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ANNUAL REPORTS

*Ending Jan 19*  
1897

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Clerk

Treasurer

President of Trustees

Superintendent of Sunday School

Music Committee

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 19, 1897.

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Another year of church life having been completed, it becomes the duty of the pastor to review the way along which the Lord has led us, to indicate such gains or losses as have been made in the various lines of work, and to express an opinion as to the spiritual condition of the church.

We began the year under exceptionally favorable circumstances, in connection with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the church, which was postponed one week after the actual date to accommodate speakers from abroad. The general uplifting which we experienced in connection with that week of festivities continued with us appreciably for several months, and did much to prepare the way for a year which was destined to bring us increasing financial burdens together with a lessening of our working force.

The pastor instituted the plan of giving readings during the weeks preceding Easter, to such persons as should gather on Wed. afternoons, and this effort met with such gratifying result that the same plan will be continued this year.

Special services were held during the week celebrating our Lord's passion, and were well attended notwithstanding unfavorable weather. A Good Friday service, held in the church,



with special music, proved particularly helpful, and may well become an annual custom.

Early in the spring the church, through the trustees, adopted the Plymouth Hymnal in place of the Manual of Praise, which had been used for many years in the service of song. The new and handsomely bound hymnals were used for the first time on Sunday May, 3rd, and at once came into general favor. They cost \$309, which was paid largely by voluntary subscriptions by a few of our people, only 60 persons buying books of their own. This has been a very important addition to our equipment, and a means of enriching the worship. There has been a decided improvement in the singing of the congregation, and we ought to strive to make this part of our Sunday services still more prominent. The old books are doing excellent service in the prayer meetings, where previously we had no suitable hymnal.

The pastor took his vacation in the last part of May and the first part of June, reserving one Sunday for Aug. The pulpit was supplied by Sec'y J. H. Morley, one Sun., Sec'y Grassie, of Wis. one Sun., Prof. Pearson, of Northfield, one Sun., Rev. J. H. B. Smith, of Wadena, one Sun., and was closed one Sunday on account of lack of supply. Still another Sun. was lost to us in Nov. through the failure of the heating apparatus. One Sun. in Oct. we had the pleasure of listening to Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, Managing Editor of the Congregationalist. At all other services, morning and eve-



ning the pastor has preached -- 91 <sup>times</sup> sermons in all. In other churches has preached 6 sermons, and given sundry addresses.

During the year courses of sermons have been given on "The way of salvation", as described by Jesus to Nicodemus, "The seven foundation stones of Christianity", on the Baptism and Temptation of Jesus, and recently a course of plain Gospel sermons has been begun for the evening service, which it is planned to continue through this month. Preaching is undoubtedly the most important work of a minister, and yet by the nature of the case its results and processes can least of all be estimated in figures or find place in a report. The seed has been prepared and sown with such care as the various labors of the pastor have permitted, and the blessing of God must go with it. Attentive attitudes and responsive faces in increasing morning audiences have been an inspiration to me, and the many kind words which have been spoken to me in regard to this part of my work have been much appreciated. More has been said on this score than I or any minister can deserve.

I will not attempt to hide my disappointment over the failure of our evening audiences to increase in <sup>size</sup> numbers. We perhaps have held our own here, and from what I can learn do as well as most of the churches in this part of the city. At best, however, our evening audiences are small, and it is full time that we began to devise ways and means for the



correction of this relatively weak spot. The pastor has tried all kinds of preaching, popular ethical, popular evangelistic, popular doctrinal, historical, Biblical, topical, textual, both with and without pulpit, in low tones and loud tones, much gesture and little gesture, much singing and little singing by the people, and nearly always has closed the service within the hour. And still the people do not come. If any ~~wise~~ person is wise enough and frank enough to tell us why, we will all rise up and call him blessed.

