

Reports covering 1915

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Philathea class
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Ladies Union
Clerk
Nominating Committee

THE YEAR-BOOK *of the* CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

SCHEDULE

For Use of the Church for
Report of the Year
1915

To the Clerk, Minister, or other Reporter:

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

Last spring by the hearty cooperation of local churches, state registrars and printers, we began to mail the Year-Book May 12. It is highly desirable to move this date up about two weeks so that the books may be available for use in the spring meetings. Will you help bring this about?

Note carefully the following points:

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.
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This Schedule was Filled by

Name

Brewer Mattocks Jr. clerk

Church

Pilgrim

P. O. Address

Duluth Minn 911 Woodland Ave

Immediately upon having filled this Schedule please send it to

Everett Leshner

State Secretary

816 Pillsbury Bldg

Mpls Minn

Report of Pilgrim Church Duluth

Table I.—THE CHURCH

1. Name of Church Pilgrim
2. Place Duluth Minn
3. Date of organization 1871
4. Date of erection of present house of worship 1887
5. Clerk (full name: ~~Rev.~~ Mr., Mrs., Miss) Brewer Mattocks Jr
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 2141 Woodland ave
9. Minister (full name: Rev.) Rev Charles Nicholas Thorp
10. P. O. Address of Minister 1131 E First 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 29
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? Congl
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 ~
19. 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.)
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Table II.—MEMBERSHIP

20. Total number of members reported January 1, 1915. 506
(Include non-residents)
21. Total number of members, January 1, 1916. 519
The figures that follow must correspond with the totals appearing above, i. e., adding to the number reported Janu-

ary 1, 1915, all received during the year and subtracting all removed from the roll for any cause, the result should be the figure named for January 1, 1916 above. A name removed by revision should if restored be entered under "Received by Letter."

22. Number of Men Members, January 1, 1916.....	189
(Include non-residents.)	
23. Number of Women Members, January 1, 1916.....	330
(Include non-residents.)	
24. How many Non-Resident Members, January 1, 1916?....	128
A non-resident means a member removed from limits of the parish, severing residential connection with the church. Members temporarily away are not non-residents.	
25. How many were added on Confession, 1915?.....	10
	17
26. How many were added by Letter, 1915?.....	27
27. Total Number added in the year 1915.....	4
28. How many were removed by Death, 1915?.....	10
29. How many were dismissed by Letter, 1915?.....	0
30. How many were removed by Revision of Roll and Discipline, 1915?.....	14
31. Total Number of Removals, from roll in 1915.....	2
32. Number of Adults baptized, 1915.....	5
33. Number of Infants baptized, 1915.....	300
34. Number of Families included in Parish.....	

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

Table III.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

35. Name of Superintendent.....	Roger M. Weaver
Post Office Address.....	611 W Boulevard
36. Number of Officers, Teachers and Scholars..... Total	225
(Include Members of Home Department, if active.)	
37. If you have an active Home Department, mark "H".....	0
38. If Mission School is included, mark "M".....	0

Table IV.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S and MEN'S SOCIETIES

39. Number of Members in Young People's Society of any type	60
40. Number of Members in { Men's Organizations... } Total	60
{ Boys' Organizations... }	
(Erase the organization not existing in your church.)	

Table V.—SALARIES, ETC.

41. Give salary named for the year to the Minister.....	3000
The end sought by this question is not to ascertain how much your church raises for its pastor's salary <i>but what total salary</i> he receives from all sources not including parsonage. If a minister serves two or more churches there will appear opposite <i>each the full salary he receives.</i>	
42. Does that amount include missionary aid?.....	No
43. Has the Church a Parsonage?.....	Yes
44. Is use of Parsonage free to Minister?.....	Yes
45. Give value of your Church Property.....	10000
(Include Church, Chapel, Parsonage, etc.)	35000
46. Give amount of Invested Funds.....	Get none
47. Give amount of Debt (not the year's deficit).....	None existing
48. Name churches joined in support of a Pastor.....	

Property recently sold.

Table VI.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1915

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 Unions 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
49. Give the amount of mission gifts and charities other than above which were strictly and exclusively Congregational, in 1915. Include value of missionary boxes.....	100
(Do not include any amounts sent to organizations above named.)	
50. Give amount of your mission gifts and charities that were not Congregational, but undenominational, in 1915.....	100
51. Give amount of legacies, principal not interest, received by your church in cash during 1915.....	
52. What amount was spent for home expenditures in 1915?.....	9300
(Include minister's salary, church expenses, expenses for Sunday School and parish, building, repairs, improvements. <i>Do not include missionary aid.</i>)	

Report of Women's Missionary Society 118 1916.

Our society has held eleven regular meetings this year with an average attendance of 29 and an average collection of \$2.55. This is exclusive of the Thankoffering, which was \$84.00, the collection for the Eunice Atkins memorial fund of \$2.00, and the offering for the Schauffler Missionary Training School of \$7.00.

The total collection was \$26.24, the total disbursements \$23.95, leaving a balance of \$5.07. The Thankoffering was divided between home and foreign work, \$42.50 being sent to the new Pilgrim church at Williams, Minn., and \$41.50 to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin at Talas, Turkey.

We have furnished from our society solicitors who have called upon every woman in the church and have placed before her the opportunity to contribute to the missionary enterprises of the church, and who secured pledges from about 103 women to the amount of some five or six hundred dollars.

Our program of study was planned and directed by a very efficient committee and has been carried out with a few exceptions as originally planned.

The basis of that program for the first half of the year was the text "In the Red Man's Land" and for the last half "The Child in the Midst"

The plan of the committee when assigning parts on the program was to secure the interest and help of as many of the women of the church as possible and the result has been that about sixty different women have taken an active part in our work this year.

