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+Thomas Hale ..... 1838

Financial

*Rev. John Spaulding, 1841

ASSISTANT

Reginald L. McAll, 1922

TREASURERS

Elected

*Capt. Silas Holmes ..... 1828
*Charles N. Talbot ..... 1834
*David Olyphant ..... 1864
*Richard P. Buck ..... 1864

Elected

+Rev. Samuel H. Hall ..... 1867
*William C. Sturges ..... 1881
+W. Hall Ropes ..... 1901
Clarence C. Pinneo ..... 1905

Financial Agent

*Luther P. Hubbard, 1863-1894

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MARCH 31, 1927

Elected

John B. Calvert, D.D ..... 1901
Fritz v. Briesen ..... 1906
Edward M. Cutler ..... 1907
Alexander Torrance ..... 1910
Nehemiah Boynton, D.D ..... 1910
Wm. H. Van Steenbergh ..... 1912
Alfred R. Kimball ..... 1914
Joseph B. Morell ..... 1915
Eben E. Olcott ..... 1915

Elected

William M. Kingsley ..... 1917
Frederick Sturges, Jr ..... 1919
Obin R. Judd ..... 1922
Arthur N. Peck ..... 1923
Herbert K. Twitchell ..... 1923
Winchester Noyes ..... 1924
Ralph W. Sockman, D.D ..... 1925
Charles H. Potter ..... 1926
Rev. Edgar F. Romig ..... 1926

*Deceased.
FOREWORD

By the Secretary

The ninety-ninth annual report of The American Seamen's Friend Society for the year ending March 31, 1927, is herewith presented to our friends with grateful acknowledgment of their continued interest in and support of our service for the welfare of seamen.

The fifty-third presentation of Scriptures to the midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy took place Sunday evening, May 23, 1926, at Annapolis, Md. That the 456 members of the graduating class were grateful is indicated by the following extracts from letters: "I wish to thank you and express my appreciation of the Bible which you gave me through your secretary." "I think your gift of Bibles to graduating midshipmen is a fine custom which we all esteem." "I know that I am grateful for mine." "I assure you, gentlemen, that I appreciate this gift of yours and know it will be a great spiritual help to me during my life in the Naval Service."

A very pleasant occasion of the year was the luncheon given November 1, 1926, at the Chamber of Commerce, New York, by the Trustees of The American Seamen's Friend Society to our Honorary Vice-Presidents Sir Arthur H. Rostron, Captain of the S. S. Berengaria and Captain George Fried, of the S. S. President Roosevelt. The third presentation of Scriptures was made to twenty-one graduates of the Schoolship Newport of the New York State Nautical School in the Maritime Exchange, New York City, on December 15, 1926.

The Secretary expresses his grateful appreciation to the Churches, Clubs and Patriotic Societies who have invited him to give his lecture on "Ships and Sailors," illustrated with colored lantern slides.

The eleventh annual united service for seamen was held on Sunday evening, November 14, 1926, in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, under the auspices of the Joint Conference of Allied Societies for Seamen in the Port of New York. The pastor, Dr. Daniel Poling, gave an eloquent and inspiring message from the text, "Peace, Be Still." The musical program was splendidly rendered by the quartet choir under the direction of Mr. Robert T. Percy, Organist. The Church was filled with seamen and their friends, who thus recognized the value of brotherhood.
The Librarian reports as follows:

Another year's work with the men of the sea convinces us that the placing of loan libraries on board ship for the use of the officers and crew is of great value to them at sea and in port, as they have free access to books, well calculated to awaken good thoughts in their minds; also, books of education, which are a valuable aid to young sailors in their effort to fit themselves for advancement on board ship, and books of a religious character which inspire seamen to live nobler lives.

Donors of libraries would be thrilled and greatly encouraged if they could only follow a library, and note how enthusiastically our ship visitor, Walter E. Messenger, is welcomed on board ship; how eagerly they examine the library; and how anxious they are for books that are worth while. If our friends could picture in their mind's eye weather, permitting, each sailor with book in hand spending his time between watches in a pleasant and profitable manner reading the books, and then remember that their generosity made such a scene possible, they would readily realize that their prayers, kindly thoughts and generous gifts were not in vain, but were all highly esteemed by the men of our Merchant Marine.

