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ANNUAL REPORT

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NEW YORK
THE Assistant Secretary presents the One hundred and eleventh Annual Report of The American Seamen’s Friend Society for the year ending March 31, 1939 to its many friends who have not failed in their interest and support of the work in behalf of “those that go down to the sea in ships.”

Mr. Theodore M. Taft, who had given his services gratuitously as attorney and counsel for nearly fifty years, retired from active practice of law on May 1, 1938. Resolutions were passed by the Board of Trustees and sent to Mr. Taft, expressing their grateful appreciation of his generous and loyal services and best wishes for his future welfare and happiness.

For the past year the Trustees have been planning to expand the Society’s work in every needed direction to meet the changed conditions in the shipping industry. To meet this change the Society’s headquarters were moved from 72 Wall Street, New York to Seamen’s House, 550 West 20th Street, New York. On January 3, 1939, Mr. J. C. Clark, Executive Secretary of Seamen’s House welcomed The American Seamen’s Friend Society who opened its door in this magnificent building located directly on the west waterfront, and it has brought the Society into closer contact daily with hundreds of seamen of the merchant marine.

More destitute and unemployed seamen have applied for aid this year than in previous years. It was the privilege of the Society to help many worthy sailors according to their needs.

The Society extends its grateful thanks to the New York Bible Society for gift of Bibles, to the steamship companies who have donated proportionately from concert collections, to the publishers who furnish books at reduced rates for the loan libraries, to the officers aboard ships who graciously received the staff and their guests on many occasions, to patriotic and other organizations for their contribution of money and books for loan libraries and to all friends who have remembered the Society this year in its ministry to the men of the sea. Appreciation is hereby recorded also to those who have made it possible for a representative of the Society to speak before Church organizations, clubs and special groups about the many-sided work for seamen carried on by The American Seamen’s Friend Society.

The promotion of cooperative work among the Seamen’s Agencies throughout the United States and Canada is under way and the Society will publish a booklet, “Who’s Who in Seamen’s Agencies.” Seamen’s Agencies who would like further information please write to the Society at 550 West 20th Street, New York.

The work of the Society, its Affiliated and Cooperating Societies, is outlined briefly in the following pages of this Report.
Another chapter has been written in the record of the loan library work of The American Seamen's Friend Society. As we close the book and begin a new chapter we do so with a deep feeling of thanksgiving to Almighty God for His guidance throughout the past year and with a profound realization of our dependence upon Him for resources and ability to carry on; we look forward into the new year with the vision of a larger and more effective educational work by including in connection with the loan libraries a lending library of technical books which sailors may borrow and take on board ship so they may continue their studies while on a sea voyage. This privilege will be of much value especially to the young cadets on American ships to aid them to fit themselves for promotion in position on board ship.

We are happy to report that during the year just closed the Society sent to sea four hundred and ninety-seven loan libraries of which eighty were new and four hundred and seventeen were refitted and reshipped just as good as new. The total number of volumes in these libraries is 17,395, available to 53,957 seamen. Twenty-six of these vessels on which these libraries were placed made voyages Around the World, ninety-seven went through the Panama Canal to Hawaiian Islands, British Columbia and to ports on the West Coast of North and South America, and others were bound for the British Isles, Northern and Southern Europe, Asia, Africa, Egypt, Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Central America, West Indies, Mexico and the East Coast of North and South America and several on United States Coast Guard vessels doing ice patrol duty in the north Atlantic, others are patrolling the Atlantic Coast and a number are on United States Army transports ministering to the merchant seamen on board these vessels.

The whole number of libraries sent out since March, 1859 is 33,405 of which 14,114 were new and 19,291 reshipped. The books in these libraries have been a source of enjoyment and help to thousands of seamen on vessels sailing on all the oceans of the world.