We have had the pleasure of hearing three speakers from outside our own particular circle. Mrs. Guild at the July meeting on "Pilgrims of Today," making a stirring appeal to us as Americans for more consecrated work and greater interest in the immigrants who come to us yearly. In September, Mrs. B.L. St. Johns, formerly of China, told us about some "Missionary Homes". In Oct. Mrs. W.W. Lawrence gave a very interesting address on the subject of women's work in the missionary field, emphasizing the contrast between their part in the work in early times and that taken by them today.

We have sent the usual barrel of clothing to the school at Moorhead, Miss. and some of our members have made personal gifts to the missionaries in Minn. as well as to some in foreign countries.

The program for next year as planned is if possible one step in advance of the one just completed and we hope to justify the confidence of the committee in our ability to raise the standard of excellence from year to year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W.S. Donat, Pres.

The Philothea Class has an active membership of about twenty one, and there are about twelve honorary members.

From Jan. to May of 1915 we had three families we were helping. In March the class made rompers for some children on Park Point. A basket of provisions were given to the Rose family in April and in June a coat and shoes were purchased for the Holt family.

Thanks giving morning "The Gleeeful Six" sang at St. Luke's hospital. A Thanks giving dinner was provided the Gentilla family. The Sunday following Thanks-giving we gave a concert at Hopeming Sanatorium and provided each patient with a package of home-made candy.

In December we gave \$5⁰⁰ to the Congregational church at Williams, Minn., and \$5⁰⁰ to the church at Federal Dam, Minn.. A mattress was purchased for the Gentilla family and Christmas morning members of the class helped furnish music for the prisoners at the county jail. Each prisoner was given a rose with our Philothea

motto "I can do all things through Christ which
strengtheneth me."

Jan. 1 - 1915	Cash on hand	65.35
	Receipts	<u>82.90</u>
		148.25
	Disbursements	<u>79.58</u>
	Cash on hand	68.67

Respectfully submitted

Florence Clark.

President.

Duluth, Minnesota,

January 18th, 1916.

To MEMBERS of PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

and

CONGREGATION.

Your Trustees beg leave to submit the following report:

We desire to congratulate the Church upon the splendid showing it is now making under most adverse conditions. It often happens that there is a reserve strength not known to or appreciated by the possessor. We feel that this is true to a large extent of the Pilgrim Church. The ability it has shown to maintain its services and keep up the attendance and interest in Church services and in the Sunday School under the adverse conditions existing has revealed a strength that we think many of us did not fully appreciate existed.

The experience through which the Church is now passing should, and, we think, will, prove to be a source of strength for the future. The response of the membership of the Church and congregation and co-operation in maintaining the organization and interest in the various activities of the Church is very encouraging.

The opportunity is rarely given to any organization to do a finer thing than has been done by the Masonic bodies in providing this Church with a meeting place as has been done. We have been furnished something that money could not have bought and it is one of the greatest compliments and one of the finest expressions of confidence and good fellowship that could by any possible way have

been extended from one organization to another to be invited, as the Church has been, to partake of the hospitality of the Masonic bodies.

We cannot repay the Masonic Order for these courtesies. They are not to be measured in terms of money. This Church, as an organization, will probably never have an opportunity to render to the Masonic bodies, or any of them, a fitting return or recognition for what they have done. They do not expect it. They would not have extended these courtesies with the hope or expectation of receiving pay for them but by this act Pilgrim Church is made a debtor to the community and is placed under obligations to show by its services to the community in the future that the confidence of the Masons was deserved and their courtesies appreciated. The whole community is brought closer together and the city is made richer by this act of generous and courteous appreciation on the part of the Masonic bodies.

Grateful recognition is also due to the Presbyterian Church for the courtesies extended in inviting us to use their building for the Noelfest celebration and this annual meeting.

As usual, the activities of the Trustees have been largely devoted to watching the other organizations of the Church at work.

Too much cannot be said in appreciation and recognition of the splendid work that has been done during the past year by the Ladies Union.

An experiment was tried in connection with the finances of the Sunday School in having this handled by the general Church treasurer. The plan was adopted with some misgiving on the part of the Trustees but we are glad to note that, treated as a department, the Sunday School has been a little more than self-sustaining. As shown by the general treasurer's report the receipts from the Sunday School were

\$313.85 and the disbursements for the Sunday School \$304.28. The Trustees desire to commend those in charge of the finances of the Sunday School for this result.

Most of the interest of this meeting will center around the plans and prospects for a new church building. The report of the treasurer of the building fund shows a total amount available from all sources of \$129,580.47. Of this sum \$12,914.63 has already been expended; \$10,636.10 for the new church site and incidental expenses, \$35.00 in connection with the sale of the church property to the Y. M. C. A., \$15.00 expense in connection with selling the organ and \$2,228.53 expense of wrecking the old church.

Assuming that all pledges will be paid in full and that the material on hand is worth the amount estimated there is available for the church building and furnishing \$116,665.84.

The Trustees, upon the advice of the Building Committee, employed Mr. F. G. German as architect for the new church building. A great deal of work has been done by the architect and by the Building Committee upon the plans for the new Church. It has seemed to some of us that this work has progressed very slowly but it is much better to have the progress a little slower and reach a result that will be satisfactory to all than to progress more rapidly and reach an unsatisfactory result.

Under the former action of the Church the Trustees are authorized, upon the advice and recommendation of the Building Committee, to let the necessary contracts for the building of the Church. There should be the fullest expression of opinion in commendation or criticism of the plans of the church building which are submitted at this meeting. This may be the last opportunity that some will have to

express their approval or disapproval of the plans before it is too late to make changes.