It is a pleasure to record that during the year ending March 31, 1927, the loan library work has been attended with gratifying success and manifest good results. Two hundred and twenty-one loan libraries were sent to sea on as many vessels, of which fourteen made voyages around the world; several went through the Panama Canal to ports on the west coast of North and South America, Hawaiian Islands, and others were bound to ports in the United Kingdom, Northern and Southern Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies and the eastern coast of North and South America. These libraries contained 9,504 volumes. More than 16,000 seamen on board these ships had free access to the books during their watch below.

The whole number of new libraries sent out since March, 1859, is 13,030 and the re-shipments of the same 16,199, making in the aggregate 29,229. The number of volumes in these libraries, 695,034, has been accessible by first shipment and re-shipment to 540,072 seamen.

One of the most encouraging features is the large number of letters received from sea captains and sailors, who have read the books testifying to the usefulness of a library on board ship.
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at sea. A few brief sentence extracts from the many letters received during the year follows:

"After dropping the pilot the first question asked is, 'May I borrow a book from the library?' " "I do not think any member of the crew missed reading a single book." "The books were the subject of conversation for many weeks and assisted in keeping a good feeling and spirit among everybody on board." "Several enjoyable hours were spent in perusing these above the average books." "The selection of books satisfied all the readers both as to education and amusement." "On board ship one can readily see the popularity of your books." "The religious books were read with interest and no doubt had a spiritual effect upon the men." "Many of the books contained very valuable information which has been put to good use." "The books were very much in evidence in the evenings while the ship was lying in port." "The books were a source of much pleasure and education." "The books were carefully chosen." "While at sea between watches we had the opportunity of reading your interesting books." "You must be commended for the interest you have shown in American seamen." "It is apparent that you take care in selecting the books contained in these individual and unique libraries." "In regards to books of a religious character, these books have a great moral and spiritual effect upon the crew." "Your books brighten the lives of the men who follow the sea." "The books were within the grasp of each man's education." "It is exceedingly difficult for many to realize just how much the books are appreciated by seamen." "The technical and books of knowledge are of the kind fully appreciated by the ship's personnel." "There was a good call for books of study and Scripture from the deck force." "The books were enjoyed by all and found to be instructive as well as a means of enjoyment." "I think we are all better men for having read the books." "Your Society has, without question, earned the name of The Seamen's Friend." "The books proved most acceptable during the long stretches between ports." "The books were sought by all the ship's company." "The companionship of a good book does much to relieve the monotony of a long voyage at sea." "You are to be congratulated upon the spirit that lies back of your enterprise." "During our round the world cruise the books proved indispensable." "Great credit is due the American Seamen's Friend Society for their activity in circulating these libraries." "We appreciate your thoughtfulness in supplying our vessel with a loan library." "The men get considerable pleasure from the books." "The library affords a good opportunity for the pleasure and education of the men of the American
Merchant Marine.” “We have read the excellent books in your loan library.” “There being a mixture of both fiction and spiritual works in the library, it was found they were read with much interest and profit by the men.” “We thank you for the fine clean literature your Society provides for our use at sea.”
Libraries now going to sea contain the following books:

**Travel and Adventure**
- One Thousand Miles Up the Nile........Amelia B. Edwards
- Stories of Exploration and Discovery........A. B. Archer
- The Oregon Trail.........................Francis Parkman, Jr.

**Science**
- Electricity..........................W. H. M'Cormick
- Stars................................Ellison Hawks
- The Naval Artificer's Manual........McCull Pate, U.S.N.
- Flying Machines........................Raukin Kennedy
- Navigation................................Harold Jacoby

**Book of Reference**

**Biography**
- The Career of a Cobbler........Miss Margaret Applegarth
- Representative Men........Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Life of Israel Putnam................George Canning Hill
- Men Who Conquered...................John T. Fenis

**Poetry**
- Friendly Year........................Henry Van Dyke
- The Princess and Other Poems..........Alfred Lord Tennyson

**Recreation and Amusement**
- No Defence............................Sir Gilbert Parker
- Treading the Wine Press..............Ralph Connor
- Red Cliff................................Eden Phillpotts
- The Secret Road.......................John Ferguson
- Running Special.....................Frank L. Packard
- Treasurer of the Lake...............H. Rider Haggard
- The Spirit of the Border............Zane Gray
- The Silver Horde.....................Rex Beach
- Rugged Water..........................Joseph Lincoln

