

ANNUAL REPORT OF PASTOR, SUBMITTED JANUARY 15TH, 1901/

certain statistics fall more directly under the care of the pastor than of anyone else. As such are proverbially dry, let us give attention to them at once that we may proceed to more interesting matters.

For my wife's sake, I am glad to report an increase in the number of mariages. Since the last annual meeting, I have been privilized nine times to assist in making of twain one. Eight children have been baptized; seven funerals have been attended. We have received into the church since the last report twenty-seven persons, twenty-one by letter and six by confession of faith. It is a singular coincidence that last year also twenty-seven additions were reported. (one, hoever, was omited, making the total 28.). The proportions, however, were different. That year 16 were received by confession and 12 by letter. There is this encouraging feature, the names added to the roll the past year have been with one exception adults. We ought to be receiving more by confession of faith. The drop from 16 to six is a call to greater earnestness and a more definite consecration to the winning of souls. The young people especially ought to be looked after so that they may come to manhood and womanhood having definitely committed themselves to Christ.

The report of the treasurer has given you the various amounts contributed to benevolent and missionary enterprises. Offerings have been made to our regular missionary boards. The American Board for Foreign Missions, the Home Missionary Society, The American Missionary Association, The Church Building Society, and the Sunday School and Pub. Society One was omitted, and by my oversight, --Our Education Society received nothing from us this year. This year we must do doubly well for it. In addition, a generous donation was made for thefamine sufferers of India,

and an offering sent to the American Bible Society. The plan proposed last year giving each of our six deacons the headship of a committee on missionary offerings has worked well. The deacons have done their part most efficiently. Through my oversight Mr. Chapman was not called to serve. His charge was to be the offering for the Education Society.

The life of the church centers largely upon the public services. It may be profitable to state briefly how they appear from the pulpit. It has to be recognized that there are difficulties to be surmounted in a city twelve miles long and three to four blocks wide. Hemmed in between hill and lake our parish stretches out in long lines. We are as nearly central as any church, but there is really no good centre of population anywhere in Duluth. With the utmost loyalty the people could hardly be expected to attend with a like degree of constancy all the services. It is to some impossible, and it would be unreasonable to expect them to do morethan they do. Our Sunday morning service usually leaves little to be desired in the way of attendance. Few churches with similar membership can exhibit so large an attendance at the preaching service. Our evening preaching service does leave something to be desired, -- namely, more people. We have to recognize again certain general conditions. It seems to be the rule that a large morning attendance is followed by a smaller attendance in the evening. On the other hand, churches with a large evening congregation have to be satisfied with one much smaller in the morning. Social conditions usually determine whether a congregation shall reach its amplest proportions in the morning or in the evening. Our congregation is in the morning class. Yet we have something of an evening congregation. The services at the close of the day are by no means a failure. There are those who come then who could not comeat any other time, and although they are not so many, it is not

labor lost to provide for them. I cannot, however, give up the idea that our evening congregation might be much larger and more influential than it is; at least, for part of the year. I had in mind a plan to enlist the men of the congregation to help in this, but have been prevented from carrying it out so far, first by the lack of information about similiar movements elsewhere, but lastly and chiefly by domestic cares incident to Mrs. Milne's illness. Some day I hope to get around to this, if not at an early date, later in the year. There is, I am told some prospect of our having our church thoroughly cleaned and renovated, it may be in the Spring or even earlier. Plans for the near future must take account of this contingency.

Our prayer meetings have ben fairly well attended. I wish that everyone in the church would play to be present at this meeting at least part of the time. There are those who cannot attend regularly and they dismiss the meeting from their minds and consciences. The prayer meeting is certainly one of the most important and most helpful services of the church, and it is a pity that so large a number should be habitually without its influence.

