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*Hon. Smith Thomson ................................................................. 1828
*Adrian Van Sinderen ................................................................. 1831
*David W. C. Oliphant ............................................................... 1840
*Anson G. Phelps ....................................................................... 1841
*Capt. Edward Richardson ....................................................... 1841
*Philetah Perit ........................................................................... 1848
*William A. Booth ...................................................................... 1856
*Richard P. Buck ........................................................................ 1873
*Reuben W. Ropes ..................................................................... 1885
*Charles H. Trask ....................................................................... 1891
*James W. Elwell ....................................................................... 1896
*Rev. Charles A. Stoddard, D.D. ............................................... 1899
*Rev. John B. Calvert, D.D. ...................................................... 1911
*Winchester Noyes .................................................................... 1928

SECRETARIES

Corresponding

Elected

*Rev. C. P. M’Ilvane ................................................................. 1828
*Rev. Joseph Brown ................................................................. 1833
*Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf ......................................................... 1834
*Rev. John Spaulding ............................................................... 1845
*Rev. Harmon Loomis ............................................................ 1845

Elected

*Rev. Israel P. Warren ............................................................. 1837
*Rev. S. B. Bissell .................................................................. 1860
*Rev. Samuel H. Hall, D.D ..................................................... 1865
*Rev. W. C. Stitt, D.D ............................................................ 1888
Rev. G. McPherson Hunter ..................................................... 1904
Rev. George Sidney Webster, D.D., 1914

Recording

Elected

*Philip Flagler ......................................................................... 1828
*Jeremiah P. Tappan ............................................................... 1834

Elected

*Elisha D. Hurlbut ................................................................. 1836
*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 ..................................................................... 1862
*Richard P. Buck .................................................................... 1864

Elected

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

General Agent

*Joshua Leavitt, 1828-1832

Financial Agent

*Luther P. Hubbard, 1863-1894

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WILLIAM M. KINGSLY .................1917
FREDERICK STURGES, JR. ............1919
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MARCUS H. TRACY ....................1928
CLIFFORD D. MALLODY ................1929
ALFRED V. S. OLCOTT .................1929
EVARTS L. PRENTISS ................1930
J. STANLEY DURKEE, D.D. ..........1930
FOREWORD

By the Secretary

In presenting the one hundred and second annual report of The American Seamen’s Friend Society for the year ending March 31, 1930, we express to our many friends on land and sea our grateful appreciation of their continued and loyal cooperation and support in our welfare work for seafaring men in the ports of the world.

The work of the Society, as outlined briefly in the following pages of this report, shows no outstanding features or events. Each department has faithfully and steadily “carried on” with the same Christian spirit which has been characteristic of the officers and staff during its more than a century of welfare work for seamen.

The one hundred and first anniversary Church service was held May 5, 1929 in Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn, New York City. The Pastor, Rev. J. Stanley Durkee, D.D., preached the sermon. As illustrating the undenominational character of the Society reference was made to the forty-second anniversary held in 1870 in the Y. M. C. A., Manhattan when Dr. Stephen H. Tyng, Henry Ward Beecher and Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage spoke representing Episcopal, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches. Mr. Beecher in his eloquent plea for better conditions on board ship for the sailors used this phrase, “The best possible freight any ship carries is its men.”

The fifty-sixth presentation of 242 copies of the Scriptures to the graduates of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., took place on May 26, 1929. On June 13, 1929 thirteen copies of the Scriptures and Seamen’s Manual of Worship were presented to the graduates of the New York State Nautical School, on board the S. S. Newport at Glen Cove, and on November 21, 1929 seventeen copies of the Scriptures and Seamen’s Manual of Worship were presented to the graduates of the New York State Merchant Marine Academy in the Maritime Exchange, New York City.

The personnel of the officers of the Society underwent unusual changes during the year. The following were removed by death: Admiral Edward W. Eberle, on July 6, 1929 after ten years as Vice-President, Hon. William Howard Taft on March 8, 1930, after nearly eleven years as Vice-President. Mr. Eben E. Olcott on June 5, 1929 after fourteen years as trustee and Mr. Alfred R. Kimball on December 8, 1929 after thirteen years as trustee. Trustee Joseph B. Morrell resigned on December 19, 1929 on account of ill health after fourteen years’ service.

