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"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE."

By the Rev. Herman Carl Weber.

My life should be shining,
A candle bright;
Its shield of flame aligning
Against the night.

Its lance-like rays acouching,
To joust the dark,
Its flickering sword-points crouching
To strike the mark.

Its war right bravely waging
And never done,
Till dawning stills the raging
And comes the sun.

New York.

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An Appeal for Sailors

New York Home and Institute.

FOR sixty years the American Seamen's Friend Society has maintained a Sailor's Home in a large and well-appointed building at 190 Cherry street. Two years ago this building was taken by the city of New York in order to provide an anchorage for the Manhattan Bridge. The Trustees of the Society began at once to look about for a place to erect another building suited to the changed aspect of the city, and adapted to the new demands of the class of sailors who now come to the Port of New York. After careful study of the problem, they decided upon the new location, and bought a most desirable plot of land at the northeast corner of Jane and West streets, just opposite the dock of the Cunard line of steamers, between the present location of the Transatlantic line piers and the new Chelsea Docks built by the city; a position centrally located in the midst of the greatest port of shipping in any American port. The cost of this site was \$70,000, which was paid in full by the society, and it is now held without incumbrance. The next work of the Trustees was to devise a scheme for a suitable building to occupy this excellent site and to prepare plans for such building.

By the liberality of Miss Helen M. Gould, the naval men of this port are well provided for, and it was the aim of the Society to erect an equally comfortable home for the merchant service. Sailors need protection from crimps, saloonkeepers, boarding-house masters, disorderly women and swindlers of all sorts. They come on shore without friends, family ties or even acquaintances. Many of them are strangers in a strange land. Most of them have some money, and the ability to earn more; and there are hundreds of land-sharks who are greedy for the money and ready to help the sailor spend it, and also to get in their debt, so that they can secure his advance wages when he ships again. Yet the sailor resents the protection which treats him as a child or a helpless waif.

He seeks and needs amusement, recreation, a comfortable place to sleep and eat, where he will meet true friends upon equal terms. There is no place in this city where he can satisfy these needs. When it is remembered that two hundred and fifty thousand seamen enter and leave New York every year, that there are several thousand living ashore for a longer or shorter time every day in the year, and that the sailors' boarding house is the only place which is provided for them, the importance of such a building as the Seamen's Friend Society proposes will be appreciated. The place in the sailor's life which the old Home filled, has not been supplied, and the Society now proposes to restore that Home and add everything which an experience of more than half a century in work for seamen has suggested.

We give in connection with this article a picture of the

building which has been designed for a new Seamen's Institute. The building will contain rooms for about 225 men, this part modeled after the Mills Hotel; a free shipping bureau, where shipowners can secure seamen without the payment of fees to shipmasters, so that seamen will not be compelled to pay "blood money" for the privilege of earning a hard living; social, reading, writing, smoking and game rooms; banking facilities, where sailors can deposit their wages; an auditorium for lectures, concerts and general entertainments; club rooms for officers and engineers; headquarters for all the activities of the Society, and a chapel where religious work of a non-sectarian, evangelical character can be carried on among the 3,000 seamen in the immediate neighborhood.

The Society proposes to continue in this way upon a larger scale the work which it has done in this city and in thirty-four other cities of the globe during seventy-eight years. The Society aims to make this part of its enterprise correspond with the advance in commerce and philanthropy of the great city of New York.

It has been truly said that "New York is a great city because it is a great seaport." It leads in commerce, shall it not lead in enterprise for the sailors who come to its docks? Sailors are homeless, let us provide them a home; friendless, let us befriend them, and this proposal appeals to our sympathies as citizens, to our civic pride, our commercial interests, our religious and moral instincts; and the endeavor is to make it worthy of the seamen, the country and the Society.

The American Seamen's Friend Society has thirty-four auxiliaries, including Antwerp, Copenhagen, Genoa, Hamburg, London and other seaports in Europe, stations in South America, Japan, India and the Philippines, besides those in most of the ports of our own country. This new Home is a part of a well-laid plan to bring New York in touch with these other institutes of the Society which reach round the world in an unbroken chain, and thus the present organization may be made more efficient and helpful to the seamen. The Society by its foreign work is always reaching the sailor in nearly every considerable port in the world, and even on the high seas by the well-known Loan Library system and the "Sailors' Magazine and Seamen's Friend," which follow "Jack." For seventy-eight years the Society has furthered every movement for the mental, moral, social and spiritual interests of seamen. Its Loan Library work has gone on for nearly half a century.

In order to build the new Institute upon the site which has been provided the American Seamen's Friend Society appeals to the citizens of New York for the sum of \$225,000. This amount is needed for construction and equipment of the Institute, and it is not a large sum to ask for so worthy and permanent an object. The Trustees feel certain from their past experience of seventy-eight years, as well as from the financial condition and standing of the Society, that they will be able to permanently maintain the Home and Institute upon generous and up-to-date lines, when it is once established, and they confidently appeal to all classes of our citizens to aid in this unsectarian, philanthropic and eminently cosmopolitan undertaking. Contributions may be sent to Clarence C. Pinneo, assistant treasurer, 76 Wall street, New York, checks made payable to the American Seamen's Friend Society, and may be made payable at the convenience of the donors in instalments or otherwise; and correspondence respecting the work of the Society is invited by the secretary, the Rev. George McPherson Hunter. A list of the officers and trustees of the Society is given herewith, for the information and assurance of contributors: Charles A. Stoddard, D.D., president; William C. Sturges, vice-president; Rev. G. McPherson Hunter, secretary; Clarence C. Pinneo, assistant treasurer. Trustees—Charles A. Stoddard, D.D., 156 Fifth avenue, New York; William E. Stiger, 155 Broadway, New York; Daniel Barnes, 76 Wall street, New York; A. Gifford Agnew, 45 Wall street, New York; Norman Fox, D.D., 49 West Seventy-fifth street, New York;

Presbyterian Pastors and People Penniless

Immediate Relief Necessary If Life Is To Be Saved

The telegrams and letters received by the Editor of The Observer from friends in San Francisco, and published herewith need few words of endorsement from him. They carry their own strong appeal. Through blinding tears they must have been written; they cannot be read without tears. Church buildings destroyed, seminary halls injured—one in ruins, Chinese women and orphans without a shelter. Presbyterian pastors and people penniless—surely the bare statement of facts is sufficient!