It would be unprofitable were I to speak in detail of the various societies of the church. I may mention those that come more immediately under my observation. The members and officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. deserve the highest commendation for the loyalty and helpfulness of their services. The Sunday evening prayer meeting conducted by them is a most interesting and inspiring service. The members of the Woman's Missionary Society also are worthy of all praise. Amid great discouragements they study the work of missions and roll up in the aggregate large sums of money which help materially to swell the benevolences of

the church and carry blessings to the needy in foreign and home lands. The Sunday School officers and teachers have, to my personal knowledge. been most loyal and successful during the year. No more important work is done in the church. It is fundamental and basal. Through a combination of circumstances, the Primary Department has suffered somewhat. It became impossible for Miss Leopold, whose devotion is known and honored, to continue at the head of it. For a great part of the year dependence had to be placed largely in volunteers from Sunday to Sunday. The Lord has been good to us and the children in sending back to us Mrs. Sanford, who not only re-united with the church the first Sunday in the year, but also took charge of the Primary Department in the Sunday School with an enthusiasm and power which promise great things for our children. The Ladies Union deserve special and hearty congratulations this year. That they are able to come to the annual meeting reporting \$1100.00 in their treasury is nothing less than extraordinary. Such a result could have been accomplished only by a combination of wise leadership and devoted following.

I rejoice in the fact that we are promised this year a church cleaned and brightened on every wall, and floor and in every corner. With so large a sume in the ladies' hands the temptation is to use it in cutting down the debt. I am confident, however, that the ladies planned wisely in devoting their money to the purpose designed. Three reasons appeal to me. lst-The debt \$15,000.00, is so large that it will take "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together" to destroy it. It will take especially a long pull. Several years will be necessary, unless several very large subscriptions are made, and none are in sight.

and walls must be positively dangerous to health. If we should begin to raise the debt, we should in all probability be obliged to stop in the midst of it to raise money to clean the church. It is now eleven years since the church was occupied. If we estimate that on an average five hundred persons have entered and leftthe church each Sunday since the church was occupied—a moderate estimate,—we have a grand total of 286,000 persons who have walked over the carpet and left some dust behind. It is surely time to clean house. 3rd—We must not overlook the attractiveness of a clean, bright, harmoniously tinted church. Money invested in furbishing will be in the nature of an investment. The financial power of the organization will not be impaired but rather enhanced.

The Board of Trustees add competency to their faithfulness. The most competent body cannot domwhat lies beyond their power. It is clear that the pledges are not sufficient to cover all the expenditures. I recommend that the trustees be instructed to use all reasonable efforts to secure an increase in the regular pledges to cover the current expenses of the church.

This is the first and essential step towards a solution of our financial problem. Relieve the Ladies' Union of all responsibility regarding the current expenses, and they will probably be able to take care of one thousand dollars each year to reduce the mortgage. I have the idea that if this is done, the men of the church will be tempted to lay another thousand beside each one the ladies raise. Reduce it year by year until it is within manageable proportions, then make a grand

onslaught and destroy it utterly. Respectfully submitted, Alexander Milne.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1900.

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The attendance has varied during the year from seventy-five on August 12th to two hundred twenty-eight on April 1st, being one more than the largest attendance for 1899. The average attendance has been one hundred sixty-two. During the last six months of the year there were an unusually large number of rainy or stormy Sundays, the Government records showing that it rained or snowed on three-fourths of the Sundays. This materially reduced the average from what it otherwise would have been. It is also becoming increasingly difficult every year to keep up the attendance during the summer months on account of the large number of teachers and scholars who are out of town or camping. The present enrollment of the school is 226. The total offerings have been \$226 as against \$192 for the year previous.

This has been a distinctively missionary year. One Sunday in January being given up to Foreign Missions, to which the school, contributed \$18.69. In November another day was devoted to Home Missions at which \$10.31 was realized. The offering on Children's Day for the Sunday School and Publishing Society was \$29.35. In addition, a birthday box has been in use for some months, to which scholars and teachers alike contribute on their birthdays, the money to be given to missions. It is expected that quite a sum will be realized from this source.

On the first of the year we began using a new song book, "The

School Hymmal," a present to us from a good friend of the school. The scholars have enjoyed singing the new pieces, and a choir of boys and girls now assists in leading the singing.

Another gift has been some large tables for the use of two of the classes. These are a great convenience in the study of the lesson, and we hope in time to have all the classes so provided.

The primary department, which has been without a head for some months, has been taken in charge by Mrs. Wayland W. Sanford, who will act as Primary Superintendent for the coming year, and that part of the school has been moved back to its old quarters on the east side of the church.

Easter, Children's Day, Rally Sunday and Christmas have all been observed in a special manner, and in addition, many of the school enoyed the delightful ride and picnic at Fon du Lac in the summer.