I am very close to recommending that we organize the men the congregation, and that they take the evening service as their special field. By various committees arranging for special music, variety in the speakers and subjects, invitations, advertising, printing programs in which the people shall have a large part, and in other ways working for the filling of our church every Sunday night, and the filling of the people when they are here. <sup>with people</sup> <sup>they could be kept profitably at work.</sup> This is the general plan once followed by the young men of the church in the Pilgrim Club. It has been tried successfully in many city churches and I have found it to be in the main successful in my former charge. I am inclined to think it will solve this problem, and be at the same time a great benefit to the men. Gradually other enterprises might be taken up by such an organization, so that we could be benefited in many ways. I shall be glad to hear opinions as to the wisdom of this scheme.



Prayermeetings have been conducted every week in the year without exception, and three weeks <sup>there have been</sup> of special meetings. ~~have been~~

During the political campaign our attendance was lessened, but it has been gradually increasing of late. Our meetings during the past two weeks have been exceedingly helpful and well maintained. The brethren who have led them have shown such willingness and skill that the wisdom of a larger use of laymen as leaders is suggested. Once a month a missionary meeting has been held, and this plan will be continued, ordinarily the first meeting of the month being set apart for our great missionary enterprises. I find we are behind other churches in prayer meeting attendance. If you could see the full rooms in some sister churches not a mile distant you would realize how much there is for us to do in this direction. We want more members who will set apart Thursdays nights throughout the year. As I said in a recent communication this will do more to quicken the spiritual life of the church <sup>other</sup> than any one thing. A full room here at the midweek service will prove a fountain of blessing.

#### PASTORAL WORK.

In taking up the consideration of pastoral work, in the more restricted sense, <sup>public</sup> as work out side of the services of the church, I am inclined to quote the words of Tennyson in his

"In Memoriam":

"So many worlds, so much to do,  
So little done, such things to be".



And yet I have been "at it" as never before in my ministry. It takes a pastor about two years to become acquainted with his field, and as long for his field to become acquainted with him. If anything the second year is harder than the first, for the reason that the ~~first~~ <sup>early</sup> bloom of enthusiasm is ~~then~~ <sup>again</sup> worn off. The past year has ~~again~~ been one of preparation for what we can expect will be better things to come. The drift of that kind of population from which we naturally draw our people has been away from Duluth rather than to it; and as a result we have ~~lost~~ <sup>14</sup> by removal from town ~~seven~~ families, including such names as Clague, Rossiter, Gilman, Hurd, Crowl, and Studley. ~~Five~~ <sup>Six</sup> other families having removed to the extreme Eastern part of the city have been attending other churches, and with one exception at our suggestion have taken letters or been released from covenant obligations. Nine new families have come to us, two of whom ~~formerly~~ were in the church in former years. Several other families have been drawn closer to us during the year so as to rightly be numbered among "the elect". There are now 230 families on the pastor's calling list.

As to members of the church we have been occupied with the healthy but distasteful work of pruning the ~~church~~ <sup>ecclesiastical</sup> vine. We have been urging absent members to take letters to local churches, and 21 such letters were given during the year. In addition 18 names were ~~removed~~ <sup>removed</sup> from the roll, we suffered a



loss of three by death. But to show how far we are yet from completing the process of revision it should be noted that we still have 54 absentees, and a list of some dozen doubtful ~~names~~ <sup>persons</sup> who must be warmed up or dropped during the coming 12 months.

The accessions to membership have ~~be~~ not been as large during the year as we could wish. This has resulted from the unsettled condition of some families, who under a clearer idea as to their permanence in Duluth would have presented letters from other churches, but mostly, I fear we must frankly confess, to a lack of spiritual life ~~which~~. There are signs of a quickening of spiritual interest during the past few weeks, and a stronger inclination, especially among our young people, to confess Christ in the act of coming into the visible church. Let our prayers and our works be earnest in this direction during the coming year. Let me especially urge parents of boys and girls who are passing the age of 14 years without entering the church to consider seriously their duty to ~~be~~ make disciples in their own homes.

The pastor has been greatly aided in the work of calling by the Ladies' calling Com. and by many individuals who have responded to ~~opportunities~~ <sup>suggestions</sup> in this direction. Over 100 such calls have been made by ladies, and these, ~~have~~ together



with regular monthly sociables, have done much to increase the mutual acquaintance of our people.

The pastor has been called upon to conduct 11 funerals, and has officiated at 2 weddings.

