Reports covering 1914

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The Year-Book *of the* CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

SCHEDULE

FOR USE OF THE CHURCH FOR

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1914

To the Clerk, Minister, or other Reporter :

The Report given in this Schedule is needed for publication in the Year-Book and Minutes of the State Conferences, and it is necessary that they are issued at the earliest possible date. Any delay on your part will make a late issue.

Will you kindly fill out this Schedule as soon as possible after December 31, and send it at once to your State Secretary.

Do not fail to read carefully all the instructions on the back of this sheet before you begin your work upon the report of your church.

This Schedule was filled by

Name Brewer Mattocks Jr

Church Pilgrim Congl

P. O. Address Duluth Minn

Immediately upon having filled this Schedule please send it to

REV. H. K. PAINTER, Sec'y
1059 16th Avenue S. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, - - MINN. *State Secretary.*

Address all communications respecting the Year-Book to the

SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,
Congregational House,
14 Beacon Street,
BOSTON, MASS.

Report of Pilgrim Church

Read Instructions

Table I. — THE CHURCH

1. Name of Church Pilgrim Congl
2. Place Duluth Minn
3. Date of organization 1871
4. Date of erection of present house of worship 1887
5. Clerk (full name : Rev., Dea., Mrs., Miss) Brewer Matthews do
6. P. O. Address of Clerk 911 Woodland ave
7. Treasurer of the Church (full name) Henry W Nichols
8. P. O. Address of Church Treasurer 241 Woodland ave
9. Minister (full name : Rev.) Rev Charles Nicholas Thorp
10. P. O. Address of Minister 1131 E—2nd St
11. Date of his ordination. Year 1897 Mo. Nov Day 9
12. If not ordained, is he licensed ?
13. If licensed, give date. Year Mo. Day
14. If installed by Council, Year 1913 Mo. apr Day 29th
15. *If recognized by Council, Year Mo. Day
16. Date of beginning of service, Year 1912 Mo. Oct Day 13
17. If not Congregational, to what denomination does he belong ?
18. If the Minister reported last year has left, give
    (a) His full name
    (b) P. O. Address
    (c) Date of dismissing Council. Year Mo. Day
    (d) If not dismissed give date of leaving. Year Mo. Day

18a Indicate on lines below name, title of office and address of assistants to the pastor in any capacity. (State whether Rev., Mr., Mrs. or Miss.)

Table II. — MEMBERSHIP

19. Number of Men Members, January 1, 1915 (Include non-residents.*)	182
20. Number of Women Members, January 1, 1915 (Include non-residents.*)	324
21. Number of Members, January 1, 1915 (Include non-residents.*) Total	506

*See Explanation.

22. How many Non-Resident Members, January 1, 1915 ?	95
23. How many were added on Confession, 1914 ?	24
24. How many were added by Letter, 1914 ?	27
25. Total Number added in the year 1914	51
26. How many were removed by Death, 1914 ?	5
27. How many were dismissed by Letter, 1914 ?	12
28. How many were removed by Revision of Roll and Discipline, 1914 ?	xx
29. Total Number of Removals, from roll in 1914.	17
30. Number of Adults baptized, 1914.	2
31. Number of Infants baptized, 1914.	6
32. *Number of Families included in Parish.	300

Table III. — SUNDAY SCHOOL

33. Name of Superintendent	Roger M Weaver
Post Office Address	611 W Boulevard
34. Number of Officers, Teachers and Scholars ..... Total (Include Members of Home Department, if active.)	290
35. If you have an active Home Department, mark "H"	H
36. If Mission School is included, mark "M"	None

Table IV.—YOUNG PEOPLE'S and MEN'S SOCIETIES

37. Numbers of Members in Young People's Society of any type	50
38. Number of Members in { Men's Organizations .. / Boys' Organizations .... } Total	75

(Erase the organization not existing in your church.)

Table V. — SALARIES, ETC.

39. Give salary named for the year to the Minister (Do not include Parsonage rent.)	3000
40. Does that amount include missionary aid ?	No
41. Has the Church a Parsonage ?	Yes
42. Is use of Parsonage free to Minister ?	Yes
43. Give value of your Church Property (Include Church, Chapel, Parsonage, etc.)	60000
44. Give amount of Invested Funds	None
45. Give amount of Debt (not the year's deficit)	None
46. Name churches joined in support of a Pastor	None

*Read Instructions.

Table VI.—CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1914

☞Be careful to note the changes in questions. Do not enter an amount before reading and understanding the question. Kindly answer exactly as the question requires.☜

NOTE A

Do not report any figures showing amounts given by your Church to the National Benevolent Societies, State and City Home Missionary Societies, Women's Boards, Women's Home Missionary Union, and State Ministerial Relief Societies. Such figures will be furnished for the Year-Book by the Treasurers of the Benevolent Societies respectively.

	Give only dollars
47. Give the amount of charities other than above which were strictly and exclusively Congregational, in 1914 ..... (Do not include any amounts sent to organizations above named.)	100
48. Give amount of your charities that were not Congregational, but undenominational, in 1914	100
49. Give amount of legacies, principal not interest, received by your church in cash during 1914	None
50. What amount was spent for home expenditures in 1914? (Include minister's salary, church expenses, expenses for Sunday school and parish, building, repairs, improvements. Do not include missionary aid	10000

INSTRUCTIONS TO CLERK

Please read these instructions before filling the Blank.

1. Underscore P. O. Address if it differs from the name of the town.
2. Check up questions, that none be overlooked.
3. Be sure that your total is correct.
4. Answer every question: Insert a zero (0) where no other answer can be given.

EXPLANATIONS

Question 15. "Recognized" means that a Council of Congregational churches has been called by letter missive to recognize, simply, the minister as pastor of the church. Mark such "r."

Questions 19-29. Compute gains and losses from last year's total, always. Do not guess. Add your additions to last year's total, then subtract your removals. A name once removed by revision, if restored, must be entered under "Received by Letter."

Questions 19-22. A non-resident means a member removed from limits of the parish, severing residential connection with the church. Members at school and on extended journeys and temporarily away are not "non-residents."

Question 32. "Families" include such as come under pastoral care, and consider themselves identified with the church and parish.

Question 47. Do not confuse "Benevolence" with "Home Support." Include all amounts not covered by NOTE A on preceding page whether given by the church or organizations connected with it ; also moneys furnished for missionary boxes and donations of individuals. "Loans paid back" is not Beneficence.

Question 50. Home expenditures include minister's salary, expenses of Sunday-school and parish, repairs, improvements, etc. Do not include missionary aid or church building aid received by your church.

Great care should be taken in reporting Ministers. If any Congregational Minister is living in your parish, and is in good standing, please advise your State Secretary.

Clerks and Ministers are requested to send new post office addresses of Pastors immediately upon change of residence.

There has been an insistent demand throughout the country among our churches for an earlier issue of the Year-Book so that it can become of use in the conferences and associations which are held in the spring and early summer. May we not count on your help in getting the Year-Book out early ? This you can do by filling out this schedule and mailing to your state registrar as soon as possible after December 31.

January 19, 1915.

MEMBERS OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND CONGREGATION:

The Trustees beg leave to submit their annual report.

As shown by the reports of the various departments, the business affairs of the church have been conducted on a satisfactory basis. All bills for the calendar year are paid.

No unusual condition requires comment. As shown by the Treasurer's report, the Ladies' Union of the church has paid during the year $600.00 upon the mortgage on the parsonage. The balance owing on the parsonage is $400.00, due in September of this year. It will be a great relief, we are sure, to the church to know that this amount is so nearly paid, and that the money raising abilities of the ladies can soon be directed into other channels, or the money raised by them used for other purposes.

The Trustees desire to acknowledge the efficient work done by the various committees doing the work for which the Trustees are as a board responsible. We also desire to compliment all of the organizations of the church for their hearty cooperation.

The Trustees have been asked to recommend that the finances of the Sunday School be placed under the control of the Board of Trustees, so that all contributions made by the members of the Sunday School shall be made to the church and to its various activities. Some question as to the wisdom

of this course has been raised, but after a conference with the pastor and with persons connected with the Sunday School, the Trustees have concluded that the course, if properly carried out, is a wise one. It is our hope that the contributions through the Sunday School will, if possible, at least equal the expenditures made by the Sunday School. It will be necessary for authority for expenditures to be obtained in the regular way. This is a matter of detail which can be readily worked out. We, therefore, recommend that all collections in the Sunday School be paid through the Sunday School Treasurer to the church Treasurer, and that all expense of the Sunday School be paid out of the general church funds.

