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PILGRIM CHURCH

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ANNUAL REPORTS

Ending 1898. *Jan 18*

Pastor.

Clerk.

Treasurer.

Superintendent of Sunday School.

Ladies' Union.

Woman's Missionary Society.

Friends in Council.

Christian Endeavor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 18, 1898.

A brilliant but perhaps cynical writer has recently remarked that a minister talks as much as a lawyer, writes as much as an editor, visits as much as a doctor, and is found more than fault with ~~xx much xx~~ all three put together. As for me during the past year, I have done a great deal of talking, not ^a little writing and considerable calling. I presume also there has been a fair measure of fault-finding; but not more, I presume, than has been necessary for the easement of the people and the improvement of the pastor; and probably no more on the part of the people than on the part of the pastor. The outcome is that we are here today with a considerable degree of felicity, ready to thank God for the past and take courage for the future.

The pastor was in his pulpit 46 Sundays out of the 52, preaching 87 sermons, besides various sermons, addresses, and papers given at other places. During the year 3 courses of sermons were delivered at the evening service, an evangelistic course in Jan., a course on American Prophets in the spring and early summer, and a course on economic and industrial themes in the fall. The preaching at the morning service, especially since the Oct. has been directed largely toward the deepening of the life of our members. In regard to this matter of preaching it is of

course impossible to estimate results with any degree of accuracy; but I will say that the response of the people has been most hearty, and I am indulging in no flattery when I say that you are not only hearers but doers of the word. The practice of speaking to the children once a month has been continued, apparently with general satisfaction; and the increased attendance of the children at our Sunday morning service has been notable. This has resulted largely from the plan of marking the attendance of children with reference to awarding prizes at the end of the year.

The pastor took his vacation in Aug. and the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Geo. D. Black of Minneapolis, Rev. F. J. Goodwin of Glen Ridge, N.J., Rev. Jeremiah Kimball of our own members, and another minister who took the place of Dr. Salter and whose name I do not recall. Rev. Mr. Nason of W. Superior also ^{ed} preach^d one Sunday in July. The plan was tried for the first time of omitting the evening service during July and Aug. So far as indicated this plan met with the approval of the people at the close of the experiment. The evening services were taken up with new spirit in the autumn, and although the attendance has not been as large as we could wish, it has been better than during the year before. Morning audiences have remained about stationary.

While speaking of the Sunday services mention should be

made of the excellent music furnished by our choir. The quality of the singing and the quality of the singers have made the music an important part of our worship, an increasing delight and inspiration from Sunday to Sunday. Perhaps there has been a falling off in the congregational singing, and here let me say that this ought not to be. There is perhaps no one feature of public worship which more surely indicates the spirit which prevails in the congregation ~~more~~ than the singing of hymns. Let it be the fashion in Pilgrim Church to sing and to sing with all the heart and understanding.

The revision of our roll of members has caused a smaller total to be reported this year than for some time. This process is not entirely completed but will be by the end of the coming church year, when we will be on an honest and firm basis for building up our membership. During the year we reduced our absentee list from 54 to about 35 at one time, but so rapid are the removals from the city that we are once more back at ⁴⁶~~54~~. To off set this there should be more accessions by letter from other churches. The falling off in additions during 1898 has been ~~entirely~~ in this class, ~~we~~ having received the usual number on profession of faith. Let me once more earnestly urge those among us who are members of other churches to obtain their letters. Such transference of relations is demanded out of fairness ~~to~~ the churches to which they belong but which they do not at-

tend, out of fairness to us, who minister to them but do not received the benefit or the credit of their membership, and out of fairness to themselves that they may devote themselves unreservedly to the church of Christ into which he has providentially led them. { *The pastor has officiated at 12 funerals and 3 weddings.*

From our actual membership there have been but two removals by death. But in connection with these sad losses noted by the clerk there should be mentioned the decease of two others, Mr. W. G. Peck, formerly a deacon of the church and still living among us until ~~near~~ the time of his last sickness although a member elsewhere; and Rev. C. C. Salter, the first pastor of the church, whose going out was so recent and brought forth such unprecedented expressions of appreciation and sorrow from the whole community that it is not necessary to comment ^{extensively} ~~further~~ upon the fact here. One cannot but contrast the quietness ~~and smallness~~ of the coming of Dr. Salter to Duluth in 1871 as the first pastor of ~~the~~ church, with the scene at the end, when the whole city turned out to honor his memory. Pilgrim Church has been privileged as no other church has been in giving such a life to the city, and it ~~cannot but~~ ^{must} be that we shall work closer to the heart of Duluth's population for many years to come on account of what that noble life accomplished in the breaking down of barriers between the church and the masses.