The appeals of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Erection which follow will be heeded; of that there is no doubt. A liberal response given quickly will save life and infuse hope and courage; to be of service it should be both liberal and prompt. Gifts for the purpose should be sent to the treasurers of the boards named in this appeal.

Remittances for immediate necessities which the California brethren seek may be sent directly to the treasurer of the Committee, the Rev. Lapsley A. McAfee, Berkeley, Cal., or if one prefers it may be sent to the Editor of The New York Observer, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, in accordance with the Committee's request, and it will be forwarded without delay or expense. The following is the telegram sent from Oakland, Cal., calling for emergency relief:

"Many Presbyterian churches destroyed. Pastors and people penniless. Seminary badly injured. Please start emergency fund. Letter soon.

"EDWARD A. WICKER,
"WARREN H. LANDON,
"THOMAS F. DAY."

An Emergency fund Needed At Once

THE APPEAL OF OUR BRETHREN WILL NOT BE MADE IN VAIN.

The telegram was followed by this letter:

To the Members of Presbyterian Churches—

Dear Brethren:—In our hour of need we appeal to you to help us.

There are to-day in San Francisco and the vicinity many churches whose buildings have been wrecked and burned; whose congregations are impoverished, homeless, and in some cases hopelessly scattered; whose ministers are penniless. Among these are First Church, San Francisco; Mizpeh Church, San Francisco; Franklin Street Church, San Francisco; all of which are burned. Santa Rosa Church is wrecked by earthquake; and many others are in the same condition of which we know as yet only from rumor. Besides these every church in the four Presbyteries of San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Benicia, through the destitution of its leading members, has been more or less impoverished. Some churches, such as Westminster, San Francisco, are facing certain bankruptcy unless they should speedily receive assistance from outside.

There are ministers to-day in California who do not possess five dollars in cash and do not know where they are to obtain their next supply of money.

Add to this the disaster which has fallen upon our institutions. Our beautiful seminary has suffered terribly. Montgomery Hall is badly injured; Scott Hall is a ruin; the endowment has largely gone up in smoke. Professors and students have suffered together.

The home of the Occidental Board of Foreign Missions is destroyed and the fifty Chinese orphans together with several Chinese Christian women are now being cared for upon the grounds of the seminary. They escaped with the clothing they wore and a quilt or blanket. All else has been lost. The Chinese Presbyterian Church is gone, as are also the homes of its leading members and supporters.

Indeed no catalogue of losses can convey any adequate impression of the utter ruin of our Church's institutions around the Bay of San Francisco.

We need an immediate response to this appeal. It is not intended to supersede action taken by any board or committee. It is simply an appeal for immediate necessities. Remittances can be sent direct to the treasurer of the committee, Rev. Lapsley A. McAfee, Berkeley, Calif., or in care of The New York Observer.

Signed by the committee:

Edward A. Wicher, Professor of San Francisco Theological Seminary, Chairman.

Lapsley A. McAfee, Pastor of First Church, Berkeley, Treasurer.

Ernest E. Baker, Pastor of First Church, Oakland.

Wm. Martin, Pastor of Santa Rosa Church.

Wm. Kirk Guthrie, Pastor of First Church, San Francisco.

Thornton A. Mills, Pastor of Second Church, San Jose.

Wm. B. Noble, Synodical Missionary for California.

Warren H. Landon, Professor of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Thomas F. Day, Professor of San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Mrs. C. S. Wright, President of Occidental Board of Foreign Missions.

Miss Donaldina Cameron, Chinese Mission, San Francisco.

APPEALS FROM THE BOARDS.

Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Church Erection Ask for Funds.

THE Boards of Home Missions and Church Erection, have issued the following appeal:

"The national calamity which has befallen the Pacific Coast has met with swift sympathy and unexampled response. Seldom has human brotherhood been so emphasized. Now comes the opportunity for Christian brotherhood to prove itself. Many of our churches are in ruins. Our people are stripped of everything. A report from San Francisco says the only way those scattered flocks had for finding one another was to meet on Sabbath around the ashes of their churches.

"A telegram which The New York Observer has just received from some of our ministers says: 'Many Presbyterian churches destroyed. Pastors and people penniless. Seminary badly injured. Please start emergency fund.'

"Dr. John Willis Baer writes from the Pacific Coast: 'The Boards of Home Missions and Church Erection will have something to do now in a few weeks. You cannot begin to estimate the desolation. It means a new San Francisco.'

"We beg therefore for an offering to help the suffering congregations in that city and the coast. Let it be as generous as the appeal is pathetic. Gifts will be used for whatever phase of the work may be designated. Those which are designed for help of the congregations or the support of the ministers may be sent to Mr. Harvey C. Olin, treasurer, 156 Fifth avenue; and those which are for church buildings to Mr. Adam Campbell, treasurer, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y."

The following appeal from the Board of Foreign Missions is made in behalf of the Chinese and Japanese work which it carries on in San Francisco:

"The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth avenue, sustained considerable losses in the earthquake and fire in San Francisco. The Board had