THE CONGREGATIONAL YEAR-BOOK

Blank Schedule for Reports from the Churches for the year 1907

To the Clerk, Minister or other Reporter:

The National Council wants these Statistics for the Year-Book of 1908, and the State Organizations for their minutes. It is desirable that these publications be issued at the earliest possible date. We RELY UPON YOU for all the help possible for you to give.

We ask, therefore, that THIS SCHEDULE BE RETURNED as directed below, with every question answered, ON JANUARY 15, 1908.

This Schedule was filled by Duplicate

Name Alexander Mclver

Church Pilgrim Cong'l.

P. O. Address Duluth

Return this Schedule promptly to

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MINISTERS should report changes in P. O. addresses promptly to "Editor of the Year-Book," 614 Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES will please take special care to understand clearly each question, particularly the questions referring to the offerings of the churches. DO NOT ENTER ANY FIGURES until the instructions have been read. Be SURE that the TOTALS are CORRECT.

TABLE I. CHURCH. PASTOR.

Report of Pilgrim Church, in Duluth, Minnesota for the year 1907.

Answer every question. WRITE A ZERO (o) WHERE THE PROPER REPLY IS "NONE." Write plainly. Give first names, not initials only. Write out dates in full, — year, month, day. Be sure of the Post-office address.

1. Date of organization 1871

2. Full name and P. O. address of Clerk Edmund G. Chapman, Duluth Music Co. Duluth Minn
(If Deacon, Mrs. or Miss, so write.)

3. Full name and P. O. address of Minister Alexander Milne, 312 E. Third St Duluth, Minn.

NOTE. Report no minister's name here who is not employed for at least SIX MONTHS, or with a view to permanency. Students and other temporary supplies should not be reported. Give first name in full, not "initial."

4. Is he ordained? Ordained or licentiate? ———

5. Give date of ordination — Year 1889 Month June Day 19

6. If installed or recognized by Council write here the letter "i." I Year 1899
Month July Day 10

7. If he is not installed by Council, but has been called by SPECIAL VOTE OF THE CHURCH, to be its pastor, has formally accepted said call, and has been engaged as pastor by some definite act of the church, please indicate this fact by the letter "r."

If these conditions have not been fulfilled, the above abbreviations should NOT be used.

8. Give full date of beginning of his service. Year 1899 Month February Day 10

9. If not Congregational, to what denomination does he belong? He is Congregational

10. If the minister reported last year has left,

(a) Give his full name

(b) Give his full P. O. address

(c) Give full date of Council dismissing him. Year Month Day

(d) If only acting pastor, give date of leaving. Year Month Day

TABLE II. MEMBERSHIP.

WHERE NOTHING IS REPORTED WRITE A ZERO (o).

Total number of members reported last year 419 Compute YOUR GAINS AND LOSSES BY THIS TOTAL. BE SURE IT IS CORRECT.

1. How many MALE members had your church, January 1, 1908? (Include non-residents.)	164	164
2. How many FEMALE members had your church, January 1, 1908. (Include non-residents.)	265	265
3. Give TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS, January 1, 1908. (Include non-residents.)	429	429
4. How many non-residents were included January 1, 1908? (Non-residents are such as are not living within the natural limits of the parish, having moved away, and do not include those at school and college, on extended journeys, and absent only for a time.)	60	60
5. How many were added on CONFESSION during the year 1907?	12	12

6. How many were added by LETTER or RESTORATION during the year 1907?	13
7. Give TOTAL NUMBER ADDED during the year 1907	27
8. How many were removed by DEATH during the year 1907?	2
9. How many were removed by LETTER during the year 1907?	13
10. How many were removed by DISCIPLINE or REVISION during the year 1907?	0
11. Give TOTAL NUMBER of REMOVALS during the year 1907 (Find difference between total additions (7) and total removals (11). If gain add to; if loss, subtract from total for last year. The answer should be the same as answer given to No. 3.)	17
12. How many ADULTS were BAPTIZED during the year 1907?	3
13. How many INFANTS were BAPTIZED during the year 1907?	9
14. How many FAMILIES do you include in your Parish? (Include such as look to your Paster for service.)	200

TABLE IV. BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Read instructions carefully before entering any figures.

READ. Note. Include moneys given by (not to) your Sunday-school, Young People's Societies, or any other auxiliary organization, as reported in reply to the questions below, and include public offerings, money given to furnish missionary goods and boxes, and donations of individuals, of which you have certain knowledge, each to its object, but do not include either home expense or legacies. Do not change any question. Do not insert any other items. Add no other lines. **Make the total the exact sum.** If a Sunday-school or other organization gives anything for its own support, it is **not** benevolence; put it in **Home Expense.**

Where nothing is reported, write " o " every time.

