

PILGRIM CHURCH,
ANNUAL REPORTS.
1907.

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Duluth, Minn. Jan. 16, 1907.
Report of Treasurer
of
Pilgrim Congregational Church,
for
Year Ending January 1st., 1907.

Balance on hand Jan. 16, 1906	-	-	-	-	\$ 207.45
Received on Assessment Account	-	-	-	-	871.00
" for Rent of Church	-	-	-	-	100.00
" Collection for Ladies	-	-	-	-	40.80
" Returned on Lamps	-	-	-	-	4.90
" Morning Collections	-	-	-	379.00	
" Evening Collections	-	-	-	80.81	
" On Pledges	-	-	-	4314.20	
Total	-	-	-	-	4774.11
Receipts	-	-	-	-	5998.26

5177.26

Disbursements.	
Music	1258.47
Organ Boy	68.76
Tuning Organ	15.00
Janitor	300.00
Janitor's Supplies	6.20
Insurance	51.82
Postage	6.50
Water	6.00
Gas	45.45
Electric Light	50.35
Printing & Supplies	124.40
Sprinkling Tax	2.80
Coal	148.22
Hotel Directory	6.00
Pastors Salary	2499.96
Pulpit Supply	130.00
Annual Assessment	19.75
Expense of Delegates	81.65
Returned to Ladies	40.80
Improvements & Repairs on Building	318.71
Street Paving Assessment	576.72
Total Disbursements	5716.36
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907.	281.90
	5998.26

5186.04

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

Amount Collected	871.00
Assessment paid	576.72
Bal. on hand	294.68

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Due Assessment Acct.	294.68
Cash on Hand	281.90
General Acct. Overdwn-	52.78

Average Expense per Sunday, 1906----	102.74
Do Collections-Loose	9.19
On pledge	86.28
	95.47
Pledges unpaid Jan. 1, 1907	722.30

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. Ziebold
Treasurer.

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Pulpit Supply	-	-	-	-	130.00
Annual Assessment	-	-	-	-	19.35
Expense of Delegates	-	-	-	-	21.65
Returned to Ladies	-	-	-	-	40.80
Improvements & Repairs on Building	-	-	-	-	318.31
Street Paving Assessment	-	-	-	-	576.32
Total Disbursements	-	-	-	-	5716.36
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Report of Receipts and Disbursements of the Treasurer of
Benevolent Funds of Pilgrim Congregational Church for 1906.

Receipts.

Jan. 1 1906, Balance on hand in Deacon's Fund -----	\$ 96.25
Jan. 1 1906, Balance on hand in Missionary Fund -----	8.52
January collection for Deacon's Fund -----	13.78
March collection for Deacon's Fund -----	13.61
May collection for Deacon's Fund -----	14.82
July collection for Deacon's Fund -----	12.25
September collection for Deacon's Fund -----	12.42
November collection for Deacon's Fund -----	28.00
Missionary offerings from transient collections -----	24.86
Missionary offerings from Pledges -----	458.22
	<u>\$ 682.73</u>

Disbursements.

February 6, 1906, Envelopes, cards, etc. -----	\$ 6.30
" 20, " Paid for parties in need -----	5.75
March 23, " West Duluth Church -----	25.00
" 23, " Miss McFarlane -----	25.00
" 23, " Paid for parties in need -----	7.75
May 28, " Paid for parties in need -----	10.00
June 15, " W. J. Connard -----	6.00
August 4, " American Board -----	130.00
September 19, " West Duluth Church -----	25.00
November 12, " Paid for parties in need -----	1.50
" 14, " Ministerial Relief (State) -----	25.00
" 14, " Ministerial Relief (National) -----	25.00
December 17, " Paid for parties in need -----	23.50
January 14, 1907 Congregational Home Missionary Society -----	93.63
" 14, " American Missionary Association -----	67.90
" 14, " Congregational Church Building Society -----	43.93
" 14, " Congregational Education Society -----	23.46
" 14, " Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society -----	23.46
" 14, " American Bible Society -----	23.46
" 14, " Chicago Seminary -----	23.46
	<u>\$ 615.10</u>
Cash on hand in Deacon's Fund -----	67.63
	<u>\$ 682.73</u>

In addition to the above the following Special sums have been paid

Special Gift for Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Special gift for American Missionary Assn.	5.00
Special gift for American Board	645.50
Special Collection San Francisco Sufferers	68.78
Special gift Rev. G. F. Morton	130.00
Special gift American Sunday School Union	165.55
Special collection Miss Holt	6.70
Special Collection Children's Home Society	14.90
	<u>\$ 1041.43</u>

Making a grand total of \$1656.53 benevolences for the year 1906.

