Reports covering 1916

Clerk
Church School
Missionary Com
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Womans Missionary Soc
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THE YEAR-BOOK *of the* CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

SCHEDULE

Have inserted one or two answers inside — CRT.

For Use of the Church for Report of the Year 1916

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. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for the purpose. The value of the Year-Book is greatly enhanced by an early publication. We are, therefore, urging that you make up your report immediately after January 1st and have your schedule in the hands of your state registrar not later than January 20. There is much work to be done after your report is received. Will you not, therefore, be prompt?

Please note carefully the following points:

1. Give detailed information and be careful to write your answers plainly.
2. Check up questions, that none be overlooked.
3. Be sure that your membership total is correct.
4. Answer every question: Insert a zero (0) where no other answer can be given.
5. Be careful to follow instructions in small print wherever given. The accuracy of the record for your church in the Year-Book depends upon this report.

This Schedule was Filled by

Name Brewer Mathews Jr

Church _____

P. O. Address 911 Woodland Ave

Immediately after filling this Schedule please send it to

State Secretary.

Table I.—THE CHURCH

1. Name of Church: Pilgrim
2. Place (Town or city): Duluth Minn
   If name of P. O. is different from above write it here:
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
   P. O. address of Clerk: 911 Woodland ave
   Street and No. or R. D.: Duluth
6. Treasurer of Church (full name): Henry C Nichols
7. Have you a regular minister? Yes
8. Minister's name (full name): Charles Nicholas THORP
   P. O. Address: Duluth Minn.
   Street and No. or R. D.: 1131 East First St.
9. If ordained give date: November 9. 1897.
10. If not ordained, is he licensed? —
11. If installed by Council, give date: April 29. 1913.
12. If recognized by Council, give date: —
13. Date of beginning service: October 13 1912
14. If not Congregational, to what Denomination does he belong? Congregational
15. Give name of Pastor Emeritus if such (full name): Have none
    P. O. address: ×
    Street and No.: ×
16. Date of ordination: ×
17. Give name of regular associate or assistant pastor, if such: Have none
    P. O. address: ×
    Street and No.: ×
18. If ordained give date: ×
19. If not ordained is he licensed? ×

20. **If you have any paid church assistants give names** (Full name, Mr., Mrs., Miss) **street address and title.** (Church Missionary, Visitor, Educational Director, Social Worker, Pastor's Secretary, General Assistant. Do NOT include organist, choir director, singers, or sexton.)

Have none

21. **If the Minister reported last year has left, give**

(a) **His full name** ×

(b) **P. O. Address** ×

(c) **Date of dismissing Council** ×

(d) **If not dismissed give date of leaving** ×

Table II.—MEMBERSHIP

(Take total number of members January 1, 1916, as reported in last year-book. **Do not change this total**—Take the difference between the total number added and the total number removed during 1916, which will give your net gain or loss for the year. If it is a gain add it to the number reported January 1, 1916, — if a loss subtract it. This will give you the total number of members January 1, 1917. If a name that has been removed from the roll by revision or discipline should be restored enter it under "received by letter.")

22. **Total number of members reported January 1, 1916** (Take year book figures) 519
23. **Number added on confession, 1916** 16
24. **Number added by letter, 1916** 10
25. **Total number added, 1916** 26
26. **Number removed by death, 1916** 5
27. **Number dismissed by letter, 1916** 13
28. **Number removed by revision of roll and discipline, 1916**
29. **Total number removals, 1916** 18
30. **Net** {gain / ~~loss~~} **1916** ~~10~~ 8
31. **Total number members January 1, 1917** 527
32. **Number of Male Members, January 1, 1917** (Include non-residents.) 190
33. **Number of Female Members, January 1, 1917** (Include non-residents.) 337

34. **How many Non-Resident Members, January 1, 1917?** 111

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.

35. **Number of Adults baptized, 1916** xx

36. **Number of Infants baptized, 1916** 9

37. **Number of Families included in Parish** 310

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

Table III.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

38. **Name of Superintendent** Ralph H. Pinneo

P. O. Address Duluth Minn

Street and No. or R. D. 1227 E 32 St.