The treasurer of the building fund calls attention in his report to the fact that the church pledges for general expense are about \$25.00 per Sunday short of the necessary amount. We can only repeat what has been so often urged in these reports, that every member of the Church and congregation should be represented directly or indirectly among those who regularly contribute to the general expense of the Church. The organization cannot be maintained without provision for its financial support. Each member of the Church and congregation should have a share in the privilege and responsibility of aiding in that financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

By Osceola Mitchee
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

BUILDING FUND

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DULUTH.

Received 113 pledges for Building Fund new church- - - - -	\$391,477.00
Received account of sale of organ- - - - -	700.00
Received account of sale of church property- - - - -	35,000.00
Received for material sold from old church - - - - -	790.77
<i>Estimated value of stone and slate on new church site</i>	<i>1,500.00</i>
	<u>\$127,967.77</u>

Less disbursements as follows:

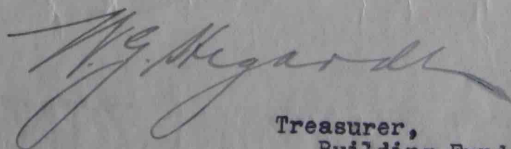
Revenue stamps placed on church deed to Y.M.C.A. - - - - -	\$ 35.00	129,467.77
Paid to Anderson & Gow - expense wrecking old church - - - - -	2228.53	112.70
Paid to Consolidated Abstract Co. for abstract on old church property delivered to Y.M.C.A.- - - - -	6.05	129,580.47
<i>Paid for church site -</i>		
Paid to Stryker-Manley & Buck for Lot 6 and Easterly 10 ft. Lot 7, Block 8, Longview Addition to Duluth - - - - -	2000.00	8620.20
(New church site now 200 ft. on 4th Street by 140 ft. on Avenue)		
Paid to Washburn-Bailey & Mitchell for revenue stamps recording deed W.G. Hegardt & wife to Pilgrim Congregational Church	9.75	
Paid to The Herald Co. - advertising organ for sale - - - - -	7.50	12,914.63
Paid to The Duluth News Tribune - advertising organ for sale- -	7.50	4,294.33
		<u>\$123,673.44</u>

Estimated value of stone and slate on new church site \$1,500.00

\$116,553.14
112.70
\$116,665.84

As Chairman of the Finance Committee I would like to call attention in this report to the fact that our church pledges are about \$25.00 per Sunday short of meeting our regular expenses. It was necessary for the Finance Committee to raise about \$800.00 this year, in addition to our regular pledges, in order to come to our annual meeting with our debts all paid, and this was after receiving \$372.41, return premiums on insurance on church.

Respectfully submitted,



Treasurer,
 Building Fund,
 Pilgrim Congregational Church
 of Duluth.

Report of the Superintendant of the Sunday School
at the annual Meeting of the Church Jan. 18, 1916.

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

The Sunday School in common with some of the other
auxiliary organizations has felt the effect of the changed
conditions during the present *transitional period of the church.*

The school, however, is very favorably situated,
much better than was hoped for in a temporary home and the
officers appreciate very much the courtesies of the Masonic
Board and their kind consideration in consenting to the use of
extra rooms permitting of separate quarters for the kindergar-
ten, primary and junior departments, Philathea and Women's
Bible Classes.

The most radical change of the year, was in the hour
of meeting. Conditions rendered it advisable or rather
necessary to meet before church rather than after, the time
therefore was changed to 9.45 A.M. The change has had an
effect on the attendance, to illustrate the average attendance
for April was 176 and that for November 132, a decrease of
25%. This decrease is principally in the older classes, that
of the primary and junior departments combined being but
3 2/3%, the Intermediate 28%, senior 23% and of the adult 69%.
The Brotherhood Bible Class has suspended meetings entirely,
finding it difficult to overcome the lethargy of early Sunday
mornings enough to assemble at the early hour of the meeting.
The Pilgrims, taught by Mr. Lee, who formerly held their
meetings in the tower of the church and in Masonic Temple
were awarded the coveted assignment of the orchestra gallery,
found it more advisable to transfer their class to Tuesday
night when they assemble at the Y.M.C.A. for supper and an

hour of Bible study. The Women's Class have also taken a vacation for the present.

The advisability of this hour for school is still undetermined in the minds of the officers. Mr. Locker, president of the State S.S. Association stated recently to me, that 52% of the City S.S. now meet in the morning.

If in our building where the adult classes, who meet independently of the rest of the school, could have the opportunity of assembling after church, one of the difficulties we experience would be avoided and perhaps the before-church service would be advantageous.

The present enrollment is about 225 with a cradle roll of 40, total 265. The maximum attendance was 200.

Another innovation of the year was the short vacation of the school during the summer. Many of the individual classes had suspended and so many of the teachers and individual members were away, that it was deemed advisable to permit the officers and rest of the school to take a vacation for the month of August.

The Pilgrims (Pilgrims Faithful Class), however, kept green the record of the school by remaining on the job for the month.

The duplex envelopes were used this year for the first time and were found to be an advantage in teaching systematic and regular giving. Although the school was closed for a time and it has lacked the generous collections from the adult classes since the latter disbanded, still it was more than reimbursed the church the amount of its expense. The total receipts including balance forwarded at the beginning of the year, is \$432.81. On pledges were paid \$200.00 for

expenses and \$62.04 for missions. The loose collections totaled \$85.35, "Special Day" collections \$24.69, Home Department \$3.35, sale of supplies \$15.00 and refund on Music \$1.00.