W. W. McMillan

Treasurer.

Expenditures and Contributions

Current expenses.	7,252	44
A. B. C. F. M.	1,014	25
C. H. M. S.	284	63
A. M. A.	165	40
C. C. B. S.	56	43
S. S. P. S.	38	46
Ministerial Aid	50	00
C. E. S.	161	92
Various other objects	577	90
Total for all	9,601	43
Deduct Current expense	7,252	44
Total benevolences.	2,348	99

Chas. Church Treasurer.

5,716.36

Musicians - Theo. Thomas
Miss Doe. \$5.00

Current
expenses

A. B. G. J. M. G. H. M. J. A. M. A. G. G. B. S. A. J. O. S. M. u. a. d. G. & S.

Other

Chapel St. Church	5,716.36								65 78 23 46 23 50 23 00
Museum - Church Museum any fund.	6.30	130.00 645.50	25.00 25.00 6.00 93.63 5.00	67.90 5.00	43.93	23.46	25.00 25.00	23.46 23.46	7 75 10 25 1 50 130.00 145.55 6.70 14.90
Wells Union	1,226.80								
Wells in Council	30.01 24 1.40	40.00	10.00	5.00	5.00				10.00
Wellsman Club	68.17								
Johnston Anderson	16.65	25.00	20.00	20.00				50.00	10.00 4.00 2.00 7.00 38.00 4.00
Women's Mission Society	10.10	100.00 25.00 25.00	25.00 75.00	37.50 30.00	7.50	15.00		50.00 15.00	
Sunday School	176.41	23.75							
Totals	\$ 7,252.44	1,014.28	284.63	165.40	56.43	38.46	50.00	161.92	579.90

0.5 paid also to Hume
Museum. This Museum
must be. \$8.00
has to be from Hume
This Museum. \$8.19.

Receives then these were gifts to
the Bethel by individuals, and
gifts to G. M. & A. by individuals.

388.54

Pastor's Report Jan'y 16 '1907

In presenting my eighth annual report as pastor of ~~this church~~, my mind goes back to eight years ago when I was preparing to bid farewell to my former parishioners, ~~that my work here might begin~~. Eight years of service are all but completed. Eight is not a sacred number, as is seven, neither is it a round number like ten or twelve or twenty five, but it is a number and it will do. It is an honor ^{have} to ~~have~~ been connected with such a church for so long a period, ^{especially} ~~and~~ in these days of short pastorates and frequent changes. While I was facing the fact of a call to Duluth one of the elements ^{to} which special consideration was given was the location of the church. I ~~understood~~ ^{realized} ~~appreciated~~ that there ~~are~~ ^{are} serious obstacles to a solidly successful work in a down town church, and I was not at all anxious to deal with them. In those thoughtful days there came to me a letter from my honored predecessor, who a few months before had laid down the responsibility of work here. He declared that the church edifice was in exactly the right spot. He was ^{wise} ~~right~~ about that and the time is yet distant when the present location could be wisely

abandoned. Nevertheless the location of ~~the church~~ is increasingly unfavorable to our all round, successful church work.

If we have not done extraordinarily well in the past eight years, we have at least done well, and considering some circumstances, perhaps it may be truly said, very well. Thanks to ~~the~~ careful management of the trustees, efficiently assisted by the finance committee, the financial side of our enterprise has been very satisfactory. A new heating plant ^{has been} ~~was~~ installed; the church ^{has been} ~~was~~ cleaned, refrescoed, ^{and} carpeted by the ladies society; ^{one year} ~~then~~ thousand dollars were raised and paid on the mortgage; every year the treasurer has reported all bills paid with a comfortable balance ^{in the treasury} ~~left over~~; the Ladies Union have taken care each year of the \$500.00 due the Church Building Society; money has been provided to meet the heavy assessments to pave the streets. I doubt if any church in town has raised the necessary money as easily as we have done, or has met the current expenditures as promptly as our people. For a congregation of 400 members counting absentees this is a fine record, giving evidence of a loyal generosity.

In other ways we have made progress. On the whole there has been a slow but steady increase of members and con-

stintency, and the pastor has had many evidences of loyal appreciation. We have much to be thankful for in the beautiful spirit of harmony which characterizes our life and work. The tie that binds our hearts in Christian love "manifests its reality and power in all our meetings and fellowship. The missionary spirit also is alive and vigorous among us. Our members hold an influential place in the various Christian and charitable institutions of the city. We have recognized the claim of the world wide field of the church of Christ in a systematic plan for raising missionary offerings, and we are even now laying our hands to the plow with the purpose to turn a furrow deeper than anything we have hitherto done.