Many officers and sailors sent letters to the Society telling of the pleasure and profit derived from reading the books during their spare time at sea. It is interesting to note what they say. A chief officer writes: "I wish to take the opportunity at this time, on behalf of the crew and myself, to express our sincere thanks and appreciation both to you and your thoughtful contributors for making it possible for us to obtain good reading matter which comes in real handy during our leisure hours at sea. Much interest has been displayed by all concerned in regards to the fine selection and assortment of books."
At the present time we have read each and every book in the cabinet. I have kept a careful check on all books loaned out and will return this present Library in the same condition as was received.” A Ship’s Librarian writes: “Two cases of books, which your representative placed on board this steamer, while in New York, have brought many hours of pleasure to all of us. They have greatly helped to while away our hours of leisure at sea as well as in port. This little note is meant to express our sincerest gratitude to your organization in your splendid work you are doing in helping us seamen, getting more out of life. We hope that we will never have occasion to sail without at least a case of your books safely on board.” We could quote many others but this is sufficient to encourage the friends of this work to believe that the books have been a great blessing to seamen and are highly appreciated by them.

Our Ship Visitor, Walter E. Messenger, made 446 visits to ships; he placed 497 loan libraries and 313 packages containing nearly 19,000 assorted magazines on these ships for the use of the officers and crew at sea; he also gave a number of comfort bags, wristlets and other knitted goods to needy seamen who were very grateful for these useful and necessary articles. In addition he cooperated with the boys’ work by distributing circulars and letters inviting seamen, especially the young Cadets on American ships to visit and avail themselves of the privileges offered at Seamen’s House.
The libraries now going to sea contain the following books:

**Adventure and Travel**
- Ships of the Seven Seas . . . Hawthorne Daniel
- Free Forester . . . . . Horatio Colony
- Jungle Menace . . . . Frank Buck
- Rich Little Poor Boy . . . Eleanor Gates

**Biography**
- Modern Mariners . . . . A. J. Villiers
- Lives of Master Writers . . . Charles Raymond

**Devotional**
- Holy Bible . . . . . New York Bible Society

**Fiction**
- Arizona Justice . . . . Stuart Hardy
- Prairie Smoke . . . . Will Ermine
- Twin-Born . . . . . Dolf Wyllard
- The Mountains are My Kingdom Stuart Hardy
- Pa Hardy . . . . . Eleanor Gates

**History**
- Markers of Naval Tradition . . . Alden and Earl
- In Time of Peace . . . . Thomas Boyd
- They Fought for Liberty . . . Marchall Adams
- Constructive Citizenship . . . L. P. Jacks

**Inspiration and Guidance**
- Adventurous Religion . . . Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick
- Thy Kingdom Come but Not Now Margaret Slattery
- The Unemployed Carpenter . . . Ralph W. Sockman
- Acres of Diamonds . . . . Russell H. Conwell

**Humor**
- Make 'Em Laugh . . . . Charles N. Lurie
- Make 'Em Laugh Again . . . Charles N. Lurie
- Folks Say of Will Rogers . . Wm. H. Payne and John G. Lyons

**Mystery**
- Ships Aflame . . . . Jean Toussaint-Samat
- There Was a Crooked Man . . George W. Yates
- Famous Feats of Detective and Deduction . . . . Leonard R. Gribble

**Reference**
- How to Write Letters . . . Mary Owens Crowther

**Romance**
- Thirteen Sailed Home . . . Ken Attwill and J. O. C. Orton

**Science**
- Electrical Engineering . . . Chester L. Dawes, S.B.
- The Story of Power . . . . Eric Hodgins and Alex. Magoun
Daughters of the American Revolution

The American Seamen’s Friend Society has been placing loan libraries aboard ships in the name of Chapters and individuals of the Daughters of the American Revolution for several years and Miss Mary G. Jackson, Assistant Secretary of the Society, has served as Chairman of this library service, which is of real educational value to the crews on the American ships.