^{313.85}
^{107.37}
^{11.59}
The school paid \$313.85 to the church treasurer \$107.37 to the Missionary funds, and \$11.59 was contributed towards payment on the Manse mortgage. The church treasurer expended for the school \$193.40 for supplies, \$38.00 for music, \$14.81 for bibles for the graduating class, this expense formerly being borne by the church, \$4.00 for picnic, \$2.50 toward tuition in teachers training school, \$2.25 for Christmas supplies and \$49.32 for convention expense, leaving a balance of \$9.57 on hand and an account receivable of \$30.00 due from the First Methodist school for supplies.

The usual picnic was held this year at Fairmont Park, a number of the church people joining. A committee of the ladies ^{ably} led by Mrs. W. J. Allen, had charge of the arrangements.

The school has been very fortunate in having Mr. Harold Larson as leader of the music. This part of the school exercises has been one of the bright features of the day.

The monthly missionary programs arranged by a committee, Mrs. W. W. Sanford, chairman, have been of more than the usual interest, covering all departments of the missionary fields, local, home and abroad.

The usual Children Day and Rally Day services were held, also ^{one} on Memorial Day. The Special Days' Committee with Mrs. Kimbal chairman, deserve credit for the success of these programs.

While we know we have the interest of you all, we have missed the many who occasionally dropped in for the opening exercises. Come and see us once in a while. Drop in some Sunday morning at 9.45, we are beginning on time now, and see the School at work, We will be glad to see you,

A training school for Sunday School Workers has been established in this city, meeting every Tuesday evening at the Y.W.C.A. with an enrollment of about 120. This school is represented by one member of the faculty, Miss Thatcher, and six of ^{our} ~~its~~ workers are enrolled, the school paying about one third of the tuition. This enrollment will enable the school to break into the blue ribbon class of the state S.S. standard explained in detail by the former superintendent in his report of a year ago, complying with the missing requirement of the 12 in the standard.

The usual Christmas exercises had to be dispensed with on account of lack of suitable place. Instead of a tree, Santa, etc. department parties or socials were held, that of the Junior and Primary being held in the afternoon and the Intermediate and Senior combined in the evening, at the Unitarian Church. Santa Claus attended with the younger children and distributed candy, the older ones enjoying games and refreshments. The school, however, did not only arrange for their own entertainment at this season but provided for the Christmases of less fortunate. The Juniors sent gifts to Mr. Beach for Sunday Schools on the Northern border. The original plan was to supply two schools but so many were received that it was possible to supply four instead of two. The Intermediate, Senior and Adults arranged a Christmas tree with entertainment, gifts and refreshments for the Finnish

Mission Sunday school at the Y.W.C.A. Toys were provided and after the Christmas tree, the 50 Finnish children ^{present} were treated to ice cream and cake.

The members of girls classes of our school made and gave a number of garments and the boys gave money for the purchase of toys and clothing, both helping in serving the refreshments and arranging the games. A total of \$9.29 was contributed in money. In addition to clothing, through the liberality of Mr. Wieland, we were able to provide seven pairs of shoes for some of the needy children.

The school was represented at the State Sunday School Association and Older Girls Conference at Brainerd last spring by nine delegates. While the Superintendent might have been over zealous in securing attendants at these sessions, the reports brought back and the enthusiasm of those that were fortunate enough to go, he thinks repaid the school for the amount expended.

At the annual meeting of the St. Louis-Lake County Association at Virginia in February, the school was represented by four delegates, the pastor and his wife, the superintendent and Mr. Mattocks ^{all of} whom attended at their own expense.

The boys of the intermediate and senior departments were entertained by the Brotherhood at a venison supper last month. It is needless to say that the young men thoroughly enjoyed the spread and comradeship of the older ones.

There are few if any superintendents that have favored with such loyal support from the pastor as the present one has, from Mr. Thorp. He is a constant attendant at the sessions and ever ready with help and counsel. I cannot also say too much of the cooperation and support of

the other officers, teachers and various committees. I do not believe it would be possible to find more efficient superintendents of departments, secretary and assistant and treasurer. Whenever any special work was required, those acting on committees have served willingly, efficiently and successfully.

I wish to make a special plea for the Sunday School. Not alone financially, ~~has~~ the Pilgrim church always been generous with its school, but for cooperation and support in every way. Every reasonable requirement and necessity I think should be supplied to further this work.

While our financial report shows a gain, if its expenses had been twice the income, the money would have been well spent. The Sunday School is the best investment the church has. I wish every man in this congregation could serve a term as superintendent or other officer of the school, in order that he might gain some of the enthusiasm and be impressed with the importance of this part of the work of the church. He would find it a man's job. What other institution is taking care of the religious instructions of the children? We find many of the families are not now doing it. The family altar is now neglected in the hurry blurry of the present day life. Even in the religious homes there is little definite Bible teaching or study. It is therefore for the Sunday School to interest the men and women of tomorrow in religious life and encourage them to grow up to be good citizens and continue the work of the Pilgrim Churches of the future. Marion Lawrence, in his address at Duluth recently, told of a man in giving parting instruction to his son about to leave to take up his home in the Western

wilderness, advised him, instating his new life to build a shack to live in but to construct a good barn, as a good barn would build him a good home. A good School will take care of the future church.