**Humor**
- Four Hundred Good Stories........Robert R. Whiting
- Monologues, Epigrams, etc............J. H. Hartman

**Books of Moral and Uplifting Influence**
- The Biggest Business of Life.........W. Harry Freda
- Four-Wheel Brakes.....................Roy L. Smith
- Standing Up to Life...................Frederick A. Atkins
- We Young Men..........................Hans Wegener
- Pilgrim’s Progress....................John Bunyan
- Bible Characters.....................D. L. Moody
- Intercessory Prayer...................James G. K. McClure
- Calvary’s Cross.........................Colportage Library
- Religion of an Electrical Engineer...George D. Shepardson

**Devotional**
- Holy Bible............................New York Bible Society
- Seamen’s Manual of Worship, 4 copies......The American Seamen’s Friend Society

To the preceding books are added copies of the Sailors’ Magazine and other publications of The American Seamen’s Friend Society.
Of the fifteen organizations in the port of New York ministering to the welfare of seamen, the Sailors' Home and Institute is second only in size and yields to none in its efforts to give to seafaring men from all over the world a genuine American Christian welcome.

More than three million seamen have felt this influence since it was opened in 1908. Everything possible is done to safeguard the physical and spiritual wellbeing of the guests and give them a good time.

The figures given below, larger than last year, are dry reading simply as statistics. If it were possible to adequately report the untiring efforts of Chaplain Healey and his assistants in their daily ministrations these figures would glow with romance and thrilling interest. A single incident from the daily log is here given:

Thursday night, March 10, 1927, Louis Nile, a long time friend and guest of the Sailors' Home and Institute, was taken to Bellevue Hospital and died the next morning. He was born on the Island of Mauritius and had sailed the seas all his life. At his funeral service Miss Muriel Anderson sang “Jesus, Lover of My Soul,” and “Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me.” He rests in the Sailors’ Plot in Evergreen Cemetery.

Summary of the Year Ending March 31, 1927

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<td>Hospital Visits</td>
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<td>Men sent to hospitals</td>
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<td>Men received from hospitals</td>
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<td>Visits to ships</td>
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<td>Men interviewed on ships</td>
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<td>Bundles of literature distributed</td>
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<td>Portions of Scripture distributed</td>
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<td>Comfort Bags distributed</td>
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<td>Letters written and received</td>
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<td>Seamen’s money cared for</td>
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<td>Rooms and beds rented</td>
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Fishermen's Institute .......... Rev. George E. Russell, Chaplain

The Chaplain gives the following report:

A year ago the Chaplain emphasized the need of a larger dormitory. Fortune has favored us, the Upton Estate and contributions for the purpose during the year, making possible a new dormitory that should be completed before the close of the year 1927. This will give 15 additional rooms, making a total of 27 rooms for the use of the fishermen, and will help solve a serious problem.

The Pleasant Sunday evenings held during the winter months continue to attract the men. In the season of 1925-26 the total attendance at twenty of these entertainments was 1,408, an average of 70. The brief service of worship and the entertainment, which may be a moving picture, lecture or concert, help the men to pass an hour of enjoyment in which is mingled a touch of something deeper and more serious.

Money orders numbering 114, with a total value of $3,858.78, were written for the men. These orders represent money sent home to meet the needs of the families of the absent men.

A total of $2,635.00 was left with the Chaplain during the year for safe keeping. When we realize that this money often is left for short periods of time by the men to assure its safety, either because the banks are closed, or they cannot trust themselves with any considerable amount, it means something to them to have an institution which has their confidence.

The Chaplain was instrumental in securing the admission of 30 aged fishermen to Sailors' Snug Harbor. This is the largest number for whom he has secured admission in any one year. In eight years 155 men have been sent to the great institution in New York. The Sailors' Snug Harbor is the best equipped home for seamen in the world and our fishermen are fortunate to have this place in which to spend their last days.
Seamen’s Rest—Y. M. C. A...A. Lincoln Jones, Superintendent

Superintendent Jones reports as follows:

During the year 1926 12,915 men were served in various ways at the Seamen’s Rest. Of this number 8,468 were seamen. Employment was found for more than 1,000. A very large amount of literature furnished by the good people of Newport News was distributed. Ninety-four men were sent to the hospital and 225 men received from the hospital. Letters were received for seamen amounting to 2,579 and 1,958 were forwarded and 364 written for seamen unable to write themselves. There were 56 religious services held in the Building with a total attendance of about 1,000, in addition to 75 parties of seamen taken to various Church services in town. More than 8,000 were personally interviewed and helped to better living. Some remarkable cases of reform from the drink habit were cited. Grateful acknowledgment was made to Mr. William Falconer, Secretary of the Board for many years, for his untiring and successful efforts to secure funds in maintaining the work. A helpful appreciation was recorded of the splendid work of the Ladies’ Help Guild in providing entertainments at Thanksgiving, Christmas and other occasions.

