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*Winchester Noyes* | | 1928 |

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**Assistant**

Reginald L. McAll, 1922

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| *Richard P. Buck* | | 1864 |

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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FOREWORD

By the Secretary

The one hundredth annual report of The American Seamen's Friend Society for the year ending March 31, 1928, 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 offices of The American Seamen's Friend Society are now located in room 911 at 72 Wall Street, New York City. Our hopes for return to 76 Wall Street, which had been our home for nearly forty years, were dashed by a bit of sailors' superstition. The officers of the Seamen's Bank for Savings were told by some of their seafaring clients that seven plus six equalled thirteen and for them it was an unlucky number. Probably this criticism did not come from real American seamen whose patriotism ought to be stimulated by the record of our original thirteen colonies and the American Revolution of '76.

The close relationship between the Bank and the Society goes back nearly a century for its beginning. The Seamen's Bank for Savings was first opened at 149 Maiden Lane, May 11, 1829. On that same date The American Seamen's Friend Society held its first anniversary service and elected the Secretary of the United States Navy, Honorable Smith Thomson, as its President. The first President of the Seamen's Bank for Savings was Najah Taylor, who was one of the founders of The American Seamen's Friend Society. For many years the President and several Directors of the Bank have been Trustees of the Society. The late Presidents Daniel Barnes and George M. Halsey were honored and valued Trustees of The American Seamen's Friend Society and they are now worthily succeeded in that office by President Herbert K. Twitchell.

The fifty-fourth presentation of Scriptures to the midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy took place Sunday evening, May 22, 1927, at Annapolis, Md. The class was the largest ever graduated at the Academy, numbering 580. The fourth presentation of Scriptures was made to sixteen graduates of the Schoolship Newport of the New York State Nautical School in the Maritime Exchange, New York City, on November 9, 1927.

The Society sustained severe losses by the following deaths during the year: Trustee Edward Morse Cutler December 18, 1927, President John Betts Calvert, D.D., January 2, 1928, and Honorary Vice-President General George Washington Goethals, January 21, 1928.
The American Seamen's Friend Society

Loan Libraries

72 Wall Street, New York

William Elling, Librarian  Walter E. Messenger, Ship Visitor

The Librarian reports as follows:

The past one hundred years has witnessed many changes at sea in the shipping industry, in ships and in the personnel of the men. Let the changes come! More than we can imagine the sailor at sea will always need the change which only God's Grace can make. The American Seamen's Friend Society was one of the first, if not the first Society, working for the welfare of seamen to recognize the value of good books as an aid to promote good fellowship on board ship and to present the claims of Christ to seamen just when they are most susceptible to the call of the Gospel.

Realizing that the sailor spends more time on the water than in port this Society soon after 1828 began to place libraries on board ship for the use of the men during their spare time at sea. These libraries were composed mostly of books of a religious character and were termed "sea missions." They were given to the vessel and were left on board until the books were worn out or were lost in shipwreck.

In 1840 Richard Henry Dana wrote his immortal book "Two Years Before the Mast." There were other books written about the sea, ships and sailors, but his was the first voice from the forecastle pleading the cause of the common sailor. His picture of the men in their watch below lacking the means of anything that made for enjoyment or improvement; also his description of the dreary monotony of a long sea voyage and the drudgery of the daily routine of life on board ship was so vivid and appealing that the public became interested. Their sympathies were awakened in the common sailor, which resulted in the placing of libraries on board vessels sailing from the ports of Boston, Massachusetts, New Haven, Connecticut, New Orleans, Louisiana, and New York City, New York. After much correspondence with merchants, sea captains and missionaries, this Society began in a systematic way in March, 1859, to place loan libraries on board American vessels sailing from Boston and New York. A change was made in the name of the libraries and also in the character of the books. They were now called "Ships' Libraries" and were loaned to the vessel. They were placed in the forecastle in charge of a sailor, usually the carpenter, who would take care of the library, also encourage the
men to read the books and advise this Society as to the use-
fulness of the books at sea. The libraries were interchangeable
and could be transferred at sea to another vessel or changed at
the end of the voyage when the vessel arrived at the port of
New York.