We have not therefore been going ^{ward} ^{merely} back or ^{marking} time. Yet we feel the full of our situation. More and more our people are living at a distance from the church so that attendance upon the services is less and less easy. The Sunday morning service holds its own with in a gratifying way, but our other services suffer. We are not alone in bewailing a small Sunday evening service. The mid week meeting also suffers. It is not always easy for men to travel a few miles to their homes when business ceases, get dinner or supper, then ^{hurry} ~~travel~~ back to attend a prayer meeting which can hardly be warranted to be ^{always} thrillingly interesting. The situation works against us in another way. The chil-

of families living at a distance so that they can attend the services but infrequently are easily lost from our life and fellowship. They become members of Sunday Schools near home; their associates are probably in some other church; they perhaps join the young people's society of that church, and in ^{some} ~~years~~ ^{finally} become members in the church as members. Thus in part our foundation for the future is taken away. Our Sunday School our young people's society are weakened ~~without~~ they are not as strong as they should be relative to the rest of the church.

Again we do not get people that by right belong to us, and who really desire to be of us. One instance will shew what I mean. There came to the city a year or more ago a family from a Congregational Church in another city. Their young people had already made acquaintance with our endeavours. The whole family expected to be in our church. They came, ^{a seat full} ~~all of them~~, for a few Sundays. Unfortunately for us they had taken a house at Lakeside. After a few Sundays they discovered that the journey was too much for them. It took too much time and cost a good deal simply to get them to church. The car fare of some families would be equivalent to a fairly good subscription to current expenses. It is not astonishing that in a short time we saw them no more. People who have been

connected with us, ~~who~~ who have entered into our fellowship will not break the tie even if they move several miles away, but it is too much to expect that new comers will fall so violently in love with us at first sight that they will never forsake us even if their homes are as far from the church as was Sheridan from Winchester, ^{one} that memorable day.

There are some things against us, and if we have not done as well as some think might have been done, the blame is perhaps not ours entirely. We are far from being in the condition of a church, whose delegate reported "We are spiritually dead, but we are thankful to the Lord its as well with us as it is." There is ~~yet~~ considerable life in us and the heart is sound, but we would be very much more alive and active than we are.

We ought not to overlook the fact that our present circumstances provide an opportunity for an important work. If our own children are sometimes kept from us other folks children do come. There are large families whose representatives have followed one another from the oldest to the youngest, through the classes of our Sunday School. Parents, who are not Congregationalists who were perhaps born across the sea, send us their children. Their young people come to us in the Endeavor Society. They would naturally

grow up in our congregation. In our ^{new} ranks are people of German and Scandinavian blood, loyal sons and daughters of the Pilgrims. These show what may be done. A warm brotherly spirit, friendly sympathetic, a readiness to labor to the point of sacrifice, would make of Pilgrim Church a greater power for good not only over its far scattered members, but also over the families on the hillside and the Point.

We may remind ourselves of the services that need strengthening. The familiar saying that the prayer meeting is the thermometer of the church is not in my judgment true. Not unto the whole church of Christ if it be true. But the mid week service is a valuable and influential factor in the spiritual life of a church. To lose it would be serious indeed. A little thoughtfulness, a little planning will make that service much more vigorous and more helpful than it has been. The evening service is worth continuing even if an increasing number pay no attention to it. There are those who can come then who can not in the morning. It deserves the support of Christ's people at the cost of some sacrifice of time and personal ease. It ought not to be abandoned and this means that it ought to be supported. It would be an

reasonable to expect a regular attendance on the part of everybody, but almost everybody can be present part of the time.

The past year has not been characterized by any special feature which calls for mention now, except the visit in the Spring from the deputation of distinguished missionaries of the American Board. That had an immediate result in the pledging and payment of about \$700⁰⁰ additional to our regular contributions to the Board; and an ultimate effect ^{I trust} of ^{permanently} increasing our interest in and our offerings to the work of the Board.

For nearly seven~~th~~ months of this past year I was deprived of the presence, counsel and help of Mrs. Melvin, by the sickness, and finally the death of one very dear to her. This prevented the doing of some things that would else ^{probably} have been done. I suffered also, through the lack of her skilful supervision of processes in the kitchen to an obstinate and weakening attack of that vulgar ill, indigestion, which for a time interfered seriously with my ability to labor. Thanks to skilful medical treatment that is passing away. In several ways the work this year has fallen short of what had been ^{hoped and} planned, and in July and August I was absent ^{six} from ~~three~~ weeks. The pulpit was ~~often~~ supplied by the Revs. Dr. Merrill, and McLeod, and Clelland, also

by the Messrs. Morris, Howard and Williams, giving the congregation a variety of gifts and graces.