While the past year has been perhaps a trying one for the Sunday School, I look forward to the coming twelve months as ^a period full of its problems equal if not requiring ^{more} prayerful thought and work. As we change scene of labors to new fields, it will undoubtedly bring new conditions to adjust. *there will be many changes in personnel, both pupils & teaching staff.* While we hope to have many added advantages in building and equipment, we must remember that we cannot make a live energetic Christian Sunday School by an institution or machinery, no matter how perfect, but will need prayerful conscientious and self-sacrificing workers. Instead of relaxing some of the enthusiasm and spirit shown by the present corps as we move, it will be necessary not only to continue but even increase the devotion toward the work in which engaged, if the Pilgrim Sunday School is to meet the duty that will be theirs in the field.

Respectfully submitted

Roger M. Weaver
Superintendent.

Report of Man. Com. of S.S. adopted by off + Sec submitted for your approval:

Roger M. Weaver *super*
Ralph Gurnes *asst*

Miss Bessie Mann *sectr*
Russell Duncan *asst.*

H. V. Moore *treas*

Am. Thurf *super* *J. J. J. J.*

23 School

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Superintendent.

Jun 18, 1916 -

The Friends in Council have held eight meetings during the year. The average attendance at the suppers was twenty-four, and at the meetings which followed, eighteen. The difference in the averages would appear to indicate that the suppers were more popular than the meetings, but the fact is that the different members often have legitimate engagements which make it impossible for them to remain for the meeting - and it has always been the policy of the Friends in Council to welcome all to the suppers and social hour whether they could remain to the meetings or not.

The programmes have been varied - two were devoted to Missionary Heroines - two to the study of the Indians and two to local missionary work. At one meeting, which deserves special mention, a very inspiring talk was given by Mrs. Milne on "Religion as a source of joy". It was a stormy evening and the attendance was

small, much to the loss of those who were not present. Another meeting conspicuous by its excellence was the May meeting when reports were from the Missionary Conference at Minneapolis were given. The enthusiasm which followed resulted in securing Miss Bushnell, Minnesota's Turkish Missionary, for a stereopticon talk which was given May 13th.

At the March meeting it was voted to pay \$20 quarterly into the general church treasury for missions. Heretofore the funds had been paid directly to the different missionary organizations.

Owing to certain conditions which have recently arisen, some of the Friends in Council have been inclined to think that it would be wise to discontinue the organization. At a meeting held on the first of October the question of "to be or not to be" was discussed. Judging from the result the Friends in Council evidently approve of themselves for "not to be" met with vigorous opposition and it was decided to continue "to be".

On account of the homeless condition of Pilgrim people, the question of a meeting place has come up for its share of consideration. After several meetings, each in a different place, the Friends in Council began to feel like "spiritual gypsies" but they finally made very satisfactory arrangements for their meetings at the Y. N. C. A. After the first meeting there, there was no question about continuing the arrangement if it possible. Quite a number find it convenient to attend a supper or meeting, or both, at that place, who would feel that they could not do so if they had to go some distance. In addition to that the surroundings are very homelike and delightful.

Only one social function has been given during the year. The social element has not been lacking, however, for all of the Friends in Council meetings are social meetings.

At the Jan. meeting the society held their annual elections with the following result. President, Miss Adelia McCallum, Vice President, Miss Alesia Leopold. Secretary,

Miss Alice Drew - Treasurer Miss
Jessie Guild.

The following is a statement of
the finances for the year.

Cash on hand Jan 1 st 1895	\$2.47
Collected for suppers, dues, pledges and thank offerings,	137. 47
making a total of	139.47-

Expenditures, including
the \$80 to the missionary
fund

128.92

Balance -

10.55-

This statement was prepared for
the last meeting. At that meeting
it was voted to give \$5- to the minister
at Cedar Spur. Later on in the
meeting Miss Jairemen who is
is working among the Finnish
people of the old city gave a very
interesting talk on the work, after
which it was voted to give the
remaining \$5- to her work - leaving
\$5.55 in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

Ether Bowen

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR 1916.

During the past year the members of our society have derived great benefit from the lessons we have had presented to us, and which we have helped to present to others. Our Topic Committee has given us a great many splendid meetings.

We feel deeply the absence of some of our most earnest workers. About twelve are away at school this year, and others have been married and moved away. We were very glad to welcome some back for a short time during the holidays.

Like the other organizations of the Church, we feel the lack of a home. But our great hope and expectation is that we may so develop and perfect our society that we will deserve our new home, and be in a condition to derive great joy and benefit therefrom.

During the past year we have had very enjoyable socials. In coöperation with the Christian Endeavor Union of the city, we took part in meetings at Nopeming and the county farm. One evening Mr. Thorp outlined his work in putting a church on its feet at Federal Dam, and we voted to give the sum that was needed to complete the building fund.

A short time ago we were very sorry to accept the resignation of Elbert Wade. We had looked forward to great things from him, and were sorry that he felt he could not take up any more work.

YPSCE Cont.

During the coming year we hope to bring our society to such a standard condition of efficiency that the organization will be felt a live member of the church. We ask the other organizations and the church as a whole, for their coöperative help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence I. Scott Pres.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

DULUTH - MINN.

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BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1915.

Through the courtesy and faithfulness of the various Circles of the Ladies Union, the Brotherhood of Pilgrim Church continues to be happy, prosperous and well fed.

During the past year the Brotherhood has held nine meetings, at which it was our pleasure to hear ten different speakers, four of whom illustrated their talks with lantern slides. All of these talks were not only intensely interesting but very instructive as well.

The largest attendance at any one meeting during the year was 51: the smallest was 28 which was at the first meeting held in the Unitarian Church, which change of meeting place was no doubt responsible for the small attendance.

The average attendance for the whole year was 36, which figure, however, does not take into consideration the unusually large attendance at the annual ladies night nor does it include the 24 Sunday School boys who were our guests at the December meeting.