Seamen’s Friend Society.............Rev. J. T. Routten, Chaplain

Chaplain Routten reports as follows: “During the past eleven months ending April 1, 1927, the Seamen’s Institute and Bethel, 204 West Bute Street, welcomed 16,180 seamen. Of that number 2,663 attended the religious services; 3,903 were shipped for sea service and lodgings were furnished 9,974, of whom 969 were free. More than 5,000 magazines were given to be read at sea; New Testaments were gladly received by 66 men. One of the most interesting and helpful departments of the work is to induce seamen to write to relatives and friends far away, and 4,492 letters received and sent from the Bethel is a splendid record. The 2,691 visits paid to sick seamen in hospitals testifies to the faithful pastoral care the chaplain gives his transient guests from all over the world.”
Summary of the Work for 1926

Religious services ................................................................. 50
Attendance of seamen .......................................................... 1,025
Scriptures distributed .......................................................... 411
Tracts distributed ................................................................. 1,276
Comfort bags ............................................................................ 700
Bundles of literature distributed ............................................ 1,240
Entertainments ...................................................................... 34
Attendance at Entertainments ................................................. 3,001
Visits to ships ................................................................. 616
Seamen visited on ship .......................................................... 18,630
Visits to hospitals ................................................................. 47
Sailors visited at hospitals ..................................................... 805
Men received from hospitals .................................................. 130
Sailors sent to hospitals .......................................................... 29
Employment found for seamen ................................................. 448
Free meals ............................................................................... 372
Free lodgings .......................................................................... 769
Money handled for seamen ..................................................... $2,656
Letters written by seamen ...................................................... 1,674
Letters received by seamen ..................................................... 834
Inquiries for missing seamen ................................................... 12
Personal interviews with seamen .............................................. 3,280
Total attendance ................................................................. 16,203

Texas—Galveston

Adoue Seamen's Bethel ..................................................... Rev. J. F. Sarner, Chaplain

For the year ending March 1st, 1927, Chaplain Sarner reports:

"Guided by Divine Providence, the Bethel has passed another successful year of benevolence and service. The sick have been cared for and spiritual advice extended. The religious services held regularly at the Bethel on Sundays were well attended by many and also appreciated.

"Numerous requests have come to us from parents in many states regarding the whereabouts of young men who have gone to sea. In some cases fathers and mothers have made long journeys to Galveston to seek their sons. This search has not always been in vain. Some have returned home satisfied with the information received that their son was on some ship with such and such a destination and due to return on or about a given time. Others are pleading with us to send their boys home, not
understanding how difficult it is for us to comply to such a request. Yet, in a few instances we have succeeded to do so.

"The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Bethel, under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. M. Wigren, has a membership of more than 100 and has added another year of faithful and efficient service to their credit. When called upon by the chaplain, they give entertainments and socials for the seamen. They also visit the marine ward at the hospitals distributing reading matter, fruit, flowers and encouragement."

**Summary of the Year's Work**

- Religious services held: 59
- Attendance at services: 2,510
- Scriptures distributed to seamen: 47
- Attendance at Entertainments: 1,175
- Seamen sent to hospital: 17
- Seamen visited at hospital: 611
- Convalescent seamen cared for: 163
- Bundles of literature distributed to seamen: 650
- Free meals given to seamen: 691
- Free lodging given to seamen: 3,254
- Free clothing: 117
- Secured work for: 2,292
- Letters written for seamen: 1,244
- Mail handled for seamen: 23,677
- Baggage handled for seamen: 5,314
- Money deposited by seamen: $5,519
- Total attendance at Bethel: 93,800