39. **Number officers, teachers and scholars in church school** 266

40. **Number in Home Department. " H "** x

41. **Number in Mission school. " M "** x

42. **Total number** 266

Table IV
YOUNG PEOPLE'S and MEN'S SOCIETIES

43. **Number of Members in Young People's Society of any type** 40

44. **Number of Members in** { Men's Organizations ..... / ~~Boys' Organizations~~ ..... } **Total** 50

(Draw line through the organization **not** existing in your church.)

Table V
SALARIES, HOME EXPENSES, ETC.

45. **What amount does your church raise for pastor's salary?** 3000
(Exclusive of Missionary aid.)

46. **If you receive Missionary Aid, state amount** None

47. **If you are joined with any other church in support of pastor supply names** are not

48. **Do you have a parsonage?** Yes

49. **Is use of parsonage free to minister?** Yes

50. **Give value of church property** 15000—
(Include church, chapel or parish house.)

51. **Give value of parsonage property** 10000 —

52. **Total value of property** 150000 —

53. **Give amount of invested funds** None

54. **Give amount of debt** None
(Do not include any deficit for year.)

55. **What amount was spent for home expenditures in 1916?** 9000
(Include minister's salary, church expenses, expenses for Sunday School and parish, building, repairs, improvements. *Do not include missionary aid.*)

56. **Give amount of legacies, principal, not interest, received by your church in cash during 1916.** None

Table VI.—BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1916

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

	Give dollars only
57. Give the amount of mission gifts and charities other than above which were strictly and exclusively Congregational, during 1916. Include value of missionary boxes. (Do not include any amounts sent to organizations above named.)	1500
58. Give amount of your mission gifts and charities that were not Congregational, but undenominational, during 1916	1200

Remarks:—

REPORT OF LADIES' UNION.

While the past year has been a comparatively quiet one in Union Circles, nevertheless the women of the Church have reason to feel that the year has been a very successful one. Our social activities have been somewhat fewer in number than usual, due to the lack of our own church home, but through the hospitality of our church friends of other denominations, the Y. W. C. A., and various members of our own church, this need has often been apparent rather than real, and to these friends who have been so generous to us, we wish to extend our grateful thanks.

The usual number of Brotherhood suppers was given until October, when the Brotherhood decided to hold future meetings pending the completion of the church, at the Y.M. C. A. The annual supper was held at the First Presbyterian Church in January, and was attended by a very large number of church people. In June the annual church and Sunday School picnic was given at the Boat Club. Other Sunday School parties were given, among them a banquet to the Philathea Class at the home of Mrs. Andrew Nelson, and a banquet to the Intermediate and Senior Department of the Sunday School at the Unitarian Church. In October the annual reception was given at the Manse. In November a sale and luncheon were held at the Unitarian Church. Other affairs conducted by the Union during the year, including food sales, grocery and rummage sales, two flower sales and a sale

of waste paper. Just prior to Christmas, subscriptions were taken for the Pictorial Review and Curtis Publications.

I wish also to refer to the supper given by the Ladies of Hunters' Park during the summer and to offer to them the thanks of the Union for their efforts in our behalf.

It seemed early in the year a re-arrangement of the church circles would prove beneficial. The four circles, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, were re-grouped so as to constitute the present circles 1, 2 and 3, and the Young Matrons' Circle, which had previously been on probation, was now admitted to full membership in the work of the Union. The entrance of this circle of forty or more young women into the life of the Union is, we feel, of the deepest importance in the work of our organization, and the confidence imposed in them has been fully justified. Not only have they shared the work of the Union in every respect, but they have the proud distinction of being the only Circle to more than double their financial returns to the Union.

In the fall of 1915, when ways and means for building the new church were being planned, the Ladies' Union pledged $2000.00 on the church building fund. Of this sum $1100.00, which had been raised during the year 1915, was paid in January, 1916, leaving $900.00 on this pledge, which we felt should be paid as the work of 1916. Our financial returns have been sufficient to do this and more. In October, when additional funds were needed by the building committee, to finance the tracery in the new church windows,

the Union was again called upon. A generous member of the church offered to give half of the needed $1500.00, if the remaining $750.00 could be secured by the ladies. Four of our ladies ~~again~~ pledged $50.00 each to this fund, provided the Union would assume the remaining $550.00, to be paid during the year 1917. This additional pledge it was voted to assume. Two of these personal pledges have been paid and the Union has deposited with these pledges $125.00 additional from the proceeds of the Union work for the year, thus making a total of $1125.00 that the Union has applied from this year's receipts on the Church Building Fund.