We have continued the use of the Bible Study Union Lessons and have studied the "Lives of the Three Great Apostles, Peter, Paul and John," and for 1901 will study "Outlines of Old Testament History." Written examinations were held at the end of one of the quarters, and it is expected that they will be held regularly during the coming year.

Our teachers have been uniformly regular in attendance, unless detained by sickness or absence from town. It has not been uncommon to have every teacher and officer present on a number of Sundays.

Our present force consists of thirty officers and teachers, including the Primary Department.

In conclusion I would recommend that steps be taken as soon as possible to systematically increase the membership of our school.

New people are coming into the church and their children should be brought into the Sunday School. There are members, too, among the adult members of our church whom we should like to see in the school either as teachers or as members of the bible classes. In several families both husband and wife are teaching classes, and is it too much to ask of those who are not now members of our school that they will encourage us by their presence as members in some of the Bible Classes, and so this first year of the new century be marked by an increased interest in the study of God's word on the part of both old as well as young.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Hawkes, Jr.,

Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT OF "FRIENDS IN COUNCIL."

JAN. 15, 1900-- JAN. 15, 1901.

Tis with something of regret that one hears the announcement of the Annual Meeting when it signifies the responsibility for an Annual Report.

A time of itemizing, cashing accounts, and ruminating among the events of the past is not full of pleasant anticipations. But as days of reckoning are among the inevitables of life, it seems the part of wisdom to fall to the task in good faith, and when such faith is rewarded by a creditable final, one can but warm to the occasion.

by the assertion, made with all due humility, that the "Friends in Council" have been, really, quite a credit to the last year of the Nineteenth Century. To convince you of no unbecoming pride upon our part, we assure you our ambition still exceeds our accomplishments.

cessful period for we have breathed an inspiring atmosphere through our programs and the helpful guests it has been our privilege to entertain. Our pastor and wife have thirde made us glad. Mrs. Milne enlarged our vision with an interesting talk upon the seven benevolent organizations of the Congregational Society. Mr. Milne brought us the inspiration of a consecrated life, that of Eliza Agnew. We were brought into closer touch with mission work through a returned missionary, Miss Myers, of Ceylon. Miss Lyon, a friend of Miss Barnes and a member of the Student Volunteer movement, brought home to us in a forceful way our individual responsibility whether at home or in the field.

Through the mention of Miss Lyon, we are again reminded of the loss of a valued member who was with us a part of last year and with whom we are loth to part, Miss Barnes. Then, too, we have had so-called "splinters" from the soul-inspiring assemblage of great missionary workers and spirits at St. Louis/ For the healthful development of our benevolence, a program on giving was prescribed and not without profit, judging from our pledges.

At our last meeting, we made a partial review of our last years work in mission fields, and with new courage press foward to add our mite to the great work of bringing all nations into the gospel light and love that make it a grand thing to live.

Our offerings have been divided among home and foreign fields although the bulk has been turned into the treasury of the W. B. M. L. We stepped into the new century with added interest, having preceded the advent by a small investment there, having taken a half share interest in the \$20,000 20th Century Fund of the W. B. M. L. The smallness of our venture was due to no lack of confidence in the ultimate triumph of the causes but a limit to our capacity.

The cry from the starving of India did not come unheeded to us and although our offering was small, it was cheerfully given and we are assured that such gifts are well-pleasing to the Lord, whose power to bless is not limited by the amount.

The sympathy of the Friends in Council has twice been expressed through floral remembrance. Once in the memory of the death of a former member, Miss Mable White, and again out of sympathy with an unfortunate member who was viewing life from the unenviable standpoint of one foot and a pair of crutches, a lame point of view, surely.

We have held eight regular meetings in the church parlors at which we have been sumptuously dined, not only to our own satisfaction, but to the profit of the cause of missions. The sociability of our monthly meetings has been so enjoyable that we have put forth not great effort to provide special occasions along strictly social lines. The entertainments, however, have added materially to our treasury.

"A Bunch of Roses" may recall pleasant memories of one of the occasions when, together with the East End Circle, we reaped the profit of a pleasant evening's entertainment furnished by some of the young people. Now, the occasion was a memorable one, too, for throit we grew young again.