**Canada—Toronto**

Upper Canada Tract Society ........ George Speedie, Secretary

Mr. George Speedie, Secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, reports as follows regarding the work of that Society among the seamen of the Great Lakes: "As for the last fifty-six years, so again during another season of navigation this important and much needed phase of work was continued with vigor and enthusiasm. While statistics tell much, they seldom convey an adequate idea of the work that has been accomplished. Lives have been brightened and some have been led to take the Lord Jesus Christ as Master and Pilot. There is a growing sense of the importance of this great work. Two thousand visits were made by our Missionaries to vessels in 20 ports and calling places on the Lakes. On over 200 occasions the "sky pilots" con-
ducted Divine services either on board ship or in our Institutes. Copies of the New Testament and Gospels to the number of 1,469 were distributed; of magazines 9,648 and of leaflets 9,808. Over 200 individual "Ditty Bags" were given to sailors. At our Institutes, 1,392 letters were handled for the men. Approximately 5,000 visits were made to our Institutes. From the Samaritan Fund 850 free meals and free beds to really needy and deserving men were given; but, with regret, we beg to announce that this fund is now exhausted. The personnel continue as in previous year: Mr. James Judson on the Welland Canal; Mr. George D. Pound, in charge of Kingston and Eastern points; Mr. Peter LeGrow, Superintendent at Port Arthur, and Mr. John Wood and Mr. James Gordon at the Sailors' Rest, Toronto.

South America—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Seamen's Center ............... Rev. H. C. Tucker, D.D.

Dr. H. C. Tucker reports as follows: "The Chaplaincy work for the year has continued to receive financial aid from the British Sailors' Society and The American Seamen's Friend Society. Each of these organizations have sent regularly small supplies of the Chart and Compass and the Sailors' Magazine; these publications have been enjoyed by the men visiting the reading room of the Seamen's Center and read by many more at sea.

The sick in the hospitals, as there was need and opportunity, have been visited and ministered to in various ways, with flowers, reading matter, clothing and other comforts, by the pastor and a committee of ladies from the Guild of the Union Church, Y.M.C.A. workers, and others. I have personally shared in the service. These visitations and ministries have been greatly appreciated and gave good cheer to the men. Visits were made to 100 ships anchored alongside the wharf; the aggregate number of men on board was 3,480; literature amounting to 20 Bibles, 53 New Testaments and 1,006 portions of the Scriptures, 107 bundles containing hundreds of papers, magazines, books and tracts, were placed on board. Many hearty expressions of appreciation were received from the men. We have continued to give advice, counsel and help in various ways as opportunity has arisen. Special effort was made at Christmas time to supply all the ships that could be reached at the time with the most appropriate reading matter that we could obtain, and to invite the men to the Seamen's Center to while away the hours, enjoy a social evening and partake of refreshments. The event was pronounced a success."
BUENOS AIRES—ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
Victoria Sailors' Home .................. P. J. Wyatt, Manager

Mr. P. J. Wyatt reports as follows: "From October 1st, 1925, to September 30th, 1926, we have had 44 Americans staying at the Home. Of these 44 we have found employment on ships for 7, and 6 of the boarders were sent to recuperate by the American Consul after a spell in Hospital. I have had several interesting chats with American sailors in Hospital, all of whom have appreciated the visits made. Capt. Pratt, of the *Halaakala*, was a great friend of the Home and always was to be seen at the week-end concert which he greatly enjoyed. In losing him we have lost a good friend."

ITALY—GENOA


Superintendent Anderson reports as follows:

"The two noble Societies which are affiliated with us for our work here, the British Sailors' Society and The American Seamen's Friend Society, continue their invaluable financial support. With both Societies we have the most cordial relationships, and from both we receive the greatest courtesy and the most perfect understanding. In return we try to carry out the trust reposed in us by those magnificent Societies faithfully and cheerfully. As is fitting and felicitous, the British and American Consuls-General have shown deep personal interest in our welfare work and are our two Honorary Presidents.

Advantage was taken of the lull in shipping to tackle certain necessary repairs and alterations at the Sailors' Rest. A certain amount of painting and redecoration was long overdue on all floors: reading room floor, hall floor, and assistant's dwelling. We were able to renew the heating apparatus, which owed no man anything after some thirty-five years' service! We extended our hall by remodeling the stage, and generally we made the entire Institute more attractive for the work it tries to do. Happily we had at our disposal for those purposes a fund earmarked for emergencies and repairs, and in our transactions we kept well within the commission of the parent committee in Scotland, who have given us leave to carry out some further necessary improvements in the new financial year.

