Institute's beautiful chapel of Our Saviour daily services are held at noon with litanies and intercessory prayers; Holy Communion on Sundays and on Feast days of the Church; and daily communion at 9:30 A.M. during Advent and Lent for both seamen and staff. The Sunday evening service is enriched by the Institute's fine quartet accompanied by organ music.

Regular services were conducted in the chapels of marine hospitals at Staten Island, Ellis Island, Neponset and Sheepshead Bay. There was an attendance of 9,452 seamen at the religious services at the Institute and at U. S. Marine Hospitals. Occasional wedding, baptism and confirmation services were also held, and 22 funerals were conducted for men who had no

friends or families to honor their passing. The chaplains also make pastoral visits to hospitals through the New York area.

Our Director writes in his report to the Board: "Seamen are not looking just for physical security, but something more. They are looking for friendship. Our Chaplains are becoming better acquainted with the men. They go about the building continuously, and enjoy games and entertainment with them, and so find ways to bring the impact of the Church in action to these men of the sea."



The mother of a seaman on the "critical list" wrote:

"Your kindness and thoughtfulness in visiting my son when he was in the hospital will never be forgotten. God bless the Institute and its good work."

## Personal Service Bureau

Unemployment was a big problem in 1950, making it necessary for many seamen to seek home relief. Although distasteful to men accustomed to being self-supporting, it was the only solution.

This Bureau cooperated with the Welfare agencies to help provide the best solution for each individual's problems. In some instances where men would not benefit from Home Relief the Bureau aided in placing older men in Sailors' Snug Harbor. For example; from the Bureau's files:

"We had a very worthwhile seaman come to us who had been going to sea for 45 years. His larynx had been removed and he found it impossible to obtain employment aboard ship or anywhere else. We explained his case to Snug Harbor officials and we received word just before Christmas that he had been admitted. The seaman was overjoyed and when he gets established at the Harbor he is planning to continue with his hobby of painting."

This Bureau also received innumerable requests from foreign seamen for assistance with naturalization papers. New regulations now require these seamen to have legal entry into the United States before they can apply for first papers, and they must then wait five years before they can apply for final papers. This, of course, works hardship on many as they cannot now

obtain jobs on American ships if they are aliens and they must find some way to leave the country and return legally.

The foregoing phases of the Bureau's work are the most important as far as the time element is concerned, but all kinds of assistance and all manner of questions are also asked. For instance:

"The wife of a young seaman who sails for the Military Sea Transport Service, with a year-old child, had placed an application with the Housing Authorities for an apartment in one of the projects over a year ago. She was living in a tenement with no modern facilities. This Bureau arranged an appointment and the young mother was referred for immediate placement."

What a lift to the morale of the husband when his wife wrote the good news!

### Credit Bureau

This Bureau has been the mainstay of many worthy seamen during the shipping slump. When they apply for financial help here they can be sure of sympathy and understanding and help with the least possible amount of red tape. In this way they do not have to worry about a place to eat and sleep and can concentrate on securing work, and thus maintain their self-respect. Seamen are usually prompt about repaying these loans, and the latter part of the year (after the Far East crisis) found many mailing in their payments from far-off ports. A total of 3,968 loans were made. \$22,000 was expended in loans for which no interest was charged. The high percentage of repayments indicate the seamen's desire to be self-supporting.

### Registration Desk

The Registration Desk, aside from registering all men who apply for lodgings, checked valuables and luggage for seamen arriving at night when the Seamen's Funds Bureau and the Baggage Room were closed.

Of the 274,251 lodgings recorded for the year, 11,191 were provided on credit and 60,330 were 40 cent dormitory beds. These beds were made available to help seamen who were unable to get jobs, and many of them expressed their appreciation of the arrangement. The 40 cent dormitory was discontinued on September 18, due to changes in shipping conditions. Seamen prefer the private bedrooms and gladly pay for them when they are working.