Briefly, our receipts and expenditures have been as follows:

Balance in treasury Jan. 5, 1916	$1172.76
Receipts from pledges of Circles 1, 2 and 3	338.50
Young Matron's Circle pledges and work	110.00
Subscriptions to tracery fund	100.00
Sales and miscellaneous sources	631.33
Total	$2352.59

Expenditures.

Church building fund	$2000.00	
Miscellaneous	114.24	$2114.24
Balance in treasury Jan.8, 1917.		$ 238.35,

of which $225.belongs to the tracery fund and has been placed on interest until called for by the Trustees of the Church.

Signed Mrs. E. L. Kimball.
President for Year 1916.
of Ladies Union

BALLOT

Pilgrim Congregational Church

Duluth, Minnesota

Annual Meeting
January 16, 1917

59 ballots cast.

Put an X opposite the name you wish to vote for

DEACONS for Three Years Vote for Two	
C. G. Scott	55
Albert Baldwin	59
B. C. Wade	2

DEACONS for Two Years Vote for Two	
George A. Gray	57
H. I. Pinneo	57
B. C. Wade	1

TRUSTEES for Three Years Vote for Two	
A. W. Frick	58
W. N. Hart	58

STANDING COMMITTEE Vote for Two	
Mrs. F. A. Grawn	58
Mrs. Brewer Mattocks	58

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE Vote for Eight	
Albert Baldwin	1
S. E. Matter	58
C. A. Duncan	58
Ralph H. Pinneo	58
W. O. Falk	58
E. A. Schulze	58
G. A. Gray	58
Mrs. H. W. Nichols	58
Mrs. C. E. Wallace	58

CHURCH TREASURER Vote for One	
H. W. Nichols	58
J. H. Hawkes	1

TREASURER BENEVOLENT FUND Vote for One	
W. S. Horr	58

CHURCH CLERK Vote for One	
Brewer Mattocks, Jr.	58

MUSIC COMMITTEE Vote for Three	
Mrs. E. W. Matter	58
Mrs. W. H. Cole	59
Mr. E. D. Field	59

EDITOR CHURCH BULLETIN Vote for One	
W. W. Sanford	58
Albert Baldwin	1

MORNING USHERS Vote for Eight	
J P. Johnson	59
Frank E. Blodgett	59
David C. Duncan	59
Harry L. George	59
A. Laird Goodman	59
Theron H. Hawkes	59
Ernest A. Schulze	59
Richard A. Webster	59

AFTERNOON USHERS Vote for Sixteen	
Frank A. Grawn	59
William C. Allen	59
Kenneth S. Cant	59
Russell C. Duncan	59
Clarence H. Dunning	59
Leonard C. Ferguson	59
Duncan W. Frick	59
Robert E. Johnson	59
John A. Kerr	59
Howard G. Manley	59
Willard B. Matter	59
Russell C. Maynard	59
Paul F. Otis	59
Albert G. Schulze	59
J. Ardin Shepherdson	59
E. L. Kimball	57

Jan. 16, 1917.

Annual Report of Pilgrim Cong'l. Church Sunday School.

Pilgrim Sunday School entered the year 1916, with Mr. Roger Weaver, Superintendent, and a corps of 18 teachers, and an enrollment of 265 pupils, including the cradle roll.

Mr. Weaver was forced by pressure of business to resign the Superintendency during the summer vacation, to go into effect Sept. 10th when the classes were reassembled.

The resignation of Superintendent Weaver was a serious loss to the School, which was in a measure mitigated by the devotion and capability of the teachers. The school was fortunate also in getting Mr. Pearson of the Junior Department of the Y.M.C.A. to lead the music during the opening exercises. Assistant Superintendent Ralph H. Pinneo acted in the place of Mr. Weaver.