During the past years Chapters and State Societies have contributed 2,069 books to the Society which were used in refitting the loan libraries that are placed on board American ships. These libraries are originally purchased through The American Seamen’s Friend Society at $25.00 each and books donated are used to refit the libraries as they are returned to the office for reshipment on different vessels. Magazines numbering 6,804 were contributed and were placed aboard vessels leaving the Port of New York.


With the contemplated increase of ships to be added to the American Merchant Marine this loan library service is needed more than ever and The American Seamen’s Friend Society anticipates the continued interest and support of the Daughters of the American Revolution to augment this service for better educational advantages to the men on our American ships.
Many of our good friends send knitted articles for distribution among the sailors and they are heartily received and afford comfort during the cold winter season. The following directions may be found of use to some of our friends who would like to knit articles for the sailor:

**Wristlets or Pulse Warmers**

These should be made of dark colors and of strong, coarse yarn: Knit on Four Bone Needles No. 2 or Steel Needles No. 10. On three needles, cast on 52 stitches; knit two, purl two, for about thirty-five or forty rows. Bind off VERY loosely. The wristlet should be three and one-half or four inches long. If desired, the last six rows may be knit of a contrasting color.

**Comfort Bags**

These bags are very useful for the sailors to keep their wardrobe in order. They should be made of any strong cotton material, such as cretonne, ticking, denim, etc. Dark colors are preferable. They should be about nine by fifteen inches in size, with a tape draw-string at the top. The following articles are suggestive for its contents: Black and white sewing cotton, black, brown and white darning cotton, needle-book with large sewing and darning needles, assorted buttons, pins and medium safety-pins, large open-top steel thimble, vaseline, court plaster, bandage (two inches wide), piece of tape (half-inch wide), pair of shoe-strings (one yard long), scissors, comb, tooth-brush and paste.
Affiliated and Cooperating Societies

Seamen's House, 550 West 20th Street, New York City

J. C. Clark, Executive Secretary

Rev. James C. Healey, Ph.D., Chaplain

Mr. J. C. Clark, Executive Secretary of Seamen's House, welcomed The American Seamen's Friend Society on January 3, 1939 as colleagues of a common cause. The Society will share offices in this magnificent building for seafarers.

During the past year over 106,000 men, women and boys from the ships at nearby piers, availed themselves of the privileges afforded by this Institution. The restaurant served more than 155,000 meals. Many thousands of seamen give Seamen's House as their mailing address and it takes two clerks to handle the incoming and outgoing mail. The baggage room usually has from three to four thousand pieces of baggage which belong to the seamen. Visits to ships numbered almost two hundred and interviews were held with over three
hundred seamen and two hundred and forty-two boys. Special recognition was afforded the youth from the ships. They enjoyed the swimming pool and held contests with the awarding of medals for victorious swimmers. The ping pong table provided for tournaments between different teams from various ships. When days are balmy, foot ball and base ball games are enjoyed in the lot adjacent to Seamen’s House. Other diversions were sightseeing in “little old New York”, dances, cinemas, roller skating, and the avocation of “hobbies” is a feature in which the boys are thrilled. The passengers of ships do not realize that the boys who have served them on their trip, await the discarded lobster shells of a hearty meal and from them make quaint little people and other fascinating forms which they have exhibited at Seamen’s House, and the making of ships’ models never grows old. The gymnasium has its share of basket ball games and athletic sports. The work extended beyond the athletic and physical attractions. The spiritual need was provided under the leadership of Rev. James C. Healey, Ph.D., who has studied the seamen from every angle and thereby renders a comfort to the men in their hour of need and he is sought daily by the seamen who need his guidance and counsel. The Sunday morning breakfasts have been well attended and the men have had an opportunity to discuss their religious fervors, thus aiding them along the path of Christian manhood. Several times each week religious services were held in the Chapel. Donors to the work not only give of their time and money but on special occasions sent flowers for the altar which reflected a love from their hearts for the men who suffer the perils of the deep. Over 35,000 lodgings and 96,698 meals were provided destitute and unemployed seamen during the past year at Seamen’s House and Annex, 507 West Street, New York. Sick seamen have been sent to hospitals, convalescent men have been cared for upon discharge from hospitals until they were fit for duty.