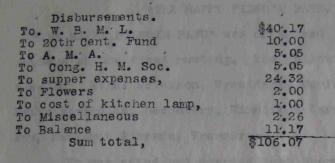
As a society, the "Friends in Council" is numbered among the Young People's societies, and no doubt the fact has done much to help some of us to retain our youthful air and appearance. Yet the flight of years had perhaps begun to make us feel a little skeptical as to our girlishness, when, happily, we hit upon a plan of renewing our youth, a birthday party. Imagine our glad surprise when a reliable count of the pennies, one for each year, unquestionably established our age to be under seventeen. So, henceforth please remember there will be no ground for sarcastic smiles when we call ourselves the youthful mission.

Receipts.

Cash on hand

Cash on hand, \$7.71
From Pledges, 42.25
From membership dues, 6.00
From supper fees, 26.14
From entertainment

From entertainments 13.97
From 20th Cent. fund 10.00
Sun Total \$106.07



List of Officers:

President, L. Ella Roe

Vice-president, Miss Mabel Paddock.

Treasurer, Miss Murdock

Secretary, Miss Selden.

#### "THE HAPPY PILGRIM BAND."

"THE HAPPY PILORIM BAND" was organized August 1st, 1900, with seven members at the first meeting. The following officers were duly elected: Ethel Erickson, President, Marion Allen, Vice-president, Emily Bartholdi, Secretary, Winnifred Warner, corresponding secretary, Margaret Florada, Treasurer.

It was voted and carried that there should be no fixed date for meetings.

The voluntary offering amounts to \$.01 a week per member, which is obtained through self-denial. We have now the amount of Five Dollars, which we shall, devote to the Indian Schools of Fort Berthol. At present we have a membership of twenty. Our meetings have all been held at the homeof Mrs. Milne.

The meetings are opened by reading of Scripture and prayer, and thirty minutes are devoted to study of lesson, and the remaining thirty to games and refreshments, which are kindly provided by our hostess.

Ethel Erickson,
President.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' UNION OF THE CONGREG-ATIONAL CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1400.

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The year just closed has been a very busy, but thoroughly enjoyable one. As a Union, we do not pretend to know whether we helped out the Nineteenth, or ushered in the Twentieth Century, but we do know that we did with our might what our hands found to do. At the Annual Meeting, January 3rd, 1900, it was voted that the money raised by the Ladies during the year be used for re-carpeting and re-frescoing the church, providing this met with the approval of the trustees.

At the next meeting a communication was read from the Trustees expressing their full approval, and we at once set about the task we had set ourselves by first counting the cost. A committee appointed to learn what had been the cost in the first place reported frescoing, \$550 upstairs carpet, \$420.00; Downstairs, \$325; total, \$1495. Adding to this other necessary repairs, such as leakage in the roof, broken plaster and defaced walls downstairs, and badly needed changes in the kitchen, we thought it safe to put our repair fund at \$2,000.

As this amount may seem large to some, let me say that it is the wish of the Ladis when the church is closed for repairs to put it in perfect order from roof to basement floor, making it absolutely clean.

All housewives think an annual housecleaning a necessity, some think it should be done twice a year and some are at it all the time, but everybody thinks a church ought to be cleansed at least once in thirteen years, and that since the pews will need to be removed in order to lay the carpet, then is the time to take a layer or two of microbes off the walls and ceiling.

well, having placed our problem we set about solving, and the ladies have worked with a will. Our Union consists of five Circles, as follows:

West End Circle begins at 2nd Ave. West and circles westward to the City limits; leaders, Mrs. Brenton and Mrs. Webb.

Star Circle is next, and includes the ladies between 2nd Ave. West and 2nd Ave. East and those living on Park Point; leaders, Mrs. Charles Duncan and Mrs. Ed. Paddock.

The next, -- just to show what ladies can do--is a square circle and has within its four corners all the ladies between 2nd Ave. East and 9th Ave. East; leaders, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Hurd.

Circle No. 4 extends from 9th Ave. East to 15th Ave. East; leaders, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. McMillan, and any lady living east of 15th Ave. East, whether in Woodland or Lakeside, comes within the sweep of the East End Circle, which, I regret to say, has no leaders at present, though there is at least one applicant for the position. The leaders of these circles are members of the executive noard of the Union.