The first teachers' meeting last year met April 10th, and thruout the year these meetings have been well attended and have been profitable and enjoyable. The committees which have been appointed by the Superintendent during the year, are:

Music
Ralph H. Pinneo
Willard Matter
Winnefred Warner
Substitutes
Mrs. H. W. Nichols
Mrs. Thorp
Miss Bessie G. Mars
Finance
Mr. H. U. Moore
Mr. H. W. Nichols
Special Days
Mrs. A. G. Schulze
Russell Duncan
Mrs. Thorp
Supplies
Mrs. Field
Birthday Secretary
Mrs. T. H. Hawkes

Christmas Entertainment for Miss Toivenen's School
Mrs. A. T. Dinsmore
Miss Constance Mitchell
Christmas Entertainment for Junior Department.
Mrs. Thorp
Christmas entertainment for Intermediate and Senior Department
Mr. E. N. Edes
Miss Bessie G. Mars
Russell Duncan
Morning Exercise
Miss Porter
Mr. C. G. Scott
Nominating Committee
Mr. E. N. Edes
Miss Mitchell
Mrs. A. E. Walker

Childrens Day, Rally Day and the Christmas program have been in charge of the Special days Committee. On Childrens day and Christmas Sunday, the Sunday School held the services in the Unitarian Church during the regular Vesper hour. These programs were very interesting, and our Rally day exercise was an inspiration to every one there.

The summer picnic was held at Park Point before School closed last June. We were fortunate in having a nice day and everybody had a good time

had a good time. Refreshments were served on the picnic grounds.

The Christmas party given for Miss Toivenen's Finnish Sunday School was very successful. Members of our Sunday School gave Christmas gifts to the Finnish Sunday School children and every one of her fifty children received some useful and practical present. Ice cream and cake was served after the presents were distributed.

We have had no place to have a Christmas entertainment for our Sunday School, so it was thought best to have an old time sleigh ride. As soon as there is plenty of snow and the weather moderates a little this will be given. (Saturday night)

All the departments but the Primary Department meet at 9:45 A. M. Sunday for the opening exercise. We have a very helpful service and have a lesson from the bible which is learned to repeat by memory. At 10:10 the teachers take their classes. The Junior Department is given some special work by the Junior Superintendent, Mrs. Thorp, and are later taken charge of by their teachers.

There are now five primary classes, five Junior classes, six Intermediate classes, and three Senior classes. The different subjects taught in the four grades are, " Heroes of the Faith", "Stories of the Bible", "Life of Jesus", and "Young peoples' problems and Historical Geography of Bible Lands".

On Communion Sunday at Easter time twelve students were graduated from Sunday School into membership in the church, where they become, we hope, more than ever devoted to Sunday School work.

Five of our teachers attend the Teachers training class held every Tuesday night at the Y. W. C. A. To this training class we recommend all teachers, and it would be an excellent training for advanced pupils and adults who are needed to recruit and increase the constant requirements of the School.

The Treasurer's report of the Pilgrim Congregational Sunday School for the year 1916 is as follows:

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RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
From envelopes.....	$234.56	Paid to regular church fund, H. W. Nichols, Treas.	$258.00
From loose money.....	100.00	Paid to missionary fund, W. S. Horr, Treas.	97.86
From Birthday Fund....	11.03	Paid to Mrs. Hegardt for support of Zabel	19.73
From First Methodist Church for supplies	30.00		
Total	$375.59	Total	$375.59

Supplies for the year amounted to $196.71, Music 23.00, printing $9.00, entertainments, $16.15, and other incidentals, $28.91.

Birthday cards are sent to each member of the Sunday School on his or her birthday and this is a reminder that they may bring their birthday money, which goes to the birthday fund we send to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, for the support of the Armenian girl, Zabel.

The annual election of officers took place on the 6th of January, 1917 at the Sunday School rooms. Officers elected are as follows:

Superintendent,	Ralph H. Pinneo
Assistant Sup't.	Mr. C. G. Scott
Treasurer,	Mr. H. U. Moore
Secretary,	Miss Bessie G. Mars
Assistant Sec't'y.	Mr Russell Duncan.

During the past year ~~that~~ the Sunday School has, so far as I am able to judge, kept pace with the church, and with other subsidiary associations. I know however, that it is the ambition and expectation of the officers and teachers, and the hope of the pastor, that the Sunday School may be brought into a more prominent relative posotion. There is no more loyal corps of teachers in the city, than those who are giving their time and talent to the service of Pilgrim Sunday School. They are loyal and devoted, the hour has been early and the work hard but there has not been the slightest shirking, on the contrary, every officer and teacher can be absolutely depended on, and it has been the greatest satisfaction to know that whatever extra work any one was asked to do,

it would be done faithfully and well. They will be enthusiastic when we have quarters and equipment to take care of a larger school, and when the opportune time arrives for a membership campaign. Meanwhile the School must not be neglected, and I am going to ask every adult church member to visit the Sunday School once a month. Also, to make an effort as far as possible to know personally the boys and girls who come to this church and Sunday School. I know you would enjoy a visit and your presence will be an encouragement that cannot be estimated.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph H Pinnick

Superintendent.