The various organizations have kept up their work well. The Christian Endeavor society has kept up its Sunday evening meetings and is always interesting and helpful and is frequently well attended. A group of attractive young people find in this society an agency to reach other young people who would not otherwise come within the sphere of our church life. Several of the members are really connected with other churches of foreign origin and speech. Not finding in their own church, the kind of fellowship and life they crave, they have identified themselves with our young people. That such should be welcomed is most commendable. Narrowly interpreted the members of a Christian Endeavor Society should be members and loyal supporters of the church ^{particular} of whose work and life the society is a part, but there are necessary exceptions to all rules. Our young people have done well in opening their doors to young folks of other churches, and making them at home, extending to them the full privileges of membership. ~~There is a possibility, however, in such a situation of forgetting the debt of loyalty the members owe to their own church. A large portion of the~~

~~cannot~~ ^{not} ~~take~~ ^{take} ~~responsibility~~ ^{responsibility} for the work of the
helpful element in our church. ^{Mark} ~~as a whole~~ ^{the} ~~church~~ ^{congregation}
our youngest teachers and workers in the
meeting and ~~going~~ ^{to} its close it would not be
Sunday School and ~~remember~~ ^{remember} ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~others~~
strange if ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~did not~~ ^{did not} ~~acknowledge~~ ^{acknowledge} what it ~~many~~ ^{many} ~~thinks~~
the Christian Endeavor. They deserve ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~appreciation~~ ^{appreciation} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~support~~ ^{support}.
In this instance ~~following~~ ^{following} their example. The Society
does a most valuable work and could not be
spared without ~~consider~~ ^{serious} loss, it is possible however
that the relation of loyalty ~~support~~ ^{support} of the church is
not equally prominent in the minds of all the
members. Both parts of the motto need to be
taken to heart. For Christ and the Church.

Our Sunday School has been in a
rather singular situation this past year; a great
part of the time without a superintendent, and lack-
ing even an assistant superintendent. We rejoiced
a year ago in the election of Mr. J. S. Thomson. With
trained intelligence and skill he took up the
work and was carrying it on most success-
fully. Unfortunately for us he found it necessary
to engage in work which took him out of the
city a good deal; and at last in the summer
he moved his residence and family elsewhere.
He had not even an assistant to fall back
upon. Mr. M. W. Bates very loyally and efficiently
stepped into the breach for a while, thus tak-
ing the double burden of teacher and super-
intendent. That was not fair, and I assumed
the place and duties until some other

arrangement could be made. I assure you I did so not because I desired the position or thought myself competent in any special way for its duties. It was simply a case of temporarily filling the gap. We have a very efficient and faithful body of teachers. There is also a good sized constituency of families who send their children to the school, though they have no other connection with us. There is here a splendid opportunity for Christian service of the most far reaching influence.

In the work in the Sunday School I have had the willing and efficient assistance of several I called to my side. Mr. George H. Taylor has been serving very faithfully as my assistant. Miss Lois Rodgers at my request accepted our office which I created, - Superintendent of classification and teachers. Until she left the city she took from my shoulders the burden of purging substitutes ^{teachers} and the classification of the scholars. After she left no one had her place, but I am happy to announce that Mrs E. W. Matter has consented to see that this very important part of the work is attended to. Mrs August Kristedt took hold of our singing. Under her leadership the children made marked improvement. She had extensive plans for the Christmas exercises when Providence interfered in

the form of a broken leg. He misses her greatly, and shall be rejoiced when the bones are knut so that she can take her place in leading the musical service. Miss Alice Webster has agreed also to be responsible for the piano playing during our school exercises. With such efficient help the position of Sunday School superintendent should be attractive to some member of the church besides the pastor.

It is preposterous that in a church the size and strength of ours there should be a vacancy at the head of the school. A singular obsession has taken hold of many minds that they are totally unfitted for such a position. There are at least ten men in the church who could do it and do it well, if they only thought so. Some of them have simply got into the habit of thinking they have no responsibility in the matter. The great body of our congregation has acquiesced in the acknowledgment of that responsibility by a small number. When I came here eight years ago there were in the ranks of the Sunday School teachers, the following, Mr and Mrs Hawkes, Mr and Mrs Baldeeri, Mr and Mrs Mc Millan, Mrs & Mrs Mitchell, Mr and Mrs Strong. Ten teachers from five families in the nature of family life ^{from duty} this could not ^{altho} continue. Mr and Mrs Hawkes are still with us

but the

The responsibility was felt by too few of the body of the church. A small group of families ^{almost} bore the whole burden. Men are hard ^{at} work and women are busy. Individually they have fairly good excuses, which however lose their force in the presence of the ^{higher} principle duty that the hard work must be done.