It is interesting in looking back over the years that have in-
tervened to note the steady growth of the work and the in-
fluence of the books on the lives of seamen.

During the first year 10 libraries were sent to sea as an ex-
periment, the year following 94; the third year, 133; the fourth
year, 117, and the fifth year 218. The reports from these li-
braries were so encouraging that 421 were sent to sea in 1863,
nearly as many as were sent out during the whole preceding five
years.

The demands for libraries from the captains and crews of
various vessels increased so that as the need for these libraries
and the value of this work was demonstrated to churches, Sun-
day Schools, Young People's Societies, philanthropic societies
and individuals, and their cooperation secured, a grand total of
29,459 libraries that have been sent to sea since 1859; or an
average of 428 per year. These libraries contained 699,420
volumes and were accessible to 562,422 seamen.

This is the only library work that has been carried on with-
out interruption through three wars. The Civil War, 1861-1865,
and the Spanish-American War, 1898, when a special effort
was made to supply United States naval vessels and Naval Hos-
pitals with libraries. During the years of the World War
libraries were placed on vessels in our American Merchant
Marine.

Public recognition of the loan libraries has been generous
and frequent in the daily press and monthly magazines. In
1900 the Paris Exposition Medal was granted the Society for
its literary work, and at the Jamestown Exposition 1907, a
Diploma and Bronze Medal was awarded for the exhibit of the
Society, which included the Library Commodore Peary had with
him in his second expedition to the North Pole.

During the year ending March 31, 1928, this Society sent out
230 loan libraries, of which 102 were new and of which 128 were
refitted and reshipped. The total number of volumes in these
libraries is 9,890, available during the year to 22,320 seamen.
The number of libraries placed on United States naval vessels
is 1,079, containing 39,458 volumes, and these have been ac-
cessible to 129,959 men.

That these libraries are appreciated by the men of our Mer-
chant Marine and are of great value to them is clearly shown
by the large number of letters we receive from officers and men all testifying as to the usefulness of the library placed on board their ship. A few brief extracts from the many letters received during the year follows: "You would be surprised at the number of sailors who have taken to reading good books." "We certainly did enjoy the library." "The books were widely read." "The books of fiction are of the finest class." "The companionship of a good book does much to relieve the monotony of a long sea voyage." "Great credit is due the Society for their activity in circulating these books." "The books have proved a source of enjoyment in many spare hours at sea." "I intend to make frequent visits to the library, getting full value of entertainment and information the books contain." "I believe that the books accomplish their purpose." "While at sea between watches the officers and crew will have free access to the books." "We look forward to reading the interesting books in the library." "Not a member of the crew missed reading a single book." "The books have been read and passed from one to another of the entire crew." "The books are unusually well selected." "The men say a book fills a real need." "The sailors I know will take care of the books." "In the loan library can be found books for all types of readers." "The selection of books is of a very high quality." "The books were very interesting and we enjoyed them immensely." "We can safely say the men were greatly benefitted by reading the books." "We found the books wonderful." "The books were read and reread by the sailors." "You are to be congratulated upon the spirit that lies back of the loan libraries." "We have spent many pleasant and profitable hours at sea reading the books." "There is more than one man I know who has welcomed not only the escape from the monotony afforded by the books of fiction, but also rejoiced in the inspiration derived from the more serious books." "The books were eagerly read and needless to say were very beneficial to all the crew." "We all look forward to the reception of another library." "The books were greatly appreciated, especially the historical and technical books." "The books of a religious character were read on Sundays and were of a spiritual benefit to all on board." "The work you are doing in keeping vessels supplied with libraries is greatly appreciated by all seamen who enjoy reading the books during their spare time at sea."}

The demand for loan libraries is just as great as it ever was, and The American Seamen's Friend Society appeals to all friends of the sailor to supply the funds to carry on this beneficent and far reaching work.
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Libraries now going to sea contain the following books:

**Biography**
- Erskine Dale, Pioneer .................................................. John Fox, Jr.
- Abraham Lincoln ....................................................... James Morgan
- Studies of Men and Books ............................................ Robert Louis Stevenson