Seamen’s House with its Christian atmosphere has provided a hearty welcome to patrons from every nation who entered the Port of New York.
A fishing port has more human appeal than most any other place. Especially is this true of Gloucester with its long history as a fishing port, its picturesque wharves, and its modern fishing fleet that sweeps the waters of the Atlantic from Hatteras to Newfoundland for the different varieties of fish that abound. But of more interest to the visitor to Gloucester are the men who go to sea in these vessels and catch the fish. What kind of a life do these men live out there on the water? Is it a life of ease and pleasure? We know, of course, that it is far from that on most occasions. Today, more than ever, the fisherman finds little time for leisure while at sea. Vessels are driven by powerful engines and reach the fishing grounds as quickly as possible where fishing operations are carried on with the greatest expedition. In addition to the arduous labor there is the danger of storm and fog that accounts for the loss of vessels and men. It is not unusual for a vessel to come into port torn and smashed by the waves and minus one or more members of the crew.

What a splendid thing it is for these men when they come into port to enjoy the hospitality of an attractive social center. The Gloucester Fishermen's Institute is the only center in the country for fishermen, although all seamen are welcome. Here the fisherman fresh from his trip at sea receives an hospitable greeting, asks for his mail, then takes a bath, after which he is ready to write to the folks at home. When he has attended to this important duty, if he is to be ashore for a day or longer, he makes arrangements for lodgings, renting a room at the Institute at a moderate rate. Having made arrangements for his stay ashore he is ready for a game of pool or checkers with some of his mates or if he is a man who likes to read he spends an hour in the reading room with the newspapers, magazines and books.

The Institute meets all these needs of the fisherman and many more. It supplies him with information necessary in his line of
activity and it provides entertainments for him on Sunday and Thursday evenings through the fall and winter.

A busy center, the Institute is open every day of the year. Here the fishermen come and go freely and everything is done for their convenience. Their recreational needs are met and a wholesome environment, motivated by the Christian ideal, is maintained.

The Christmas party is the big event of the year at the Institute. With a large number of men in port for the holidays, it is always well attended.

**Louisiana—New Orleans**

**Seamen's Bethel**

Captain William Lamb, Supt.

Captain William Lamb, Superintendent of the Seamen's Bethel, reports that during the year 1938, the Bethel, both inside and out, has undergone extensive repairs through the cooperation of the Trustees and friends, and the seamen staying at the Bethel furnished 2,348 hours of voluntary labor. The type of work varied. It included plumbing, glazing, pipe-fitting, carpentry, kalsomining, painting, etc. It is pleasing to note that the Woman's Auxiliary continues their valuable aid in replacing necessary furnishings and providing dinners to numbers of seamen at the Christmas season. The total attendance at the Seamen's Bethel was 16,384; beds were provided for 8,977, of which more than fifty per cent. were free, showing the need for the destitute seamen. The mail service provided the handling of thousands of letters. The recreational facilities at the Bethel have been fully appreciated and reading matter was in constant demand. Twenty-three entertainments were given and the programs for these occasions were arranged by various Church groups. A social hour with refreshments followed these entertainments with a total attendance of 2,277 men; religious services were held every Sunday evening during the year and were attended by 2,266 men; one hundred and seventy-five ships were visited and seamen were invited to make the Bethel their home while in port and a daily average of forty-five men availed themselves of this opportunity.
Fifty convalescent seamen received from the hospital made the Bethel their stopping-place while receiving some course of treatment or gaining strength to be able to resume sea duty, or in some cases until arrangements could be made to send them home.