The primary department of the School has been under the very competent leadership of Mrs Robert Smith. During her absence in Europe Miss W. A. Mc Gougle loyally and faithfully took her place, doing double work as superintendent and teacher.

The teachers recommended that the following be elected officers for the coming year. Assistant Superintendent Mr Robert Fish.

Secretary, Eugene Harbeson -

Treasurer Mr. Alonzo W. Taylor

They also recommend that the primary department be recognized as a distinct department of the school and that the superintendent be elected each year by the church.

We have many reasons for hope
fulness and abundant cause for grate-
tude to God. Respectfully submitted

Respectfully Submitted
Alexander Wilson

Pilgrim Congregational Church,
Duluth, Minn.

Report of Clerk for year ending July 15th 1907

At this date the Clerk's Record shows a total membership of 465 of whom 54 are on the absent list, and 30 are unaccounted for, leaving an Active list of 381.

During the year, 22 new names have been added, 20 by letter from other churches and 2 by confession of faith. We have lost nine members during the year, death having claimed one, Mrs. Amy Gilbert, who passed away April 13th, and seven have been dismissed by letter to other churches and one was dropped at her own request. This leaves a net gain for the year, of 11, as against a loss of 9 reported last year.

Three marriages have taken place among our members, Mr. Henry C. Nichols to Miss Gertrude Gates, of Superior, Wis., Dr. Emilie R. Morris to Mr. W. H. Cole of this city and Miss Rose Meinhardt to Mr. Ward Jewett of Cloquet Minn. Mrs. Jewett has since taken her letter to the Ravenswood M.E. Church of Chicago. ^{Miss Julia Simons to Mr. Ralph March of Margent}
In the Clerk's report for 1905 no marriages were recorded, but his attention was afterwards called to two, that of Mr.

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Arthur C. Barth to Mrs. Belle Moore of
Duluth and Mr. Geo. E. Macomber
to Miss Olive Briggs of Milwaukee
Wis.

On June 28th there was presented to the church,
a letter from Dr. Patton, suggesting the
advisability of this church taking upon
itself the support of a Foreign Missionary,
the amount necessary each year for
that purpose being estimated at from \$500
to \$650⁰⁰. The name of Mr. Irwin of Turkey
was suggested by Dr. Patton for our con-
sideration.

By vote of those present the Pastor was
empowered to appoint a Committee to
carry the matter and ascertain whether
or not the money could, with reasonable
certainty, be raised. The names later
appointed as such Committee - Mr.
Woodbridge, Mr. Ames, Prof. Smith and
Mr. Duncan. Mr. Regal.

On Thursday evening, July 10th, Mr. Wood-
bridge presented the report of the Com-
mittee, recommending that the church
undertake the support of the Rev. Mr. Irwin
of Caesarea, Turkey and his two children
and if the church thought advisable,
the wife of Mr. Irwin also.
The Committee recommended in ad-
dition that the support of a Home

many also, the total amount necessary being \$4500 over and above what is now given. Am Board for Genl Benevolence
Mr. Woodbridge also presented the following resolution

Resolved.—That it is the earnest desire of Pilgrim Church to assume the support in whole or in part of the missionary family of Rev. Herbert M. Irwin of Cesaria, Turkey,—the family consisting of Rev. Mr. Irwin, his wife and two children; also to assume the support of some Home Missionary located in this state, and we hereby vote to assume such support for one year, when sufficient pledges from those connected with the church shall warrant the assuming of such support.

this being with the understanding that the recommendation and resolution, if adopted, should in no wise bind the church to the support of said Missionaries until the required amount had been subscribed over and above that already given for missionary purposes by the various societies in the church.
The report of the Committee was accepted and after expressing by vote, hearty sympathy with the resolution as presented, it was referred to this meeting for action.

Respectfully submitted
J. R. LeRoy
Clerk

The Happy Pilgrims have not had their full number of regular meetings this year but those held have been full of Interest and well attended.

This Mission class prepared useful and fancy articles for the Annual Sale in December and thereby made \$12.50 which they gave the ladies as their help toward the \$500 to be paid the Church Building society in May.

They entertained the Mayflower Club in April and the two Clubs spent a most delightful social evening together.

The financial statement

being us together in a social way at least one month.

which follows shows that the practical work done by this society, since the last annual meeting.