**Science**
- Modern Meteorology .................................................. Frank Waldo, Ph.D.
- The Earth ........................................................................ Ellison Hawks
- Science Remaking the World ........................................ Otis W. Caldwell, Ph.D.
- Conquering the Air .......................................................... Archibald Williams

**Books of Reference**
- Webster's Concise Dictionary ........................................ A. L. Burt & Co.

**Poetry**
- The Friendly Year ......................................................... Henry van Dyke, D.D.

**Recreation and Amusement**
- The Breakwater ............................................................. Walter A. Binger
- The Final Count ............................................................ H. C. McNeile
- Sorrell and Son ............................................................. Warwick Deeping
- Hand and Ring ............................................................... Anna Katharine Green
- The Invisible Woman .................................................... Herbert Quick
- Captain Brand of the Schooner Centipede, Lieut. A. Wise
- The Thundering Herd ..................................................... Zane Gray
- The Power and the Glory ................................................ Gilbert Parker
- The Moonstone ............................................................... Wilkie Collins
- The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table ................................ Oliver Wendell Holmes

**Travel and Adventure**
- Travels in East Anglia .................................................. F. V. Morley
- Voyage of the H. M. S. Beagle ......................................... Charles Darwin
- The Alaskan ................................................................. James Oliver Curwood
- Horse Shoe Robinson ...................................................... Joseph P. Kennedy

**Books of Moral and Uplifting Influence**
- Spare Tires ................................................................. Roy L. Smith
- Pen Portraits of Prophets ................................................. Bernard C. Clausen
- Quiet Talks on the Crisis and After ................................ S. D. Gordon
- Love's Coming of Age .................................................... Edward Carpenter
- The Pilgrim's Progress .................................................. John Bunyan
- God's Open ...................................................................... James I. Vance
- "And Peter" ................................................................. J. Wilbur Chapman
- Probable Sons ............................................................... Amy LeFevre

**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.
Sailors' Home and Institute
507 West Street, New York

George Sidney Webster, D.D.................................................. Superintendent
Rev. James C. Healey, A.M.................................................. Chaplain and Ass't Superintendent
Miss Louise Cawdrick .......................................................... Hostess-Missionary
Mrs. Rudolph Garypie .......................................................... Hostess-Musician
Rudolph Garypie .................................................................. Ship Visitor

During the past year there has been a marked increase in the attendance at religious services. Chaplain Healey says:

"We are inclined to think of our seamen congregations as constantly changing, but we find there are old friends among the Sunday night groups. In one pew is a man who had not been in the Port of New York for five years. He proudly informed the Chaplain that the last Sunday he was in New York he attended the Church of the Sea and this, his first Sunday since his return, he is in the same sacred place. After ten years, fifteen years or a few months they come back as if to home and to something clean and noble in life. Among these seamen who come and go we have one man who is unique. He is a steady English seaman who finds in the Church of the Sea the Shadow of a Great Rock in a weary land, a strong tower from which he receives strength to endure the temptations of life. He is a seaman who has been on the S. S. Mauretania for forty-two voyages and every Sunday when the ship is in the Port of New York he comes to the Church of the Sea. There are others like him, although perhaps no one with quite such a record. It is such men that give blessing and encouragement to the Chaplain and his co-workers."

Summary of the Year Ending March 31, 1928

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<td>Concert Attendance</td>
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<td>Hospital Visits</td>
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<td>Men visited in hospitals</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>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>
<td>72,454</td>
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<td>Total attendance of seamen</td>
<td>177,652</td>
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The Chaplain gives the following report:

In our first building operations in the year 1922, an addition was made to the building which resulted in much additional room on all three floors. Counter and office facilities were greatly improved, and a well lighted reading room was located on the first floor where the men could read, write and lounge, relieving the congestion in the recreation room. The basement was transformed, a pleasant entertainment hall displacing the former condition, while baths, kitchen, guest and store rooms were other improvements on this floor. The Dormitory was enlarged and the number of lodging rooms was increased from 10 to 13.