The Trustees have also been asked to recommend that an assistant treasurer for the benevolent fund be appointed. We notice that this recommendation is made by the nominating committee, and it meets with the approval of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

By Chas Mitchell
Chairman.

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Treasurer's Report.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Year Ending December 31, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

On hand Jan.1, 1914		4 07	
Pledges & Subscriptions		6817 39	
Loose Collections--Morning	368 06		
" " Afternoon	176 03	544 09	
Rent of Church		210 00	
Collected for Hymnals		239 92	
Loan from Bank		700 00	
Ladies Union		1000 00	
			9515 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor's Salary	3000 00	
Pulpit Supply	220 99	
Music	2085 92	
Janitor	420 00	
Removing ashes	4 50	
Water, Light & Power	127 80	
Coal	158 38	
Church Repairs	311 81	
Street Sprinkling Tax	5 54	
Insurance on Church	136 50	
Repairs to Manse	182 57	
Taxes on Do	141 48	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	463 94	
Railroad fare of Delegates	29 28	
Conference Tax	32 25	
Committee on Go to Church Sunday	9 00	
Do " Comity	5 00	
Do " Social Service	5 00	
Inter-Church Council	7 85	
Hotel Church Directory	12 00	
Hymnals	239 92	
Bank Loan Repaid	700 00	
Interest on above	15 28	
Paid on Mortgage on Manse	1000 00	
Interest on Do	170 03	
		9485 04
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1914		30 43
		9515 47

a net income to the general fund of the church, after the running expenses of the school for 1915 have been paid. We hope for an early and favorable action, that the necessary supplies may be ordered immediately.

Edwin D Field
Chas. N. Thaft
W W Sanford. } Committee.

To the Trustees of Pilgrim Congregational Church,

Dear Brethren:

Last spring Pilgrim Sunday School, on the recommendation of their missionary committee, voted to adopt the Duplex Envelopes for use in the school, and to begin their use as soon as arrangements with the church could be made for such use. It was later decided not to undertake the change before the end of the year. December eighth the officers and teachers unanimously voted to install the new system for 1915, for a trial year, provided the trustees should concur and the church sanction our action at the annual meeting. The undersigned were appointed a committee to present the matter to you in due form.

The plan contemplates securing from each pupil in the school, except primary and adult departments, separate weekly pledges for church expenses and for missions. Each pupil pledging will receive a package of "Junior Duplex" envelopes, small, colored pink, dated and numbered like the regular duplex envelopes. Primary and adult classes will have big two-pocket envelopes, one for each class. Junior envelopes may be put into the church offering or given in at Sunday School, as the young person may prefer. The S.S. treasurer will have sole charge of the S.S. duplex envelopes and accounts, making payments to church and missionary treasurers at convenient intervals. Thus all money raised by the S.S. except funds for missions will pass into the church expense treasury. When this plan goes into effect whatever balance is remaining in the S.S. treasury will at once be paid over to the general expense fund of the church. This will leave the school with no separate funds for its own expenses. The plan therefore further contemplates the meeting of the running expenses of the school from the general fund of the church, the church treasurer paying the bills of the school when presented to him, duly authroized by the proper school officers. All the missionary funds of the school will be paid into the regular missionary treasury of the church.

The chief reason for adopting this plan is our wish that the young people become trained in regular, systematic giving to the church support and to missions. At present their gifts are more or less irregular, depending upon chance, and broken when the pupil is absent. Our neighbors, the First Baptist and First Presbyterian churches, having used this new plan for some time report that the children like it, keep up their accounts with remarkable care, and that the gross receipts of the Sunday School are largely increased under the new system.

The second reason is this: the new plan assures, in an organized way, the full support of the church for the Sunday School, as its most important department. Previously the school has been obliged, from time to time, to solicit from individuals special gifts, in order to meet needs not quite covered by its regular income. These funds have always been cheerfully given, but we believe that the church as a whole should make regular provision for all the financial needs of the school. Moreover when, last summer, the Ladies' Union was asked to make a contribution toward the picnic expense, while they assented, they passed a vote requesting the church to assume the expenses of the school. A minute of that vote is presented herewith.

In 1914 the School has met its expenses from its income, with no outside aid save eleven dollars from the Ladies Union last summer. The school closes the year with a balance of about forty dollars in the treasury. We believe that, in view of the increased income which will follow the use of the duplex envelopes, the new plan, if adopted, will mean a net income to the general fund of the church, after the running expenses of the school for 1915 have been paid. We hope for an early and favorable action, that the necessary supplies may be ordered immediately.

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PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Year	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance at end of year.
1911-12	$ 369.39	$ 290.46	121.54
1912-13	340.77	412.16	77.28
1913-14	460;75	442.77	85.34
1914-15	346.33	359.98	62.28 *
	$1517.24	$1505.37	

* 1914-15 Figures to December 10, 1914.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Treasurer's Report for 1911.

Receipts:		
Balance on hand Feb 10		10.29
General Collections	219.34	
Children's Day Col.	38.77	
Ladies Union	33.50 Easter.	
Banquet	23.00	
Sale of Pins	9.53	
Christmas Col	36.75	
From friends	8.50	369.39
		379.68

Disbursements:		
Pilgrim Press, Quarterlies	101.21	
Cook Pub.Co. Papers	29.19	
Ladies Union	33.50	
Expenses of Delegate to State S.S.Convention	16.26	
Minn.S.S.Ass'n Papers	5.00	
" " " Children'Day	38.77	
Pins	13.60	
Christmas Expenses	28.60	
Misc.	24.63	290.46
Balance in General Fund		89.22
Balance in Special Fund		32.32
Total Balance Jan 1,1912		121.54

Missionary Collections 94.51 + above 38.77 + 36.75 = 170.03

Turned over to Missionary Com 94.51

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1912.

Balance on hand January 1st	89.22		
General Collections	186.75		
Gift from Ladies Union	25.00		
Christmas Donation	25.90		326.87
Quarterlies & Papers		160.91	
Stationary &c		8.44	
Song Books		26.35	
S S Picnic		10.00	
Delegate to St Paul		9.85	
Elementary Committee		1.60	
St Louis S S Ass'n		10.00	
Banner		5.00	
Exp of delegate to Two Harbors		1.80	
Christmas Expenses		25.56	259.51
Balance on hand			67.36

The above does not include the $ 103.12 collected for missions and turned over to that committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Balance on hand January 1st	27.13		
Four special collections	22.58		
Easter Collection	30.00		
Children's Day	26.75		
Thank Offering	23.79		130.25
W B M I Thru' Mrs Strong		10.00	
W H M U " " "		10.00	
Minn S S Ass'n Eugene Harbison		10.00	
Nopeming Sanitarium, Dr Laird		30.00	
Children's Day Col. Mr Herrick		26.75	
Support of child in Turkey		20.00	
Irwin Fund, thru Mr McMillan		22.00	128.75
Balance on hand			1.50

REPORT ON SPECIAL FUND.

Balance on hand January 1st		32.32
For Teacher's Training Class	5.00	
Salary of Miss Thomas, three months	15.00	
Two tables for school	3.90	23.90
Balance on hand		8.42

Balance in General Fund	67.36	
Balance in Missionary Fund	1.50	
Balance on Special Fund	8.42	77.28

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR THE YEAR 1913

Balance on hand January 1st		67.36
Regular collections (not including special days or missions)		207.49
Home Department		9.18
Ladies Union		25.00
Special Fund		93.42
General receipts		402.45
Missionary Collections		
4th Sunday	68.98	
Children's Day	22.10	
Easter Sunday	23.00	
Rally Day	11.58	125.66
Total receipts		528.11

Paid to Missions	125.66	
Quarterlies & Papers	161.28	
Song Books for church & sch	38.00	
Music	33.00	
Picnic	5.15	
Junior Dept	42.07	
Christmas	27.98	
Incidentals	9.63	
Total expenditures		442.77
Balance on hand December 31st 1913		85.34

M. Germond.

Invoices

X

₱400 owing
due Sep 1915

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It was moved and seconded that the Ladies' Union pay all expenses of the Sunday School picnic and that this be reported at the Annual Meeting and that the request be made that the Sunday School be placed on the Church Budget. The motion was carried."

from the Minutes of the August, 1914, meeting.