#### ORGANIZATIONS.

The exceedingly prompt and complete reports to which you have listened from the heads of the various church organizations are sufficient evidence ~~of the~~ of the excellent work that has been done. It is not necessary for me to add to them, beyond expressing my appreciation of such consecrated and efficient helpers as the officers of these societies have been. Our Sunday School is doing better and better work every month, and the value in which the work of the superintendent and his corps of helpers is held may be gathered from the fact that they <sup>all</sup> are recommended for reelection. The Ladies' Union in raising some \$800 for the church deserve the gratitude of us all. Without them our finances would have been in a sad plight instead of their present hopeful condition. The various missionary <sup>organizations</sup> ~~societies~~, including the Endeavor societies have probably passed through the most difficult year of their history. Notwithstanding the stress of our home finances they have stood nobly to the front for the work of Christ in the outside world, and what they have done is a splendid tribute to ~~their~~ the quality of their christianity. I will speak more particularly of the Junior Endeavor which ~~has~~ been under the personal care of the pastor.



# Pastor's Junior Endeavor Class.

The Junior Endeavor Society, organized in 1891, was last fall consolidated with the Pastor's Children's Class, which began in 1895. For a year the two lines of work were carried on in cooperation, but this plan was not entirely satisfactory to either organization, and the combination is the result. The new organization is Christian Endeavor to the extent that prayer meetings are conducted after the Endeavor way, and the children work through the well known committees. It is a class to the extent that three quarters of the time is spent in instruction. The plan is to carry the children through a course of three years, beginning at the age of ten. The first year is on the Bible as to its books, divisions, and general scope. The second year is on the fundamental doctrines, the Apostles' Creed being the basis of study. The third year is on the Christian Life, and is supposed to be in an especial sense preparatory to membership in the church. The work of two of these years is now being done, and beginning with next fall the three separate classes will be in operation. Additional instruction is <sup>also</sup> given, as in sacred geography, and missions, and the way to conduct prayer meetings.

The value of this work, which the pastor regards as one of his most important labors, depends much upon the cooperation of the parents in securing regular attendance



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and in prompting to study at home. The children have raised \$9 for work among the Indians, and are now at work on the Armenian Orphan Fund, hoping to send \$25. The pastor is very fortunate in his assistants, who are Mrs. Albert Baldwin, Mrs. C. H. Bagley, Mrs. E. F. Burg, and Miss Belle Simonds. The membership of the Class is 78 and the average attendance 45.

### BENEVOLENCES.

One has ~~little~~ <sup>small</sup> idea of the extent and variety of our benevolences by hearing the reports from the various organizations and the church treasurer; but it is when they are all brought together that the real importance of this work can be appreciated. This I now propose to do. I will first classify the gifts of the church according to their source, and then with reference to their object.

### SOURCE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Church,	427.76		
	<del>\$450.33</del>	loss	<del>\$172.39</del> 195.26
Sunday School	17.06	loss,	32.56
Woman's Miss'y Soc'y.	142.19	loss,	47.41
Friends in Council,	40.00	gain,	5.00
Christian Endeavor,	58.14	gain,	17.14
Individuals,	961.29	gain,	894.29
	<del>691.29</del>		
Total,	<del>\$1669.31</del>		
	1646.44		



## OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

Foreign Missions	\$311.68	gain,	\$ 13.05
Home Missions	163.29	loss,	238.70
Church Building	112.04	gain	56.06
Education,	47.28	loss,	16.49
A. M. A.,	83.24	gain,	30.64
S. S. Soc'y.	17.06	loss,	24.84
<b>Other:</b> -			
Y.M.C.A.	\$460.00		
Bethel	237.00		
Children's H.	48.85		
Minn. Home Soc'y	22.87		
Armenians	\$70.90	914.85	gain, 844.35
Total,	<del>\$1669.51.</del>		
	1646.44		

We have fallen off \$230.36 in the regular church benevolences, which of course is to be regretted but not wondered at. On the whole the record is an encouraging one, especially in the item of local charities where our people have been very generous. Let it be ever kept in mind that by our benevolences we enlarge our field vastly, that in this way Pilgrim Church is at work at the ends of the earth and in an immense variety of ways. It is more blessed to give than to receive. That statement of our Lord's made before every church offering will be more and more fulfilled <sup>as time</sup> in the history of our church; and we are sure to be blessed at home in proportion to what we send abroad.