These improvements resulted in a much better building and equipment and we felt that we had made a big advance in our efforts to make our building adequate to meet the demands made upon it. Soon, however, the lodging room problem became pressing as we were unable to accommodate the men who desired this convenience. In December, 1926, at the meeting of the Directors the decision was made to add another story to our building. In September, 1927, the work was completed and a finely equipped dormitory of 28 rooms is the result. Since the Dormitory was reopened in October it has been filled to capacity at times and practically all the time a majority of the rooms have been rented.

The Pleasant Sunday Evenings are popular. The twenty entertainments given in the season of 1926-27 were attended by 1575 men, an average of 78. At times the hall was crowded to capacity. A short devotional service followed by a musical program, moving pictures or lecture is attractive to the men who give their respectful attention to each part of the program.

5429 letters were received through the Institute, and we have a record of some 4200 letters that were sent, but this is only a part of the actual number of letters written in our rooms by the men.

$2427.00 was banked during the year, and money orders with a total value of $5249.85 were made out during the same period.

Fourteen fishermen were sent to Sailors' Snug Harbor by the help of the chaplain, making a total of 169 men who have found their way to that great home for seamen in the past nine years through the medium of the Institute.
Superintendent Jones reports for the year 1927:

We have had an attendance of more than 15,000 seamen, and 7,000 landsmen, seeking employment from all sections of the country, and we are obliged to open our lobby in order to care for those in distress, as our city provides no place where a man may apply for aid, or even a place to protect him from the weather. Eight hundred packages of reading matter have been furnished to outgoing and incoming ships, which have contained religious literature, consisting of, on an average, four Testaments, ten parts of Gospels, assorted, Quarterlies of the various Sunday School lessons, copies of the Christian Herald, etc., together with copies of the Saturday Evening Post, and other similar magazines and periodicals all of which have been furnished by the good people of our town.

One hundred and eleven men have been sent to hospitals, and 256 have been received from hospitals. About 3,000 letters have been received by and over 2,000 forwarded for seamen, and 364 have been written for those who were unable to write themselves.

There have been sixty-five religious services in the building with an attendance of 1,010 and seventy-one Church parties, with an attendance of 498. About 7,000 men have been personally interviewed in regard to their manner of living, etc., and encouragement offered them, together with such assistance as we could give them in the way of employment and advice. A number of men have been won over from their habit of drinking and are thankful to their Church and God for better lives.

We have furnished free lodgings to over 1,000 men, and have had 2,275 paid beds. Employment has been found for 983 men, and 1,070 meals have been furnished.

Chaplain Routten reports:

It is with deep gratitude we are able to state that through the goodness of God and the cooperation of the kind friends of the institution, we have been able to operate in the interest of the merchant seamen another year. Hence we wish to acknowledge these agencies as the most important factors in any success that we may have had in making life for these men more worthwhile for themselves, as well as for those whom they touched in the prosecution of the tasks they had to face.
In thus trying to meet the demands made upon us, we have been frequently faced by problems that were difficult to solve. Among the most perplexing of these was, perhaps, that of the limited means at our hands. But, by the practice of the strictest economy, we have been able to keep within our budget. There remains, however, much more to be done, if we are to keep our building equipped for greater efficiency and enlarged usefulness.

**Summary of the Year's Work**

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<td>Free lodgings</td>
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<td>Total lodgings</td>
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<td>Money received for lodgings</td>
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<td>Visits to sick seamen</td>
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<td>Men shipped for sea service</td>
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<td>Magazines given to take on shipboard</td>
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<td>Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner given to</td>
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<td>Letters received</td>
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<td>Letters written</td>
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<td>Free meals and refreshments</td>
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<td>Attendance at religious services</td>
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**Louisiana—New Orleans**

The New Orleans and Mississippi Valley Seamen's Friend Society, James Aldridge, Superintendent.

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<td>Entertainments</td>
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<td>Visits to hospitals</td>
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<td>Men received from hospitals</td>
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<td>Sailors sent to hospitals</td>
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<td>Employment found for seamen</td>
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<td>Free meals</td>
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<td>Free lodgings</td>
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Money handled for seamen .................................................. $1,391
Letters written by seamen .................................................. 2,109
Letters received by seamen .................................................. 880
Inquiries for missing seamen ........................................ 17
Personal interviews with seamen ........................................ 2,450
Total attendance ................................................................... 19,488

Texas—Galveston
Adoue Seamen’s Bethel...............Rev. J. F. Sarner, Chaplain

For the year ending March 1st, 1928, Chaplain Sarner reports:

The bethel has long since become an important factor in our city life, and its constant growth is meeting the requirements of the port and extends the usefulness of the institution from time to time.