The Institute limits its accommodations to *active* seamen in keeping with a set of established standards, and consequently

it must turn away many who do not qualify. In times when shipping is brisk, a man is considered active if he has discharge papers indicating that he has sailed within 90 days; as ships were tied up this period was extended to six months, and finally, with the serious shipping slump, his eligibility was stretched to nine months. This is an example of how changing conditions must be met.

Thus, seamen in prosperous periods, pay up to 75 per cent of the operating costs of the Institute, depending on their ability to get work, but at the present time it is not near that figure. Generous friends finance the welfare, religious, recreational and educational programs. Should shipping slump, the Institute must rely on increased voluntary gifts to maintain the work, since the income-producing departments no longer produce — through no fault of the seamen who are self-respecting and willingly pay when they have jobs.

A seaman's letter expresses how many of them feel:

"At last I have a ship again, and enclosed is a money order for what I owe, advanced through the Credit Bureau. The Institute is a friend — tried and true."

### Thrift in Action

The SHIP VISITING DIVISION and the SEAMEN'S FUNDS BUREAU cooperated in protecting seamen's wages from loss or robbery. The Bureau, distinctly not a bank, forwarded 7,840 seamen's earnings to banks specified. The Ship Visitors made 1,150 visits to ships, received wages for deposit, and made it possible for seamen to obtain Travellers' cheques and U. S. Saving Bonds.

The Ship Visitors meet the ships at the pay-offs of the crews. They take magazines, books, subway maps, calendars, wallets and literature describing the Institute so that newcomers may learn of the facilities available. This Ship Visiting service covers the entire waterfront, from Erie Basin to New Jersey. Institute Chaplains also make visits to ships, and, like the ship visitors, are welcomed by officers and crews.





## Employment Bureau

Reflecting shipping conditions, this Bureau obtained ship jobs for only 192 men from January 1st to July 1st, but from July 1st to December 31st (after the Korean crisis) it secured work on vessels for 504 men. However, it placed 2,061 in shore jobs, many of them temporary, in warehouses, factories, restaurants

and hotels. Whenever possible, seamen were given employment in the Institute as elevator operators, cafeteria workers, porters, etc. to help tide them over. The total, 2,757, showed a gain over the year 1949 when 2,176 were employed.

## Merchant Marine School

The School, approved by the Veterans' Administration and the State Education Department, continued to give courses in navigation, engineering, piloting, even though its faculty was reduced because of budget cuts. Two hundred and twenty-five students enrolled, and in addition the School sent study material to seamen in hospitals. As the war clouds grow darker, more inquiries are received, and the School is prepared to expand and can again train men in large numbers as it did during World War II. The training of officers and the upgrading of seamen are vitally important if a larger Merchant Marine is to be maintained.

## Keeping Seamen Fit

The Medical, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics are opened to seamen every day, and are kept extremely busy. Colds, respiratory infections, injuries, dressings, etc., receive care from the doctor on duty. Cases needing hospitalization are referred. One of the "vocational ills" of last year was sore feet, caused by constant walking in search of jobs.

The Dental Clinic was busier than ever. Many seamen had dentures or partial dentures made; fillings, inlays and crowns. Increasing numbers came for full mouth X-rays.

The Eye Clinic examined and prescribed glasses for many, and a number of seamen returned for glasses (old pairs donated, which are catalogued according to their lenses and thus ready for instant use when a man breaks his and has to ship out in a hurry). Many eye treatments were given, and foreign bodies removed from the eyes.

## Information Desk

The stars of "Information Please" might be stumped by some of the questions asked at this desk, but answers are usually found by the staff workers who take turns in manning this booth in the main lobby. Here seamen obtain directions as to facilities within the building and also advice on what to see and do in the city. Bus, plane and train information is given, as well as directions on how to reach the steamship piers. All this orientation saves strangers in the port much time and trouble.



## Entertainment

General entertainment was provided in the Berwind Memorial Auditorium, where three full-length moving pictures, in addition to comedies and short subjects, were shown each week. An average of 700 seamen attended each of these showings, as well as the special events such as vaudeville, operettas, concerts and athletics.