In looking over the Secretary's minutes of the past year, one is impressed with the unquestioned successfulness of the meetings. In January, we had as our guest, Dr. H. M. Knauff of Two Harbors who shortly prior to that had returned from the clinics of Europe and who spoke to us on "The social conditions of Germany before the war". 51 men were present and the Secretary in his minutes records the fact that "every seat was taken".

At the March meeting we had a very enlightening illustrated talk by Mr. Settle on "Municipal playgrounds and supervised recreation".

The April meeting was the annual ladies night and the unusually large attendance of 150 demonstrates the popularity of this event and perhaps the ladies would be glad to welcome this as a semi-annual occasion. Very likely some of the men would too. Those who were present at this meeting will recall the excellent talk given by Mr. Allan D. Albert of Minneapolis and the highly enjoyable violin selections by Mrs. Finkelson which added so much to the success of the occasion.

The May meeting was somewhat unusual. We had with us at that time 17 members of the Appolo club who, desirous of advertising their approaching concert, requested the privilege of rendering a few selections which were very well received.

The memory of the December meeting is inseparably linked with the name of Mr. W. W. Sanford. It was the occasion of the second annual venison supper which it was our pleasure to enjoy as a result of his excellent marksmanship. We had as our guests at that time 24 young men from the Sunday School.

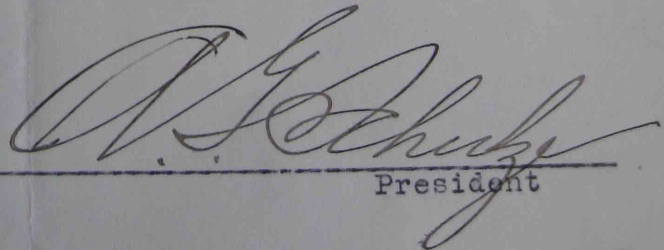
In making this report it becomes necessary to record the death on July 28th. of one of our most reliable and big-hearted members, Mr. A. D. Goodman. Appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Brotherhood and spread on the minutes.

We, too, can make a financial report. Our finances are run apparently successfully, but none too satisfactorily on the "I-should-worry" plan. The ladies have found it necessary to gradually raise the price for the supper from 25¢, which it was when the Brotherhood was first started to 35¢ to which we have found it necessary to add an additional 5¢ to meet our running expenses. Even at that figure the women have several times found that their expenses were more than their receipts. It is to be hoped that our financiers will be successful in putting through a plan whereby we can pay the ladies a proper and adequate sum for their work, and have enough left to enable us to meet our expenses promptly.

This increase in the cost of the suppers is no doubt due to the general increase in the cost of living; or perhaps the war has had something to do with it, at least the war seems to have something to do with almost everything else. It may be that neither of these explanations are right. Perhaps the ladies are working us.

We had on hand a balance of \$3.46 and we received from the suppers \$206.20. We paid the ladies of the church \$173.90; \$15.50 was paid out for our own running expenses while \$19.50 was necessary for the annual ladies night, leaving on hand a balance of 76¢.

Whatever this report may mean, this much is true; the Brotherhood of this church has become a permanent and useful organization. Its meetings are looked forward to with a great deal of pleasant anticipation. They are made attractive not only by the message of the speaker of the evening, not only by the liberal supper provided by the ladies, although this is an absolutely indispensable factor, but most of all by that indescribable atmosphere of congeniality and hospitality which so characterize all meetings of Pilgrim Church.


President

January 18th. 1916

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEVOLENT FUND
OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st. 1915.

- RECEIPTS -

Jan. 1/15	Balance on Hand			\$1,081.22	
	From General Subscriptions			534.13	
	" Collections by Women of the Church			80.00	
	" Friends in Council			108.80	
	" Sunday School			100.00	
	" Collections for acc't of Cedar Spur Church			50.00	
	" " " " " Finnish Church			65.00	
	" " " " " Armenian Relief Fund			27.00	
	" " " " " Special Fund			42.21	
	" " " " " Hampton Institute				
					<u>2,088.36</u>
					\$2,099.21

-DISBURSEMENTS-

	Remittances to Treasurer State Apportionment Committee	1,600.00	
	Paid to Cedar Spur Church	100.00	
	" to St. Louis Co. S. S. Association	10.00	
	" to Finnish Church	40.00	
	" to Armenian Relief Fund	65.00	
	" to Hampton Institute Fund	42.21	
	" for account of Special Fund	20.00	
			<u>1,877.21</u>
			\$ 222.00
Dec. 31/15	Balance on Hand	\$205.00	
	Due Mr. Irwin	10.00	
	" Finnish Church	7.00	
	" Special Fund		

DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNT REMITTED TO

TREASURER OF STATE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

		35%	560.00
<u>FOR FOREIGN WORK</u>			
American Board	20%	320.00	
W. B. M. I.	15%	240.00	
<u>FOR THE HOME LAND</u>		65%	1,040.00
Minn. Cong'l Home Miss. Soc.	30%	480.00	
Minn. W. H. M. U.	15%	240.00	
American Miss. Ass'n	5%	84.00	
Church Bldg. Society	6%	96.00	
Education Society	2%	44.00	
S. S. & Pub. Society	4%	72.00	
Ministerial Relief	1%	24.00	
			<u>\$1,600.00</u>

STANDARD SALT & CEMENT CO.
237-243 LAKE AVENUE SOUTH
DULUTH, MINN.

COPY OF LETTER

Jan. 18, 1916

Mr. Brewer Mattocks, Jr.,
911 Woodland Ave.,
City.

Dear Sir:

Your tellers makes the following report
on ballot at the annual election of the church:

67 votes cast of which 60 were straight, and
7 scratched.

