



PILGRIM CHURCH.  
ANNUAL REPORTS.  
1902.

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#### PASTOR'S REPORT.

The year 1901 will be memorable chiefly because of the thorough renovation of our house of worship, including the re-frescoing of the walls. The work necessarily involved considerable interruption of our regular work in the months of May and June, with consequent loss. The gain in having a place for divine service so beautiful has more than compensated for the temporary loss. We remember gratefully the hospitality of the pastor and members of the First Presbyterian Church. When we were homeless, they took us in and provided for our spiritual necessities. The fellowship we then enjoyed was truly delightful. For this beautifying of our church we are indebted to the heroic persistence of our ladies, who were not afraid of that which is great and laughed at the terrors in the way. It was a splendid achievement and reveals the spirit of our women that they have succeeded in paying every bill connected with the improvement.

Some statistics come under the pastor's care. The number of marriages shows some degree of worldly prosperity. In all I performed the ceremony, making of twain one, seventeen times. Of these seventeen brides, five were from our own congregation. We are not quite as heavenly as we were two years ago. Seven times only was it my sad duty to conduct funeral services. Of these, two were members of the church, Miss Pauline Wieland and Mrs. E. G. Chapman. In my absence in October, Mrs. George Gray



also died. Seven children and one adult received baptism. The number of persons received into the church is disappointly small. Instead of twenty-four, we ought to receive about three times as many. We are a down town church. The movement of population will be more and more away from us. Improvement in car service and the coming of automobiles may do something to annihilate space. Our position in a city stretched along the foot of a hillside scarcely more than three or four blocks wide with a population very few of whom are ofmCongregational antecedents lays upon us a problem and a burden which will require all our skill, strength and faithfulness. Every one should be on the lookout and be instant in season, out of season. Church hospitality should be systematic, and better, it should be instinctive.

I was absent for three weeks in October. In my absence the pulpit was supplied by the Reverends Frank Moore, Walter H. Snow and William H. Medlar. During our housecleaning period I occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church with the exception of one Sunday. By sickness at home, by absence between Sundays during the summer, and by vacation my time the past year was broken up and my pastoral work interfered with more than in any previous year in my ministry. The result is but a small number of pastoral calls upon people in their homes. A good many more were made than have been recorded but the record speaks of only 260 calls, a number which I trust is low water mark.

Our Sunday morning service continues a well attended and inspiring gathering, but the evening service remains a vexing problem. Twice only was the church crowded, at the rendering

and repetition of Dudley Buck's Cantata, "The Coming of the King." Our experience proves that the people will come if we provide for them a musical service of so high a character that it would ordinarily cost them seventy-five cents or a dollar. If it were possible to produce such services every week, I am not sure that it would be wise to attempt them. An occasional musical service is helpful and inspiring, but the proper work of the church is hardly the giving of sacred concerts. With the hope that it would result in the strong enlargement of an evening congregation, I have been giving a course of lectures on the history of the Reformation. I cannot lay my hand on my heart and say that it has been a great success. Sometimes the congregation has been fairly good, and the words of appreciation that have been spoken show that the lectures have been instructive to those who heard them. They have certainly been most instructive to the lecturer. Sometimes the discouraging thought will present itself that the majority of our church members practically vote by their steady absence that the evening service is not worth their attending. Most of them, I believe, would object strenuously to the abolishing of the evening service, but attendance upon it is a different matter. I am well aware that this is not all the truth. Our service, though small, is not a failure. Some come to it who attend no other service. The dreadful tragedy which in a moment ended the lives of three young people by drowning in November caused me to realize as never before the value of our evening service. Those three young people were accustomed to come here to church on Sunday evenings. Here they heard the words of divine truth and eternal life. That



service was helping to prepare them for life and for death. Unknown to many, perhaps to most of our people, scarcely known by myself, they had identified themselves with our church in that service. I appreciate the difficulties in the way of many, preventing their attendance in the evening, but I believe that more could come regularly than do come, and that the power and usefulness of the service might be greatly increased.

The spirit of harmony, of mutual good fellowship, of loyalty to the church which prevails among us is very cheering. The life of the various organizations in the church is very healthy as evinced by their activity. Of them and their offices I will not speak in detail. I feel personally grateful to each and all. That you are so appreciative of so little is a constant surprise and an incitement to enthusiastic labor on my part.