Sincerely, Margaret F. Allen
Sec.

To the members of the church and Congregation of Pilgrim church

Duluth, Minn., 19 Jany 1915

Greeting

Your clerk takes pleasure in submitting to you this, the 43rd Annual Report of our organization.

We started the year 1914 with an enrolled membership of 472

Since that time or during the year 1914 & Jany 1915 we have received new members

Upon confession of faith 24

By letter from other churches 27

making a total of 51 523

During the same period we granted letters of dismissal to other churches to number of 12

And we another lost by death 5

making a net gain for the year of 34

which gives us an enrolled membership of 506

In this connection it might be of interest to note that the card of the last member registered in the clerks file bears record No - 1180

Further

Of the 16 original charter members who organized

Duluth, Minn., 19 Jany 1915

To Pastor & Congregation
of Pilgrim Church

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Ladies Union Report.
January 19th 1915.

The Ladies Union has held ten meetings during the past year with an average attendance of twenty-two. One of these meetings was an all day session for the purpose of beginning work on the choir vestments. Forty women were present and about a dozen of the less timid of our church men came to luncheon. We tried very hard to interest them in the Tailoring department later, but every man seemed to have an urgent call to business about that time.

There have been fifty circle meetings held during the year and their work has been along various lines. Over sixty garments have been made for the Associated Charities and Children's Home from materials which they furnished us, all the vestments were made for the choir, a large number of

aprons and fancy articles were made for a sale, a number of comforters were tied and about seventy-five napkins were made from partly worn table linen and donated to the Children's Home and Bethel Home.

In addition to the four circles of which the Ladies Union was formerly composed was organized this year a new one called the Young Matrons Circle. This circle has a membership of over fifty at the present time, and through the entire year their work and enthusiasm has been most gratifying and their attendance large.

On January twentieth we gave the Annual supper at which over two hundred and thirty persons were served. For this supper we bought dishes and silver amounting to nearly forty dollars.

In March the Minnesota Glee Club under the auspices of the Ladies Union gave a concert at the church. Over three hundred tickets were sold and it is needless to say the concert was a social as well as financial success.

In May the annual house cleaning was

done. and with the repairs which the music committee made for us and our own purchase of three-hundred and thirty yards of linoleum for the Sunday School rooms, we were enabled to put the church in fairly good condition. During July and August we held no meetings.

In September the Ladies Union gave usual Harvest Home Supper which proved to be rather unusual this year, as it chanced to fall on the birthday anniversary of both Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Falk - each of whom was presented with a beautiful and delicious birthday cake.

In October a rummage sale was held from which we cleared over two-hundred and twenty-five dollars, in November a grocery sale at McKenzies and McElhies. We have also given in the course of the year a supper to the choir, one to the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday School, an afternoon party for the Mothers of the Sunday School, a pic-nic supper and sale in Mr. & Mrs. Duncans ravine, all of the Brotherhood suppers for the year

and the Sunday School pic-nic. The supper which we had planned to give for the Philathea Class was postponed but will be given at a later date.

Mrs. A. W. Frick - treasurer - submits the following report.

1914. Receipts

Jan. 7	Balance on hand	493	43
	Lunches at all day meeting	3	85
	Subsciptions to magazine	15	
	Glee Club Concert	147	60
	Sale of rugs	12	71
	Easter collection	167	71
	Brotherhood suppers	23	99
	Cash from church Treasurer to help pay janitors salary	70	
	Pic-nic and sale at Mrs. Duncans	37	
	Harvest Home Supper	52	92
	Rummage sale	234	60
	Grocery sale	88	25
	Sale of aprons and other articles	9	90
	Pledges	387	60
	Silver tea	4	25
	Young Matrons Circle	58	90
		1807	71

Expenditures

Laundry	11	17
Janitor work + house cleaning	199	36
Dishes and silver	38	75
Carpenter work	1	60
Flowers and decorations	42	78
Linoleum for Sunday School rooms	299	25
Wardrobe	16	50
Instruments for choir	20	49
Ice cream for Sunday School	5	50
Manse mortgage	900	
Rugs from old carpet	29	05
Napkins - brooms - mops + other supplies	4	25
Ice cream - candy - carfare etc. for Sunday School pic-nic	19	85
Draying + Supplies for Rummage Sale	7	36
Advertising	5	
Balance in Treasury Jan. 6. 1915	206	80
	1807	71

Since the above report was made cash to the amount of $51.50 has been handed in and another payment of $100.00 made on the Manse, leaving a cash balance of $15-80.

On January 6th 1915 the Annual Meeting was held and offices for the ensuing year were elected as follows.

President - Mrs W. C. Falk.
Vice. President - Mrs Brewer Mattocks
Secretary - Mrs. W. C. Allen
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. J. W. Hoopes
Treasurer - Mrs. A. W. Frick.

Circle leaders appointed -
Number I. Mrs. J. L. Crawford
" II. Mrs. W. N. Hart.
" III. Mrs. W. W. McMillan
" IV. Mrs. R. A. Webster.
" V. Mrs. David Davis.

Respectfully submitted
Lillie M. Falk - Pres.

Duluth, Minn., January 19, 1915.

S.S. Supt's Report

To Church & Congregation
of Pilgrim Church.

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We just spoke of lacking one of the points of the Standard-

Did you know that there was a standard established for the individual school?

There is and the 12 points are.

1. Organized, Graded with Appropriate Lessons.
2. Regular Worker's Meeting.
3. Annual Report sent to County or District Secretary.
4. Temperance and Missionary Retruction and Offering.
5. Offering for County and State Work.
   (Forst making an offering to Denominational Work)
6. Confirmation, or Definite Decision for Christ Urged.
7. Delegate at District Convention.
8. An Active Cradle Roll.
9. A Working Home Department.
10. Training Worker's Class or Student.
11. Organized Class in Secondary Division.
12. Organized Class in Adult Division.

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The day gone by when every school was a law to itself, running along hit or miss lines, no two working in harmony with the other; when the Superintendents main qualification was largely piety regardless of his fitness for the position- or anyone who would consent to serve and most of his assistants, anyone whowould volunteer or could be talked into it.

The Sunday School of today is recognized as a man's job- and the men of the country are more and more realizing that it is an outrage and crime to throw the whole responsibility of the running of sunday schools on to the women.

The best Superintendents of today are successful men of affairs and the position is a 7 day a week job, rather than a 1 hour 1 day in seven. Superintendents now adays are trained for the job and they have to have proper qualifications. In our own school, Did you know that aside from the Superintendent and his assistant, we have 12 men at work? Our treasurer is a banker, our assistant to the secretary is a high school student, we have 10 men teachers, every boys class is in charge of a man teacher and they are "hand-picked".

We have a men's adult bible class with an enrollment of 30, the attendance of which rarely runs down as low as 12. This class should have an enrollment of 65 with a daily attendance of 75 and it will be ere long.

We have a new class recently organized of younger business men, another class which is unique in its way, occupying the tower room and are a young Sunday School in themselves, holding devotional exercises prior to the lesson hour, this class is composed of boys in the latter teens all working and their teacher they swear by- another class is composed of older high school boys, beside which we have 5 younger boys classes.

We have a Womens Bible Class of 12 to 20 members, a young Womenis class of 25 to 30, 7 other girls classes running from high school age down to 8 or 9.

4 classes in the Primary Department, a cradle roll of 50, too young to attend school, and a working department of about 25.
home

The school is graded into the following departments.

Beginners, those under 6 years of age.
Primary, between 6 and 8 " " "
Junior, from 9 to 12 " " "
Intermediate, 13 to 15
Senior and Adult, with appropriate lessons graded for each department along a definite course.

We have 230 scholars enrolled, 34 officers and teachers.

8 sundays of the year showed an attendance of about 200, 216 being high mark, 2 sundays only running under 100, 1 being 87 and the other 92 and on the year through, more Sundays showed attendance running over 150 than those where it wasless.

Did you know that from our Sunday School the past year we sent 20 of our members to unite with you in church fellowship?

On the financial side.