It is expected that this report will treat of the general spiritual condition of the church; and I am glad to say that

at no time during the present pastorate has the outlook seemed so hopeful. During the first half of the year we perhaps suffered a decline. Nearly every department of church work seemed to drag, and the process culminated in the early fall. Perhaps this was necessary in order that we might more fully realize our spiritual poverty. In any event we did come to realize it. Like the prodigal son we came to ourselves and at once set out to come to our Father. So graciously has the longsuffering and forgiving Father led us that it is worth while to note some of the marks along the way. The movement for a quickened life in the church has been so marked that it can almost be dated. There was a meeting of the Church Committee after the prayer-meeting Oct. 10th, characterized by ~~earnest~~ deep solicitude as to the way we were tending, followed ~~of course~~, by earnest prayer. A course of preaching was outlined, also a change in prayer-meeting topics and a change in the prayer-meeting purpose. A definite purpose in all church meetings was there conceived and carried into the closets of the committee. There followed a sermon entitled "~~A spiritual~~ "An indictment and an appeal", from the text "O Israel return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen ~~through~~ by thine iniquity" (Hosea 14:1). It was an attempt at spiritual diagnosis and cure. It met with a hearty response from the people so far as known without exception. The process of diagnosis was followed up in the prayer meetings for

nearly three months, during which we discussed and prayed over the "Sins of Christians", and the cure did not need to wait until the end of the process but seemed to come at the close of each meeting as we sought with ^{divine} God's grace to be separated from the sins which had been pointed out under the search-light of God's Word. As has been indicated, the preaching was made to keep step with the rising tide of religious thought and feeling; and now it really looks as if ~~if we had started upon a course of improvement which will not only bring us back to the good times of former days but carry us ^{far} beyond.~~ As we gather at the annual meeting and consider the graciousness of the Lord in this matter we may well sing,

"Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home".

The reports presented from the various organizations of the church have been so complete and accurate as to call for little comment. They speak for themselves, notably that of the Ladies' Union which has finished a year of remarkable and successful activity. As they start out upon another twelve months work we may well say in the words of St. Paul "Help these women who bestowed much labor upon us".

The Sunday School, while not growing in numbers makes a fine showing in average attendance, a most unusual showing. The school is in a healthy condition, never were there better

officers or teachers, and the scholars are steadily improving in their work. The course of study just entered upon bids fair to be most interesting and I look for the a year of thoughtful and fruitful Bible study. The school is weak only in adult classes. I suspect the falling off has been ~~in that~~ at that end. We have the course of study and the teachers for doing first class adult work, and if more of the young people and parents would enter the senior grade our school would be quickened in all departments as well as built up in numbers.

The Pastor's Junior Endeavor Class is now completely organized in three grades, each with a different course of religious instruction, but all meeting together for a weekly prayer-meeting. The membership is about 80 and there are two teachers besides the pastor, and five assistants. The scholars who entered in 1895 will graduate at Easter, ~~many~~ ^{all} of them, we hope, into the church.

The Senior Christian Endeavor, as its report indicates, has finished a year of good work, especially in philanthropic lines, but sees much work ahead in building up the prayer-meetings.

The Friends in Council continue friendly and active, and ought to have an increasing ~~list~~ of members and a constantly expanding work.

The Women's Miss'y Society hampered by the necessarily heavy emphasis placed upon home work by the ladies during the

the past year look forward to larger gifts of money in days to come.

BENEVOLENCE.

Combining the report of the treasurer with those of the heads of various departments, and comparing with last year, we obtain the following tables of results.

Sources of Benevolence.