It must be said that, though our work is in the main of the kind known as institutional, our more distinctively religious activities are by no means overshadowed. But I prefer not to draw a distinction between the various sides and aspects of our work. It is essentially welfare work. We do not recognize any
partition of it into departments or compartments. We have no bulkheads here. The work is one undivided whole. All things work together—and work for good.

The Sailors' Rest continues to be managed by my colleague and resident assistant, Mr. Prandi, who is an Elder in the Scots Church. He attends to the regular visitation of the ships, and is persona grata in them all. Mrs. Prandi runs our little canteen, which meets all our needs and supplies teas and other non-alcoholic refreshments to the men at small cost. Writing material is supplied free of charge, stamps are sold, sailors' kits are stored free, money is kept safe for them, information is given, excursions are arranged, games are provided, a reference and a lending library and a system of exchanging books with ships are in operation; and so in many different ways we tackle our welfare work.

ITALY—LEGHORN

Seamen's Institute.....Joseph G. Welsby, Esq., Superintendent

Superintendent Welsby reports:

"This year in the work of the Institute amongst our Mercantile Marine, we have studied the needs and desires of our seamen, and tried to prevent them from being under the obligation of getting into touch with outside sources, and we have endeavored to make the Institute the centre of advice, information and general usefulness. This of course involved more work on the part of our small staff of workers, but so fine has been the appreciation of our seamen that everybody has been enthusiastic in the work and found a real delight in giving of their best.

There has been a very encouraging recognition on the part of our masters, officers and crews of the religious side of the work, in increased attendance at the Church service on Sunday evenings. The weekly concerts have been a great success and we have arranged many football matches. We have also had increased attendance in the recreation rooms.

In closing let me say that Mrs. Welsby and myself have been very much helped and encouraged by the help of the British Sailors' Society, who provided a splendid Christmas supper for our seamen; The American Seamen’s Friend Society, the keen interest and devotion of our Committee, and our small but loyal band of workers."
ITALY—NAPLES

Sailors’ Rest.......................G. A. Mowels, Superintendent

Mr. Mowels, Superintendent and Port Missionary, and his wife are carrying on the splendid work of the British Sailors’ Society in Naples. Their friendly help to American seamen in that port has been reported to us from time to time as they have come to New York.

Mr. Mowels reports that his visits on board the ships of the Dollar Line touching in that port have been greatly appreciated by the seamen who enjoy the American magazines and papers. He mentions also a visit from an American engineer who was in the hospital last year and spent Christmas 1925 at the Sailors’ Rest. “He recently called to tell us that he felt he had real friends in Naples. When I went on board the ship I found that the Captain and others on board knew about our work in his port and they all appreciated what had been done for the engineer who had given some good advertising for the Naples Sailors’ Rest.”

During the last quarter of the year 1926 Mr. Mowels made 107 visits to ships and distributed 3,920 Scriptures and pieces of literature to English speaking seamen in the port of Naples. A special entertainment was given on Christmas evening at the Sailors’ Rest. An American ship of the Dollar Line had come into port on that evening. The officers and crew greatly appreciated the prompt call and cordial invitation by the Port Missionary to the festivities and a large number attended and enjoyed the Christmas party.

JAPAN—NAGASAKI

The Nagasaki Seamen’s Home.......E. R. S. Pardon, President

“The Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Electoral Board of the Nagasaki Seamen’s Home was held in the dining room of the institution on November 16, 1926. Among the members present was the American Consul, Mr. H. B. Hitchcock. Mr. E. R. S. Pardon presided. Mr. Pardon was re-elected president of the Electoral Board; Miss Shafer was elected Secretary, succeeding Miss Darrow, who expects to return home on furlough during the year. The Auditors, Messrs. Hitchcock and Paske Smith, were re-elected. Mr. M. Hocksema, the retiring member of the Board of Directors, was re-elected. The other members are Mrs. H. B. Hitchcock, Miss Peckham, Miss Young and Mr. Pardon. The Board of Directors was instructed to convey the thanks of the meeting to the American Seamen’s Friend Society
and the British Sailors' Society for their generous financial help. A closing prayer was offered by the Rev. D. C. Ruigh.