At the last annual meeting of the board of trustees the directors of the bethel were authorized to add on another story to the present building and to borrow funds necessary for the work. A building committee was appointed immediately with Captain Edwin Goudge as chairman, and the result is a splendid new addition of twenty-nine comfortable, well-furnished rooms, built and furnished at the surprisingly low cost of approximately $18,000. This addition gives the bethel sixty-seven rooms for lodging purposes, besides the chapel, concert hall and recreation rooms. We now feel that we are in a position to accommodate all bona fide seamen who may desire lodging at the bethel.

Summary of the Year’s Work

Religious services held ......................................................... 71
Attendance at services ......................................................... 3,163
Scriptures and religious papers given ................................ 3,280
Seamen sent to hospital ......................................................... 18
Convalescent seamen cared for ........................................... 149
Literature distributed to seamen ........................................ 15,850
Free meals given to seamen .................................................. 1,260
Free lodging given to seamen ............................................... 3,268
Free clothing ........................................................................... 112
Secured work for ................................................................. 1,873
Mail handled for seamen ..................................................... 20,000
Baggage handled for seamen .............................................. 5,400
Money deposited by seamen .............................................. $12,460
Total attendance at Bethel ................................................. 96,300

Canada—Toronto
Upper Canada Tract Society.........George Speedie, Secretary
Mr. George Speedie, Secretary of the Upper Canada Tract So-
The American Seamen's Friend Society

The American Seamen's Friend Society reports as follows concerning the work of that Society among the seamen of the Great Lakes:

"On the morning of Queen Victoria's Birthday, sixty years ago, the Rev. Thomas Bone started out on his great work on the Welland Canal. This adventure, with the blessing of God has continued to expand until in this Diamond Jubilee year, the Mission to Sailors on Inland Waters, is indeed a source of blessing every year to thousands of men and women engaged in the commerce of the Dominion.

The scope of the Society's operations extend from Quebec City to the Head of the Lakes, a distance of 1,500 miles, and includes the greatest fresh water way in the world, on whose surface (it is computed) more than 30,000 men live and work during the periods of navigation.

The following statistics give in a partial way what was accomplished during last season, with the Royal Arthur Sailors' Institute, Port Arthur, open the whole year: Visits to vessels, 1,337; Services held, 25; Libraries placed on board, 27; Libraries taken off, 28; Bibles and Testaments given to sailors, 96; Scripture portions, 758; Magazines distributed, 4,908; Tracts, 7,000; Comfort bags, 340; Visits to Institutes, approximately 7,000; Applicants for work at our Free Shipping Bureaus, 2,073; for whom work was secured, 724; Letters handled at the Institute in Port Arthur and Toronto, 2,179; 139 free meals and 410 free beds were provided for destitute men.

Twenty-five years ago the first "Library Afloat" was put into commission; since then some eleven hundred libraries have been placed on board ship for the use of sailors and firemen, when not in harbor. This means that something like 40,000 selected books have thus been available. Each library contains a copy of the Sacred Scriptures. Care is given to the choice of books, and, generally speaking, meets with the commendation of the men. During last season of navigation 27 new libraries were installed, and 28 old ones were replenished and once more put into commission."

South America—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Seamen's Center ...................Rev. H. C. Tucker, D.D.

Dr. H. C. Tucker reports as follows:

During the year 1927 1,767 beds were furnished for which a small fee was paid, and 854 free beds were given to men without means to pay; the men paid for 1,321 meals and 983 meals were supplied free. A special feature of the chaplaincy work was 59 visits to ships with a crew aggregating 2,222 men: there was
supplied to them 70 bundles of literature composed of papers, magazines, tracts, books, the Chart and Compass and the Sailor's Magazine; also 8 Bibles, 63 New Testaments and 796 Gospels were distributed among the men.