Total number of votes for the different
officers are as on attached tally.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Schuge
Tellers

RMW JVL

Carbon copy to W.W. Sanford.

BALLOT

January 18, 1916

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

Deacons Vote for Two		Music Committee Vote for Three	
E. D. Field.....	66	Mrs. E. W. Matter.....	67
W. W. McMillan.....	67	Mrs. W. D. McGill.....	67
		Mrs. H. S. Newell.....	67
Trustees Vote for One		Missionary Committee Vote for Eight	
Alexander Anderson	66	H. B. Paull.....	67
		C. A. Duncan.....	67
		Mrs. C. E. Wallace.....	67
		Mrs. H. W. Nichols.....	67
		Ralph H. Pinneo.....	67
		S. E. Matter.....	67
		E. A. Schulze.....	67
		G. A. Gray.....	66
Church Treasurer Vote for One		Morning Ushers Vote for Two	
H. W. Nichols.....	67	J. P. Johnson.....	65
		F. E. Blodgett.....	67
		<i>W. C. Johnson</i>	2
Treasurer of Benev. Fund Vote for One		Afternoon Ushers Vote for Four	
W. S. Horr.....	66	Dr. F. A. Grawn.....	67
		E. N. Edes.....	67
		J. Arden Shepherdson.....	67
		Lawrence I. Scott.....	67
Asst. Treasurer Benev. Fund Vote for One			
Mrs. H. W. Nichols.....	67		
Clerk Vote for One			
Brewer Mattocks, Jr.....	67		
Editor Bulletin Vote for One			
W. W. Sanford.....	67		
Standing Committee Vote for Two			
Mrs. W. A. Cant.....	66		
Miss Edna L. Thatcher.....	67		
<i>Mrs. Ameline</i>	1		

Report of the Treasurer
 PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 Year Ending Jan. 1, 1916.

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand, January 1st, 1915,	\$ 30.43	
Received from --	6585.91	
Pledges and Subscriptions		
Loose Collections -- Morning \$326.77	440.42	
" --Afternoon <u>113.65</u>	315.00	
Rent of Church	372.41	
Return Prem. on Ins. on Church	20.15	
Collection for State Conference	400.00	
Ladies Union	600.00	
Loan from Bank	<u>313.85</u>	
Sunday School		
Total Receipts - - - - -		9078.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastors Salary	3000.00	
Pulpit Supply	126.00	
Music	1816.83	
Janitor	347.50	
Fuel	105.54	
Water, Light and Gas	100.14	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	432.85	
Telephone	5.33	
Repairs on Church	615.35	
Repairs on Manse	305.42	
Taxes on Church	15.17	
Taxes on Manse	129.62	
Insurance on Church	190.50	
Ladies Union	5.00	
Federal Council	5.00	
Conference Tax	47.20	
Remitted State Conference	20.15	
Rent	300.00	
Payment on Manse	400.00	
Interest on above	106.20	
Note at Bank	600.00	
Interest on above	20.90	
Expense of Delegates	67.54	
Sunday School	<u>304.28</u>	
		<u>9066.52</u>

Balance on hand January 1st, 1916 - - - - - 11.65

Respectfully Submitted,
H. H. Nichols
Treasurer.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

-:-:-:-

As a report for the 44th. Annual meeting, your Clerk submits the following:

At last year's meeting one of the reports explained just the position in the category of crime statistics were supposed to take. This report will be part statistics and part true.

When your Clerk had this job wished on to him five years ago, he had to go on former figures for his reports, adding thereto new members and deducting therefrom dismissions and deaths - the resulting number being our Church membership - "perhaps" — On that basis and as reported at last meeting we had a nominal or book membership of 506

On confessions were added	10
By Letter were added	<u>17</u>
	533
From which we lost by Death	4
Dismissed to other Churches	<u>10</u>
Leaving	519

to report to the State Secretary for entry in the year book. Except for the tally of admissions and dismissals and Death loss the foregoing is statistics.

Further, according to a careful tally of membership Cards in my possession (to a large share of which I fell heir - the others being made out by myself for new members) we show a

resident list of

394

And an absentee list of

148

Or a total of

542

Now from my personal knowledge in our Resident list are a dozen or more who have not attended here for ten years and in the absentee list are names of a score or more whom I know to have been gone from Duluth for twenty years. Will someone kindly inform us just what our membership is in real numbers?

Our By Laws provide for dropping from the rolls the names of those who ~~shall~~ have been absent from the City for a certain length of time without satisfactorily having given a reason for not asking for a transferral of their Church Letter to some Sister Evangelical Church.

Four years ago your Clerk asked for the appointment of a Committee to ~~revise~~ the rolls with permission or authority to drop the names of those known to have been absent five years. The Committee was appointed but aside from the holding of three meetings and a fair degree of discussion, nothing came of it, and our new Pastor arrived and was told "you have a Church membership of so many" — which was statistics pure and simple by about Forty per-cent.

Don't you think it absolute folly to tell ourselves we have nearly 550 Members and can prove it by the books when we truly know the books lie by about 100. Would not this then be the logical time to go at those books and make them a truthful record of our assets so that when we move into our new

Church Home we can tell ourselves we have so many Members
connected with our Church and know the statement to be
true.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brewer Matlock Jr
Clerk

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregation:

The committee selected to nominate officers and committees to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Church to be held January 18, 1916, recommend for your consideration the following names:

Deacons for three years--E. D. Field, W. W. McMillan.

Trustee for three years--Alexander Anderson.

Church Treasurer-----H. W. Nichols

Treasurer of Benevolent Funds--W. S. Horr.