Church School,	\$327.36	Loss \$100.40
Sunday School,	34.40	Gain 17.34
Woman's Miss'y Soc'y,	100.32	Loss 41.87
Friends in Council,	45.00	Gain 5.00
Christian Endeavor,	73.05	Gain 14.91
Junior Endeavor,	20.00	
Individuals,	<u>573.97</u>	
Total,	\$1174.10	Loss \$472.34

Objects of Benevolence.

Foreign Missions,	\$242.57	Loss \$94.11
Home Missions,	90.20	Loss 78.09
Church Building	21.66	Loss 90.38
Education,	28.64	Loss 18.64
A. M. A.,	91.51	Gain 12.87
S. S. & P. S.,	29.40	Gain 12.34
Ministerial Relief,	14.94	
Y. M. C. A. ,	256.00	
Bethel,	<u>187.99</u>	
Children's Home	47.98	
Minn. Home Soc'y,	18.02	
City relief work,	58.05	
Deacon 's Poor fund,	<u>87.14</u>	
Total,	\$1174.10	

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We all regret the falling off in benevolence, but recognize its cause in the heavy pressure of home expenses arising from the effort to pay off our floating debt.

The entire expenditure for home uses in all departments has been as follows.

Home Expenditure.

Church,	\$7645.06
Sunday School,	192.62
	32.87
Woman's Miss'y Soc'y,	12.18
Christian Endeavor,	21.88
Individuals,	<u>76.44</u>
Total,	\$7981.05
Benevolence,	<u>1174.10</u>
All money raised,	\$9155.15

FINANCES.

Next to the improved spiritual tone of the church nothing causes us more joy ~~at this time~~ than the splendid financial showing which the trustees and ~~the~~ treasurer have been able to make at this time. Possibly the one success has grown out of the other. Certain it is that the close attention of our officers to this matter of supplying the sinews of war has ~~been~~ backed by the no less splendid giving of the people. Looking back over the treasurer's records makes it plain that the giving of the people during the past year has not been equalled in the history of the church except in those earlier days when our costly and beautiful edifice had to be erected and when ~~with the utmost cheerfulness and self-sacrifice~~ some gave their hundreds and thousands and all gave according to their ability with the utmost cheerfulness and self-sacrifice. Let us never forget the work of those foundation days and the men and women without whose time and money and prayers Pilgrim Church could not have been. It is the more gratifying to find the same spirit abroad in our midst at this time. Without doubt during the past year our people on the average have been poorer than at any time ~~during the~~ since the panic of 1893, and yet this has been the year in which we have practically wiped out our floating debt of over \$3000, much of it incurred in prosperous times, and have in addition presented a clean balance sheet for running expenses. It really is wonderful,

and offers the best possible assurance for the future. I doubt if there is ~~another~~ church in this city which stands in better financial condition today than Pilgrim Church. Let this fact be known. It will do us good and do the community good to have it understood that the Kingdom of God is prospering in this direction.

Our present financial condition has been brought about by two things, a consecrated spirit and business management. Let both continue. We must have ~~both~~ to succeed. As spiritual earnestness should characterize all our worship and religious work, ~~so~~ let business care and activity characterize all our financial dealings. Let us at the beginning ^{if possible} of the year provide for all running expenses by pledges amounting to \$90 per week. Let these pledges be paid promptly. Let all bills be paid upon presentation especially the interest upon our bonds. Let the church be kept in good repair. Thus will we have credit in the community, which in turn will redound to our constant increase, and thus will we be working in an atmosphere of prosperity which will redound to ~~our own comfort and~~ the glory of God *and our own comfort.*

So also for all the officers of the church and heads of organizations I give as the watchword for the new year "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord".

FINALLY BRETHREN.

Moses said unto the Children of Israel, "We compassed Mount Seir many days. And the Lord spake unto me saying,

Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you northward". And so they did; no longer wandering in the wilderness, *at times returning toward Egypt,* ~~marching backwards on their way toward Egypt,~~ compassing mountains, burying Araaon's and Miriams, and lamenting as the strength of their congregation passed away; but in newness of endeavor and increased hold upon the promises and achievements of Jehovah, pressing northward to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey.

We never weary drawing lessons from that deliverance of Israel from Egypt and their march through the desert, and of comparing their strange experiences during those 40 weary years with the happenings along the pathway of our ~~own~~ lives. Let us then take the Lord's command at Mount Seir as ours today. We too have had our desert wandering as a church, we have had our setbacks, our returnings upon our way, we have had our burials, ~~and~~ too, and many sad losses in other ways, but tonight it is different; we face a better future; for does not the Lord call to us in trumpet tones, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you northward".