Total attendance for these movies, concerts, television and sports programs was over one hundred thousand. The atmosphere of good fellowship offered here helped men to fill their time pleasantly and constructively while waiting for ships. Furthermore, such a recreational program kept the seamen in the building, and away from entertainment of an unwholesome nature where they might be "rolled" of their wallets and possessions.

The large Game Room on the third floor averaged a daily attendance of 300 men who enjoyed playing pool, billiards, cards, quoits, or working jig-saw puzzles. The television attracted from 75 to 350 men, depending on the event being screened. The Bingo parties on Tuesday nights brought an average of 325 men.



## Janet Roper Club Rooms

Due to a cut in the budget the social activities of the SEAMEN'S LOUNGE were moved into the Janet Roper Club quarters so that this space now sees a great deal more activity.

The "galley" from which coffee and cookies are served each afternoon, was ably taken over by the seamen themselves when budget cuts eliminated paid workers. The men washed the dishes, served the coffee, and tackled other housekeeping chores with zest and humor. Aproned figures became a daily sight as they passed the trays to each table of bridge or canasta. Engineers or deckhands worked with chief stewards and everyone enjoyed participating.

Various women's groups brought special treats or homemade cakes, cookies and candy which the seamen especially appreciated. Two pianists entertained and helped the musically inclined seamen who looked to them for counsel.

During the past year many delightful programs were provided under the auspices of the Janet Roper Club by guest artists and entertainers who gave liberally of their time and talents. Every evening in the week had a specific program — a concert, lecture, play, quiz show, party, song fest, dance, operetta or discussion. Every entertainer who appeared at the Club stated that seamen were their best audience.

## The Missing Seamen's Bureau

This Bureau published a quarterly bulletin containing the names of approximately 400 seamen. It is circulated all over the world, to shipping commissioners' offices, Union Halls, Welfare Agencies, wherever seamen congregate. Last year 317 missing seamen were located. Here is how one man was found:

"Inquiries from the French government, and his mother in Paris, started a search for "Caesar" which terminated after four years of steady sleuthing. "Caesar's" father had died and left him executor of a large estate in France, but he had not been heard from since 1935. Recently the Bureau's mailing list was increased to reach the foreign legations and consulates. "Caesar" was surprised to come across his own name in the Institute's list of missing seamen in the Port au Prince legation, although he had not been to sea since 1935. He wrote identifying himself clearly and said that if friends or family were trying to contact him he would be glad to see them. He was immediately written the reason for his name being posted."

In many other ways the Bureau helps maintain family relationships which frequently suffer due to the nomadic nature of seafaring work. Seamen are encouraged to write to their families and make an occasional visit home to give them the feeling of belonging.

## Alcoholics Assistance Bureau

During the year 555 seamen made contact with the Bureau, most of them in person, a few by correspondence. The Thursday evening meetings brought gratifying attendance, as seamen listened to the talks by representatives of Alcoholics Anonymous, with whom the Institute's Bureau works closely. Among the many letters received from seamen who have taken the twelve steps outlined in the AA program and have returned to work, we quote just one:

"I am an alcoholic seaman with a record of 15 or more disastrous years of alcoholism. As I write, I am in my 24th month of continuous sobriety and in the 11th month of continuous service in my current job. For the first time I am able to work consistently and happily. Many other seamen have found the AA way of life, as I did, through contact with the Alcoholics Assistance Bureau at 25 South Street."

The Bureau's secretary visits hospitals where alcoholic seamen are patients, also prisons, and convalescent homes. Since the Bureau was started in April, 1945, nearly 2,000 seamen have applied for assistance with their problem of alcoholism; about half of them have kept up their contact with the Bureau, some to report improvement, others to acknowledge failure in conquering their difficulties.

## Club Rooms

Belgian, Dutch, Danish and Swedish Clubs (space donated by the Institute) continued to provide cheerful "homes away from home" for merchant seamen of these nationalities, at the same time offering them the lodging and recreational facilities of the entire building.