Assistant Treasurer of Benevolent Funds--Mrs. H. W. Nichols.

Church Clerk-----Brewer Mattocks, Jr.

Members of Standing Committee--Mrs. W. A. Cant, Miss Edna L. Thatcher.

Music Committee--Mrs. E. W. Matter, chairman, Mrs. W. D.

McGill, Mrs. H. S. Newell.

Missionary Committee--H. B. Paull, Chairman, C. A. Duncan,

Ralph H. Pinneo, S. E. Matter, E. A. Schulze, G. A. Gray,

Mrs. H. W. Nichols, Mrs. C. E. Wallace.

Morning Ushers-- J. P. Johnson, chairman, Frank E. Blodgett.

Afternoon Ushers--Dr. F. A. Grawn, chairman, E. N. Edes,

Ardon Shepherdson, Lawrence Scott.

Editor of Church Bulletin--W. W. Sanford.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. SANFORD, Chairman.

ALBERT BALDWIN.

MRS. W. A. MCGONAGLE.

MRS. F. A. GRAWN.

DR. A. G. SCHULZE.

MISS BESSIE G. MARS.

THERON H. HAWKES

Ladies Union Pilgrim Cong. Church.

Annual Report of President - for 1915.

The Ladies Union has held eight - regular meetings during the past year with an average attendance of twenty-nine. Three of these have been strictly business meetings while the other five have been in the nature of luncheons, followed by our regular business session and a social hour or two. The first of these luncheons was held in the parlors of Pilgrim Church in March, the second - also at the church - in June, the third at the home of Mrs. McConagle in September, the fourth at the house in October, and the fifth and last - which was our annual meeting - in the vestry of the Unitarian Church on the fifth of this month. These luncheons have been very delightful social affairs and have been very well attended.

We have given four big suppers during the year - the first being the Annual supper on Jan. 19th at which two-hundred and fifty

people were served. On May 21st the second supper was given, at which time we celebrated the turning of the Manse mortgage, the final payment of four hundred dollars being made by the Ladies Union at that time. One hundred and fifty were present. In September we gave the Harvest Home supper which was attended by one hundred and twenty-five people. This was the last social gathering held in our Church and a very enjoyable program of music and speeches was given. At the "Plantation supper" given in connection with our Noelfest we served two hundred and fifty.

We have also given nine Brotherhood suppers, several parties to the different departments of the Sunday School, a banquet to the Choir, and one extra supper for the Choir on one of their practice nights.

In February Mrs. John MacLeod began a course of ten Bible lectures - given weekly under the auspices of the Ladies Union. These lectures were well attended and thoroughly enjoyable.

In April and May we gave a series of "Merry-go-round" teas. The spring house-cleaning of the church was also done in May and the supply of linen and silver was replenished at that time.

In July and August there were no activities except the Sunday School picnic and two or three circle picnics.

In October a Rummage Sale was held and proved a success, even though the crowds in their eagerness to profit by our bargains - pushed in one of the plate glass windows of the store.

During the month of November all our energies were concentrated upon the work for the Noel-fest which was given Dec. 3rd in the Parish House of the First Presbyterian Church, and was a great success - both financially and from an artistic stand-point. The Presbyterian people extended every possible courtesy to us by giving us the use of their church and everything in it, making no charge what ever ^{except} for the heat and light. We sent them a check how ever for twenty-

five dollars - hoping that in a very small measure this would express to them our appreciation of their hospitality. The financial results of this Noelfest far exceeded our expectations and it was exceedingly gratifying to find that at least half of the people who patronized our booths, tea-garden and supper were from other churches. This was due largely to the efforts of the advertising committee and also to the enthusiasm displayed by our ladies.

We have held forty-six circle meetings and the work has consisted largely of the making of fancy articles for the Noelfest though some philanthropic work has been done also.

At our October meeting we pledged two-thousand dollars to the building fund for the new church, to be paid on or before the completion of the building.

Our Treasurer submits the following report:-

Annual Report of Treasurer - 1915-

Jan. 6.

Receipts -

Balance in treasury	206	80
From Circle 4, over from 1914	3	50
Young Matrons Circle 1914	30	00
" magazine subscriptions	14	
" Bible lectures	304	05
" Church treasurer to help pay janitor	90	
" Easter offering	249	17
" Merry-go-round teas	31	15
" Cash for Easter flowers	19	
" Luncheon	4	85
" Sale of tricolators	2	50
" Brotherhood suppers	36	
" May supper	62	
" Rummage sale	159	55
" Sale of rugs	4	80
" Hoofest	790	90
" Circle pledges	321	06

2381 83

2329 33

Annual Report of Treasurer 1915-

Expenditures-

Laundry	10	98
Flowers	69	25-
Payments on Mance	5.00	
Table linen and tumblers	21	10
Supplies for cleaning	3	05-
Janitor service	226	
Printing	4	50
Advertising	15-	
Mrs. McLeod, Bible lectures	200	
Materials for Choir vestments made in 1914	21	55-
Woman for spring house-cleaning	50	
Silver for Church	18	
Expenses connected with Rummage sale	5	71
Expenses connected with Noelfest-	63	93
	1209	07
Balance in treasury Jan 5, 1916	1172	76
	2381	83

Jirane D. Frick. Treas.

At our annual meeting Jan. 5th 1916 it was voted to make a payment of eleven hundred dollars to apply on the two thousand pledged to the building fund in October - leaving a balance of nine hundred dollars due.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are - Mrs. A. W. Frick - Treasurer - and - Mrs. Channcey Cotton - Secretary - No President or Vice-President elected as yet.

Respectfully submitted
Lillie M. Falk.

January 18th 1916.