*There is no other church in the
total of 21
that has received the same
message for letters and...*

Annual report of the church clerk for
Jan. 18-1898

To the Pastor and members of
Pilgrim church.

The church records show the following
facts.

Our membership is composed of 129
male and 237 female members, making
a total of 366. Of which number ⁴⁶~~54~~
are non residents.

14 members have been added during
the year, by profession of faith and
7 by letter from other churches, making
a total of 21.

Death has removed two of our number
15 have asked for letters and 18

have been dropped from our roll
making a total of 35.

During the year there have been
18 baptisms, 9 Adults and 9 infants

Respectfully submitted
Chas. Sumner
Clerk

THEATRE OF THE CITY

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JANUARY, EIGHTEENTH

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Annual Report and Financial Statement of the
 American Board of Christian Missions for the year ending January,
 1893.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1892	\$ 60.00
General and Transient Collections	357.93
Special Contributions and Special Gifts	100.00
TREASURER'S REPORT	
Expenses	575.10
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1893	142.83
JANUARY EIGHTEENTH	
Part of Report	1893
Balance on hand	142.83
Total Receipts	500.00

Included in the list of \$500.00 above, are contributions
 from the Sunday School, the Young People's Society, the
 Christian Endeavor, the Friends in Council and \$20.00 from
 the Ladies' Union.

Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Treasurer
Pilgrim Congregational Church for the year ending January,
18, 1898.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 19, 1897 -----	\$ 00.00
General and Transient Collections -----	3637.93
Special Contributions a/c floating debt -----	2808.24
" " " a/c interest on mtg. -----	575.00
Benevolent Collections -----	227.08
Communion Collections for the poor -----	72.71
Rent of Church -----	77.00
Ladies' Union -----	575.36
Total receipts -----	\$ 7973.32

Included in the item of \$2808.24 above, are contribu-
tions from the Sunday School, the Young Peoples' Society of
Christian Endeavor, the Friends in Council and \$200.00 from
the Ladies' Union.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor's Salary -----	\$2000.00 ✓
Pulpit Supply -----	80.00 ✓
Music -----	704.25 ✓
Janitor -----	370.00 ✓
Fuel -----	248.20 ✓
Insurance -----	172.00 ✓
Light & Water -----	160.22 ✓
Repairs, Incidentals and printing -----	89.92 ✓
Treasurer's expenses -----	10.65 ✓
Conference Tax -----	19.50 ✓
Benevolencies forwarded -----	227.08 ✓
Communion Fund -----	100.08 ✓
Interest on Mortgage -----	1429.87 ✓
American Exchange Bank Demand Loan -----	35.86 ✓
Street Assessments -----	567.20 ✓
First Nat'l Bank a/c principal of note -----	603.00 ✓
" " " a/c interest -----	55.70 ✓
Nat'l Bank of Commerce a/c principal of note -----	580.25 ✓
" " " " a/c interest -----	18.44 ✓
W. A. McGonagle, demand loan -----	500.00 ✓
Total Disbursements -----	7972.32
Cash on hand to balance -----	1.10
	7973.32

The church owes a note of \$332.00 to the First National Bank, of Duluth, this being all that remains of the old floating debt. To meet this there are unapplied special pledges of \$336.50. It is expected that these pledges will substantially liquidate the debt.

The interest on the mortgage of \$15,000 is paid to May 1st, 1898; all salaries are paid to the first of the current month; and there are no outstanding bills.

The transient collections for the year have averaged \$6.42 per Sunday.

The weekly pledges that are being paid, amount to \$60.45 per week. As the necessary running expenses of the church are about \$4800 per year, it will be seen that the weekly pledges should be considerably increased.

The Treasurer wishes to make special acknowledgement to the Ladies' Union for valued contributions, the total of which for the year, amounts to \$775.36.

Respectfully Submitted.

E. W. Matter
Treasurer.

Duluth, Minn, Jan. 18, 1898.

We have examined the within report of Treasurer for the year ending Jan. 18, 1898, and have found the same correct.