Before closing I take the liberty of making a suggestion about finances. Our extra strength and attention in the past two or three years have necessarily been given to expensive repairs and improvements. Our ladies are determined now to attack that mortgage, putting their savings and earnings into the reduction of the principal, a plan which meets my heartiest approval. I am convinced, however, that this year we ought to do much more. The lifting of debts is now in the air, and has got into the hearts of people. A fair measure of prosperity has blessed our city and we ought to take advantage of it. If we cannot do all we can do a part. Our mortgage, the chairman of our trustees informs me, runs out in the month of May. I propose as a minimum that we set ourselves to reduce it five thousand dollars this year. If this could be done and the remaining ten thousand borrowed at five per cent, our annual interest bill

would be reduced from \$900.00 to \$500.00, which would be easily manageable. There is a possibility that the Congregational Church Building Society might help us either with a grant or a loan without interest. If so, we might get rid of the whole incubus this year. If, for example, they would offer to advance the last five thousand, it would be worth making a splendid struggle on our part to raise the needed ten thousand.

Our trustees are not only able but faithful men. We might safely challenge the country to show a more efficient board. I speak of this matter not that they need any prodding, but that I might prepare the minds of our people to sustain the plans of the trustees.

Our situation is such that we should have in mind a work larger than that in our own congregation. The Congregational work in the city has suffered because one load has been so heavy. A removal of that burden would lead to a larger development of Congregational Church life in the city, and we should no longer see what we have seen the past week, a church built by congregational enterprise and largely sustained by Congregational benevolence going over bodily to another denomination. The one duty to be attended to now is the making of the position of Pilgrim Church absolutely sound. That done, more and greater work will follow. We can do it and it shall be done.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER MILNE.

Jan. 21, 1902.



Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Treasurer, Pilgrim Congregational Church, for the Year Ending January 21, 1902.

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Receipts.

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance on hand Jan. 18th, 1901   |                  |
| General and Transient Collections | \$ 3.00          |
| Special collection for interest   | 4908.91          |
| " " " Communion Service           | 450.00           |
| " " " per capita tax              | 33.49            |
| For rent of church                | 19.35            |
| Total                             | 57.50            |
|                                   | <u>\$5472.25</u> |

RECEIPTS FOR BENEVOLENT PURPOSES.

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Cong'l Bldg. Society           | 36.76            |
| Foreign Missions               | 102.56           |
| Children's Home at Minneapolis | 36.35            |
| Home Missions                  | 90.03            |
| American Educational Society   | 7.37             |
| Total                          | <u>\$5745.62</u> |

Disbursements.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Pastor's salary                                                          | \$2000.00        |
| Pulpit's supplu and expenses                                             | 71.25            |
| Music                                                                    | 1128.57          |
| Janitor                                                                  | 420.00           |
| Fuel                                                                     | 257.58           |
| Insurance-Fire                                                           | 93.50            |
| Sprinkling tax                                                           | 4.56             |
| Janitor's miscellaneous expenses for supplies, dray, small repairs, etc. | 33.67            |
| Light and water                                                          | 151.75           |
| Trustees' expenses, furniture                                            | \$10.00          |
| Repairing roof,                                                          | 164.27           |
| New grates                                                               | 24.75            |
| Electric Repairs and plumbing,                                           | 58.30            |
| Miscellaneous, making total-----                                         | 274.50           |
| Treasurer's expense, stamps & printing, etc./                            | 26.75            |
| per capita tax                                                           | 15.40            |
| Interest on mortgage                                                     | 900.00           |
| For communion service                                                    | 33.49            |
| Paid Mr. Erickson for poor family                                        | 15.00            |
| Total Home expense                                                       | <u>\$5426.02</u> |

Disbursed for Benevolent Purposes

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Cong'l Bldg. Society    | \$ 36.76         |
| Foreign Missions        | 102.56           |
| Childrens Home          | 36.65            |
| Home Missions           | 90.03            |
| Am. Educational Society | 7.37             |
| On hand                 | 46.23            |
| Total                   | <u>\$5745.62</u> |

All current accounts are settled to the first of January, 1902, and there is no outstanding floating indebtedness. The mortgage remains at \$1500.00, the same as ever, with the interest paid until May 26th, of the present year. Owing to a number of our members having left the city, the pledge account has very much depreciated. Also there has been several pledges greatly reduced within the last thirty years and unless old pledges are increased and new ones secured, there will be a shortage to meet current expenses.