Mr. Alfred V. S. Olcott, President of the Hudson River Day Line, was elected trustee September 25, 1929 to succeed his father. Mr. Clifford D. Mallory on May 6, 1929, Mr. Evarts L. Prentiss and J. Stanley Durkee, D.D., on January 29, 1930 were elected trustees to fill vacancies.
The Librarian reports as follows:

It is interesting in looking back over the year ending March 31, 1930, to note the advancement in the loan library work. There has been a substantial increase in the number of libraries sent out, the number of vessels visited by our ship visitor, also the number of seamen who had free access to the books and the number of letters received from members of the crew testifying as to the usefulness of the libraries at sea.

The principal achievements were supplying libraries to United States Coast Guard vessels patrolling the Atlantic Coast, and also, sending libraries for the use of crews on the oil tankers sailing on Maracaibo Lake, Venezuela, S. A. These vessels are owned in New York, and carry English-speaking crews, mostly Americans. This service is made possible through the cooperation of the Gulf Refining Company, who ship the libraries free of charge, transfer them to vessels in Venezuela and advise us of the transfer, the name of the vessel and number of men in the crew. Each library is changed from ship to ship, giving the crews on eighteen different ships an opportunity to read the books before the library is returned to New York.

During the year three hundred and nineteen libraries were placed on as many vessels, of which thirty-seven made voyages around the world, eighty-four 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 British Isles, Europe, Asia, Africa, Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies and the East coast of North and South America. These libraries contained 12,352 volumes. Nearly 28,000 seamen on board these ships had free access to the books during their spare time between watches and in foreign ports. The whole number of libraries sent to sea since March 1859 is 13,352 and the reshipments of the same 16,688, making in the aggregate 30,040. The number of volumes in these libraries 707,914 has been accessible by first shipment and reshipment to 611,770 seamen.

That this library work has been most successful and has proved a valuable aid in the uplifting of the character of seamen is evidenced by the many letters received by us from sea captains and sailors telling of the benefits derived from reading the books.
A few brief sentence extracts from the many letters received during the year follows.

"The library is a great friend when we are out on the great deep." "I would not like to go off on a long voyage without a library." "Long voyages do not seem so long when we have plenty of good clean books to read." "At sea the men usually look forward for the time they can spare a few minutes to enjoy a book." "The tedium and monotony of a long sea voyage is considerably lessened by reading the books." "With absolutely nothing to occupy our minds a good book is a blessing at sea and in foreign ports." "Just what we would do without good books to read in our long voyages I'm sure I do not know."

"The library has resulted in keeping the crew a happier, more cheerful and contented group of men." "We found great pleasure in utilizing your wonderful library." "Your library is the best we have so far received from any library association, all the books being new and up-to-date." "The library has proved a great friend in passing away lonesome hours at sea." "The library will soon be the talk of the ship." "We consider ourselves extremely fortunate in having your library on board." "We always find in the library a variety of good reading." "We truly appreciate the well selected literature which your library contained."

"Every book in the library found an interested reader." "The books were carefully and wisely selected." "Your books were put to their full hard days work and are returned worn but happy." "Nothing is so pleasant at sea as a good book." "The books proved to be educational and entertaining." "Of course the books are very interesting and we enjoyed every page of them." "The stories of romance, travel and adventure have been much in demand." "The books are of the highest standard." "We found the books suited to the different members of the crew." "The books and the variety of subjects are aptly chosen." "The pleasure we get from reading the books cannot be over-estimated." "The donors would be gratified if they could see what a good book can mean to Jack at sea." "The influence of the books upon the character of the men is remarkable." "The books were often an incentive to better things in the future." "The Bible especially is sought for it brings a sense of peace and comfort to the reader."

There is no service rendered to seamen of more value than that of furnishing wholesome literature for their use during extended periods at sea and in foreign ports.
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The Loan Libraries sent to sea contained the following books:

**Biography**
- Fathers of the Revolution ........................................... Philip Guedalla
- Adoniram Judson .................................................... Julia H. Johnston
- Mark Twain ............................................................ Albert Bigelow Paine
- Men Who Made and Marred History ............................... Elmer E. Helms

**Science**
- Creative Chemistry ................................................... Edwin E. Slosson
- The Outline of Radio ................................................ John J. L. Hogan
- Our Harbors and Inland Waterways ............................... Francis A. Collins

**Reference**
- Harper's School Geography .......................................... American Book Co.
- Webster's Concise Dictionary ........................................ A. L. Burt Co.