All are well aware that the great stress has come in the support of our own church, and here the pastor has not sufficiently strong words of praise for the noble spirit of



self-sacrifice which has characterized our people. In view of the fine showing of the treasurer's report there is room for nothing but praise. We have stood a test which is not likely to be placed upon us again. It has been a hard year, but the very hardship of it and the very process of self-denial has bound us the more closely to the church, and I believe our future is bright with promise. The thought even of attempting to lift the burden of the floating debt in such times as these is evidence of the stuff the people of Pilgrim Church are made of. If it can be done it will be a monument ~~to~~ of the noblest kind to the goodness of God who has given us a church <sup>sufficiently</sup> beloved ~~as~~ to elicit such self-sacrificing labors.

#### CONCLUSION.

Such has been the record of the year. It is hard to sum up in its varied features of struggle and thought, of gain and loss. Whatever be our estimate of it we can find abundant reason for pressing on into a better year to come. We know not what is before us in the coming days, but we know our Captain, that all power in heaven and earth is given unto him, and that if we are obedient to our marching orders he will be with us unto the end of the world.



## RECOMMENDATION.

The pastor recommends that we revise our manual, for the purpose of making our constitution correspond with our practice, and in order to bring into it such new features or changes as experience and study suggest. For this purpose a committee of five might be appointed, to report at their convenience, and to have the manual printed at such time as the finances of the church would seem to warrant.



Duluth Minn Jan. 19-1897

To the Officers and Members of Pilgrim  
Congregational Church

Your Trustees desire to submit  
for Report of Trustees following  
Report -

Pilgrim Congregational Church

have been kept insured in the sum  
of twenty Duluth, Minn. and  
the premiums on this insurance are paid

January 19, 1897

The Church property is in fair  
Condition but would be materially  
improved by putting in a more  
modern and larger Steam or hot water  
heating plant which we hope to do  
when our financial Condition will permit

The Real Estate  
Property of Pilgrim  
at fifty thousand  
there is a mortgage indebtedness of  
fifteen thousand dollars upon which

W. A. McGonagle

C. A. Duncan

Ward Ames

C. W. Erickson

R. S. Munger

Trustees



Twelfth Minn Jan. 19-1897  
To the Officers and Members of Pilgrim  
Congregational Church.

Your Trustees desire to submit  
for your Consideration the following  
Report - :

The Church building and Contents  
have been kept insured in the sum  
of twenty-five thousand dollars and  
the premiums on this insurance are paid.

The Church property is in fair  
Condition but would be materially  
improved by putting in a more  
modern and larger Steam or hot water  
heating plant which we hope to do  
when our financial Condition will permit.

The real Estate and personal  
property of Pilgrim Church is valued  
at fifty thousand dollars upon which  
there is a mortgage indebtedness of  
fifteen thousand dollars upon which



Sum we are paying interest at the rate of six and one half per cent per annum. All interest on this mortgage has been paid except the last coupon due in November last and amounting to \$487<sup>50</sup>.

There is a floating indebtedness of \$3400. Consisting of notes in the First National Bank of Duluth and the National Bank of Commerce of Duluth with sundry Street Assessments and temporary loans <sup>and including the above interest coupon</sup> all of which we hope to wipe out as a result of the faithful labors of the Special Finance Committee appointed by the Church and consisting of Ward Ames, Chas. A. Duncan and A. B. Stewart.

The Pastors Salary has been paid in full and all other Salaries are paid to January 1<sup>st</sup> 1897.

For a detailed statement of the financial condition of Pilgrim Church



3 we refer you to the report of the Treasurer.

### Recommendations

- ① We would recommend that the Pastors Salary for the Ensuing Year be fixed at two thousand dollars and in adopting this recommendation we hope that the Church will Consider that they have pledged themselves to pay it when due.
- ② We recommend that a Monthly Statement of the financial Condition of the Church be read at the first Thursday Night Meeting Each Month
- ③ We recommend that Each subscriber to the Expenses of the Church pay his or her pledge without solicitation from the Treasurer or Finance Committee.