The treasurer would ask the members of the church and congregation to kindly give due consideration to the business part of the church. Establish a method and system in giving toward this institution and make it a point to bear their individual responsibility toward the support of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY I. PINEO,  
Treas.



ANNUAL REPORT OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL  
FOR THE YEAR 1901.

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Our attendance during the year has varied from 73 on July 21st to 221 on April 7th. Contrary to the usual belief that a Sunday School has the largest attendance just before Christmas, it is interesting to note that April showed the best average attendance of any month, 207, and August the smallest, 102. The average attendance for the year was 163, as compared with 170 for the previous year. Owing to the repairs in the church, during the month of May we held our session at the Presbyterian church at 9:30 in the morning. This very early hour was too much for the adult classes, and most of them at once suspended and did not meet again until fall. This materially affected our attendance for the year, as our records show we fell off in attendance the first half of the year, and gained in the last six months.

Our offerings have been \$217.87, an average of \$4.54 a Sunday. In addition \$14.00 has been given for missions from our birthday box, and Mrs. Milne's class has contributed \$12.60 for the same purpose. The School has given to Home and Foreign Missions, \$45.69, and on Children's day to the Sunday School & Publishing Society, \$27.16. Balance in Treas. Jan. 1, \$44.06.

We have studied "Outlines of Old Testament History," in the Blakeslee course of lessons, and have covered the old testament from Genesis to Malachi. This course of lessons is one of

a series, which taken together, covers the entire Biblical history, and relates to the preparation of the world for Christ, as seen in the selection and training of the Chosen People.

The Primary Department has been under the efficient charge of Mrs. W. W. Sanford, and has increased materially in members, and is thoroughly graded, beginning with the little four or five year old child in the kindergarten to the child of nine or ten years old. Twenty have graduated during the year into the main room, and many will remember with pleasure the exercises of the graduating class on Children's Day, as they recited the books of the old and new testament and other exercises. A system of quarterly report cards has been introduced, so that parents may know how their children in the primary room are getting along.

New materials introduced have been stencils, blocks, set of models, a large black board, and a sand table. The total enrollment of this Department is now 69.

Our teachers and officers have been regular in attendance. On several Sundays not a single one has been absent, and the Superintendent desires to express his thanks for their regular attendance, and for their constant and devoted attention to the work committed to them.

In conclusion we would earnestly invite the members of the church and congregation to become members of our school, to join some one of the Bible classes, or, if you cannot find time for this, let us welcome you at the opening exercises of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. Hawkes, Jr.,

Superintendent.



# REPORT.

The Friends in Council have held nine meetings during the past year, at which we have enjoyed most appetizing suppers.

For our February meeting we were most delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Moody. In April we met in the Presbyterian Church parlors, and the balance of our meetings have been held here, at all of which we have listened to fine programs along the lines of mission work.

At our October meeting a special continuous course of mission study was planned, and this we are finding both helpful and instructive.

We are indebted to several ladies of the church for courtesies extended during the past year, which we have appreciated deeply. We have had three entertainments for profit and pleasure, and have added to our members, eight new members.

Our financial statement is as follows:

|                                     |              |          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Cash on hand January 1st, '01       | \$ 9.38      |          |
| Received for yearly dues            | 5 .75        |          |
| Received for pledges                | 55.50        |          |
| From entertainment given last March | 76.80        |          |
| Supper receipts                     | <u>35.14</u> | \$182.57 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                            |                |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Cost of Suppers                                            | \$31.32        |         |
| Flowers for sick                                           | 5.90           |         |
| Lamp for church kitchen                                    | 1.00           |         |
| Cost of entertainment in March                             | 7.50           |         |
| 1/2 proceeds entertainment given to square church expenses | 34.65          |         |
| Incidental                                                 | 3.38           |         |
| Amount sent to W. B. M. I.                                 | 40.00          |         |
| Home Missionary Society                                    | 15.00          |         |
| 20 Century Fund                                            | 10.00          |         |
| American Missionary Ass'n                                  | 5.00           |         |
| Church Bldg. Society                                       | 5.00           | 158.75  |
| Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1902,                            | <u>\$23.82</u> | \$23.82 |

Respectfully submitted,

Delia M. Goodwin, President.

Report of Pres. of Ladies Union  
of Pilgrim Cong. Church for  
year 1901.

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The result of the work  
of the Ladies' Union for  
the past two years is  
seen in the improved  
appearance of the audience  
room of the church and  
also the S.S. rooms and  
kitchen.