**Poetry**
- Chosen Poems .......................................................... Henry van Dyke, D.D.

**Recreation and Amusement**
- Forlorn River .......................................................... Zane Grey
- But in Our Lives ..................................................... Sir Francis Younghusband
- Balcony Stories ...................................................... Grace King
- The Enchanted Canyon ................................................ Honoré Willisie Morrow
- Greater Love Hath No Man .......................................... Frank L. Packard
- Four in One Mysteries ................................................ Garden City Publishing Co., Inc.
- Saint Martin's Summer ................................................ Rafael Sabatini
- Woven with the Ship .................................................. Cyrus T. Brady
- Child of the Wild .................................................... Edison Marshall

**History**
- America ................................................................. George Philip Krapp
- The Cavalier of Tennessee ........................................... Meredith Nicholson
- Snow and Steel ........................................................ Gerolamo Sommi-Picenardi

**Travel and Adventure**
- The Oregon Trail ..................................................... Francis Parkman
- Casuals of the Sea .................................................... William McFee
- In the South Seas ..................................................... Robert Louis Stevenson

**Moral and Uplifting Influence**
- The Weight of a Word ................................................ James L. Gordon, D.D.
- St. Francis of Assisi ................................................ E. P. Dutton & Co.
- Pilgrim's Progress .................................................... John Bunyan
- Companionable Books ................................................ Henry van Dyke, D.D.
- Heaven on Earth ...................................................... A. C. Dixon
- Questions Answered ................................................... R. A. Torrey
- Answers to Prayer ..................................................... George Muller
- The Goddess of Mercy ................................................ James L. Stewart
- This Man Hoover ....................................................... Earl Reeves

**Devotion**
- Holy Bible ............................................................... New York Bible Society
- Seamen's Manual of Worship ........................................ 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.
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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
Rev. A. Randal Zendt..........................Ass't Chaplain and Ship Visitor
Mrs. A. Randal Zendt..........................Hostess Missionary
Miss Eva LaPierre..........................Hostess Musician

The report of Chaplain Healey shows that both he and his fine staff of faithful workers have maintained during the year the home-like atmosphere of cordial welcome for their seafaring guests from all quarters of the world.

Many expressions of appreciation have also come from the seamen themselves who regard the Sailors' Home and Institute as their "home away from home" when in the port of New York.

The unemployment situation owing to the depression in shipping brought an unusual number of men to be cared for temporarily until they were able to "sign on" again and go to sea.

The entertainments provided by sailormen or land-lubbers and by Churches and other organizations were well attended and greatly appreciated. The religious services and the hospital visitation made real to strangers the Christian purpose and kindly sympathy which makes emphatic and real the word friend in the name of our Society.

The following statistics will give an idea in outline of the splendid service rendered to seamen by the Sailors' Home and Institute during the twenty-second year of its ministry on the North River waterfront in New York City.

Summary of the Year Ending March 31, 1930

Religious Services .......................................................... 120
Attendance at Religious Services ........................................ 4,592
Hospital Visits .................................................................. 96
Men visited in hospitals ...................................................... 313
Men sent to hospitals .......................................................... 35
Men received from hospitals ............................................. 163
Visits to ships .................................................................. 255
Men interviewed on ships ................................................... 5,305
Bundles of literature distributed ....................................... 896
Letters written and received ............................................. 28,163
Seamen's money cared for .............................................. $29,808
Rooms and beds rented ..................................................... 62,292
Total attendance of seamen ............................................. 153,783
Fishermen's Institute

The Chaplain gives the following report:

"The fishing industry has made marked progress in the last ten years, and the fishing fleet has progressed with the industry. The increasing use of power has made for quicker trips and more rapid handling of the fish. These things have all been in the fishermen's favor. With a fleet of about one hundred and fifty vessels of all kinds sailing from this port, a body of men in the neighborhood of fifteen hundred derive their livelihood from the water. These vessels in their operations over the twelve months of the year cover an area that extends from Cape May, New Jersey, in the south, to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland in the north. During the year 1929 thirteen vessels and eight men were lost at sea. Such losses emphasize the dangers that our men face at sea and the need of such a center as the Fishermen's Institute. The Institute is an expression of that sympathy and consideration which the public feels for a class of men who are exposed to more of the hazards of life than most of us have to meet.