Receipts from all sources including that from dues, entertainments and money on hand at the beginning of the year \$66.20

Disbursements

Salvation Army of this city	3.00
Scandinavian famine sufferers	1.00
Rev. Allen Clark's work in Northern Minn	10.00
Charity work in the city	3.00
Miss Holt's work in Turkey	7.00
Subscriptions to Congregational Church Building Society	2.00
Social	12.50
	8.00
Total	\$46.50

The year 1906 in the Ladies Union has been a compromise of the two preceeding years, 1904, a very strenuous year, and 1905, rather quiet. Although we all enjoyed the quiet year, we felt that the sociability of the Church had suffered somewhat, and also realized that we must raise more money, as the church building needed a thorough renovating. At the first meeting in January, which was a large one, fifty ladies being present, we planned our work, keeping these two thoughts in view. It was decided to continue the pledge system, but in addition to this there should be something to bring us together in a social way at least once a month.

A chairman for each month was appointed, each chairman to select her own committee and take charge of all the work, planned or otherwise, which should come in her month. It was also voted that these twelve ladies together with the elected officers should constitute an Advisory Board, which

could be called together for discussing plans or settling questions should any arise during the month.

The combined plans and efforts of the Ladies Union, and the different chairmen, have resulted in the following: Aside from the regular business meetings, In January a large social meeting and the annual supper; February a work meeting at the Lake Avenue Bethel, where we completed twelve dresses and two aprons for girls

of various ages; March the Banquet of States a Souvenir reception at the home of Mrs. Cault in the Church Parlors, and a work meeting at the home of Mrs. T. J. Davis. April had a mixture of pleasant and unpleasant things. Early in the month we entertained five members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, serving supper, which was followed by a large and enthusiastic meeting, both pleasant and profitable.

Later in the month we cleaned house, which was certainly profitable, if not so pleasant. May a Flower Luncheon served in the Church parlors

June it rained. The Chairman had planned an excursion to Thomson to visit the Great Northern Power Company's plant, but owing to continued rains during the month it had to be given up. July the Sunday School picnic at Lester Park; August a lawn Supper at the home of Mrs. McGonagle; September was a vacant month.

The fall reunion was postponed on account of Mrs. Milnes' absence from the City. October the Harvest Home supper and sale of vegetables. November a Missionary Supper; December a purely social meeting for young and old held in the Church, which was a decided success and should be repeated.

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The officers for the coming year
are as follows

Pres. Mrs. M. F. Bates

Vice Pres. Mrs. T. J. Davis

Secy Mrs. Baker

Treas. Mrs. A. G. Strong

Respectfully Submitted

Bertha Webster

Sunday School. Treasury

Missionary.
Total received for year. 58.17

" Paid out.
American Board of Foreign
Missions 17.05
Miss. Wrigate for
Morning Star Fund 11.70

Home Missions.
Mrs. Price. 5.00
San Francisco Fund. 5.19
Total paid out 33.94 58.17
33.94

Balance hand Jan. 1st-07 24.23

Sunday School. Treasurers.

Rec. from Former Treasurer -	7.79	
" in Contributions -	<u>179.74</u>	
Total Receipts -		187.53

Paid out:-		
Supplies etc	142.58	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>33.83</u>	
Total Paid out	176.41	187.53
		<u>176.41</u>
Balance hand 7/107		11.12

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society
of Pilgrim Cong Church for the year 1906.

An echo from an annual meeting of the
Minnesota Branch of the W. B. M. S. repeats
this saying. In future years - when the
historians, is called to record Woman's greatest
work - of his century, above the rise and fall
of many a passing fact - will stand
Woman's work. For Woman, in foreign lands
where a race is lifted into a knowledge of
self - through the principles ^{inculcated by} of our christian civilization
When we sum up - what we - the W. B. M. S. of
Pilgrim Church - have done so far in this
work - it looks small. What we might
have done - with more earnest effort
who can tell - In the year 1906, the Soc
held ten meetings - with an average attendance
of twenty - The study was given to Africa,
with Christus Liberates, as text book -
Though - we learned much - and were deeply
interested - it is darkest Africa still,
with its great unsolved problems
racial struggles - and conflicts between
inherited superstitions and the ideals
of civilization - We met our annual
picnic in July - The thank offering meeting
held at the church - did not attract as
many - as when the meeting has been held at
the house of our pastor, where all were