At the meeting held  
last January, the ladies  
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sufficient money on hand to warrant them in commencing the work voted to have the necessary repairs and decorating done as soon as practicable.

Like all good housekeepers, they first turned their attention to the kitchen that it might be made as convenient and useful as possible.

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had charge of this work.  
A large steam table and  
a hot-water tank were  
put in and other im-  
provements made at a  
total cost of \$119.25

Mrs. Webster gave us a  
good cupboard for  
dishes which was much  
needed. She also gave  
us several dozen dishes.

A committee consisting  
of Mrs. Swan, Duncan,



and B. Stebbins<sup>4.</sup> was appointed, who with the cooperation of Messrs. Ames and Hawkes were to make contracts and have a general oversight of the repairs<sup>carpeting</sup> and decorating of the church. This committee had the privilege of asking others to serve our committees to assist in the work, which they did.

The committee of frescoing consisted of Mrs. M. Gougle, Mrs. Milne, and Mr. Giles Gilbert.

Carpet committee - Mrs.  
Woodbridge, Mrs. Mitchell,  
and Mr. Norton.  
Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Gougle and Mrs.  
B. Stebbins were the com-  
mittee who had the  
steel ceiling put in.  
Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Ivor of St. Paul  
was engaged to decorate  
the audience room and  
organ and also the  
S.S. rooms - to furnish  
and lay new carpet,  
clean and polish the pews,  
cover inside doors with



felt and paint them.  
The contract price was  
\$15.90.

Other expenditures were:-  
Repairing and cleaning  
stained glass windows  
\$35.00

Cleaning and tuning  
organ \$52.00

Steel ceiling in S.S. room  
\$175.00

Wainscoting in hall \$27.40

Repairing the ventilators \$45.00

Sewing and laying  
carpets in small rooms \$18.55

Cleaning church \$10.00

For flowers at Easter \$10.00  
 Half of the expense of dec. at  
 Christmas \$4.00  
 Carpenter's bill \$19.25  
 Other expenses \$4.00

At the beginning of the year  
 we had in the treasury  
 \$1081.87

Received from Rummage \$97.18  
 " " Ex. to Mesaba Range 65.50  
 " " from Primary Class of \$5. 10.  
 " Int. on Time Certificates 7.95  
 " " Bal. at Fall Reunion 2.84  
 " " Star Circle 256.  
 " " Square " 208.65  
 " " Circle No. 4 213.75  
 " " East End Circle 203.15  
 Total receipts for the year \$1076.10



8.  
Adding amount on hand at  
beginning of year we have \$2157.99  
Expenditures amounted to 2139.45  
Leaving a balance in  
the treasury of --- \$18.52

At our meeting in August  
we still had a bout \$500  
to raise. It was voted  
to raise this amount by  
subscription and not have  
our annual Christmas Sale  
and supper or other en-  
tertainments. The ladies  
responded very generously,  
with the gratifying result  
shown in the above report.

9.  
The social side of our  
work has not been  
entirely neglected.

The Fall Reunion was well  
attended.

The entertainments given  
at the homes of Mrs. McGonagle,  
Duncan, Baker, and Paddock  
were not only profitable  
but very successful from  
a social stand point.  
Twelve meetings have  
been held with an  
average attendance of  
15 members.



The ladies at their last-  
meeting pledged \$1,000.<sup>00</sup>  
to be raised this year  
and paid on the  
principal of the mortgage  
upon the church.

Mrs. St. A. McConaghe  
was acting president for  
the first half of the year.  
Officers elected for the en-  
suing six months are: -

Mrs. St. G. Hegardt - Pres.  
" St. A. Cant - Vice Pres.  
" A. G. Strong - Secretary  
" St. W. McMillan Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted  
Jessie J. Hegardt.

1901.

The Happy Pilgrims Missionary Society has done excellent work the past year. Although owing to Mrs. Milne's absence from the city the regular meetings were not held this fall, yet the interest in the work and the contribution to it remained uninterrupted. Last Sept. we sent \$7.60 to be used toward the salary of Miss Holt who went from here this summer as a Missionary to Turkey. Through the generosity of Mrs. Hoyt, thirteen of the older girls of our society were furnished with 25 cents each and asked to invest it in such a way that it might increase as much as possible by the end of the year. \$3.25 was the sum given and last Sunday we returned in its place \$14.25. Nellie Sinclair increased her talent ten-fold and no one hid her talent in a napkin. This amount, \$14.25, is to be given to Home Missions. This makes our amount for the year \$21.85. Our bank is to be opened at our winter picnic to be held here next Friday evening, so I cannot report the balance of its contents. Our missionary society is unique in having more applications for membership than there are vacancies in our society.