Our regular weekly offerings ran	$261.00
This with every second Sunday not taken into account.	
Our regular school supplies cost us	216.00
We took on a special expense last year for leader of music of nearly	50.00
We sebt a representative to the State S.S. Convention at Winona which cost us	15.00
and orther incidental expenses of about	20.00

Instead of following our usual custom of asking for a special collection to cover Christmas entertainment, or asking friends to help, we decided to work a surprise upon you and paid for this out of our general treasury.

From the offerings of every second Sunday previously mentioned, we collected	63.58
A special Christmas Offering	16.93

Easter and Childrens Day services beingheld in the main auditorium and which you were invited to attend and in which you undoubtedly assisted to some extent, returned 47.48 making a total of $127.99 not just credited to, but actually devoted and paid over to missionary causes and for which you get credit on your church apportionment.

For the past two or three years the Ladies Union has generously made us a gift of $25.00 each year beside furnishing the ice cream for our annual picnic. This year it was suggested to them that they finance the picnic and keep the change- so we did not get a $25.00 boost our treasury has had in past years and the Ladies I think saved money .

You will see from this showing that we have paid all our expenses, very largely increased our missionary offerings, financed our own Christmas entertainment and "much obliged, thank you we still have money in our bank".

We were unfortunate that past year in that our Superintendent just when he was getting things going best, was taken sick and unable to keep his hand on affairs and mindful of the story of the sign posted in a dance hall in a Western Mining town "Don't shoot the piano player, he is doing the best he can", we accepted the leadership of his assistant and got along as best we could.

They say the Sunday School is the child of the church, If this be true and you are not ashamed of the showing we have made, come on down into the nursery occasionally and visit us, show us that you have at least a passing interest in us. Don't be afraid we will try to press you into service, as a matter of fact should your enthusiasm get the better of you and you were to offer your assistance, NOW GET THIS, you would have to show our executives that you had had proper experience and were qualified, because in these days we pick our workers for special ability along certain lines, and now before subscribing ourselves, we wish to assure you that in this whole effort we have not put one single statistic.

Respectfully submitted
For the Superintendent
by his Assistant.

B M Allen Jr

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January 19, 1915.

Your tellers canvased the vote at the annual meeting January 19, 1915 and submit the following report of number of votes cast for the various officers.

Total number of ballots cast 94.

For Deacons

C. A. Duncan	94
G. A. Gray	92
A. G. Strong	91
H. I. Pinneo	85
E. A. Schulze	1
S. E. Matter	1
W. O. Falk	1
R. A. Webster	1

For Trustees

W. G. Hegardt	92
Oscar Mitchell	90
W. A. MacConagle	1

For Treasurer

H. W. Nichols	91
H. I. Pinneo	1

For Treas. Benev. Fund

W. S. Horr	92

For Asst. Treas. Benev. Fund.

Mrs. H. W. Nichols	93

For Clerk

Brewer Mattocks, Jr.	93

For Editor of Church Bulletin

W. W. Sanford	92

For Standing Committee

Mrs. W. W. Sanford	92
Mrs. R. A. Webster	90

For Music Committee

Mrs. E. W. Matter	93
Mrs. C. H. Dunning	92
Mrs. C. F. Colman	88
W. C. Allen	5
Miss Rogers	1

For Visiting Committee

Mrs. W. G. Hegardt	92
Mrs. W. A. McGonagle	92
Mrs. C. A. Duncan	91
Mrs. Bates	1
Mrs. Webster	1

For Missionary Committee

C. A. Duncan	93
H. B. Paull	92
A. D. Goodman	92
G. A. Gray	92
S. E. Matter	92
W. A. McGonagle	92
Andrew Nelson	92
Mrs. H. W. Nichols	92

For Morning Ushers

C. W. Ericson	93
J. P. Johnson	92
W. C. Falk	92
W. U. Moore	92

For Afternoon Ushers

D. C. Duncan	92
Dr. A. G. Schulze	91
Kenneth Cant	91
Leonard Ferguson	91
Laird Goodman	91
Dr. F. A. Grawn	91
J. A. Kerr	91
H. G. Manley	91
Willard Matter	91
R. G. Maynard	91
H. E. Romaine	91
E. N. Rdes	90
W. S. Horr	90

Roger M. Weaver
W. C. Johnson
E. L. Kimball

Tellers.

BALLOT

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, JANUARY 19, 1915

Put an X opposite each name you wish to vote for.

Deacons Vote for 4	Trustees Vote for 2	Treasurer Vote for 1	Treas. Benev. Fund Vote for 1	Asst. Treas. Benev. Fund Vote for 1
A. G. Strong	Oscar Mitchell	H. W. Nichols	W. S. Horr	Mrs. H. W. Nichols
C. A. Duncan	W. G. Hegardt			
H. I. Pinneo				
G. A. Gray				

Clerk Vote for 1	Editor of Church Bulletin Vote for 1	Standing Committee Vote for 2	Music Committee Vote for 3	Visiting Committee Vote for 3
Brewer Mattocks, Jr	W. W. Sanford	Mrs. W. W. Sanford	Mrs. E. W. Matter	Mrs. W. G. Hegardt
		Mrs. R. A. Webster	Mrs. C. H. Dunning	Mrs. C. A. Duncan
			Mrs. C. F. Colman	Mrs. W. A. McGonagle

Missionary Committee Vote for 8	Morning Ushers Vote for 4	Afternoon Ushers Vote for 13
H. B. Paull	J. P. Johnson	Dr. A. G. Schulze
C. A. Duncan	C. W. Ericson	Kenneth Cant
A. D. Goodman	W. O. Falk	D. C. Duncan
G. A. Gray	H. U. Moore	E. N. Edes
S. E. Matter		Leonard Ferguson
W. A. McGonagle		Laird Goodman
Andrew Nelson		Dr. F. A. Grawn
Mrs. H. W. Nichols		W. S. Horr
		J. A. Kerr
		H. G. Manley
		Willard Matter
		R. G. Maynard
		H. E. Romaine

The Friends in Council have had eight meetings during the year 1914, all of them being held in the church parlors except the one in Oct. when they enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Thorp at a social meeting at the Manse.

Each meeting at the church has been preceded by a supper. With a membership of twenty-six, they have managed in

some mysterious way to have an average attendance of twenty-seven at the suppers and the average number remaining for the programs has been eighteen.

The programs have been of a varied character. The Feb. program was devoted to local interests, Miss Dorothy Olcott giving an account of the work of the King's Daughters and Mrs. Sievert that

of the Industrial Home.

In March the missionary work in the rural districts of northern Minnesota was presented.

The April meeting was devoted to a report of the convention held in Minneapolis, which was given by Mrs. Sharp.

The Schools for girls in Bombay was the subject of the May meeting.

After the summer vacation the work

was resumed in
Oct. with the social
meeting at the
house already men-
tioned.

In Nov. Mrs. W. W.
Sanford furnished
a rare treat in a
talk on the Missionary
work in the Philippines.

Believing that there
were missionary
heroines as well as
heros, the Dec. meeting
was devoted to miss-
ionary heroines.

The Jan. meeting
was one of the most

interesting of the year, being life and missionary work in Alaska.

The financial report of the Friends in Council for the year 1914 is as follows.

Cash on hand Jan. 1/14	22.25
Collected for suppers.	41.50
Dues	.75
Pledges	79.50
Thank-offering	17.05
	161.00

Disbursements	
Programs.	$4.25
Entertainment	3.00
Flowers.	2.35
Supper expenses	39.99
To Missions thru H.J.P.	104.03
Bethel Home	5.00
Balance in bank	2.41
	161.00

The Friends in Council is a small organization of very busy women who cannot devote all the time they would like to the cause of missions but the organization

means much to
them and they
hope that they are
of some service
to the church.

Respectfully submitted.

Esther Brown.

The past year the Philathea class has met during the Sunday School hour for Bible study, until her last illness under the faithful and efficient leadership of Mrs. Farr. Needless to say, one who touched so intimately and so helpfully the lives of the thirty young women in the class, is sadly missed. Miss Schearer conducted the work until Mrs. E. D. Field was chosen leader.

The monthly business meetings have been held at the homes of various members. The collection each Sunday belongs to the Sunday School. The regular dues, together with $57 + cleared at two sales, have been expended at the discretion of a committee for food, fuel and clothing for several poor families. Clothing has been sent to the needy at Nopeming and a box of magazines to a lumber camp.

Jan. 19, 1915.