The Pleasant Sunday Evenings are informal in character and seem to meet the requirements of our fishermen. These entertainments are twenty in number and cover the period between November and April. The total attendance last season was 1364, with an average of 68. An effort is made to provide entertainment that is wholesome, helpful and informing. Good music, selected moving pictures and lectures that are educational help our men to pass a pleasant hour and get something worth while. A short devotional service precedes the entertainment.

Last year the fishermen received 5,263 letters besides newspapers, etc. Not only do the men receive mail but writing material is furnished free of charge and the men avail themselves of this privilege, finding it convenient to write their letters in the room equipped for this purpose. We have a record of 2,867 letters that were sent from this Institute.

Money orders to the value of $3,796.16 were written for the fishermen, and $2,300.00 was held for safe keeping. This is a practical service that helps men in the right disposal of their money.

The applications of twenty-six old fishermen for Sailors' Snug Harbor were accepted, making a total of over two hundred men who have been sent to this great institution at Staten Island through the medium of the Fishermen's Institute in the last eleven years."
Seamen's Rest..................................................A. Lincoln Jones, Superintendent

Superintendent Jones reports for the year 1929:

We had an attendance of more than 19,000 seamen and about 5,000 landsmen, all seeking employment. We furnished employment to 1,019 men, although this is the worst year in shipping that has been known in Newport News. We sent 196 men to various hospitals and 175 were given care and attention after being discharged from hospitals. We have furnished 2,200 free beds and given 900 free meals. Five hundred and ten letters were written for men who cannot read or write; 2,605 letters were received and we forwarded more than 12,100 for seamen to all points of the globe. Seventy-one religious services were held in the building with an attendance of 1,007 seamen. Eight hundred packages of reading matter have been distributed to outgoing ships. Personal interviews were held with 8,000 men, and five boys, who had run away to sea, had been returned to their parents.

The Seamen's Bethel was renovated and somewhat changed on account of the widening of an adjoining street and rededicated on November 7, 1929. This service was largely attended by prominent people of the city who were interested in and loyally supporting the work of Chaplain Routten. We quote the following from one of his last letters: "Our work for the last two months has been full to overflowing. The sad part of it is, shipping has been so poor that a large number of the men have been left stranded here. We have tried to minister to them as far as our finances will allow. We hope, however, that when the spring opens up times for them may be improved."

Captain Lamb reports for the year ending December 31, 1929:

During the year the number of ships visited was 565 and the number of visits paid to the Bethel by seamen was 17,840. These men were
made welcome and invited to make the Bethel their home whilst in port—a daily average of some fifty men availing themselves of the facilities offered. The number of beds occupied was 5,213 and of that number 2,678 (slightly more than 50%) were free; the policy of the institution, which is never to turn away a needy seaman, has been rigidly adhered to and this accounts for the large number of free beds.

In spite of the fact that last year was marked by a depression in shipping, it was possible to find employment for 282 men; this number included officers and engineers as well as men for the deck, engine and stewards’ departments. In some instances, whilst waiting for a chance to ship, men have shown their appreciation by voluntarily giving a hand with the general work around the buildings—a total of 1,333 hours was contributed in that way. Entertainments were attended by 2,655 men.

Hospital visiting is part of the regular work and during the past year 79 convalescents have used the Bethel as a staying-place whilst gaining strength to go back to sea or in some cases until arrangements could be made to send them home.

Religious services have been held regularly every Sunday evening and were attended by 1,535 men—when it is remembered that the sailors visiting the Bethel are of many different denominations and that attendance at the Sunday evening service is purely voluntary, it is encouraging to find an average of some thirty men present—a half hour of fellowship follows the service when tea and cake are served.

The Woman’s Auxiliary has been active throughout the year, not only functioning as a general House Committee but fostering and financing much of the work.