The personal problems are grave concerns for the individual and the services rendered in these instances are many. One case may serve to illustrate: Case I. C. M., aged 58 years, came to the Bethel a year ago. He had sailed as a Bos'nm until the spilling of a bucket of lye partially destroyed his sight. He was given shelter, etc. and his case referred to the Department of Public Welfare. He was interviewed and his case investigated and classified as an “emergency.”

Texas—Galveston

Adoue Seamen’s Bethel J. R. Sarner, Executive Secretary

There was an increase of approximately 16% in the amount of direct relief given to the seamen this past year. This was due to a very poor fall and winter shipping season, which left many men ashore without funds. Direct relief in the form of food, shelter, or clothing, was given to 6,425 seamen, an average of almost eighteen seamen every day during the year.

The religious activities, attendance at services, the distribution of Bibles, religious tracts and periodicals, touched the lives of 1,640 men. Many hundreds of personal contacts other than these were made and no one knows the outcome of this phase of the work.

The clerk at the counter in the large recreation hall was kept busy receiving and distributing mail, forwarding letters to seamen in other ports, furnishing the men with stationery—many times giving free postage,—all to the end that relatives and friends may keep in touch with those who man our ships.

Letters are constantly received requesting aid in finding a missing husband, son or friend, and on many occasions it was possible to do so. The sailors’ money and valuables were received for safekeeping. The Bethel acts as their banker and accepts in trust for them articles ranging from no value at all to that of hundreds of dollars. Here also are distributed games which the men like to play in passing many hours which would otherwise have been dull and uninteresting.

The hospitals and the ships in port were visited regularly, inviting the men to come and take advantage of the many services available to them. Many of the seamen spend their time of convalescence from an operation or illness at the Bethel awaiting their turn to ship out. On numerous occasions limited employment has been found for these seamen during their stay at the Bethel.

Some of the outstanding statistics are 435 seamen attended the religious services, 114 seamen were received from hospitals, 64 seamen were sent to hospitals, 334 seamen were visited at hospitals,
135 seamen were given clothing, 1,891 seamen were given meals, 4,404 seamen were given lodgings, 13,369 magazines, books, periodicals, and tracts were sent to ships, 15 Bibles were given when requested, 3,073 letters were received and delivered to seamen, 2,842 seamen availed themselves of free stationery for letters, 1,052 pieces of baggage were handled for the seamen, the distribution of religious tracts and periodicals amounted to 1,215 and the total attendance for the year were 37,782 seamen.

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

**SEAMEN’S CENTER**

Rev. Dr. H. C. Tucker, D.D.

Rev. Dr. H. C. Tucker continues in the welfare work for seamen in the port of Rio de Janeiro. His genial letters throughout the year make us feel a service is being rendered to seamen as they make their stay in Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Tucker's annual report did not reach us and unfortunately the duplicate has not come in time for our going to press. However, we wish Dr. Tucker Godspeed in his seamen's work and we shall report a greater service another year in behalf of the men of the sea at this port.

**SOUTH AMERICA—BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINE**

**VICTORIA SAILORS’ HOME**

P. J. Wyatt, Supt.

Mr. P. J. Wyatt, Superintendent, reports for the year ending June, 1938: The work at Buenos Aires is identical with the problems that face seamen workers in other ports. During the year 847 ships entered the port and 198 visits were made to these ships. The men welcomed reading material and 285 bundles of literature were distributed. The Sailors' Home has provided 2,952 beds and 4,165 meals to seamen who appreciated all the privileges of the Home. Comfort and cheer were brought to forty-eight sick seamen in hospitals.
BELGIUM—ANTWERP

MARINERS’ CHURCH AND INSTITUTE

Rev. Stanley Parker, Chaplain

Rev. J. Stanley Parker, Chaplain, reports for the Antwerp Seamen’s Friend Society for the year ending December, 1938.