The Guild of the Union Church and the local Y.M.C.A. have continued to render such help as was needed and possible in accordance with their activities. Just before Christmas such suitable literature as was available was gathered and placed on board the vessels alongside, with cards conveying the best wishes of the British Sailors' Society and The American Seamen's Friend Society. Through private initiative a Christmas dinner at midday was given to a considerable number of sailors of several different nationalities. Out of funds supplied by The American Seamen's Friend Society and the British Sailors' Society a Christmas supper was given to the British and American sailors who were ashore; the men had an enjoyable time together.

**Buenos Aires—Argentine Republic**

Victoria Sailors' Home ................. P. J. Wyatt, Manager

Mr. P. J. Wyatt reports for the year 1927 as follows.

Sailors lodged at the Home 755, which was an increase of 173 over the previous year. They belong to the following thirty-four nationalities: Americans, Arabs, Argentines, Belgians, Brazilians, British, Chilian, Chinese, Danes, Dutch, Egyptians, Estonians, Finns, French, Germans, Greeks, Hindus, Hungarians, Icelander, Indians, Italians, Lithuanians, Lettish, Maltese, Norwegians, Panamanian, Polish, Portuguese, Rumanians, Russians, Spaniards, Swedes, Turks and Uruguayans. The largest number were 370 British, the next largest 38 Norwegians, and the third 35 Americans. There were held at the Sailors' Home 46 religious services and 135 entertainments attended by 6,816.

Forty-seven visits were made to hospital and 550 ships were visited. Literature was distributed on board ships amounting to 1,765 bundles. One hundred and sixty-seven sick or distressed seamen were sent home by the British Consul-General during the year and 379 were found employment.

Philanthropic work, as in former years, has engaged the special attention of the Superintendent and Staff of the Home, and during the year the sum of $1,619.05 were expended in this connection from the special Samaritan Fund. It is particularly emphasized that lack of means is no obstacle to genuine seamen gaining admittance to Victoria Sailors' Home, for no bona-fide
seafaring man is refused admittance unless there are good
grounds for such help being withheld.

ITALY—GENOA


Superintendent Anderson reports as follows:

One happy feature of life at the Rest is that there the young
men and women connected with the Scots' Church, together
with their friends, find an outlet for their energies in practical
social service and incidentally find a rallying place also. They
can and do help us in a big variety of ways; it may be in helping
the praise at our worship or in playing a game or in serving
tea, or in providing music and entertainments. Many, too, in
the British and American colonies in Genoa and around render
a service by providing magazines and books for our tables or
our library. From the British and Foreign Bible Society come
Bibles and so our stream of supplies goes quietly and steadily
from year's end to year's end.

A notable feature of our work is the way in which surprises
sometimes occur. One never knows how the social, the recrea-
tive and the religious are going to break through into one of
the other spheres. For instance, during my Sunday evening
service a terrible noise arose. Half a dozen Scots firemen headed
by a piper in full blast suddenly burst into the midst of the
sermon. The great thing is not to seem put out no matter what
turns up. Around the hall they marched going strong. What
is to be done? A signal to the boys to continue their marching;
a signal to the ladies to hurry on the tea. The merry group
halts and wants to know if I want some more. Of course I do.
I ask as a great favor that the piper will play the grand High-
land lament, "Lochaber no more." Instantly the line stands to
attention, every man doffs his cap, and as the wail of the lament
fills the air every man of us feels a curious tugging at the throat.
Before one knows what has happened those six stout fellows
have wet faces, and so have more than they. A solemn benedic-
tion follows and a voice speaks, "God bless you, sir." As we
all shake hands one feels somehow more of the real spirit of
religion than in many an assembly of saints.

In a recent letter to the Treasurer of the Society, Mr. Ander-
son writes: "May I say your Society's support is very highly
appreciated here and the courteous nature of all the Society's
communications is a pleasure at all times."
ITALY—LEGHORN

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

Superintendent Welsby reports for the year ending May, 1927:

There were in port during the year six vessels from the United States Navy and forty American merchant vessels and 23 British vessels. The attendance in the Reading Room of the Institute was 10,263, including 973 at the Sunday religious services and 608 at social evenings. More than 1,000 seamen attended football matches. Free meals and teas were issued to 247 and free beds to twenty seamen. Fifty-seven visits were made to eighteen seamen in the hospitals. The good use made of the Institute Reading and Writing Room was indicated by the 4,583 letters posted.