**T E X A S — G A L V E S T O N**

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

For the year ending March 1st, 1930, Chaplain Sarner reports: During the past year our expenses were unusually high because of the number of unemployed seamen which had not been equalled since 1921. The religious services held every Sunday at the Bethel in the lobby were attended by 2,639 men. Two hundred and eighty-six seamen were visited at hospitals and given fruit, books and games. This materially helped toward recovery, especially in the case of lonesome and homesick men. Free lodgings to the number of 4,227 were given and employment was found for 1,275. In several cases transportation was provided for seamen who had secured employment in other ports. More than 20,000 articles of mail had been handled during the year, including federal pensions, important papers
and registered mail. The Ladies' Auxiliary consisting of over one hundred members was very active and helpful and their assistance very much appreciated.

**CANADA—TORONTO**

Upper Canada Tract Society

Mr. George M. Speedie, of the Upper Canada Tract Society of Toronto, makes the following report of its Mission to Sailors on Inland Waters for the year ending February 28, 1930. It is now just sixty-three years since The American Seamen's Friend Society commenced its mission to sailors passing through the Welland Canal. The following year, 1868, the Welland Canal Mission, as it was then known, was given over to the Upper Canada Tract Society by whom it has been operated ever since. Chaplain Judson, Missionary on the Canal, says: "Your missionary has access to all vessels passing through the Canal." The various Institutes operated by the Missions to Sailors at Toronto, Kingston and Port Arthur were visited by about 20,000 men. The Chaplains made 1,086 visits to the vessels. The New Testament and Scripture portions were given to the number of 1,250; Gospel Roll Calendars, 810; Scripture tracts, 16,636; magazines, 5,345; comfort bags, 301. Under the auspices of the Samaritan Fund, which was inaugurated a few years ago by The American Seamen's Friend Society, 1,724 free beds and 2,255 free meals were given to destitute seamen at an expense of over $1,000. During the year, 120 lighthouses on the Lakes were supplied with literature at an expense of $714.

**SOUTH AMERICA—RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

Seamen's Center

Dr. H. C. Tucker reports as follows:

The chaplaincy service, to which the British Sailors' Society of London and The American Seamen's Friend Society of New York, contribute, is associated with the Seamen's Center which is under the direction of the American Society at Rio de Janeiro. The Center provides reading, rest and game rooms, beds and meals and secures employment for men, looks after the sick and in other ways ministers to the welfare of seamen. For the year 1929 the report shows that 547 beds and 1,033 meals were furnished free; 1,463 beds and 1,535 meals were supplied for which small amounts were paid, sometimes by the men but more frequently by Consulate and shipping Agencies. The Center kept the reading room well supplied with papers and magazines and a small suitable library open to the men. The phonograph with a fair supply of records and games on the tables furnished
entertainment for the men and was an attraction away from evil enticements awaiting them on the streets.

There is no provision made to permit regular religious services; the men about the place are invited to the services held at the Missions to Seamen a short distance away. The men and other seafarers are advised of the hours of service at the Anglican Church and at the Union Church and are invited to attend.

In addition to cooperation with the activities of the Center, we have to report a number of visits made to the sick in hospitals, counsel, relief and help given in different ways at the office of the American Bible Society open to them at any time; now and then clothing has been supplied to stranded men and employment secured for others. Visits were made to 85 ships having an aggregate of 3,427 men in the crews; 116 bundles of literature containing 3,630 magazines and papers with a few books and tracts were placed on board; also 4 Bibles, 115 New Testaments and 1,564 portions of the Scriptures were supplied to sailors. At Christmas time suitable literature was placed on board ships that could be reached and a meal was served to the men at the Center and others who could get away from their ships; in the evening the men enjoyed a good social time with music in the reading room.

URUGUAY—MONTEVIDEO

Sailors' Home and Mission

The Sailors' Home and Mission at Montevideo sustained a great loss during the past year in the death of the Superintendent, Major D. F. Thomas, who had loyally and faithfully served the Mission in his splendid care of seafaring men. The following brief report is sent to us by Mr. Herbert P. Coates, who has been for many years very greatly interested in this Mission and is one of its principal supporters. He writes that "last year I see the Home furnished 1,782 free meals to "hard-ups", 8,499 beds occupied in the Home, 1,026 free beds. We placed 148 men in situations afloat or ashore. Paid visits to 350 ships in the port, 86 visits to hospitals and gaols; had 50 gospel meetings with about 800 attendances and distributed 7,340 gospels."