One of the circle leaders is its secretary and treasurer, and she reports all moneys received during the year at the annual meeting of the Union. The circles have reported as follows:

West End Circle,	\$ 6.80
Star Circle,	253.19
Square Circle,	200.00
Circle No. 4,	205.00
East End Circle,	86.30
Total from circles,	\$751.29

Amount forwarded,

\$751.29

Working together we have put into the general Treasury from

Federation Lunches,	15.15
Rummage sale,	116.97
Annual Supper	89.75
Oberlin Glee Club	89.32
Dinners to Teachers' Convention,	28.70
	35.82
Lectures	
Other sources	9.75
Balance on hand in treasury, Total receipts for year,	\$1171.27
Disbursements,	89.40
Balance Jan. 1. 1901.	\$1081.87

Since the above report was received from the Treasurer, \$2.00 has been handed in on the Glee Club Concert, \$1.00 paid on bill, \$2.00 given, \$2.65 realized on magazines, making the year's net receipts \$1089.52.

At the Annual Meeting held Jan. 2, 1901, the following motion was carried;

That the funds used this year be used, as far as needed, for thoroughly repairing the church. After the church is in good condition it is the purpose of the ladies to work just as earnestly towards raising money to help pay the bonded indebtedness, but we feel that we can work with greater zeal in a clean and convenient church. The following are the officers for the year.

President, Mrs. Heggardt; Vice-president, Mrs. McGonagle; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. McMillan; Secretary, Mrs. Ed. Paddock;

Members of the executive Board: Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. E. B. Matter. Respectfully submitted, Anna Swan.

## REPORT OF PILGRIM Y. P. S. C. E.

The C. E. Society has at present forty-four (44) active members, -thirty-four (34) women and ten (10) men, -- beside many associate and
honorary members. Of the forty-four active members, but one is absent from the city.

The exact amout of money received and paid out cannot be given in this paper. But Six Dollars (\$6) has been paid toward the expense of a S. S. orchestra, nine (\$9) dollars for a book-case for the missionary library, two and one-half (\$2.50) dollars for a missionary map, twelve and one-half dollars (\$12.50) has been given to foreign missions, and ten (\$10.00) dollars to home missions.

The Sunday evening prayer meetings of the Societyare well-attended and well-sustained, while the members are-many of them--regularly found in the Thursday evening meeting of the church.

The members of this society take charge of one prayer meeting a month, at the branch Bethel, and one member gives much of her time to the Bethel work.

While we have not yet reached our ideal, there is evident a general spirit of devotion to duty which augurs well for the coming year.

Respectfully,

Louise K. Noyes,

President.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

The Board of Trustees beg leave to submit to the Church this, their annual report for the year ending January 15th, A. D. 1901.

During the church year just closed, the business of the Church has been conducted in the ordinary way. The money for paying the expenses of the Church has been raised in the ordinary way by pledges, except the sum of \$450.00, which it was found necessary to raise by a special contribution to meet the last interest coupon. The necessity for doing this the trustees regard as unfortunate, and trust that by the cooperation of the Finance Committee to be appointed the ensuing year, such an effort will not again be necessary.

In its last Annual Report, the Board of Trustees congratulated the Church that for the first time in many years, it came to the Annual Meeting free of all debt except the mortgage. By somewhat persistent effort of our Treasurer, together with the special effort made by the trustees, we are again able to report all debts paid except the mortgage.

During the past year, some slight repairs have been made to the Church, sidewalk has been constructed, and the estimated expenses made at the last meeting were found to be short of the actual expenses with reference to the music. The trustees have felt, however, that the task of the Music Committee was an unusual and difficult one, and have been more than pleased with the result of their labors.

At the last Annual Meeting, the estimated expenses for the ensuing year were as follows:

Pastor's Salary,	\$2,000.00
Music,	1,000.00
Interest charges,	900.00
Janitor,	400.00
Fuel,	200.00
Insurance,	90.00
Costs and supplies,	100.00
Light and Water,	160.00
Miscellaneous Expenses,	150.00

Making a toal of the ordinary expenses of the Church \$5,000.00.