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Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society has just completed a year of interest and profit to ourselves, and we hope it has been of some use in the world as well.

We have raised more than our apportionment of the general benevolent fund of the church, which is thirty per cent of that amount. At the last meeting it was voted to submit an amendment to the constitution of the society, to be voted on at the next meeting, to abolish the method of having solicitors to collect the contributions of the women. Thus the Missionary Committee of the church will solicit all money for the benevolent fund from women as well as men.

A Christmas present of $55.00 was collected among Mrs. Irwin's friends and sent to her through the American Board. We have had an occasional letter from her, but so thoroughly censored that we know little of their circumstances, or what hardships they are enduring. We have sent barrels of clothing to the Mountain Whites, to an Industrial School at Moorhead, Mississippi, and to a Home Missionary family at Lake Itasca.

The Thank offering in November amounted to $92.00 of which we gave $46.00 to the new church building at Fond du Lac, which was dedicated last Sunday, and $46.00 to the Minnesota branch of the W. B. M. I. The collections at the monthly meetings have amounted to $27.23 and this with the balance of $5.07 on hand a year ago, has been spent for incidentals, postage, freight on barrels, etc., leaving a balance today of $2.45.

The general subject of our study for the year has been the

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"Church and The Nations", the purpose being to set forth the progress made in each country after the entrance of the gospel. The meetings have been very interesting and uniformly well (but not largely) attended, except on special occasions.

In closing I want to say a word to every lady here who does ~~does~~ not attend our meetings, or those of the "Friends in Council." The rest need not listen.

Here are ~~three~~ reasons why you cannot afford to miss these meetings:-

We are the only organization which maintains a devotional service at all meetings.

The subjects of study are up-to-date, and the papers prepared as good as any you will hear at your club; and ~~when~~ these followed by the social half hour, make a combination well worth your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Chapp Baldwin

Pres.

Annual Report of Missionary Committee.

A year ago the Missionary Committee recommended to the Church that it make a special effort to meet its apportionment of $2000.00 for the year 1916, and at the annual meeting the recommendation was adopted, with no definite pledge, however, as we understand it, to raise the full amount. In March a campaign for additional pledges to the benevolent fund was had, with the result that if the pledges had been made to date from the beginning of the year, almost, if not quite the full amount of the apportionment would have been provided for. With the same pledges running for the current year, and new ones hoped for, we believe that a real gain may be made over last year.

Several other circumstances conspired to prevent the meeting of the full apportionment:

First: About the middle of the year, Mr. Paull, the Chairman, who had served so faithfully, and so efficiently for several years, resigned because of his removal from the City.

Again, a considerable amount of the pledges have not been paid, although our busy treasurer has taken careful pains to notify all delinquents of the urgent need of the funds.

The last and main consideration is that unusual and imperative and exceedingly worthy calls have been made through the churches, and otherwise, upon all the people of the community and indeed of the whole nation, for special benevolences during the year, which calls have been responded to by our people so

cheerfully and so generously that the result has been that at least some money which would have found its way into the general benevolent fund of the Church for distribution in the regular channels, has gone on its way to bless and cheer in other directions.

This Committee, together with the Woman's Missionary Society, has had a part in securing from our people during the closing weeks of 1916 and the first two weeks of this year over $600.00 for the new church building of Hope Congregational Church at Fond du Lac. This money has not passed through the benevolent fund of the Church, since it was definitely determined by the Committee in undertaking to secure contributions for this purpose that the Church should not be under any obligations in the matter.

Through special contributions for that purpose, and by authorization of the Church in April, there has been paid to Miss Toivenen, the Finnish Missionary of the City, the sum of $140.00 during the year. There has passed through the hands of the Treasurer of the benevolent fund during the year more than $3000.00 for home and foreign benevolences, not including the Contributions of our people for the Fond du Lac Church. Of this amount, $1850.00 was given for the general apportionment and towards Mr. Irwin's salary, and the balance for special purposes. Thus a very substantial increase has been made over previous years.