The Institute also gives space to the Alumni Association of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy whose Kings Point Club is the national headquarters for graduates of the Academy.

## Central Council of Associations

One of the outstanding features of the Council's work in 1950 was the magnificent cooperation of its membership — thousands of women volunteers in New York and all over the country. Through their knitting, gifts and service, they made thousands of seamen in hospitals and on board ship feel that someone cared about them.

From cities and towns in 38 states the Council received requests for knitting directions and wool. However, the 75 cent increase in the cost of wool per pound was a serious problem as many knitters were able to give time and labor but could not afford to buy their own wool. The Council had 2,225 knitters, and 7,780 knitted articles were distributed to seamen last year, some through the Institute's Slop Chest, some in the 2,860 Comfort Kits prepared by the Council, and the remainder included in Christmas Boxes.

The "Christmas Room" was an attractive place set up for assembling the articles to be included in the Christmas Boxes. Each donor gave \$3.00 for the contents, and 5,128 boxes were completed by December 15th. The boxes were distributed to many ships, to seamen in nine hospitals, to British Missions to Seamen, five Union Halls, and to every seaman in the Institute on Christmas Day.

Letters have literally poured in from all over the globe thanking the Institute and individual donors for making Christmas real. And many have told us that, if it weren't for the Institute, Christmas would have been just another day. Here is one received by a member of the Board of Managers:

"'Twas the nite before Christmas when I got off watch and found this surprise on my desk. The package was nicely wrapped and came from the Seamen's Church Institute of New York. In it was a cheerful Christmas card with your name and address on it.

"I extend you my heartiest thanks for the wonderful feeling I got in receiving this card, this package of gifts, the thoughts of your generous kindness. *This is my seventh consecutive Christmas at sea* and I dare say the most memorable. Things like this are priceless and greatly appreciated and are our America! I've done the same thing in foreign countries — and I'm sure they appreciated it as much as I did — and now I know how one on the receiving end feels — it feels grand.

"Thanks again and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours and God bless you."

## Commissary

Also in the true spirit of Christmas were the Holiday dinners served in the Institute's Dining Room to nearly 1,000 seamen by 43 volunteer hostesses. These turkey dinners with all the traditional "fixin's," as well as those on Thanksgiving are an annual event, made financially possible by generous gifts to the Holiday Fund.



The Commissary served 1,043,825 meals during 1950 in the Dining Room and Cafeteria. Special menus were provided to meet the requirements of the seamen so they could get proper nourishment within the amount of money given them through Home Relief or the Institute's Credit Bureau. The installation of a steam table and other equipment increased the efficiency of serving meats and vegetables during the rush hours, between five and seven P.M. Through careful management the commissary is still able to provide a bowl of oatmeal for 5c, a 10c bowl of soup and a 5c cup of coffee. "Snack" sandwiches at very low prices were especially appreciated by the seamen.

## Conrad Library

During the first half of the year when hundreds of seamen were "on the beach" the Library helped them to prepare for shore jobs as well as providing for recreational reading. However, with the start of the war in Korea, the Library had more and more requests for marine technical books as men became hopeful of shipping out again. These books were used for refresher courses and to study for examinations for raise of grade. New Marine books and recent editions of standard works were bought to meet these needs.

The Library distributed well over 100,000 books and magazines to outgoing ships, to hospitals, to club rooms and to individual seamen in all ports of the world. About 6,000 books were charged out to residents of the Institute, and the number of seamen readers in the Library totalled 44,672. Seamen are avid readers and the Library always needs more books and magazines.



## Book Bundles

The Library prepared bundles of books made up of 25 fiction and non-fiction books which are ready for instant distribution when requested by crews on board ships of all flags. These books are frequently passed on to other ships and often to hospitals and orphanages abroad. Ships going on long voyages or those shuttling Marshall Plan oil between Saudi Arabia and Europe were given these book-bundles.