J. P. Johnson

E. A. Chubb

Auditing Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1897.

The membership of the school January 1st, 1898 was as follows: Scholars 227, Teachers 26, Officers 8, making a total membership of 261. This is 8 less than one year ago. The largest attendance on any one Sunday was 285, May 9th, the smallest 135, August 15th. The average attendance was 219. The total contributions from all sources were \$269.88, and disbursements, including \$25. given to the church for the debt, \$284.89.

The past year has been remarkable in one respect in that as far as I can recall none of our members have been taken from us by death.

Our teachers have been regular and faithful in their attendance, and it has been rare when more than two of them have been absent on any Sunday. During the summer time an unusually large number of our teachers were out of town, and it frequently happened that it was impossible to fill their places.

We have continued the study of the Blakeslee lessons during the year on the "History of the Apostolic Church" These have been interesting and helpful to most of the

school, and for the coming year the school will take up the study of the "Great Men of Israel" which we believe will be profitable and enjoyable to old as well as young.

During the year the school has observed in a special manner Easter, Children's Day, Rally Sunday, Parent's Day and Christmas. In July we held our annual picnic at Lester Park, which was largely attended by scholars and members of the congregation.

The school has lately begun the use of Sunday - school papers, which we have not had for several years.. These go into many homes where no religious paper is taken, and, being read by the parents as well as by the children, are productive of much good.

We should have some new hymn books, or at least additions to our old ones. Our present ones are nearly used up, and there are not enough of them to supply half of the school. We hope that this condition may be improved upon during the coming year.

One of the difficulties which we have to contend with is that of substitution teachers. We hope soon to organize a normal class, who will study the lesson of one week ahead, and from which substitute teachers can be taken when needed.

In conclusion I wish to thank the teachers and officers for their faithful attendance and for the interest

which they have displayed in the work of the school. No matter how hard a superintendent is trying to run a Sunday school, he will not be able to do much if others are engaged in running it down. It is easier to run down a school than to run it up. A superintendent backed by the whole school can accomplish a great deal more, even if he is not conspicuously qualified for his position.

Let us earnestly co-operate, and with the same mind and heart, and with abounding faith in God, we may expect great blessings during the coming year.

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Report of
Pilgrim Congregational Sunday School
for year ending Dec 31st 1897

Attendance during past year
including visitors was as follows

During first Qr.	3002
" Second "	3135
" Third "	2834
" fourth "	2938
Total for year	11409
as compared with 1896	12185
showing a decrease of	776

Average Att^d per Qr 2852 = Mo. 950 = Wk. 219
Largest weekly Att^d 285 May 9th
Smallest " " 135 Aug 15

Total number of scholars on roll 1/1/98	227
" " " Teachers " " "	26
" " " Officers " " "	8
Total membership Jan 1 st 98	261

Collections as follows -

1 st Qr	\$58.79
2 nd "	61.21
3 rd "	40.92
4 th "	57.01
Additional Contributions	\$217.73
Easter Cal.	950
Childrens Day "	29.40
for S. S. Picnic	8.75
" " Christmas	6.50
Receipt for year	54.15
bal on hand 1/1/97	269.88
gross receipts to 1/1/98 (total)	324.04
	323.97

Pilgrim Sunday School #2

Gross receipts to July 1st 1898 for #323.97

Expenses (per record book)

General expense of school 192.62

Congl. S. & P. B. G. Society 29.40

Local Charity Foundation 5.00

Library (old accounts) 32.87

S. S. pledge to church 25.00

Total disbursements 284.89

Leaving bal. on July 1st 1898 \$39.08

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Superintendent

W. Johnson

Secy & Treasr

Dr. M. M. M. Jan 1898

On Jan. 9th, a census of the children was made as to how many desired cards for the new year, 30 responded, which was about the number of cards in use last year; the average daily circulation being about 20.

Our library is for the most part old, many of the most popular books having been rebound three times; this may account for the small circulation, but I could not recommend any change until we had disposed of the entire collection and purchased about 100 new in Sunday school books.

Duluth Minn. Jan. 18th, 1898.

Report of the LIBRARIAN of the Pilgrim Congregational
Church Sunday school for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

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At the beginning of the year we had on hand, including
books issued to scholars less than six months, 475 books.