In the distribution of the apportionment, twenty per cent of the $1850.00 or $370.00 has been paid to the American Board. The amount which we have for some time assumed on account of the

support of Mr. Irwin and his family is $525.00. We are therefore short upon this obligation $155.00. This does not mean that Mr. Irwin has not received his salary, the Board takes care of that, but we should consider the shortage an obligation to the Board, which should be discharged as soon as possible from funds this year received.

The Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That Pilgrim Church for the year 1917, as the first obligation of the Benevolent fund, pay from that fund to the American Board the sum of $155.00 to meet the shortage above mentioned.

2. That this Church for the year 1917, undertake to pay to the American Board for the support of Mr. Irwin and his family, the sum of $525.00.

3. That this Church make an earnest effort to increase the amount of its giving to the nine societies of the Congregational denomination, among which it apportions its general fund, to the end that as soon as possible we may be able to meet our full apportionment.

4. That the Church heartily commend the action of the Woman's Missionary Society in abandoning the appointment of independent solicitors of that organization, and that all solicitations for the benevolent fund be left to the direction and control of the Missionary Committee of the Church.

In making the last recommendation, we are not unmindful, nor unappreciative of the fact that in the past year, the Woman's Missionary Society has turned into the Missionary fund something more than one third of the amount apportioned to the various

societies, nor are we unmindful of the further fact that it all goes into the same fund, is devoted to the same purposes, and, in the man, comes out of the same pocket books. We believe, however, that the women members of the Missionary Committee, with such aid as they may select, should take full charge of soliciting contributions of the women of the church for this fund.

In conclusion may I remind you of the unprecedented opportunity, that now exists of catching just a glimpse of the quality of compensation that the Missionaries covet? If their compensation were only the money given by people dwelling amid the luxuries of peaceful civilization, it would be meager indeed. But when by lives of self forgetful devotion to the cause dearest their hearts, they merit such testimony as that recently given by one, not a Christian but a Jew, identified with a Synagogue of New York City,, as our own Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, courageously laboring amid the perilous conditions existing in Central Turkey, do merit it, then their reward and their real compensation is unspeakably greater than any money value.

Ambassador Morganthau, United States Minister to Constantinople, while delivering an address in this Country, was interrupted by someone in the audience who called out, "How about the Missionaries in Turkey?" After pausing a moment, apparently deeply moved, he replied, "When the roll of honor of the Heroes and Saints of this war shall be called, - and it will be a long one, for many valorous deeds have been performed - the names of the American Missionaries in Turkey will head the list."

Respectfully Submitted
Edward Bacon - Chairman

Report of The Friends in Council
For 1916.

During the past year the F. in C. were so well entertained that they did not feel the need of a church home as they would under usual conditions.

Eight regular meetings were held, four of these being in the homes of friends or members.

Mrs. T. J. Davis entertained us at her home in February, feeding, in her generous way, not our bodies only but our minds and souls as well. After a tempting supper we, together with a large number of friends listened to Mrs. Chas. Sargent's talk on the Women of France and conditions in that country after the beginning of the war.

We were guests of Mrs. Thorp at the Manse for the April meeting at which we were served a

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sumptuous repast referred to by our hostess as a "picnic supper but tasting to us much like a feast. We spent a delightful social hour before our program which was on the work of Lincoln Memorial University of Tennessee, and of James Burns and his Oneida School.

In May we were entertained by Miss Sermond at her cottage, and tho' the night was cold all within was warm and friendly.

We met with Miss Drew for the November Thank offering meeting, at which $14.45 was collected. The good time enjoyed at least once a year at the Drews was repeated.

We are indebted to Mrs. Milne for two enjoyable programs. In March she told us of the famous people met at Tryon during her stay there, and also of the no less famous.

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interesting mountain whites of the surrounding country. At the November meeting Mrs. Milne gave in her interesting and hearty way her experiences at Northfield, Minn. during the Cong. State Conference and the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Carleton College.

Miss Minnie Milne, recently returned from China was kind enough to give us a talk on her trip and impressions, and on the work of Mr. and Mrs. Griffen among the Chinese.