Opportunities for useful service have been more frequent during the year which has just closed than for several years previously. Foreign warships have visited the port and merchant vessels have come here for repairs. Again the reading room and the billiard table have been the chief attractions at the Home. The absence of a steady demand for sleeping accommodation and meals makes it difficult to keep those departments of the institution as efficient as is desirable. For some months only an occasional boarder needs attention and then a warship appears and strains the Home's resources to breaking point. One night in September last fifty-two men of the British cruiser Vindictive slept at the Home. The warship stays four or five days and then there is another long period of comparative inactivity. However, when the demand has come the Home has endeavored to meet it as efficiently as possible. It is gratifying to record that many of the men expressed satisfaction with the accommodation provided and surprise that Nagasaki could do so well for them. From July, 1925, to February, 1926, there was no resident manager and the lack was sorely felt. Mr. C. B. Kinnes then took up residence in the manager's quarters and undertook the supervision of the working of the Home. His help has been of great advantage, especially during the visits of warships to the port."
Benevolences

The benevolent work of the Society during the year was largely concerned in providing for 2,449 shipwrecked and destitute seamen of whom 1,351 received free meals, and 1,098 free beds at the Sailors' Home and Institute, and 45 were provided with clothing, and 8 with railroad fare. The total amount expended for this benevolent work was $1,630.50.

The Sailors' Magazine and Seamen's Friend

For ninety-eight years this publication of The American Seamen's Friend Society has been the leading American periodical in the interest of work for seafaring men. The first number was issued September, 1828, being the work of several friends in the newly organized American Seamen's Friend Society. Rev. Joshua Leavitt soon after became editor and continued until the close of the fourth volume. From the beginning until August, 1858, the title was the Sailors' Magazine and Naval Journal. In January, 1858, the Life Boat, a department of the magazine for the young, was begun, and continued until October, 1914. During most of this time the Life Boat was published as a separate issue for distribution in Sunday Schools. The Seamen's Friend was made a department first in September, 1858, and the full title of "The Sailors' Magazine and Seamen's Friend" has continued until the present date.

The past year 36,000 copies of the Magazine were published. Subscription rate $1.00 per year.

Acknowledgements

Thanks are offered to the New York Bible Society for generous grants of Bibles, to the various Steamship Companies who have contributed from their concert collections, to the Publishing Houses in New York and other cities who have furnished books at reduced rates for our loan libraries, and to all friends of the Society who have sent contributions of reading matter, clothing and money.
How to Send a Loan Library to Sea

Enclose $25.00 in Check or Post Office Money Order to The American Seamen's Friend Society, 72 Wall Street, New York City, giving the name and address of the contributor. The number of the library will be registered and assigned to the donor, who will be notified of the vessel on which it is placed, its destination, the name of the captain and the number of men in the crew.

The American Seamen's Friend Society

Cares for and outfits shipwrecked crews.
Visits merchant vessels when in port.
Provides good reading for use at sea.
($25.00 furnishes a loan library.)
Brings cheer to lonely seamen in hospitals.
Maintains the Sailors Home and Institute in New York.
Ministers to seamen in other ports, at home and abroad.
The Society depends entirely on voluntary contributions and legacies. For nearly a century it has had the confidence and support of Churches and Sunday Schools of all denominations, as well as individuals and business firms. These earnest friends of seamen have made possible its long record of fruitful service.
It also asks help in securing new friends, and welcomes the names of those who would be interested to hear of this vitally important work.
Checks should be made payable to The American Seamen's Friend Society and mailed to Clarence C. Pinneo, Treasurer, 72 Wall Street, New York, N. Y.

Form of Bequest

"I give and bequeath to The American Seamen's Friend Society, incorporated by the Legislature of New York, in the year 1833, the sum of $............, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Society."

Three witnesses should testify at the end of the will, over their signatures, to the following formalities, which, in the formation of the will, should be strictly observed.
1st.—That the testator subscribe (or acknowledge the subscription of) the will in their presence. 2nd.—That he, at the same time, declared to them that it was his last will and testament. 3rd.—That they, the witnesses, then and there, in his presence, and at his request, and in presence of each other, signed their names thereto, as witnesses.
The American Seamen’s Friend Society in Account with Clarence C. Pinneo, Treasurer

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New York City, April 27, 1927.
Examined and found correct. E. M. CUTLER, Auditor.

New York City, March 31st, 1927.
CLARENCE C. PINNEO, Treasurer.