Owing to the coal dispute there have been fewer British ships calling at Leghorn and our numbers show a decrease. We have suffered financially also. However, we are not discouraged, because we know well that these decreases are not caused by any lack of interest or appreciation by our seamen. Taking into consideration the fewer ships as compared with past years, I think the Institute has more than maintained its position, and for this we praise God, who has given us the grace to carry on through this difficult year. Mrs. Welsby and I have been on leave in Scotland, and while we were away Captain and Mrs. Johnston came to live in the Institute, and carried on the work among the seamen very satisfactorily, entertaining the officers and men in every way they could think of, making themselves very popular with all.

ITALY—NAPLES

Sailors’ Rest. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A. Steele Grieg, Superintendent

Mr. A. Steele Grieg succeeded Mr. G. A. Mowels as Port Missionary on June 20, 1927. Mr. Grieg reports: “I have tried to visit all American and British ships in the port of Naples and to welcome all seamen coming to the Sailors’ Rest. Men who have missed their ships have been provided with food and bed as such time as their respective Consuls have taken them in charge. The Sunday evening services have proved a blessing to many who have attended them and there is a decided improvement in the attendance. Quite a number of American seamen stay at the Rest while they are in Naples.
The American Seamen's Friend Society

**Report for the Year Ending December 31, 1927**

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Attendance of seamen</td>
<td>319</td>
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<td>Visits to hospitals and prisons, etc.</td>
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<td>Seamen staying at Rest</td>
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<td>Total attendance at Sailors' Rest</td>
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**Japan—Nagasaki**

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

The following report of the Nagasaki Seamen’s Home was adopted at the Annual Meeting, November 28, 1927:

“In common with similar institutions in the Far East, the Home has been affected by the civil war in China. At the beginning of the year, when the wave of anti-foreign feeling swept over the Yangtze Valley, the Directors were advised to prepare for a big influx of foreign refugees; steps were accordingly taken to prepare sleeping accommodations suitable for women and children. Fortunately, most of the refugees went direct to the home lands or were distributed throughout Japan and Korea. Some were glad to stay temporarily at the Home, while others who rented houses in Nagasaki were lent beds. In the autumn, when the situation became easier in China, American, British and French warships visited the port.

Mr. C. B. Kinnes, who was honorary manager of the Home for about fifteen months, left Nagasaki at the end of March and his place has been taken by one of the Directors, Mr. Martin Hoeksema, of the American Reformed Church Mission, who gives what time he can spare after discharging his regular duties.

Financially, the Home is a little better off at the end of the year than it was at the beginning. The small foreign community made a generous response to the annual appeal for subscriptions and the Trustees of the Public Hall Fund sent us the accrued interest. From the supporting institutions—the American Seamen’s Friend Society and the British Sailors’ Society—we received welcome contributions to our funds.”
The benevolent work of the Society during the year was largely concerned in providing for 3,596 shipwrecked and destitute seamen of whom 2,164 received free meals, and 1,345 free beds at the Sailors Home and Institute, and 79 were provided with clothing, and 8 with railroad fare. The total amount expended for this benevolent work was $2,111.71.

The Sailors’ Magazine and Seamen’s Friend

For ninety-nine 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 day.

The past year 30,000 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 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

Cash Receipts and Disbursements from April 1st, 1927 to March 31st, 1928

### RECEIPTS

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Sailors' Home and Institute:

- Repairs and Renewals: $3,120.79
- Ditto Furnishings: $1,490.94
- Ditto Maintenance: $45,325.18
- Net amount paid in Investment changes, etc.: $50,566.89 $91,324.38
- Cash on hand in Bank, Trust Company and Petty Cash: $14,129.75

New York City, May 3, 1928.
Examined and found correct. R. H. STEVER, Auditor.

New York City, March 31, 1928.
CLAARENCE C. PINNEO, Treasurer.
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