Carrie L. Castle

Annual Report of Pastor, Jan. 20, 1914-Jan. 19, 1915.

THE YEAR. We bring the year to a close with profound thanksgiving. It has been a year of unbroken harmony. Churches, like households, sometimes suffer from strife. I question whether in any year of her history Pilgrim Church has been so united as in the twelve months now closing. It has been a year of hard work and of substantial gains. It has been a year of ingathering: new faces are here tonight of those who have come to us within the year. It has been also a year of great bereavement for the Church: God has called to their reward certain of our strongest workers and best beloved friends. Through all these experiences of joy and sorrow I believe the great Head of the Church has been imparting to us strength and love and light on our way. The thankful note is uppermost tonight. It is not easy for me to compress my report within brief limits when the past is so full of matters crowding for notice and the future so big with promise.

THE PULPIT. Taking out the six vacation Sundays there ~~have been~~ are 46 Sundays in which I have been in service. On two Sundays I have listened to other speakers, May 31 to Miss DeBusk of the Cong'l Education Society and on Nov. 29 to B.A. Shuman YMCA Sec'y at Buenos Aires. March 22 I spoke at Superior in exchange with Rev. C.J. Armstrong. Sept. 27, Y.M.C.A. Day I spoke at First Baptist Church, Sec Peck occupying our pulpit. June 7 I gave the ~~ba~~ baccalaureate sermon at Carleton College, This makes a record of 45 morning sermons which I have delivered during the year, 41 of them in our own pulpit. Of these three were missionary sermons, on Mohammedanism, China and "A Home Missionary Journey."

The Vesper Service has been held 32 times during the year. Thirty Vesper addresses have been given by the pastor. I have also preached five Sunday night sermons in other Duluth churches, making a total of 80 Sunday sermons. I have also preached on weeknights at Federal Dam, Superior, Fond du Lac, and Wadena, have given four preparatory addresses, four sermons in Holy Week, and ten addresses on various public occasions, making a total of 109 sermons and addresses during the past year, not counting talks at Church and Christian Endeavour Prayer-meetings.

Knowing the preacher as well as I do I have been surprised at the attendance maintained thruout the year. We have had unprecedented congregations on certain occasions. Feb. 22, Go-To-Church Sunday the Church was ~~almost~~ very nearly ~~entirely~~ filled both morning and afternoon. Mch 22 the Apollo Club sang at Vespers to a crowded church. April 5, Palm Sunday chairs were carried into the church for the first time within the memory of all save a few who ~~remembered~~ recalled the dedication. The following Sunday, Easter, brought another great assemblage. Rally Sunday Sept. 20 the Morning Service was unusual. I firmly believe that these special days have great value. It takes a severe shock to shake the average non-church-goer out of his lazy indifference. If you can somehow get him once across the threshold of the church, there is some ground for hope that he may return again and again to his Father's House. I am not going to propose a resolution of thanks to the people of this church for going to church as well as you did last year. You did no more than your duty; but I am willing to confess here or anywhere that the work of the preacher, both in the study and in the pulpit has been happier and more fruitful hours because of those among you who have given him regular and attentive hearing.

THE MUSIC. I cannot turn away from considering the Sunday services without expressing my appreciation of the splendid musical arrangements ,vocal and instrumental,which have been such a joy to us in our worship. It has been a year of changes,in sol oists and organist,but the music committee aided by Miss Rogers have piloted us along with great wisdom. The organ recitals have furnished a blessed interval of restful meditation for a large number; the Pilgrim Chorus,vested for the first time during the year,deserve our heartiest thanks. By subscription $239. was raised for the purchase of the new Pilgrim Hymnals,and the pastor is showing his appreciation of the new books by a series of Sunday morning talks on hymn-writers. I have heard it said that our church has the reputation of furnishing the best music in this city. The past year has seen no letting down in this high standard. Our need is for more hearty congregational singing. The tendency, especially when the hymn is new,is to listen,rather than to join heartily in the song.

THE THURSDAY EVENING MEETINGS. Closely akin to the Sunday services is the Mid-Week Service. I note certain red-letter events in these services early in the year. Just after the last Annual Meeting we had two large meetings when the pastor reviewed "The Inside of the Cup." In March came College Night,with letters from students and a large congregation. In April the Every Member Canvass for Missions was launched by a Church Night Supper and Missionary Meeting attended by about 75. May 28 a veritable cloud burst nearly drowned the faithful few who ventured forth and no meeting was held. June 4 was a memorable meeting of "Memories of the Civil War". The effect of these occasional red-letter nights led the pastor last October to devote about two weeks to framing a program for eight months of Thursday Evenings every one of which should be"extra special." As a result we are hearing new voices at every meeting and the attendance and interest have increased in a remarkable way. I am expecting to see one hundred peo ple out some Thursday evening soon. Will you kindly fullfil that expectation by coming this week?

HOLY WEEK SERVICES. These helpful services on the week prio r to Easter were held for four evenings,the Communion being held on Thursday evening. The attendance varied from forty to one hundred.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS. My records show attendance at 33 committee meetings,but this is incomplete. I have met with the Ex. Com. of Interchurch Council twelve times and twelve times with the Stnding Committee. Thrice have I been to Minneapolis to meet with the Directors of the Home Missionary Society. Other meetings have been with various committees of the Sunday School and the Young People's Society.

MISSIONARY TRIPS. The pastor spent a week at Federal Dam about a year ago,doing pastoral work and preaching every evening. He spent a day last spring looking over some work in West Virginia with Secretary Sutherland. He has been repeatedly at Fond du Lac to hold services.

INGATHERING. Five Sunday morning Communion Services have been held at every one of which new members have been received. Jan. 1,1914 the church numbered 472 members. Since then we have received sixty,bringing the present membership well above 500,by far the

largest in the history of Pilgrim Church. I have in my possession three letters already for the March Communion. I have also a list of 35 persons upon whom definite influence is to be brought to bear for the March Communion. In March the Pastor's Cl asses for boys and girls will be held,for the special training of our own sons and daughters for church membership. I expect to see our membership mount high toward the 600 mark in 1915. There are men and women sitting here tonight,who love this old Church,and who are willing to make any sacrifice for her interests save the one great sacrifice,of enrolling themselves definitely in the inner circle of those who believe in the church and are glad to go on record in the most significant way as holding such belief. I expect to see some of you coming into that inner circle this year. as we saw many grown men and women coming last year.

MARRIAGES. The pastor has officiated at eight marriages. Five of these were at the manse,the contracting parties being total strangers to the pastor,mostly from the state of Wisconsin. One other couple the pastor declined to marry,the bride not having secured the consent of her parents. It is to be hoped that our Minnesota marriage laws may become more stringent,so that the coming of Wisconsin couples into our state to be married may cease. Three home wedddings were solemnized during the year. June 16, Miss Ethel Ericson and Mr. Alfred Moe at the home of the bride; August 16,Diss Ethel E Hewitt of Fond du Lac and Dr. A.P.Whitson also at the home of the bride and on the same date Miss Ruth Carr and Allen Trux in their own home.

BAPTISMS. Beside adult baptisms,there have been thirteen infants baptized during the year;twelve at the church,seven of these on Children's Day,and one household baptism on Christmas Day.

FUNERALS. I have been called to officiate at ten funeral services during the year,four of them before the vacation.

Feb. 17 Ben Denham,a former member of the Sunday School .

March 4. Mrs. Mary E. Wilson,well remembered among us.

April 16 Mrs. Martha J. Graham passed away,the funeral being held in Minneapolis.

April 17 was held the funeral of Walter J. Thompson.

Sept. 2 the funeral of August Bartholdi,an old resident, much respected,whose children are members of our church.

Sept 19 the double funeral of John B. Heimick and his little daughter Mary. This was one of the saddest events of recent years.

Oct. 5 was held the funeral of Judge S.F.White,a man well known in public life.

Oct. 16 we laid to rest Mrs. Ella V. Cook,formerly a well-known and faithful member of this church.

October 22 was held the funeral of Mrs. Julia M. Horr,belo ved teacher of the Philathea class,one of the most influential women of our church.

Dec. 15 was held the funeral of Elmer W. Matter,deacon, editor of the bulletin,one of the strongest pillars of this church.

Jan. 16,was held the funeral of Mrs. Elsie A. Liscomb,a new-comer among us,yet one who in a few months had gained a place of beloved memory among Pilgrim people.