One seaman wrote:

"The crew members of this ship wish to express their gratitude for the fine selection of books you sent us. Books not only relieve the monotony of a long trip but they also help to educate some of us who have not had the opportunity of formal education. We are now on a run in which we are fortunate if we have 24 hours shore leave in every two months, so the magazines you sent along with the books are helpful in keeping us informed of current events."

A Dutch Merchant Marine officer brought back four books which he had taken to sea for study. He said he had passed his examinations so well that he had been asked the name of his prep school, and he told them, "The Conrad Library."



## Book Donors

Many thoughtful friends continued to send books and magazine subscriptions; also Macmillan Co., publishers; the Church Periodical Club; Propeller Club and other organizations. The OMNIBOOK Magazine Company contributed 50,000 copies of their magazine (four different issues).

The Library keeps open every day of the year, including holidays. This comprehensive service is made possible by the cooperation of the staff and by the corps of loyal volunteers.

## The Artists and Writers Club

The Artists and Writers Club, and the Camera Club, founded by the Institute in 1945, continued to assist seamen writers, artists and photographers. Exhibits of seamen's paintings and drawings in the Janet Roper Club Gallery aroused public interest, and publication of articles, stories and poems in THE LOOKOUT gave encouragement to men with artistic and creative talents. Frequent contests, judged by prominent authors and artists, also focused interest on sales of paintings and handicrafts. These Clubs served a small group of seafarers but their influence extends far and wide. One chief mate wrote to the Club secretary:

"The Club has opened up a whole new world for me. Your work is known on many ships, and those of us who are proud to be members pass the word along whenever we meet a seaman who needs guidance in writing or painting."

## Behind the Scenes Services

In each Annual Report we have referred briefly to services in the building which are unspectacular but essential for the efficient operation of the Institute. One of these services — the Engine Room — merits "headlines" in this Report because of the highly dramatic work performed during the "Big Wind" of November 25th, when torrential rains and tides sent water cascading into the power plants. That day furnished a concrete example of what a handful of "old timers" could accomplish "under fire." With the boiler room under four feet of water, elevator shafts flooded, and the only exit to the outside world the Receiving Dept. driveway, the Institute was almost a Floating Chapel again.

Employees in the Engine Room worked valiantly all that day and through the night — some of them for as long as 36 consecutive hours — and by six o'clock Sunday morning one boiler was



fired. The Commissary Staff also worked heroically and served seamen in the Dining Room since the Cafeteria had to be closed.

Space does not allow us to give detailed reports on many of the services which help to keep things running smoothly at the Institute, and make it a complete shore community. These are the Accounting Bureau; Business Department;

the Barber and Tailor shops; the Laundry; the Newsstand; the Baggage Room which handled thousands of pieces of seamen's luggage, and an occasional bicycle or pet.

## Financial

The year 1950 was a great challenge financially, for lodging occupancy is the keystone on which the Institute's income rests, and this showed a considerable decrease due to the Korean situation, and many other factors. Thus the Institute was faced with the problem of continuing a maximum of service with a smaller income and a reduced staff. This obstacle was overcome, but only because of the watchful yet sympathetic eye of the Board of Managers and the loyalty of the staff, both of whom were continually mindful of the fundamental purpose of the Institute to serve seamen.

Our thanks, too, go to all those who generously supported our work through annual contributions, Spring and Fall Benefits, and other special appeals through the year, and to the specific Foundations which, among other things, helped carry on the work of our Marine School and Conrad Library. A very particular concern for 1951 is to obtain a grant to insure the continuance of our Clinic facilities (as the original grants from the John and Mary Markle Foundation will expire at the end of this year).

Voluntary gifts to the Chapel Fund have endowed memorial flowers on the altar for many Sundays, and 16 Red Letter Day gifts helped maintain the daily operation of the Institute. The Board of Managers greatly appreciates the generous contributions of all these friends, as well as those who remembered us in their wills. We refer readers to our Legacy form on the back cover of this Report. An adequate endowment fund is essential to carry on the vital work of this great institution.