On Dec. 1st, last the weekly issue was suspended and an
endeavor made to get in all the books, we are still short some
33 books, 5 of which have been out over 3 months, but which
we expect to get; 13 have been out over 6 months, 50% of which
will probably be returned and 15 have been out more than a year
and we consider them lost. We account for most of these
losses by the fact that the scholars are not now members of the
school.

During the year \$12.50 has been expended in repairs to the
books, no new ones having been added.

On Jan. 9th, a canvass of the children was made as to how
many desired cards for the new year, 36 responded, which was
about the number of cards in use last year; the average daily
circulation being about 20.

Our library is for the most part old, many of the most
popular books having been rebound three times, this may account
for the small circulation, but I would not recommend any change
until we can dispose of the entire collection and purchase
about 150 modern Sunday school books.

Respectfully submitted

E. W. Grace, Lib.

Ladies Union Report

Our officers for 1897 found their first work in arranging for the annual supper at which about 200 persons were served without charge. This proved to be a very profitable supper, however as a large proportion of the floating indebtedness of the church was raised during the evening.

We had, previous to this, pledged to the trustees \$600.00 towards the support of our church and now it seemed wise to pledge another \$200.00 towards this floating indebtedness to be taken from the \$600.00 if we could not raise more. So we went to work to earn this money, how should we do it, was the question.

Mrs Chapman, with her ever ready ideas proposed and carried out a plan, which was to give a colonial concert.

For this the High School Assembly Hall was secured and the

entertainment proved to be a very successful one the net proceeds amounting to \$79.73.

The pledge system having been so successful the previous year we decided to continue it and from this 178⁰⁰ was received, the highest pledge being 5⁰⁰ and the lowest .25⁰⁰.

We also added to our treasury by issuing coupon books, which when filled were worth \$4⁰⁰ each, from this we realized \$70⁰⁰.

In February a Valentine social was given. During March and April Mr. Patton gave a series of Lenten readings, which were much appreciated. The mothers felt that we had received many helpful ideas towards training our little ones.

A pleasant book social was given in April, also an Easter sale at the home of Mrs. Woodbridge.

In June a barrel of clothing valued at 50⁰⁰ was sent to Warner Institute.

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a projectoscope entertainment was given in June. Refreshments were served at the Fair Grounds. July 5th a lawn-fete was given in Mungen Park on a July evening when the moon was supposed to be shining but alas neither the moon or the people attended.

An excursion up the river and a moonlight excursion were given in August and the delegates to the N. R. T. U. convention were entertained at luncheon in the church parlors.

The net proceeds from the concert arranged for by Mrs M. Kindley, Mrs Truckel and our ladies union, were \$71.⁰⁰ of which 20.⁰⁰ went to buy new music for our choir.

From the fine lecture given by Mr Patton on his trip "Through the Rockies" 62.²⁵ was added to our treasury, and from our Christmas sale and supper \$25.⁸⁵.

At our annual meeting Jan'y 5th the following officers were elected.

President - Mrs Strong
Vice .. - Mrs Baldwin
Secretary - Mrs Lamb
Treasurer - Mrs Ericson

Executive Committee

Mrs Owen

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Number of meetings held during the
year 21 of which 5 were social
meetings.

Average attendance 17.

9 Comforters were made and other
sewing done

Net earnings for the year
\$788.49

Respectfully submitted
Lora Hobbs President

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society.
Pilgrim Church. Jan 17. 1898.

It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and disappointment that the Woman's Missionary Society looks back upon the past year. As we think of the meetings we have held, the interesting and instructive programs and the deepening spiritual tone that has pervaded them all, we can not but feel pleased and encouraged.

But on the other hand, as we listen to our treasurer's report and see how little we have accomplished in practical results, we realize to the fullest, how, like every other organization of the Church, we have suffered from the pressure of home expenses.

The Society has held ten regular meetings during the year with an average attendance of eighteen. The largest meeting called out thirty one ladies & the smallest seven.

In our study we have gone to China, Mexico and ^{Spain} ~~Mexico~~ & learned of the

great work being done by the M. C. A. L.
Mission in Taiwan.