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—BUENOS AIRES

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

Mr. P. J. Wyatt reports for the year 1929 as follows:

Sailors lodging at the Home, 733, representing the following thirty-three nationalities: Austrian, Americans, Arabs, Argentines, Belgians, Brazilians, British, Chilians, Checoslovakians, Chinese,
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Danes, Dutch, Esthonians, Finns, Germans, Greeks, Indians, Hungarians, Italians, Letts, Maltese, Norwegians, Peruvian, Porto Rican, Phillipian, Pole, Portuguese, Rumanian, Russians, Spaniards, Swedes, San Salvadorian, and Uruguayan. The largest number were 400 British, the next largest 58 Swedes, the third 45 Americans and the fourth 38 Finns. There were held at the Sailors’ Home 53 religious services with an attendance of 1,349; 202 entertainments with an attendance of 13,465. Sixty visits were made to hospitals and 1,096 ships were visited. Eight hundred and ninety British ships entered the port and 168 seamen were shipped home. Employment was found for 238 men. Bundles of literature was distributed to 5,035. A larger number of residents of Buenos Aires interested in the work than any previous year furnished the Home with literature. The work of the Ladies’ Committee was carried on unremittingly throughout the year. The ladies provided entertainments, raised funds and assisted in other ways for the welfare work of the Home.

ITALY—GENOA


Superintendent Anderson reports as follows:

The Genoa Harbour Mission began swimmingly, so to speak, for its first home was a wooden hulk adapted for the purpose. The Floating Bethel, however, grew too frail and too small, and after ten years of service it was sold as junk. The iron Caledonia was built to replace the good old ark, and was described by Captains who had been all round the world as the finest Seamen’s Chapel afloat. The Caledonia was served by the steam-launch Iona—Captain Clucas, Master and Missionary, both—and finally both Caledonia and Iona were sold when the Mission found foothold ashore and set up its home in The Sailors’ Rest. If one were naming this fine Institute today one might not pitch upon the same quaint designation! Nevertheless the name itself has traditions worthy of preservation. It is dear to those who have known it long and therefore to us who labour now. It pledges us to carry on the work in the spirit in which it was born.

At the Sailors’ Rest we believe in beginning at the door. There is much in a welcome, and even more in the way it is given. A sailor is peculiarly sensitive, perhaps peculiarly touchy, if the truth be told, toward two things: a cold reception and a patronizing air. To friendship he is always and utterly responsive. So friendship meets him when Mr. Prandi greets him in the ship just arrived, and friendship awaits him when he enters the Scots Mission. These men, our friends, appreciate it. They come to read, to write, to play their games, to listen to counsel, to hear music, to talk with us of what troubles
them or gives them joy as a man talketh with his friend. Best of all, they come into the atmosphere of the place. Here they taste Home. The response is immediate and ungrudging; the grip of the place, strong. Very good it is to see the younger men grow up in what I may call the Institute habit. After nearly five years in this Chaplaincy one begins to meet again gallant young Second and Third Officers whom one remembers coming to The Rest as young apprentices, first-trippers fresh from home and school. It is a real delight to see them return now the proud possessors of a Ticket, and roll up groomed and eager as soon as their ship has made fast and they are free.

The British Sailors' Society stood by us nobly and The American Seamen's Friend Society increased their contribution during the past year. This increase and the continued support of our many friends cheered us up tremendously.

ITALY—LEHORN

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

Superintendent Welsby reports for the year 1929:

The most outstanding part of this work is our Sunday evening services. These services have been attended by officers and men from the ships in a surprising manner. In spite of bad weather, our seafaring friends have turned out better than they have ever done, and I am sure that, if we had been able to provide boats to bring them from their ships, we would have had many more.

The Seamen's Institute is a fine detached building, which stands out clearly from its surroundings, and is within easy distance of the Harbour. It is very well designed, containing concert-hall and gymnasium on the ground floor; reading and writing room, canteen, billiard-room, bathroom and dormitories for convalescent seamen, on the first floor; and lounge, writing room, billiard-room and library, also dormitories for officers on the second floor.