	Only Dollars. OMIT CENTS
1. American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Woman's Boards, and all CONGREGATIONAL foreign missionary work	$ 66
2. The Congregational Education Society, and other CONGREGATIONAL educational work	76
3. The Congregational Church Building Society, and other aid to CONGREGATIONAL church and parsonage erection	77
4. The Congregational Home Missionary Society, State Home Societies, city missions and kindred CONGREGATIONAL work	281
5. The American Missionary Association, and similar CONGREGATIONAL work	126
6. The Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, and kindred CONGREGATIONAL work	98
7. Ministerial Aid, National Council and State Societies, for the relief of ministers and their families	50
8. ALL OTHER charities, including all gifts to objects NOT CONGREGATIONAL; in no case include home expense	174
9. TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHARITIES FOR THE YEAR 1907	15 43
10. What amount of CHARITABLE LEGACIES, principal, NOT INTEREST, including also legacies for the support of the Gospel in the Parish by deceased members of your congregation, WAS ACTUALLY PAID IN 1907?	0
11. How much money was given for HOME EXPENDITURE during 1907? (Include minister's salary, church, Sunday-school and parish expenses, buildings, repairs and improvements. Do not include any missionary aid.)	7,160

1. Give NAME and ADDRESS of S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Andrew Nelson, First National Bank Bldg
2. Give TOTAL NUMBER officers, teachers, scholars, belonging to the SUNDAY-SCHOOL in 1905 (If you include an actually reporting Home Department, mark " H." If you include Mission School, mark " M.")	175
3. Give TOTAL NUMBER in Young People's Society (Active, Associate, Junior) (If instead you have a society of kindred aim, report that.)	41

The following questions have been sent to the churches every fifth year and published with the reports of the churches. It is now planned to insert the figures in the tables yearly. They may be corrected annually as the churches wish.

1. Give amount of salary annually pledged to the minister. (See note on next page.) (Is missionary aid included?)	2,500
2. Give date of the erection of house of worship (State whether you have a parsonage)	1888
3. Name the value of church property, including house of worship, parsonage, etc.	58000
4. Give amount of invested funds	
5. What is the amount of debt on property (not a year's deficit)?	1,500
6. Name the church or churches with which you are joined in the support of a pastor	

Note. If answers are omitted to these questions, State and Local Secretaries may feel at liberty to use the items given in the Year-Book of 1907.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK OF THE CHURCH.

1. Do not delay in filling out this Blank. One clerk delayed a state report five weeks. Do it right away.

2. Be sure about P. O. address. If different from name of town, underscore it.

3. A church *is vacant* when there is no minister nor licentiate statedly caring for it. *A temporary supply* means a vacant church. State denomination of your supply.

4. Follow carefully instructions about finding out the total membership. Do not guess. Add your accessions to last year's total, then deduct your removals. More mistakes are made in this than any other item.

5. Under "Additions" consider those restored to the list after having been removed in revision as received by letter.

6. Include under "Benevolent Contributions" all moneys given (not to) by your Sunday-school, Y. P. Society, and every other organization connected with your church; also moneys furnished for missionary boxes and donations of individuals. Do not include any money given for home support of anything.

7. Do not give *cents*. If more than 50 cents, make it a dollar; if less, omit it.

8. Where nothing is to be reported, write zero (0). Do not leave it blank.

9. Be sure about names and dates.

10. Consult the minister before sending this report to the State Secretary.

11. Do not confuse Charities with Church Support; *e. g.*, a church may give something for the support of its own Sunday-school; that is not benevolence. It should be reported under home expenses. Do not put "loans paid back" under benevolent contributions. Put that item under home expense.

12. Home expense includes salaries, S. S. support, all parish expenses, building, repairs, improvements. Does not include missionary aid received.

NOTE ON SALARY. Experience in compiling these statistics persuades us to think that it is always best to state the amount annually pledged to the minister as salary, including missionary aid. It is indicated whether the church has a parsonage or not, the free use of which is given to the minister. *The presumed rent of a parsonage should not be added to the salary named.* If there is no parsonage, it will be quickly inferred that the minister must pay rent out of what is actually given to him as salary. If these questions are answered exactly as they stand, there will be no difficulty in knowing the situation.

NOTE ON ISSUE OF YEAR-BOOK. The distribution should be completed by May 31. This cannot be done if the state secretaries are not permitted to send their reports to the editor before April 1.

NOTE ON MINISTER'S LIST. The editor does not presume to enter any name not reported to him. Great care, therefore, should be taken to include all ministers in reports to state secretaries. Church clerks are requested to report the names of ministers living in the vicinity.