These have been heavy losses. But the christian resignation and faith of those who mourn the passing of these dear ones have strengthened our faith,and the ministry of sympathy has revealed to us that we are a church family,not alone in name but in reality.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. In a church as large as ours ,especially in this day when the telephone has become a real barrier between people,so far as face-to-face meetings are concerned,it is desirable that our people should meet together frequently,and a cross-section of Pilgrim Church life reveals Circle meetings,Brotherhood Nights,Friends in Council Suppers,Philathea Socials,Young People's Society socials,Glee Club Concerts,Choir suppers,S.S. picnics, S.S. parties for different depts;Missionary Meetings,Men's Class Evenings,Mothers' Meetings,Church Suppers,etc etc. The bulletin has been filled with notices of these and similar meetings:it is good for us to get together. I hope there will be no cessation of these various activities in 1915.

SPECIAL LINES OF WORK. Last spring the pastor put many hours and days into the preparation of the Address List,issued in the month of May. Mr. Matter was responsible for carrying it thru the press. The compilation and verification of the material meant a vast deal of work. Many people had to be visited in order to ascertain whether they wished to be counted among us or not. One valuable by-product of the work was the definite assembling of Pilgrim Church people,and no one need raise any question with regard to any name found in that directory:they are all ours. Only one error has come to light thus far in the booklet. Organizations and individuals have found the booklet of great value.

FINANCIAL GAINS. In preparatio n for the year 1914 you will remember that a vigorous camapign was carried thru just before the holidays a year ago,in the endeavour to secure new and increased pledges for church and missions. The year 1913 was bro ught to a successful financial ending by large special collections,more than $2000. being gathered to meet church expenses,and several hundred dollars deficit being made up for missions. The results of ~~that~~ the campaign for new and increased pledges was most gratifying. As to the general expense fund of the church,the number of pledges was more than doubled. Many increased their pledges. Some who had formerly given at the end of the year began to give weekly or quarterly. At the end of the year instead of being $2000. behind we lacked only $500. A few men who had been in the habit of giving at the end of the year had declined to enter into the campaign,and these men,when seen,cheerfully paid in the needed $500. This means that the regular income of this church,what we might call its "earnings",(funds coming in regularly without so licitation,) have actually increased about $1500. It also means that if these six or eight men who made up the $500. deficit last month would join with the rest of us in giving weekly or quarterly instead of at the end of the year,and if the new members who have recently come among us all get under their share of the work,the regular "earnings" of this church for 1915 will be amply sufficient for all purposes. That is what we are aiming at. I do not know who these men are. They said last year that we were bound to have a deficit any way,so they would wait and pay when the deficit was a fact. Their waiting was what created the deficit. ~~Their paying that old deficit money will enable us to~~ We shall go forward,borrowing no money at the bank in 1915, paying expenses,out of what I call the "earnings" of the church,that is,the regular unsolicited income.

(Once to pay) (If they begin at once)

The missionary committee counted the cost last April and found that they still needed further subscriptions. So twenty of them made a quick canvass the result is that our (one Sunday afternoon)

entire missionary obligation was fully met,and no hurried gathering was required at the end of the year. The regular "earnings" of our missionary pledges at last equal the missionary apportionment. This is a great gain. Shall we not bring the general fund this year up to the same splendid status?

Let me forther suggest that the person who prefers to pay church subscriptions quarterly should pay in advance. Bills have to be met monthly. We never have a surplus. Those who pay weekly help keep the treasury in a healthy state. Quarterly payments in advance will insure at all times funds in the treasury. I know that some givers are thoughtful and pay in advance. Others might well form the habit. You may wonder why the minister cares. His salary ,I am glad to say,is always ready for him. But one hears slurs on the street against ~~the~~ churches as being always behind,and always obliged to go out after money. Some of the big churches in Duluth are cramped for funds. It is a matter of pride to me that this church,so dear to us all,should be known to be in prosperous, businesslike condition,with regular"earnings"always a little in excess of its estimated expenditures. That would be something to be proud of. It would put fresh courage into our work.

SPECIAL FUNDS. The pastor has personally raised two special funds during the year. One of $25. to help put a deserving but unfortunate man through the Keeley cure. This man was not one of our own church people. I wish to report to the men who helped on that little fund that the man has been ~~apparently~~ entirely cured;he has been entirely straight for four months,and has been advanced from night watchman to yardmaster. He wanted me to thank you. The other fund was for $210. for special state home missionary work. This fund in sums of $25. down to $5. was contributed by thirteen generous friends. It is a good investment, ~~and~~ there are no terrors connected with raising funds in this church.

THE MANSE This bit of church property has been kept busy this year, especially this fall when an interesting series of social gatherings were held under our roof. In October alone the Friends in Council held an evening gathering there;the next week there were fifty young people present at a Young People's Social,and the next week a business and social meeting of the Standing Committee and their wives and husbands was held at the manse. Nov. 11 the Thank Oggering Afternoon of the Woman's Missionary Society brought 70 women to the house;there have also been several Teachers' Meetings during the year. Mrs. Thorp and I wish the Pilgrim people to feel that the manse is part of our church equipment;come and see us often and whenever we can serve you in arranging meetings at the manse, do not hesitate to let us know. It is good to know that $400 will clear off entirely the mortgage from the manse.

EVANGELISM. I sometimes wonder if we Pilgrims are not a little self-centered as a church. We are the finest ,most altogether congenial and del ightful group of church people in the whole world. There is no doubt of this;we feel it just as ~~we all~~ each man feels that his own family is the best family God ever made. These are natural and commendable feelings. Others may not quite agree with us just here; ~~but~~ that is their privilege. But God has set all about us,in our congregation and outside,some hundreds of men and women who bitterly need the church;who need our church;it is for us to take definite steps to awaken that sense of need. If every

man and woman who is in vital touch with this Church should take advantage of their acquaintance with some person or family not in vital touch with any church and make a tactful and persistent effort to win them, what would be the result? An astonishing number of people would be led into worship,service,godly living and won to the Kingdom of Christ. Not enough of this kind of service is being rendered by the people of Pilgrim Church. There are yet great things to be achieved along these definite lines of evangelism.

VESPER WORKERS. Our Vesper Service is just now feeling keen competition from the Sunday afternoon concerts. These concerts draw huge audiences because they are being systematically worked. There are people back of them who are determined to see them succeed. They talk them up during the week and come and bring their friends. A score of our young people are giving their time freely Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons to insure a fine Vesper program for Pilgrim Church. The minister puts much time into the address and the service. I want one hundred men and their wives to furnish from now till Easter a regular Vesper congregation of four hundred people,coming yourselves and bringing another couple with you. These,with the young people and the strangers will fill the house. Do you want something hard to do for your church and minister? Here is an assignment.

A PASTOR'S ASSISTANT. The steady growth of our church in numbers brings nearer the day when the church will wish to provide a paid helper for the pastor. We could use immediately to good advantage a trained church worker,college-bred,trained to do office-work, look after the correspondence,attend to details,and give the rest of her time to calling on new people,the sick,the needy,the homes demanding more personal attention than the minister can possibly render. The time is certainly approaching when such a worker will be an absolute necessity. I mention the item as one that will need further consideration in future.

In looking backward over the year the pastor deplores that far too many hours have been occupied at desk and typewriter,doing detail and mechanical work connected with keeping a large and varied organization like our church in good running order. All the correspondence is handled by the minister;all the thousand and one details head up here in my study. I sometimes wonder how one of you business men would handle your larger concerns if you were obliged to write all the letters and handle all the details without any office help whatever. The church would be far better served,if the minister could contrive to have more hours for study, for calling,and for recreation. I am therefore asking that some provision be made for the coming year whereby for at least part of each week I ~~might~~ may have the help of competent clerical assistance.

THE NEW PILGRIM CHURCH. No formal progress has been made toward the removal of our church to the East End. But,as you have all heard,it transpires that nine good and generous Pilgrims did last summer acquire title to sundry fine lots at the n.e. corner of Twenty-third avenue East and Fourth Street. These men are not in the real estate business and the public is correct in the surmise that at the right time Pilgrim Church will doubtless build on these lots. The enterprise and generosity of the nine men are most

heartily appreciated. Their names will be announced in due time. They are pioneers in a great and splendid undertaking,destined,I fully believe,to open the greatest chapter in the history of our church.