welcomed by the genial, christian's cordiality
of the hostess of the home - The Oct-meeting
was at the home of Mrs McGonagle - where
a bountiful lunch - was served - and a barrel
packed with clothing - and sent to the family
of a colored preacher in the south -
At the beginning of the year - not having decided
where to send - the money received at
the thanksgiving meeting in Nov - 1905, we
had on hand - \$111.86 - we have received
from monthly collections \$14.53 - from pledges
\$196.95 - at the thanksgiving meeting. The
collections was \$7.30. making in all
\$410.64. We sent to the Treas. of the Home Miss Soc
150 - to Rev Wm Fisher. General Mission in
Northern Minnesota 25 - Sent to Miss Hostath
100. to the Wykoff. Home China 25. to Robt
College. 25 - used for home expenses - 10.10
Balance on hand - 90.54 - ten dollars of the
money - sent to the foreign field. ten dollars
should be credited to the Treas in Council
and five dollars - to the S. School - in addition
of \$ to this - one of our ladies collected fifty
dollars - which was sent - to act one of
the students at Fisher Community -

Each year - there is a ladies call for markers -
and for money - now - at the opening of the
year - 1907 - there is greater need - than ever
before - Shall we arise this year - for a more
earnest missionary spirit - the true spirit

what sees the open doors - at our right hand, in
the family - the church, this growing city of Duluth
and the great north-west. Rev / H. S. Lewis
in an address - before the W. Board - at Portland
said. "in these days not to know about missions
is to be provincial and an ignorant -"
strong language - but - who will question
its truth - That our young people - may be more
efficient - in the fine art of christian living
Let every home - have some mission literature
and let it not be lost - to right - under
the pile of magazines - that fill the library table
God - defends upon his fallows - to carry
out all plans - for making the world better.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Williams Nichols.
Pres. - Kansas Mission Society

Report for 1906.
B.E. Report for 1906.

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

The year just past has been one of the most successful in the history of this society. We have entered into more enterprises than heretofore and God has crowned our efforts with a remarkable degree of success.

The social life of the society has been of varied character. Among the social times have been several sleigh rides, a bobbing party, lawn socials and a Christian Endeavor Camp.

The Spiritual side has also been deepened and helped during the past year. Twelve new members have been added to our number. Our B.E. meetings are well attended and are very pleasant and helpful. Our committees have all done efficient work and as a result we are in a thriving condition.

Among our Missionary Benevolences, at least two (2) are worthy of Special Mention.

The first is our donation to the Quarter Century Fund. This fund is for the purpose of erecting a new building for the use of the United Society. This society holds the proud possession of 121 shares in this fund, the largest number held by any society in the city, which aggregate \$30.25.

Our Calling & Flower Committee also deserve special mention.

During the early part of their term they gave a supper and entertainment from which was netted the neat sum of \$16.65.

This money has been used to buy flowers for the sick and in decorating the church. We are indebted to them for the decoration of the auditorium during most of the year 1906.

Our other Missionary Benevolences
have been divided as follows.

Scholarship to Tuskegee	\$50. ⁰⁰
Miss Moulton's salary	25. ⁰⁰
Miss. Home Missionary	20. ⁰⁰
Bahian (Indian child)	20. ⁰⁰
State Union	10. ⁰⁰
Star of Hope Mission	9. ⁰⁰
Specide Thanksgiving offering	2. ⁰⁰
" Christmas " "	4.76
Making Grand Total	140.76
For 2000 Century Fund	30.25
Special Flower Comm. Fund	16.65
	<u>987.66</u>
Donated to Congregational	4. ⁰⁰
Groceries + Clothing	191.66
Balance on hand	
Jan. 1907	\$9.92

Our Committees are now in good
working condition and we are
looking forward to another very
prosperous year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank A. George
Pres.

Wm. George

REPORT of the FRIENDS IN COUNCIL FROM JAN. 1, 1906, to
JANUARY 1, 1907.

Although the Friends in Council is probably the smallest society of the church numerically, we shall try to show by our annual report that we make up in quality what we lack in quantity.

During this year, we have held eight regular meetings with an average attendance of sixteen out of a membership of twenty-three. The first half of the year, we studied the missionary outlook in Japan, and the meetings on this subject proved exceptionally interesting and helpful. After the summer vacation, we began, this fall, the study of the conditions in Africa and this work promises more in interest and instruction than anything we have had before.

But we have not confined ourselves merely to study, but have tried to show our enthusiasm for missionary work in a practical way by contributions of money. If you could have been present at the last meeting when the support of one of the members of a missionary family was discussed, and could have seen how in about fifteen minutes \$91.50 was raised among eighteen ladies for the purpose, we are very sure you would never have doubted our interest and enthusiasm over missions. But that does not belong to this year's report, unfortunately, but is told only as an earnest of the future.