The total was within \$200 of being correct. Some of the items ran over and some ran under, but the trustees think that this total estimate of \$5,000.00, although some of the items may vary slightly, will be approximately correct for the ensuing year. To raise this amount of money safely, we should have paying pledges of \$100 per Sunday. This will require an increase of at least \$10 per week in pledges, and the raising of this additional \$10.00 will be the work which the trustees will be glad to turn over to the Finance Committee. But by whomever it may be done, the Church should pledge this amount so that we will not be under the necessity of an extra effort at the close of the year.

The trustees recognize the fact that the ladies have always here-tofore paid into the General Treasury more than the amount which was necessary to be raised this year by special, effort, but inasmuch as the ladies have set the pace for themselves, so to speak, in the raising

of \$1100.00 this year for their own special work, the trustess will be glad to stand aside and see them raise \$1,000.00 next year to apply upon the mortgage.

The mortgage debt remains \$15,000.00, and the interest charge is constant at \$900.00 per year. The rate of interest is at least 1% too high, but a church loan, not secured by a personal endorsement of members, is not desirable as security, and the lowest rates of interest cannot be secured. The trustees have hoped to be able to reduce the rate of interest, but as yet have not succeeded.

The Church carries a total of \$26,000.00 of insurance, distributed as follows: On the building, \$21,666.66; on the fixtures, \$1733.34; on the organ, \$2600. It has been the practice of the trustees to distribute the placing of this insurance among the insurance agents who contribute to the support of the Church. The amount is divided so that part of it is renewed each year. The amount paid during the past year ran a little over the average estimate of \$90.00 per year.

The trustees feel very strongly that every member of the Church and every regular attendant of the congregation should be a regular contributor to some extent to the finances of the church. In this busy world of ours, there is nothing that gives us such a sense of proprietorship like helping to pay, and there is no question but that the members of the Church, by giving what may be within their ability, give themselves an added pleasure in the work of the Church, and greatly increase their interest in all of its affairs. We do not believe that there is a single member of the Church but what would find it to his or her advantage, personally, to become a regular contributor to the

Church's financial support. We would not by any means, however, limit regular contributions to those who are members of the Church. The Congregational Church has ever been liberal in its thought and practice. It has a home for those of many shades of belief, and its doors are not closed to those who may not belong to any Church. It is anxious to have them as constant attendants, and for its own sake as well as theirs, it solicits their financial support.

In conclusion, the tratees desire to congratulate the different officers of the Church, and especially the Ladies' organizations, for the zeal with which they have carried on the work of the past year.

Respectfully submited,

President of the Board of Trustees.

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It will be my endeavor to tell the truth.

The Woman's Missionary Society is of a known quantity and sterling quality. What the attendance will be at the regular meetings can be quite easily determined. That someof the most spiritually minded, intelligent and efficient women of the church are regularly in attendance at the meetings is proof of the standard.

Time and thought are given in preparing programs and an effort is made to keep in touch with up-to-date events pertaining to the spread of the gospel abroad, as well as in the home land. The day is past when the missionary meetings can be called poky.

It has been a long time belief among some that those who are willing to do the missionary work of the church are classed as those especially sanctimonious, not given to any worldly-mindedness, who comb their hair smooth and occupy the "Amen" corners. Let me dispel that idea. The last years of the 19th Century have opened up many blind eyes, thanks to the Women's Clubs in a measure, for their wanting to know what the other half of the world is dping. No more will it be said the missionary work will be done by a specified few(unjustly called only the pious kind) but by women of all tastes and opinions.

Those who may be given to a little primping and interested in social life as well as occupy the "Amen" corners of the sanctuary will find it a pleasant, proftable and popular duty to be closely allied with the missionary work. I don't claim it immediately but it is sure to come.

There has been much to encourage us and be thankful for. Some have attended the meetings that have never been before. New members have been added to the church who will no doubt soon identify themselves in this

branch of the church work, "A Prospect which pleases."

We are thankful God has not deemed it wise to remove by death any of our number. We are also thankful that in our pastor's wife is one who is also interested in missions and have found her to be ready and willing to do and especially well-informed.

We are glad to say the attendance has not fallen behind the previous year, but the gain has not been as large as has been hoped for. A barrel of clothing was sent to Mrs. Dinwoddie to be distributed among some colored people in Alabama.

Of all the Women's Missionary socities of the Cong. Church in the State, we bear the banner of having sent through our Treasurer the largest amount for missions. This was made possible by a legacy left by a sainted mother who was for a number of years President of this society in the early days of the Church, Madam Woodbridge, though her lips speak no more prayers in our meetings, her memory and influence lingers and the work she began still goes on.