W M Gonagle

Ed Duncan

Wadburn

} Trustees



Duluth. Minn., January, 19th. 1897.

Pastor's Salary  
To the Members of

Pilgrim Congregational Church.

I submit for your consideration and acceptance my report  
showing the receipts and disbursements for the year ending  
January, 19th. 1897.

# RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January, 1896.	4.22
General and Transient Collections	4,318.19
Special Collections	369.75
Communion Collections	55.30
Benevolent Collections	427.76
Ladies Union	590.
Pilgrim C.E. Society	8.
Sinking Fund	64.20
Rent of Church	52.50
Sale of Scrap Iron	5.
C. E. Society	41.41
Loan to Balance	35.86
Total Disbursements	\$ 5.972.19



# DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor's Salary	-----	\$ 2,000.
Pulpit Supply	-----	55.
Fuel	-----	174.08
Light and Water	-----	178.82
Music	-----	752.09
Interest	-----	716.08
Sunday School Appropriation	-----	49.16
Repairs and Incidentals	-----	78.93
Janitor	-----	362.
Conference Tax	-----	22.10
Sinking Fund ( End on Note )	-----	64.20
W . C . Johnson	-----	32.
Insurance	-----	228.
Assessments	-----	317.58
Benevolences Forwarded	-----	427.76
C . E . Society New Duluth	-----	8.
Communion Fund	-----	31.
Printing	-----	58.50
Treasurers Expenses	-----	49.16
Endorsed on note National Bank Commerce	---	369.75
Total Disbursements	-----	\$ 5,972.19



The transient collection for the year has amounted  
to \$404.98 being an average of \$7.78 a Sunday.

The weekly pledges amount to \$66, a Sunday.

We have no unpaid bills.

Sincerely yours,

*James H. Norton,*

*Examined & found correct*

*A. M. French Clerk*



Indebtedness of Pilgrim Congregational Church,

January, 19th. 1897.

Mortgage	-----	\$ 15.000.
Interest Coupon due November, 1896,		487.50
Street Assessment now due	-----	567.20
Loan by A . W . McGonagle during 1895,		500.
Note at First National Bank	-----	935.
Balance Note National Bank Commerce	-----	580.25
	-----	\$ 18.089.95



Sunday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 1897

To Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church  
I respectfully submit the following report  
for 1896

We have on the roll male members  
numbering 121  
and

Female 243  
additions Total 364

By Confession (1896) 9  
" Letter (1896) 11  
Total 20

Dismissed (1896)  
By Letter 21  
Dropped from Roll 17  
Excommunicated 1  
Died 3

(Mrs Christine Elder Mrs R P Edson Mrs L M Mullen)  
Baptisms Total 42

Infants 11  
Adults 1  
Total 12

Absent 54  
Members out of City

Additions since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1897  
By Letter 3  
" Confession 6  
Total 9

Dismissed since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1897  
By Letter 4

A W Trick Clerk



Annual Report of Superintendent of Pilgrim Congregational  
Sunday School for the year ending January 16th, 1897.

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The total enrollment January 3rd was 271. This represents the active membership of the school, and does not count scholars who were in attendance during 1896 but are not attending now. The membership is composed of 43 officers and teachers and 228 scholars, divided as follows:  
.....129.....males and.....142.....females. The average attendance a Sunday has been 234, or a little over 86%, an unusually high average. I wish to thank the teachers also for their faithful attendance, which has been the best in the history of the school. On several Sundays every teacher was present and on other occasions not more than one absent. A Roll of Honor has been kept during the year upon which the names of scholars present every Sunday in a quarter are kept and badges are also given to these. Twenty-five scholars received the badges for attendance every Sunday in the year. The collections have been \$271.44 and the expenditures \$248.64, including an offering of \$17.06 to the Congregational Sunday School and Pub. Socy. At the beginning of the year the school adopted the Bible Study Union lessons, formerly known as the Blakeslee lessons, and will continue their use during 1897. Special occasions celebrated have been Children's Day, Easter Sunday, Christmas, Rally Sunday,