By serving suppers before the meetings, we feel that we have done good work in training incipient cooks and in promoting good digestion and consequently sociability among our members.

The financial report is as follows:-

RECEIPTS:		EXPENDITURES:	
Balance Jan. 1, 1906	\$17.16	Paid for suppers	\$30.01
Rec'd. from suppers	29.77	" to W. B. M. I.	40.
" " Dues	4.50	" " H. M. S.	10.
" " Pledges	56.50	" " Bethel Home	10.
" " Thank offering	19.30	" " A. M. A.	5.
		" " C. B. S.	5.
		" for postage	.24
		" " books	1.40
		Total expenditures	\$101.65
		Balance on hand	25.58
Total receipts	\$127.23		\$127.23

Respectfully submitted,

Effie M. White
Pres. of F. in C.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING, January 15th, 1907.

The past year has been one of comparative ease so far as the duties of the trustees have been concerned. The trustees have to do almost entirely with the business affairs of the church. From the Treasurer's report, it appears that the total expenses of the church handled by the treasurer for the year amount to \$5716.36. Of this amount \$318.31 was paid for improvements and repairs. This was an unusual item, although some amount must be paid in this way each year. The ordinary expenses of the church have been kept up by the usual system of pledges and the open collections morning and evening.

We are advised by the treasurer and the finance committee that there are still a number of families of the church that are not represented by regular pledges. The trustees feel very strongly that every family in the church and congregation should be represented by a pledge of some amount toward the current expenses of the church. We feel that this is owed to the church and that every family owes it to itself to be upon this list. It is the purpose of the officers to manage the affairs of the church so as to keep out of debt. We come to this annual meeting with not a single outstanding bill of current expense due and unpaid, and it is the business of the trustees to see that this condition

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is maintained.

To accomplish this requires the hearty co-operation and support of all of those who participate in the privileges of the church. It is a privilege, and should be so considered, to contribute toward the maintenance of this church. The trustees heartily recommend that every family of the church give to the treasurer, or to the finance committee some definite pledge for the ensuing year. Some persons do not give a pledge, but instead made contributions from time to time. The objection to this method of giving is that it leaves the church without a definite and ascertainable income. The church, upon its business side, should be conducted as any other business organization.

To maintain the church and keep up its services requires the expenditure annually of approximately \$5,000 for ordinary expenses. This requires a weekly income of approximately \$95. This, as far as possible, should be secured to the church by the pledges of those responsible for its maintenance.

The trustees have adopted the policy of renting the church at \$25 for such high-class purposes as commend themselves and seem to be appropriate to be held in the church. From this source \$100 was received during the past year.

The policy has been adopted of giving to the ladies for their special work the Easter collection. The collection, as shown by the treasurer's report last year was only \$40.80. It ought to be a great deal more, and we recommend that a special effort be made and if thought advisable by the ladies, special invitation be given to each member of the church and congregation

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to contribute to that collection.

There was collected for the purpose of paying the street assessment for the improvement of Second Street \$871.00. A part only of that assessment has been levied. The balance of it will probably be called for later. This collection was made as a special collection and in addition to the ordinary running expenses of the church. In all probability, either this year or next, a like assessment will have to be paid for the improvement of Lake Ave.

In view of the fact that the church will have other special matters for the coming year, it is to be hoped that this improvement will not be called for, but if it is called for, the trustees desire at this time to bespeak the hearty co-operation of all of the church and congregation toward the payment of this amount, and to ask that as far as possible, every contributing member of the church and congregation bear some share in the amount.

In view of the increased cost of living, largely, the trustees have had under consideration the question of increase of the pastor's salary. The trustees all feel that such an increase should be made by the church and at one time determined to recommend such an increase at this time. Further consideration of the matter, however, in view of the special expenses to which the church will be subject the ensuing year, determined the trustees to not make that recommendation at this time. We feel, however, that this statement should be made at this meeting as indicating what is the judgment of the trustees upon this matter.

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This whole matter was considered without any suggestion from the pastor and so far as we know, without any knowledge upon his part that the matter was in any way under consideration, and our determination to leave the matter without any recommendation at this time is due largely to the fact that we know that the pastor's heart is set upon the other matters which the church proposes to take on which involve the expenditure of money and we know that he would very much prefer to allow the matter of his salary to remain as it is rather than by any possibility embarrass the carrying out of any of the broader plans of the church which mean so much to the church and upon which the pastor has thoroughly set his heart.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BY *Oscar Mitchell*

Chairman.



Total made (5/8) \$187.22
Total expended \$187.22
Balance on hand \$187.22