## Looking to the Future

We wish it were possible to tell our friends from all parts of the country of the many different instances in which seamen have found answers to their problems at the Institute, and that they could visit us and see the Church "at work with its sleeves rolled up." For only by seeing the Institute in action can one fully appreciate the far-flung influence of the work done at 25 South Street. Where men gather from all corners of the world, it is only natural that they should take away with them some small part of what they find in this particular corner.

We cannot always tell what the future will bring. We are aware that subversive influences are still at work everywhere, and no less along the waterfront. But we are alert to these dangers and we are equipped with the strength to combat them. We have met emergencies before and we intend to continue to meet them with our greatest weapon, our faith and knowledge that Christianity works.

So in closing, we quote from the 1950 report of the President of the Board of Managers.

"It is with confidence that the year ahead is approached, although it may be difficult financially to see a way out, for burdens may be thrust upon the Institute which will tax its resources. But with a staff who are committed to serve seamen and who understand how this can best be done; with a Board of Managers who have exercised great vision in the past; and with the assistance of Him to Whom this work is dedicated through its very name, the year 1951 will be met and met successfully."

Encouraged by the loyalty and support of our contributors, we face the future with confidence.



## REPORT COMMITTEE

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# SUMMARY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE

## ON TRUST FUNDS

Year Ending December 31, 1950

### Summary of Assets

Bonds .....	\$ 108,136.46
Stocks .....	1,695,026.20
Mortgages .....	2,317.04
Cash on Deposit .....	92,612.17
	1,898,091.87

### Summary of Funds

A. Unrestricted Fund .....	\$1,028,577.01
B. Endowment General .....	419,740.34
C. Religious & Social Service .....	90,326.91
D. Social Service Relief .....	359,447.61
	1,898,091.87

### Details of Above Funds

A. UNRESTRICTED FUND: PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST AVAILABLE FOR THE GENERAL USE OF THE INSTITUTE .....	1,028,577.01
B. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, GENERAL, AND FUNDS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES:	
Anonymous .....	10,000.00
Mrs. S. R. Bartholomew, Pottsville, Pa. ....	500.00
Estate of Mary W. C. Bayard .....	5,000.00
Estate of Ellen W. Brown, in memory of her father, Captain David S. Babcock of the Clipper Ship, "Young America" .....	1,000.00
Mrs. B. P. Cole, Cleveland, Ohio .....	200.00
Gift from Miss Frances M. C. Cummings from the Estate of her father, Frederick A. Cummings, in memory of his father, Charles F. Cummings, and his grandfather, Thomas P. Cummings .....	100.00
Frances Goodhue de Peyster Fund .....	12,000.00
Estate of Amelia P. Dixon .....	300.00
Gift of Wilson Farrand, in memory of Mrs. Farrand .....	1,000.00
Hamilton Grant Endowment from the Estate of Marriam A. Grant in memory of her husband .....	3,335.01
Mabel West Haglund, in memory of her grandparents, Robert and Laura Green .....	5,000.00
Captain Radcliffe Hicks Fund .....	3,067.00
Henry Lee Hobart Memorial Fund .....	1,000.00
Helen F. Hubbard Fund .....	16,500.00
Estate of Annie C. Kane, in memory of Annie Schermerhorn Kane .....	1,000.00
Henry E. Kummel and Anna Titus Van Nostrand Fund .....	16,000.00
Estate of Sophia E. Lee .....	420.00
Estate of Annie E. Mahnken .....	1,900.00
Mrs. George H. Martin Memorial Fund .....	500.00
Nellie Keeling Mills in memory of her father, Samuel Miller Mills .....	4,931.78
Estate of John A. McKim .....	10,000.00
H. C. Munger Fund .....	8,609.81
Fanny Norris (Income to provide for Red Letter Day) in memory of her father, Joseph Norris .....	12,620.30
	\$ 114,983.90 \$1,028,577.01