REPORT OF SECRETARY OF W. M. SOCIETY FOR YEAR 1901.

It is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that we review the work of the past year. Joy for the success that has attended our efforts, that in the beginning of this new century we have been able, for the first time in many years, to meet our appointment for foreign missions. We regret that along other lines we have not attained the heights desired.

Our members at the twelve monthly meetings have varied from 27 present at the February meeting to only four at the August meeting, and altho' we do not show an increase in the average attendance, yet we feel that the society as a whole has made great advancement. Many women who have not heretofore shown an interest in missions have contributed generously this year to the support of this work.

In April the Diamond Jubilee of Home Missions was celebrated by a picnic supper in the church parlors. This meeting was largely attended and most enthusiastic. A special program had been prepared in which Dr. Long of the Methodist Church, Mr. Milne, Prof. C. A. Smith, Miss Ayers, and others, took part. As a result of this gathering we feel that many were aroused to the great need of this important branch of church work.

Another meeting of special interest was the one in July, when Miss Holt was present. (Perhaps some members of the church do not know that Miss Holt is the first missionary that has ever gone to the foreign field from Pilgrim church. She is now stationed in Birsa, Turkey.)

Our receipts for the year from Jan. 9th, 1901, to Jan 8th, 1902, were \$271.24.

Those who contributed during the year were:

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Milne's class of Happy Pilgrims | \$12.60 |
| C. E. toward Miss Moulton's salary   | 37.50   |
| S. S. Special offering for China     | 16.69   |
| Primary class                        | 2.71    |
| Jubilee fund                         | 5.00    |
| S. S. Birthday box                   | 14.00   |
| Thanksgiving offering                | 23.52   |
| Friends in Council                   | 50.00   |
| Foreign                              | 25.00   |
| Home                                 |         |

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Paid to foreign missions | \$123.61 |
| Paid to Home Missions    | 124.32   |
| Incidental expenses      | 10.55    |
| Cash on hand             | 12.76    |
| Friends in Council       | 75.00    |

Our programs have been more varied than in previous years.



The closing months of the year brought great sorrow with them. Our hearts were saddened at the Thanks offering meeting by the announcement of the critical condition of our faithful president, Mrs. E. G. Chapman. A week later came the word of her passing away and her entrance into the presence of her King. Her energy, loving devotion and faithfulness to the spirit of missions was ever an incentive to those associated with her in the work, and her originality and optimistic view of life brought with it success when failure might have been the result had we chosen for our leader one less sanguine.

The remembrance of her zeal will abide with us and we feel that her labors of love will continue to bear fruit and be an incentive to greater effort.

Is it too much to hope that in this New Year the women of the society will be stirred to renewed activity, and we may see many more joined with us in this great work for the Master? We feel that if we are to interest others we must present interesting programs in an interesting manner and feel a personal interest and enthusiasm for each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Curtis Hawkes,

Sec.

January 21, 1902.

To the Pastor and Members of the Pilgrim Cong. Church:

During the year 1901 the Christian Endeavor Society have held regular meetings each Sunday Evening, with the exception of a few weeks while the church was undergoing repairs. The society has also conducted one meeting each month at the Branch Bethel. The year was started with thirty-two members and ended with thirty-nine.

We have undertaken to support one Hindoo child by name of Bhagu Bhamboo, for the period of one year at the cost of fifteen dollars a year. This child is in the Orphan Asylum at War, in the district of Fataara, India. The asylum in which Miss Moulton is doing her work.

The expenditures of the year have been as follows:

Toward Miss Moulton's salary, \$37.50, \$12.50 of which was due from our pledge for the year 1900, and the remaining \$25.00 was to cover our pledge for 1901.

To the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions" was paid \$7.30 to be applied to the "Chinese Relief Fund."

\$7.15 was expended for flowers sent to sick members and \$17.75 for general expenses, including stationery, printed matter and socials.

\$4.00 was paid for the maintenance of the State Board and \$1.95 for our City Union.

Total expenditures, \$75.65.

On hand at end of the year, \$55.58.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Schulze, Pres.