The religious services numbered one hundred and twenty with an attendance of 6,248. Two hundred and seventy calls were made to hospitals and 1,581 visits to ships. There were one hundred bundles of literature distributed and the attendance at the Reading Room numbered 9,563. The entertainments were one hundred and sixty-six with an attendance of 15,002. There were received and posted 7,062 letters for seamen.

Rev. J. Stanley Parker who has served the Antwerp Seamen’s Friend Society as Chaplain at the Mariners’ Church and Institute for many years, has been appointed Regional Chaplain for the West of England and left in February, 1939 to take up his new duties. He will be succeeded by Rev. Arthur E. Guest who is ably fitted to carry on the work for seamen at the port of Antwerp.

JAPAN—NAGASAKI

THE NAGASAKI SEAMEN’S HOME

Edwin Parker, Manager

We regret that because of the unsettled conditions in the Far East a report of the work at the Seamen’s Home, Nagasaki, was not received in this office before going to press. However, we may be assured the usual activities have been carried on in the same efficient manner as in former years.

The Home provides entertainment, games, rest and reading and writing rooms; stationery is supplied free, looks after the sick and distressed and in needy cases furnishes meals and lodging free of charge and in other ways ministers to the physical, mental and spiritual welfare of seamen from the naval and merchant vessels calling at that port.
THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY
Year ended March 31, 1939

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1938:
  Current Account ....................... $ 9,755.72
  Permanent funds ..................... 3,728.36 $13,484.08

Contributions ......................... $ 3,918.55
Income from Investments ............... 7,213.92
Legacies (unrestricted) ............... 1,363.76 12,496.23

Total receipts with balance........... $25,980.31

Permanen Funds, Legacies ............. $ 2,000.00
Investments realized .................. 4,102.90 6,102.90

$32,083.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Grants to affiliated stations.......... $ 1,025.00
Shipwrecked and destitute seamen ...... 278.60
Library books and cases ............... 1,746.90
Salaries .................................. 7,775.00
Office rent and other expenses ........ 2,225.29

Total income disbursements...... $13,050.79

Investment of Permanent Funds........ 4,843.75 $17,894.54

Balance March 31, 1939:
  Current Account ..................... $ 9,201.16
  Permanent Funds .................... 4,987.51 $14,188.67

Orrin R. Judd,

Treasurer.

Examined and approved,
Ralph H. Stever,

Auditor.
The American Seamen's Friend Society

AFFILIATED AND COOPERATING SOCIETIES IN HOME AND FOREIGN PORTS

Seamen's House, 550 West 20th Street, New York City, J. C. Clark, Executive Secretary, Rev. James C. Healey, Ph.D., Chaplain.

Fishermen's Institute, 8 Duncan Street, Gloucester, Mass., Rev. George E. Russell, Chaplain.

Seamen's Bethel, 2218 St. Thomas Street, New Orleans, La., Captain William Lamb, Supt.

Adoue Seamen's Bethel, Galveston, Texas, J. R. Sarner, Executive Secretary.

Upper Canada Tract Society, 406 Yonge Street, Toronto, Canada, George M. Speedie, Supt.

Salvation Army Sailors' Home, Rua Saccadura Cabral 233, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. H. C. Tucker, D.D.


Mariners' Institute, 21 Avenue d'Italie, Antwerp, Belgium, Rev. Arthur E. Guest, Chaplain.

Seamen's Home, 26 Oura, Nagasaki, Japan, Edwin Parker, Manager.

The American Seamen's Friend Society is also associated for work in Foreign Ports with the British Sailors' Society, 680 Commercial Road, London, E. 14, England, Herbert E. Barker, General Secretary.

Contributions and legacies in support of the affiliated work, and to aid shipwrecked, destitute and unemployed seamen and to place on vessels Loan Libraries for seamen at sea ($25.00) are greatly needed.

Checks payable to THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY may be mailed to 550 West 20th St., 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 certify 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 subscribed (or acknowledged 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.