and in August a very pleasant picnic at Lincoln Park, which  
was largely attended and much enjoyed by all. Twelve  
have united with the church on confession of faith, not  
counting those who joined at the last January communion.  
Only one of our scholars has been taken away from us by  
death, Blanche Jefferson. While the attendance of the  
teachers and younger scholars has been very good, I do not  
find that we have as many adults as there should be, the  
average class attendance being only 18. I should like to  
see more of the older members of the church and of the  
young men engaged in the study of God's Word. We have  
given to only one of the <sup>denominational</sup> church societies the past year,  
and I would recommend that collections be taken during the  
coming year for the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.  
The school is out of debt, and has been self-supporting with  
the exception of some aid received from the church for the  
expense of the orchestra during the first few months. Six  
of our teachers have left the city during the year, and  
quite a number of our scholars for the same reason have gone  
from us. Others living in the East end have gone to Morley  
church, yet in spite of these losses we enter upon the work  
of another year with the classes all provided with regular  
teachers and with the hope that our members will not only  
be increased but that we may do better work in the cause  
of the Master than in the year just gone. The present  
officers of the school are:



T. H. Hawkes, Jr., Superintendent,

A. G. Strong and Miss Ella Roe, Assistants,

W. C. Johnson, Sec'y and Treas,

E. R. Brace, Librarian,

J. A. Todd, Ass't " "

E. C. Clow, " "

Miss Carrie Noyes, Superintendent of Primary Dep't,

Miss Della Goodwin, Ass't " " "



REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE.

At the beginning of the year the Music was in charge of Mr. A. G. Drake who led a chorus choir as well as acting as organist his compensation therefor being eight hundred dollars per annum. On September the first his services were dispensed with and a quartette was organized. The expense of this quartette was but five dollars per Sunday for the Soprano, the other three giving their services free which we know is much appreciated. At the same time Mrs. J. N. Mc. Kindley was retained at organist at five dollars per Sunday. The amount spent for sheet music has been merely nominal. Until recently Mrs. Knebel has been our Soprano, whom we have all enjoyed hearing very much, but circumstances have compelled her resignation from choir so that we now find ourselves somewhat at a loss for her successor, Miss Tupper being temporarily engaged. The chairman of your committee is of the opinion that a good strong quartette would be an attraction to the church and Sincerely hopes that an appropriation of eight hundred dollars <sup>can</sup> be made for the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted.

E. R. Brace

Chairman.



## Report of the Ladies Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society is able to report an interesting year. There have been held meetings every month with a total attendance of 232 and an average attendance of 19. This is a somewhat larger showing than last year but considering the large number of women in our church, it seems but a small number to be interested in the greatest work the church is doing, the evangelization of the world.

The most interesting feature of the year has been the printed program we have been following. These programs were distributed in February last, and from month to month we have taken up the topics assigned. In this way we have studied of Turkey, the Dark Continent of Africa, Far away Madagascar, and the Isles of the Sea for our foreign topics while the needs of our own country have been considered in studies about the Indians, the Negroes, Alaska & the Jews. Gathering as we do in the homes of our members, the meetings are very informal and these work



helpful hour been those closing with  
a season of prayer. A social  
half hour follows with often a cup  
of tea or chocolate and our only wonder  
is that so many of our ladies have  
never availed themselves of this oppor-  
tunity - to become better acquainted.

In November the Thank-offering  
meeting was held in the church  
parlors & was very helpful and tender.

We have had no entertainments  
for raising money, relying entirely on  
voluntary pledges.

The only public social occasion  
was a delightful reception given  
in October to Mrs. Stewart, for  
many years President of the Society.

Two of our active members, have  
removed from the city - Mrs. Rossiter  
and Mrs. Cloque, while a third,  
Mrs. Sanford is conducting a suc-  
cessful missionary society in Morley  
Church.

The receipts of the year have been  
\$164.34. Of this sum we have sent  
for Foreign Missions 93.43; to C. & S. S. 25.05  
to A. M. A. 8.76; to C. E. S. 6.25, to C. B. S. 8.70  
to Delegate expenses 5.00 & to Home expenses 12.62.