	Carried forward	\$ 114,983.90	\$1,028,577.01
William Decatur Parsons, in memory of his father and mother, William H. Parsons & Anna Pine Decatur Parsons .....		10,000.00	
Alice M. Patten .....		22,050.74	
William D. Quackenbush, wife and daughter, Janet Rathbone Fund .....		500.00	
Kate S. Richardson .....		15,000.00	
Estate of Ellen N. Robie .....		50,000.00	
Estate of Edith St. L. Saunders, in memory of her father, Daniel Saunders .....		100.00	
Estate of Mary C. Scrymser .....		500.00	
The Frank Sullivan Smith Memorial Fund .....		11,690.00	
Charles H. Tissington .....		100,000.00	
Estate of Nathaniel L. McCready .....		100.00	
"C.A.R." Memorial (Income to be used for some needy object.) .....		1,000.00	
Frederick M. Dearborne Memorial .....		554.03	
Charles E. Potts (Income to be used for the maintenance of the rooms in the building now or any time hereafter maintained by the Institute known and designated as the Isabella Potts and Philip Ruprecht Room.) .....		28,238.30	
Charles E. Rhinelander (In memory of his wife, Matilda F. Rhinelander) .....		22,337.24	
Fund given by Colonel and Mrs. Arthur Frederic Schermerhorn (in memory of his father and mother, George Stevens Schermerhorn and Julia M. Gibert Schermerhorn), to be applied exclusively to the maintenance and lighting of the Cross surmounting the Institute Building, 25 South St., N. Y. City .....		26,317.29	
Estate of Blanche E. Waycott, to be known as the Waycott Memorial Fund .....		7,368.84	
		9,000.00	419,740.34

### C. RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE:

William Waldorf Astor Trust (Income to be applied to the support of a Missionary employed by the Society.) .....	53,768.41
Edmund Lincoln and Louisa Van Renssalaer Baylies Chapel Fund (Income to be applied to Chapel Expenses.) .....	4,000.00
Gerard Beekman (In memory of his brother James William Beekman, Income to be used to befriend the seamen who make use of the room dedicated to his brother.) .....	17,880.37
Chapel Flowers (Income to be used for Altar and Hospital Flowers.) .....	8,002.44
John Davenport (Income to be applied to the purchase of books for distribution among seamen.) .....	2,193.09
Roxy M. Smith (In memory of her husband, W. V. R. Smith, Income to be applied to giving annually an entertainment for seamen on the birthday of W. V. R. Smith, Aug. 2.) .....	2,193.09
Estate of Madeline S. Krischker .....	500.00
Estate of Bonnie Wallace LeClear .....	1,789.51
	90,326.91

### D. SOCIAL SERVICE RELIEF:

Endowed Bedrooms, given by:— Barber Steamship Lines, Inc. (In memory of Herbert Barber) .....	4,000.00
	Carried forward \$ 4,000.00 1,538,644.26