Business conditions seem to block further progress for the present. But why not save valuable time ,so long as the new building must be built within two or three years,by choosing a carefully selected building committee,composed of the most competent persons we have among our number,and let them have plenty of time to inform themselves on all the problems connected with securing the best building that can be constructed? One of our business men,not here tonight,remarked to me last fall that the biggest problem connected with the new church is securing the funds. That is a big problem;but I have known several churches that have solved that problem,yet have been greatly disappointed with the results after their money had been turned into brick and stone.

I plan to spend three or four days next month at the Twin Citis and much of the time will be occupied in going through several new churches recently erected there. There are beautiful churches on modern lines to be visited in suburban Chicago,Cleveland, New-York,Philadelphia,Boston,and Pilgrim Church needs to post herself thoroughly on these matters before she gives her task into the hands of the architect. We may be obliged to act with considerable speed when the building time comes. A revival in business,or a good offer for this old building would call us to action. Why not at least select the building committee,say of four men and three women,and let them make a thoro study of all the details,so that when we are ready to take the matter up,that committee will be competent to guide us to the style of building we want,and the plans for exterior and interior,and all the needed details.

If we could lay our hands on $35000. it would be entirely feasible to erect with that sum the first section of the new building,intended eventually to be joined with the main section. This first section would consist of a snug little auditorium,with gallery,arranged to be shut off into separate classrooms for SS or to be opened together for church or SS opening exercises. The little hall would seat 300 and would be sufficient for all the uses of the church until ,when it became feasible,the main section could be added. This parishhouse would also contain the heating plant for the entire building,kitchen,diningrooms,ladies' parlors,pastor's office,etc.etc. It might be wise to plan to erect that parish-house first,occupy it for three or four years, until we get a good sale for the present structure,and then build on the main church auditorium with tower. All these matters could be best handled and planned by the building committee.

I cannot find words to express my gratitude for the many many ways in which you have encouraged your pastor in our work. I doubt if ever a minister wrought under happier conditions. You have taken both my wife and myself into your hearts and lives, and made us feel more than ever at home among you. May God bless Pilgrim Church and guide us out into a great year of service in His Name,filled with His Spirit,dependent upon His power.

Duluth, Minn.,

Tokio Japan -

Original spoke of backing one of the points of the standard -

Did you know that there was a standard established for the individual School ?

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The day has gone bye when every School was a law to itself, running along hit or miss lines - No Two working in harmony with the other; when the Superintendents main qualification was Piety regardless of his fitness for the position - or anyone who would consent to serve, and most of his assistants, anyone who would Volunteer or could be talked into it !

The Sunday School of today is recognized as a mans job - & the men of the country are more & more realizing that its an outrage & crime to throw the whole responsibility of the running of Sunday Schools on to the women

The best Superintendents of today are successful men of affairs & the position is a 7 day a week job, rather than a 1 hour 1 day in seven ! Superintendents now adays are trained for the

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job & they have to have proper qualifications -
Know our school; Did you know that aside
from the Superintendent & his assistant - we have
12 men at work? Our treasurer is a banker -
our assistant to the boy is a high school student
we have 10 men teachers - every boys class is in
charge of a man as teacher and they are "hand-
picked"

We have a mens adult Bible class with an
enrollment of 30, the attendance of which rarely
runs down as low as 12. This class should
have an enrollment of 65 with a daily attendance
of 45 and it will be long -

We have a new class recently organized of young
business men - another class which is unique
in its way, occupying the lower room & as
a young Sunday school in themselves, holding devotion
al exercises, prior to the lesson hour - This class
is composed of boys in the latter teens all
working & their teacher they swear by -

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Another class is composed of older high school boys - beside which we have 5 younger boys classes.

We have a Womens Bible class of 12 to 20 members - a young womens class of 25 or 30 & other girls classes running from High School age down to 8 or 9:

4 classes in the ~~Primary~~ Dept - a cradle roll of 50, too young to attend school, and a Working Home Dept of about 25.

The School is graded into the following Departments Beginners those under 6 years of age, Primary between 6 & 8, Junior from 9 - 12 - Intermediate, ~~13 to 15~~; ~~Senior and Adult~~, with appropriate lessons graded for each Department along a definite course.

We have 230 scholars enrolled - 34 officers and teachers -

8 Sundays of the year showed an attendance of over 200 216 being highest mark, 2 Sundays

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only running under 100 1 Going 87 the other 92
& on the year thro, more Sundays showed attendance
running over 150 than those when less -
Dis you know that from our Sunday School the
last year we sent 20 of our number to unite
with you in church fellowships?
On the financial side
our regular weekly offerings ran $26.00
This with every 2nd Sunday not taken into
account -
Our regular School Supplies cost us 15.00
We took on a special expense last year for
leader of music of nearly 50.00
We sent a representative to the State SS
convention at Winona which cost us 15.00
& other incidental expenses of about 20.00
Instead of following our usual custom
of asking for a special collection to cover
Christmas entertainment or asking friends
to help - we decided to work a surprise

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upon now & paid for this out of our general treasury.

From the offerings of every 1st Sunday previously mentioned we collected 63.58
a Special Christmas offering 16.93
Easter & Childrens Day Services being held
in the main auditorium & which you were
invited to attend & in which you undoubtedly
assisted to some extent, returned - 47.48

making a total of $127.99 not just credited to
but actually handed & paid over to missionary
causes and for which you get credit on
your church's apportionment -

For the past 2 or 3 years the Ladies Union has
generously made us a gift of $5.00 each year
beside furnishing the ice cream for our annual
picnic. This year it was suggested to them that
they finance the Picnic & keep the change -
So we did not get a $5.00 Goat our treasury has
had no past years & the Ladies Union saved money -

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You will see from this showing that we have paid all our expenses - very largely increased our missionary offerings - financed our own Christmas entertainment and "made obliged, thank you we still have money in our bank"!

We were unfortunate the past year in that our Superintendent just when he was getting things going ~~good~~ was taken sick & unable to keep his hand on ~~things~~ affairs & mindful of the story of the sign posted in a dance hall in a western mining town "Don't shoot the piano player he is doing the best he can"! we accepted the leadership of his assistant & got along as best we could -

They say the Sunday School is the child of the church - If this be true and you are not ashamed of the showing we have made - Come on down in to the nursery occasionally & visit us, show us that you have at least a passing interest in us - Don't be afraid we

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will try to press you into service - as a matter of fact should your enthusiasm get the better of you & you care to offer your assistance. NOW GET THIS - you would have to show our executives that you had had proper experience & were qualified - because in these days we pick our workers for special ability along certain lines - and not before subscribing ourselves we wish to assure you that in this whole effort we have not put one single statistic

Respectfully Submitted
For the Superintendent
by his assistant.

Report of Sunday School

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Annual Report for Woman's Missionary Society

January 19, 1915 1914 Report

The Woman's Missionary Society has held ten meetings during the year with an average attendance of 27, a gain of two over the preceding year. In our course of study we have followed the progress of Christian missions in our own and other lands and both pleasure and benefit have come to us from our afternoons together. Among the subjects taken up were present-day immigration conditions and problems and the missionary situation in New Mexico, the Philippine Islands, Turkey and Albania. One lesson considered the qualities of the ideal missionary society and another was devoted to the Charitable Institutions of Duluth and we gained new ideas of the needs and results of this work.

Our Thank Offering meeting was held at the manse in November with 75 women in attendance and a most attractive program was provided by our members, the chief feature of which was an address on Thanksgiving by Mrs. Woodbridge. The Offering on that occasion amounted to $116.00 and as had been decided was used for a special gift to Mr. and Mrs. Swink and to apply on the building fund of the Schauffler Missionary Training School at Cleveland.

Until two years ago the missionary funds of our society were divided between the Minn. Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior and the Woman's Home Miss. Union of our state, and we made no contribution to the work of the other societies in which the

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church is interested, the American Board, the American Missionary Association, etc. Since that time all pledges received from members of our society have been paid in to the missionary funds of the church and many of our women take pleasure in feeling that we now have a part with the rest of the church in the support of its entire missionary work. The adoption of the duplex envelope system in May brought us into line with the rest of the church and expressed the approval of the society of the plan of regular weekly giving. We have recently made such changes in our constitution as definitely commit the society to the apportionment plan.