At the Annual meeting of the Society  
held last week, the following officers  
were elected.

Mrs. C. H. Patton President  
Mrs. W. S. Woodbridge Vice President  
Mrs. W. S. Stone Secretary  
Mrs. Susan Ann. Treasurer.

In the year to come we mean to  
plan and pray for three things -  
a larger membership, a larger  
number of pledges, and a larger  
and deeper interest in the work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pauline W. Patton

Pres.



Annual report of the Ladies Union  
for the year ending Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1898.

During the year there were twenty-two  
meetings for work and business, with  
an average attendance of twenty ladies.

This large average we are both glad and  
sorry to say, was due to the interest shown  
in Mr. Patton's Lenten readings, which were  
held an hour before the meeting of the  
Union. Glad that so many embraced the  
opportunity to hear a thoroughly instructive  
book, well read. Sorry that such an  
average was not due to an intense in-  
terest in church work. We wish every lady  
here to right-felt so deeply for the burden  
and privilege of her responsibility in  
church work, that she might be seized  
with the conviction that unless she came  
to the rescue, with her ideas, her help, and her



money, this whole concern would go to smash.  
Think of forty such women smiting one hour  
and a half each week to work for the Master  
to whom we owe everything. Is there other service  
on earth more worthy of our best endeavor?  
At the suggestion and by the help of our Pastor, we  
have made a new departure in a social way this  
year. Four sociables or receptions have been  
given - five in all. The first was held  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, the next - May 8<sup>th</sup>. The fall re-  
union Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Scottish social Oct. 28, and  
a Thanksgiving social by the gentlemen in Nov.  
All have been well attended and thoroughly en-  
joyed. The plan - tried this year for the  
first - of raising money by pledges instead  
of paid suppers as heretofore, has given much  
satisfaction. When perfected and thoroughly under-  
stood by all, we feel sure it will be entirely suc-  
cessful. The pledges have ranged from  
\$2 to \$10 (two to ten dollars), payable annually  
semi-annually or quarterly as convenient.  
In this way we raised \$27.50. We further  
added to our treasury by a Negro concert-giving  
in Jan. \$27.87. By two Strat-concerts \$47.48  
The Hay-Readings in August \$6.75.



Alceklagel Recital in Oct. \$5.07. and a Band Concert  
in Nov. \$12.50. The proceeds \$16.40, of a delight-  
ful entertainment given at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
Gilbert, by the Friends in Council were also  
turned over to our treasury. The Yarn Sale,  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> was a success socially and financially.  
Netting \$175.26. Another source of revenue  
not to be forgotten was the making of Elvum com-  
forters, on contract for outside parties, and  
also, a combination - North & South, Miss Linahand  
Ophelia doll-fabrics - Of these quite a number  
were sold at fifty cents each.

In February we sent clothing to Fort-Berthold  
N. D. to an Indian girl to enable her to attend the  
Mission school at that place, and in Nov. part of  
another year's supply was sent. During the early  
fall a barrel of clothing was packed and sent to  
(Loneston, <sup>2</sup>Yammon) (Warren Institute)

We pledged and have paid the sum of \$50  
toward the support of the church during the year.

Our officers elected at our last meeting are  
Mrs. R. D. Archibut President.

Mrs. J. E. Swan Vice.

Mrs. E. L. Jones Treasurer

Mrs. M. H. Grandwill Secretary.



Annual Report  
of  
The Friends in Council,  
Jan. 19, 1896.

The Friends in Council have held nine (9) regular meetings during this year, with an average attendance of twenty-five (25), the largest number present at any one meeting being (30) Thirty. No meetings were held during July and August, none has yet been held this month.

The whole number of members in 1896 was Thirty-three (33), the present membership is 25.

Most of the meetings are preceded by a supper, served at half-past six; the meeting proper begins at half



2.  
past seven with devotional exercises, af-  
ter which business is discussed; then  
comes the missionary program, consist-  
ing of readings, talks, discussions, or  
news from the field. Some of the topics  
considered have been Lumber Camps,  
The Indians, The Crisis in Japan, Fin-  
dergartens, and A Missionary Round  
table.