The monthly meetings alternate giving the programme to home and foreign work. When not specified all the contributions are equally divided. A contingent fund is provided by a collection at each meeting which averages a dime from those present.

The meetings, twelve in number, have been held at the different homes, and a cup of tea has been generally served, adding much to the meetings socially. The following is the Treasurer's report:

To Foreign missions since Jan. 8th, 1900,

\$291.25 To Home Missions since Jan. 8th, 1900, Legacy, 330.00 \$428.49

Incidentals during the year,
At present cash on hand,
Raised during the year
Cash in treasury Jan-8-1900Legacies,

\$3.15 7.38 180.27 22.37 550.00

The smallest meeting of the year was in August. The postponement of the S. S. picnic at a late hour must be held accountable, as the meeting was to be held in conjunction. The largest was the July meeting held on Park Point.

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"Those who were there will remember well,

How under the pines and canopy sky,

Each one her story of the Red Men did tell;

How their children like we', are coming to be

Christian men and women to-day.

What the Government is doing

And the course we're pursuing

To get the Bible into their hands.

When the program was done

How every one
Helped to make ready a meal;
As the gray of evening was fast coming on,
Great cries through the woods came into our ears
We knew 'twas the braves a-coming
As if they were they running
Now in the black of the night
We kindle a light
With logs that blazed to the tree-tops high;
It was time to go
To our homes on the hill close by "

All that was planned at the beginning of the year has not been accomplished. A system of distributing banks among the women of the church, hoping thereby to raise money to meet our apportionment, was not successfully carried out. It was discovered the system was not as much appreciated as the committee hoped would be and all were not distributed. The pledge system is the only sure way of raising money for mis-

sions in my opinion, and the coming year money will be solicited in that way.

While it is discouraging not to be able to nearly meet our apportionment, it is more discouraging not to see more of the women of the church at the meetings at least one of the twelve in the year.

Will I be understood if I say, to me this has been a personal disappointment but not a grief, for I believe that every Christian woman has it in her heart a desire that Christ's kingdom may be enlarged, but are forgetful that their prayers and their presence are a great inspiration and encouragement.

So much has been said and read and sung,
Of what shall be done to help missions along;
But with all the good these leasons teach,
Lest the mind be willing, that the heart reach
Beyond self and its little sphere,
And be filled with prayers for souls everywhere
Will the good expected come.

It is not all of life to live,

Nor all of work to give

of our money and our store,

The Lord expects more,

and that is to pray for the people.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Chapman,

Pres. W. M. S.

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER, PIL-BRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 15TH, 1900.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 19, 1900	90.74 9.78 120.21
General and Transient Collections	4637.16 \$55.13.90

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor's Salary	\$2000.00 40.00 1177.02 420.00 218.75
Repairs on Church and Sidewalks	96°.20 54°.60 6°.00 3.98
enue stamps, team work, and miscellaneous accounts- Home and Foreign Missions and Relief Cash on hand to balance	52.50 314.15 900.00 3.00 \$5513.90

The Church has been opened for services on fifty-two (52) Sundays. The average transient collection has been \$8.66 per Sunday.

Average Morning collection, \$5.80; average evening collection,

\$2.86. We have one hundred sixty-two (162) members under regular pledges, the total amounting to \$79.34 per Sunday. The interest on the Mortgage Bond is paid to May 20th, 1901. All salaries and outstanding bills are paid to the first of the current month.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry I. Pineo,

Treasurer.

In going over my report I find the total pledges at \$79.34 per

Sunday for 52 Sundays am't to
The total transient collections
Rent of Church
Special Collections for Missions & charity,
and Special for Interest,

Total,

450.25 80.00 314.15 453.00 \$5423.08

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The difference of nearly \$100 is made up by men who have no pledge but make an occasional contribution—and it is a very uncertain element—We have no working capital. Bills for the current month will so on be due, and interest on the mortgage bond will on May 20th, 1901, be due again. Unless an effort is made to raise the pledges, and every member will try and pay a little extra, and all delinquent accounts are also paid, the treasurer will be in debt at the first of February, in distress by the first of May, and busted bankrupt by the first of June.

H. I. P.