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Beekman Family Association (In memory of Gerard Beekman) .....		4,000.00	
Walter K. Belknap (In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James H. Aldrich) .....		4,000.00	
Mrs. F. Kingsbury Curtis (In memory of George W. McLanahan) .....		4,000.00	
William Harris Douglas (In memory of William Erskine Douglas) .....		8,000.00	
Helen L. Fairchild (For Charles Stebbins Fairchild) .....		8,000.00	
F. K. Hascall (In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wearne) .....		4,000.00	
Mrs. Edward McClure Peters (In memory of Edward McClure Peters) .....		4,000.00	
C. H. Ludington .....		4,000.00	
Howland Pell .....		4,000.00	
Estate of Bonnie Wallace LeClear .....		4,000.00	
Katherine Wolfe Ambrose Shradly (In loving memory of John Wolfe Ambrose) .....		8,000.00	
Estate of Amy Low Huntington .....		8,000.00	
		<u>68,000.00</u>	
J. Hooker Hamersley Boat (for purchase or operation of a boat, and in the meantime income to be used for relief work) .....		8,408.52	
Emily H. Bourne (Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation) .....		5,263.44	
Mary LeRoy King (Income to be used in common with that of the Mansfield Fund) .....		4,036.29	
Mansfield Memorial Established January 1926, by friends, especially the members of the Seamen's Church Institute Associations, to commemorate the thirtieth anni- versary of the Rev. Archibald Romaine Mansfield, D.D., Superintendent, and in recognition of his years of service to this Society and to Seamen .....		30,209.01	
Hosier Morgan Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation .....		1,900.90	
Morrill Foundation (In Memoriam of the late Captain Charles Mont- gomery Morrill) Income to be applied exclusively to the relief of destitute mariners and those de- pendent upon them who may have been left desti- tute by their death while following the sea) .....		19,558.07	
Captain William Wilson Owen Memorial (Income to be used for destitute Seamen) .....		250.00	
Ramage Endowment (Income to be used for the maintenance of dependent Seamen) .....		3,316.00	
Estate of Mary A. L. Newton .....		500.00	
Henry F. Homes Estate .....		4,907.46	
Captain Edward B. Cobb Fund (Given by the Will of Augustus G. Cobb, in memory of his father) .....		197,421.82	
Janet Roper Memorial Fund .....		5,676.10	
Edith and Maude K. Wetmore (In memory of their father and mother, George Peabody Wetmore, and Edith M. K. Wetmore) .....		10,000.00	359,447.61
Total Funds .....			<u>\$1,898,091.87</u>

## Changes in Funds during year ended December 31, 1950

Assets as per report of December 31, 1949 .....		\$1,816,938.19
Additions during 1950		
GENERAL FUND—UNRESTRICTED		
Estate of L. Ida A. Bedell .....	3,726.28	
Estate of Clifford M. Dolph .....	625.10	
Estate of James H. Donaldson .....	408.67	
Estate of Emily C. Hart .....	738.85	
Estate of Amy Low Huntington .....	10,692.91	
Estate of Isabel Kay .....	2,800.00	
Estate of Catherine W. Sandford .....	2,500.00	
Estate of Laura Wells Stanton .....	200.00	
Estate of Minnie M. Stowe, in memory of her son, Harold Bertram Stowe .....	3,054.92	
Estate of Otto Sussman .....	4,377.78	
Estate of Jane E. Swan .....	500.00	
Estate of Ferris S. Thompson .....	75,916.36	
Estate of William Williams .....	2,168.95	
Payments against Principal of Mortgage Interests—		
Estate of William H. Barnes .....	50.00	
Estate of Alice L. A. Goffe .....	2.88	
Estate of Annie Hyatt .....	40.84	
Estate of Olin Scott Roche .....	3,131.93	
Estate of Mary S. Shattuck .....	2,547.50	
Estate of Belle J. Stewart .....	1,102.20	
Estate of Julia A. Treadwell .....	237.50	
Gifts for Special Purposes—		
Endowment Funds General—		
Miss Augusta dePeyster for the Frances Goodhue dePeyster Fund .....	1,000.00	
Gift from Miss Frances M. C. Cummings from the Estate of her father, Frederick A. Cummings, in memory of his father, Charles F. Cummings, and his grandfather, Thomas P. Cummings .....	100.00	
Estate of Annie C. Kane, in memory of Annie Scher- merhorn Kane .....	1,000.00	
Estate of Edith St. L. Saunders, in memory of her father, Daniel Saunders .....	500.00	
Estate of Blanche E. Waycott, to be known as the Waycott Memorial Fund .....	9,000.00	
Mrs. John Hubbard .....	1,000.00	
Endowed Bedrooms — from the Estate of Amy Low Huntington .....	8,000.00	135,422.67
		<u>1,952,360.86</u>
Proceeds from Sale of Real Estate .....		5,710.00
		<u>1,958,070.86</u>
Deduct Sundry Advances and Payments .....		59,978.99
		<u>\$1,898,091.87</u>
Dated—New York City, December 31, 1950		
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Investments examined and found to agree with the foregoing account.		
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