In the past, most of the money  
of the society has come from member-  
ship fees and the payment of pledges,  
but an entertainment this fall has  
added a goodly sum to the treasury,  
and this has been further increased  
by the profits of the Christmas can-  
dy sale.

The total amount of money re-  
ceived during the year was ~~66.35~~

73.87

Thirty dollars (\$30)

was sent to the Woman's Board last



13.

spring to be used for Miss Hartwell's  
expenses on her return to China, ten (<sup>10</sup>)  
dollars has lately been sent to the Con-  
gregationalist fund for Armenian or-  
phans, and there is now in the treas-  
ury a balance of ~~14.60~~ 16.65

the running ex-

penses of the society for a year having  
been two dollars and (<sup>2</sup>. 63) three cents!

A Washington party on Feb. 21,  
1896, was attended by fifty Friends and  
their friends; a farce, "The Bicyclers," was  
given at Mrs. Giles Gilbert's this fall  
so successfully that it was repeated at  
the church; and a picnic was held in  
the summer at Lester Park.

The present officers are the treas-  
urer, Miss Poe; secretary, Miss Murdoch;  
vice-president, Miss Carrie Koyes; and  
president, Miss Louise Koyes.



Pilgrimage Church.  
Annual Report of the Christian Endeavor.  
January 19, 1897.

The present officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. are:  
President, Miss Vina Hood.  
Vice " Miss Ora Gridley.  
Secretary, Mr L. H. Brooks.  
Treasurer, Mr A. B. Siwert.

The chairmen of the committees are the following:  
Lookout, Miss Ella M. Garland.  
Prayer Meeting, Miss Cora B. Noble.  
Missionary, Miss Alice Drew.  
Sunday School, Miss Pauline Wiland.  
Social, Miss Lillian Clark.  
Calling, Miss Ora Gridley.  
Temperance, Mr A. G. Strong.  
Music, Mr H. J. Alderman.

During the year 1896 we have held (51) Prayer meetings,  
(11) business meetings, (5) socials, (2) picnics, (2) entertainments,  
and a lecture course. From the entertainments (\$2.22)  
have been raised, of which (\$4.42) was devoted to the church;  
and (\$21.00) for the general fund of the Endeavor Society.

In 1896 we paid (\$23.00) toward Miss Moulton's  
salary, (\$13.00) to West Dorar. Besides this (\$4.14) was sent  
to Walker, Miss, (\$5.00) to a minister on the range  
(\$13.26) has been raised to help pay organ. pumping  
expenses. The Sunday School Committee paid (\$4.05)  
to the Sunday School Library fund, and (\$7.00)  
to the Orchestra fund. At present there are (\$6.00)  
pledged to the orchestra fund.



40+ Thanksgiving dinners about (\$12.56) was set.  
ated, to which some of the church members kindly  
contributed.

(\$3.52) have been expended for flowers for deceased members.  
Expenses of the society for topic cards, pledge cards, etc.  
have amounted to about (\$20.00).

The work of the Lookout Committee is to bring in new  
members, and look after those who are members.

The Prayer Meeting Committee has charge of the  
prayer meeting, to see that topics are assigned and  
a leader appointed for each meeting.

The Sunday School Committee endeavors to assist  
in the Sunday School in any way for the benefit of the  
School, and have raised funds to maintain an orchestra there.

The Missionary Committee provides for an occasional  
missionary meeting for the society, and aids in a  
practicable manner the cause of home and foreign  
missions.

The Social Committee and the Calling Committee  
look after the social interests of the society by  
providing socials for the members and their friends,  
and by calling on them at their homes.

During the year

Number of active members received	13
" left city without letter	6
" dropped (Some by request)	14
" lost by death	2
" transferred from Associate to Active	1
Active Members	58

Associate

6

Honorary

In the Junior Endeavor the membership is 78, the average  
attendance is 45. They have raised \$900 for the American Miss-  
ionary Association. The Pastor is the Superintendent, and  
his Assistants are Mrs Albert Baldwin, Mrs C. H. Bagley, Mrs E. H.  
Burg, Miss Belle Simonds. Respectfully Submitted  
Verna E. Hood, Pres. C.E.