During the year the society packed missionary boxes for the girls' Industrial School at Moorhead, Miss., and for the family and parishioners of the Rev. H. R. Harris of Biwabik when business depression is causing great destitution in many families. Generous and thoughtful contributions were made by the women of the church for both barrels and a substantial sum of money was raised to accompany the latter.

At our annual meeting held last week officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Pres. Mrs. Doran; Vice Pres. Mrs. Thorp; Secy, Mrs. E. L. Kimball; Treas. Mrs. H. W. Nichols. The reports of our solicitor Mrs. Breland, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Prince Mrs. McGinagle and Mrs. Shearer who are assisting the church missionary committee in securing pledges for 1915 in their respective

districts, showed a total of $438.00 pledged to date by members of our society.

Respectfully Submitted

Vera Rankin Graves, President.

Financial Report. (W. M. S.)

On June first our society turned over its subscription list to the church missionary committee, in accordance with the apportionment plan. The committee, however, requested that for the remainder of the year 1914, our treasurer collect the contributions from this list, together with money received from other women of the church.

Missionary Account

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1914	$	13.94
Receipts, 1914, (includes money handled for church missionary committee		459.42
	total --	473.36

Disbursements

Checks to treasurer benevolent fund	469.61
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1914	3.75

(There is also credit for $56.10 paid directly to the general fund before June 1st.)

469.61
56.10
525.71

Extension Acct.

Receipts

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1914	$	5.99
Receipts, 1914,		20.44
	total --	26.43

Disbursements

Incidental expenses &c	23.65
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1914	2.78

Thank Offering Fund

Receipts, Nov. 11 -- $ 116.00

Disbursements - To Mrs. Irwin 67.50
To Schauffler 48.50
Miss Training School 116.00

no balance

Mrs. H. W. Nichols (own.) Treas.

In addition to these amounts $41.00 was raised by Mrs. Pinner among the women of the church to be included with the barrel sent to Mr. Harris.

Edmund Moody

In addition to these amounts $41.00 was raised by Mrs. Pinney among the women of the Church & is included with the barrel sent to Mr. Harris.

Edmund Moody

AMERICAN CARBOLITE SALES CO.

Report of Receipts and disbursements for 1914

of the Deacons fund.

Receipts.

Bal. from 1913.		$50.54
1914		
January	Collection	21.53
March	"	16.60
May	"	18.52
July	"	45.22
September	"	18.24
November	"	16.30
		$ 186.95

Disbursements.

Paid to parties in need	$ 143.00
Paid for extra cups for communion service	4.93
Balance on hand Jan 1st. 1915	39.02
	$ 186.95

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By H. H. McMillan

The Men Bible Class is an organization having a president, vice president, leader, assisting leader, secretary and treasurer, all of which officers are elected annunally in December to take effect the first of January.

These officers are of minor importance as compared to the leader. It is a weel know fact that the attendance and influences of the classes in the primary and intermediate departments depends very much upon the teacher. This thing is equally true with the men's class. As an evidence of how important it is to get the right men in the right place will be notice by the percentage of increase in attendance which we are glad to report. The attendance in the year 1913 was 448 and in the year 1914 it was 700, making an increase of 56 per-cent.

Mr. W. W. Sanford a year ago was elected leader and we think the increase in attendance is mostly owing to the very interesting study which we have had by his leadership studying the books of the old Bible from the historical stand point. The text book used last year wasone edited by Hazard Fowler with relation to the books of the old Bible. As their place in history we are taking up the same text book in the study of the new testament this year.

Several times during the past year the hour for study was occupied almost wholly by perons's who Mr. Sanford had invited to come to give an address on some abstract subject which would come up in our study of the text book. Judge Cant, Mr. Nelson, the late Mr. Matter and others gave us very interesteing talks on various studies. A very thorough prepared and excellent address which was given by Mr. Matter leaves a rich legacy with which the class remember him.

At the slowing down of the church and Sunday School activities in vaction time last summer we voted to give the leader a rest by dispensing and laying aside the regular text book and in-

taking other subjects which were proposed from Sunday to Sunday by members of the class. One of the vacation Sunday we were favored with the talk from Dr. Cowlling of Carlton College and the two Sundays that Prof. Wiegle occupied the pulpit he gave talks to our class. One Sunday during the fall when Mr. Sanford was out of town, our pastor, Mr. Thorp, occupied the time by giving us a very interesting talk.

During the year our regular collection have amounted too $23.98 which goes into the regular Sunday School fund but on Christmas time a special collectionwas taken up amounting to $18.00 for the purchase of flour to be distributed to the poor but when the purchase was about to be made of Universal flour, Mr. Godwin, gave the whole amout and instead we purchased $15.28 worth of ham which leaves a balance of $3.72 on hand for future benevolent work.

The Brotherhood has completed a very satisfactory year. It seems to be firmly established as a permanent and useful institution. It brings together the men of the Church for a social time as well as for serious thought.

Monthly meetings have been held throughout the year with the exception of the three midsummer months, the program committee arranging for an address following each business meeting. These addresses have been of a high order and without exception interesting and instructive.

Preceding eahh meeting a fine supper was served and I want to take this occasion to thank the ladies of the different circles for the most excellent menus provided and the ladies in attendance for their faithful service. These dinners have had much to do with making the Brotherhood meetings so popular and well attended. The average attendance throughout the year has been about forty-five.

An important branch of the Brotherhood work is the men's class in the Sunday-school and I understand a report will be made by one of the officers of the class.

A Reed
President.

January 19, 1915.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEVOLENT FUND

OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1914.

- RECEIPTS -

Jan. 1st, 1914	Balance on Hand		Nothing
	From General Subscriptions	1,077.14	
	" ~~Women's Missionary Society~~ Not Inc. P. Inc.	525.71	
	" Friends in Council	104.00	
	" Sunday School	99.00	
	" Young People's Society	10.00	
	" " Collections by Pastor for Special Work	210.00	
			2,025.85

-DISBURSEMENTS-

Remittances to E. W. Decker, Treasurer State Apportionment Committee	1,600.00	
Remittance to Treasurer of American Board to complete pledge to Mr. Irwin	205.00	
Remittance to Mr. Lesher for Special State Work	210.00	
		2,015.00
Dec.31st, 1914 Balance on hand		$10.85

DISPOSITION OF AMOUNT REMITTED TO
TREASURER OF STATE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

FOR FOREIGN WORK	35%		$560.00
American Board	20%	320.00	
W. B. M. I.	15%	240.00	
FOR THE HOME LAND	65%		1,040.00
Minn. Cong'l Home Miss. Society	30%	480.00	
Minn. W. H. M. U.	15%	240.00	
American Missionary Ass'n	5¼%	84.00	
Church Bldg. Society	6%	96.00	
Education Society	2¾%	44.00	
S. S. & Pub. Society	4½%	72.00	
Ministerial Relief	1½%	24.00	
			$1,600.00

Respy Submitted

Mary L. Rimmer
Mgr

Treasurer's Report.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Year Ending December 31, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

On hand Jan.1, 1914		4 07	
Pledges & Subscriptions		6817 39	
Loose Collections--Morning	368 06		
" " Afternoon	176 03	544 09	
Rent of Church		210 00	
Collected for Hymnals		239 92	
Loan from Bank		700 00	
Ladies Union		1000 00	
			9515 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor's Salary	3000 00	
Pulpit Supply	220 99	
Music	2085 92	
Janitor	420 00	
Removing ashes	4 50	
Water, Light & Power	127 80	
Coal	158 38	
Church Repairs	311 81	
Street Sprinkling Tax	5 54	
Insurance on Church	136 50	
Repairs to Manse	182 57	
Taxes on Do	141 48	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	463 94	
Railroad fare of Delegates	29 28	
Conference Tax	32 25	
Committee on Go to Church Sunday	9 00	
Do " Comity	5 00	
Do " Social Service	5 00	
Inter-Church Council	7 85	
Hotel Church Directory	12 00	
Hymnals	239 92	
Bank Loan Repaid	700 00	
Interest on above	15 28	
Paid on Mortgage on Manse	1000 00	
Interest on Do	170 03	
		9485 04
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1914		30 43
		9515 47

Respectfully submitted,

Jan. 19, 1915

K. H. Zeichner
Treasurer