The work of church building on the
frontier, the planting of Sunday Schools
in out-of-the-way towns and villages;
the schools & academies of the Education
Society and the life and work of
our own Minnesota missionaries, at
home and abroad. There have been other
topics that have interested & helped
us.

At our meeting we listened
with delight to the words of
Miss Adrian.

From the Home for
Deaconesses in ^{Waukegan} ~~Chicago~~ as she told us
of that finely organized institution;
and in November we held our annual
Thank offering meeting which has come
to be a feast of spiritual things
to all who attend.

The entire receipts of the Society for the
year have been \$112.50

Of this amount \$69.45 have been sent
to Foreign Missions. \$30.87 to Home
Missions & \$12.18 used for home expenses,
~~leaving a balance in the treasury~~
~~of \$60.37.~~

Respectfully Submitted

Pauline W. Patton, Pres.

The Friends in Council met
nine times during the year ending
Jan. 1, six meetings being missionary
meetings and three social meetings.

The average attendance at the
missionary meetings was fourteen.
At three of the meetings tea was
served in the church and three
were evening meetings held at
different homes.

The social meetings were a company
given at Mrs. Duncan's in March, a
parlor play and social at Mrs. Lovett's in
April and a picnic in June at Lester
Park.

The subjects taken up during the year
in the missionary meetings were,
"History of the American Board," "Work in
China," "Missionary Heroes," Report of the
annual meeting of the American Board and
"Criticism favorable and unfavorable to missions"

The money in the treasury during the year
was \$90.94. Amount given was

W. B. M. A.	\$35.00
Armenian Orphan Fund	\$10.00
American Missionary Ass.	\$10.00
Our Church Debt.	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$55.00

Respectfully submitted

Mary E. Murdock
President.

Annual report of
Christian Endeavor Society
Pilgrim Congl. Church
Year ending Dec. 31. 1897
To our Church and pastor:

During the year just past, our C.E. society has striven in many ways to make its word prominent, and its influence felt all about it, and our motto, "For Christ and the Church", has ever been kept in view.

We have tried to keep in touch with our Church membership and to day feel we understand each other, better, than for a long time previous. We want you to come out to our Sunday prayer meetings, and encourage us, and to share the blessings we receive there, trusting the New year to bring us in closer touch along working lines.

as a society, we have prospered during the year of ninety-seven, and have added thirteen new members to our list, so that at present we have 64 Active, 17 Associate, and 9 Honorary members making a total of 90.

We have had two semi-annual elections, and during both terms, the officers and members, have worked in splendid harmony. The Lookout Com. has taken special care of our membership and have added to our number, The ^{Com.} Missionary, have been very much in evidence, taking care of six poor families at Thanksgiving and setting an example, which was followed by all other Coms. on Christmas, when by their efforts, many needy and worthy families were made happy and homes were brightened at that time. Our Sunday evening prayer—

meetings have been made very interesting and helpful, by the faithful work of the Prayer-meeting and Music Com. Our Social life has been taken care of, by the Social, Calling and Flower Com. and we have every reason to be satisfied by their efforts.

An excellent orchestra has been supplied the Sunday School during the year and sections of our city have been canvassed for scholars by the S. S. Com. A Temperance Com. has been added to our list lately and has been quite active.

As usual we paid our usual subscription of twenty-five dollars towards Miss Moulton's salary, our foreign missionary

In many ways, we have helped our church during the year and intend doing even more in 1898—Resp. Submitted

John M. Oldham
President

The treasurer's report for the year is as follows

Missionary Com. of
 Balance on hand Jan 1. 97 1.29
 Receipts for year 80.00 81.29
 Paid Miss Moulton 25.00
 " Thanksgiving 13.95
 " Christmas 34.10 73.05
 on hand. 8.24

Sunday School Com. of
 Bal. on hand Jan 1. 97 7.00
 Collected 33.04 40.04
 Paid for orchestra^{ing}
 S.S. Picnic 36.00
 on hand. 4.04

General Expenses of
 Bal. Jan 1. 97 24.62
 Collected " 26.32 50.94
 Paid to Church 25.00
 " Expenses re. 21.88 46.88
 Balance. 4.06

Summary
 Bal on hand Jan 1. 97 32.91
 Collected 139.36 172.27
 Total disbursement 155.93 155.93
 Balance 16.34

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