Concerts and social evenings have been held very frequently. These are of a most informal nature, and are enjoyed by all. The social evenings especially are much appreciated, taking the form of billiards, sing-songs around the piano, games, etc., and usually finishing up with a friendly cup of tea. Many of the regular traders, indeed, tell us that they look upon the Institute as their Leghorn Home, and spend all their evenings with us. To quote one instance, two American radio operators spent all their free time with us. They joined in billiards, chess, and music and on their last evening they informed
us that they would pay a visit to Dr. Webster, Secretary of The American Seamen's Friend Society in New York, and give him a good report of the Leghorn Mission.

Reading room attendance................................................. 9,642
Church, 32 services, attendance...................................... 651
Concert attendance................................................................. 1,161
Football, 53 matches, attendance...................................... 1,483
Men in hospital................................................................. 15
Visits to hospital............................................................... 52
Bundles of free literature................................................. 159
Letters received and posted............................................. 5,226
British ships in port......................................................... 286
American ships in port...................................................... 52
Visits to ships................................................................. 1,002

ITALY—NAPLES

Sailors' Rest................................................................. A. Steele Greig, Superintendent

Mr. A. Steele Greig, Port Missionary at the Sailors' Rest, Naples, Italy, reports as follows for the year ending December 31, 1929. There were held forty-three religious meetings with an attendance of 559 seamen. Visits were made to 579 ships, many of them British and American. Nearly 12,000 Scriptures and other literature was distributed on board ships and to the men at the Rest. The record of attendance at the Sailors' Rest showed 13,642 seamen during the year who wrote and received 3,019 letters. Help for thirty-seven shipwrecked or destitute seamen, or men who had lost their ships on account of illness, showed that employment was found for some, others had free lodgings and meals or were given clothing. Sightseeing parties were enjoyed by ninety-two men. The personal interest taken by Mr. Greig and his fellow-workers at the Sailors' Rest has helped many a seafarer in that port to count it their good home while away from their own homes. We rejoice to cooperate with the British Sailors' Society who are supporting and administering this splendid work in the port of Naples, Italy.

JAPAN—NAGASAKI

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

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Nagasaki Seamen's Home was held November 21, 1929. Mr. E. R. S. Pardon, Secretary, reports as follows: "At the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors was instructed to convey to your Society the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Electoral Board and the foreign community of
Nagasaki for the very generous support given to the work at Nagasaki.” From the Annual Report of the Directors presented by its President, Miss Mariana Young, we quote as follows: “Nagasaki’s fortunes as a port have revived somewhat during the period under review and the Home has had more opportunities of useful service than for several years past. We wish we could say that advantage had been taken of every opportunity to fulfill our mission. Foreign warships, from which come most of our custom, have been frequent visitors and the number of foreign merchant steamers calling here has been much above the average of recent years. We are not a money-making institution. The Home welcomes the sailor whether he has money to spend or not, providing him with a comfortable chair, newspapers, magazines and books; in needy cases meals and beds are supplied free. He may spend his money elsewhere, but he confides his property—spare clothing, purchases, etc.—to our care; he writes his letters home in the Writing Room, where materials are supplied to all without charge, and gives us other proofs of his confidence and esteem. Men from visiting foreign warships have attended the services conducted for residents in the Chapel of the Home on Sunday afternoons. Those who are church members in the home-lands like to attend services which are not specially arranged for seamen. Song services held on Sunday evenings around the piano in the dining-room have also been an appreciated feature of our activities. The Directors wish again to acknowledge the generous support given by the societies with which we are affiliated—The American Seamen’s Friend Society and the British Sailors’ Society—and the foreign community of Nagasaki.”
The American Seamen's Friend Society

Benevolences

The benevolent work of the Society during the year was largely concerned in providing for shipwrecked and destitute seamen 993 free meals and 1,311 free beds at the Sailors' Home and Institute, and 86 were provided with clothing, and 5 with railroad fare. The total amount expended for this benevolent work was $1,918.63.

The Sailors' Magazine and Seamen's Friend

For more than one hundred 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.

Acknowledgments

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, 1929 to March 31st, 1930

**RECEIPTS**

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New York City, May 1, 1930.
Examined and found correct, R. H. STEVER, Auditor.

New York City, March 31, 1930.
CLARENCE C. PINNEO, Treasurer.