On Washington's Birthday Mrs. Sanford gave us a party at her home where we spent the afternoon in a social way sewing for the Serbians and refreshing ourselves with good things to eat prepared by our hostess.

Late in September Miss Kimball invited us to a picnic at the Kimball farm. The day was beautiful and we had a delightful time and a day that we will long remember.

Other meetings of the year were held in the Y.W.C.A. No regular study was taken up but our program committee have given us both instructive and enjoyable programs and we feel that the year has been well spent.

Our membership is small, but each of the seventeen or eighteen members can be depended upon to do her best so that the work is progressive and helpful.

At the January meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year- For President- Miss Effie M. White, V. Pres. Miss Alma Leopold

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Secretary, Miss M. Alice Drew, Treasurer.
Miss Jessie Guild.

Following is our financial report:

Receipts –

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1916	$10.55
Collected for suppers	32.05
" " dues	4.25
" " pledges	121.50
Thank offering	14.45
Total receipts	182.80

Disbursements –

Expenses for suppers –	$27.95
Missions – (Sent by Mr. Horr)	80.00
Miss Toivonen	10.00
For Mr. Beach	5.00
" Flowers	2.00
Gabel Girbirth (Mrs. Irwin)	20.00
Dishes for Mission Church	4.00
Schauffler Home	10.00
Ministerial Relief fund.	10.00
Bethel Home	5.00

Total Expenditures - 173.95

Balance on hand $8.85

Respectfully submitted
Addie McCallum, Pres.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PILGRIM Y.P.S.C.E.

Duluth Minn. January 16, 1917.

The work of the last year may be divided into two heads; at home and abroad.

First, our work at home. The membership of the society was increased from 25, to 33, active members, and the average attendence to 20. The efficiency of the various committees is much higher, and it was this efficient and harmonious work among the committees and committee-men that enabled us to do so much during the year.

We held ten business and executive meetings, and in October celebrated our 4th Anniversary at a banquet, after which the officers for the year were elected. At the last annual meeting of the Church, the society pledged $30.00 towards the new Church building. This money was recently paid to the Treasurer.

While speaking of our work, we might as well bring in a little contrast, and mention the fact that during the year we held at least one social a month, with the exception of July and August.

When we speak of our work abroad, we mean ~~these~~ that which benefited people outside of our Church or Society. Our missionary contributions were not as large as we would wish, but we gave of our time and money as much as possible. About this time last year the Society added its mite towards the building fund of the Church at Federal Dam, Minnesota. This winter we c ontributed to the Hope Church at Fon Du Lac.

The next time you are in the public Library go to the magazine room and you will find the Congragationalist there. It is our contribution to the City's Literature.

Y.P.S.C.E. # 2.

The City Christian Endeavor Union conducts services every Sunday at the Poor Farm, each Society pledging a Sunday every two months, and We have taken our turn thruout the year. The services are mostly musical, and between one hundred and two hundred men seem to enjoy them very much. Of course the old ladies are not forgotten, and many a bunch of flowers and basket of fruit finds its way out there to brighten a lonely life. This is only one of the many ways in which we have co-operated with the City C.E. Union, which is our official Father.

the Treasurer's report for the Year is as follows:

Receipts	
Balance ~~on hand~~ Jan 1-1916	$ 15.97
Dues for 1916	19.30
Commision on Mag. Subscriptions	8.41
Misc.	2.69
Sales for Church Building Fund	30.00
Total	$ 76.37
Disbursments	
Donation to Federal Dam	5.00
Topic Cards 1915-16	5.50
C.E. UnionSubscription	5.00
FonDULac Subscription	5.00
Topic Cards 1916-17	5.25
Subscription to Congregationalist	1.50
Social expences & Misc.	15.95
Pledge to Church Fund.	30.00
Total	$ 73.20
Balance on Hand	$ 3.17
	# 76.37

We hope that we have given you some idea of our work and play for the year past, and as to the New Year, well, we are looking for bigger and better things, and we are all going to earnestly endeavor to live up to the Christian Endeavor Motto "For Christ And The Church".

Respectfully Submitted by the President,

Lawrence J. Scott

Duluth, Minn., 16 Jany 1917

To the Officers & Members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church

Your clerk offers his report of the 46th years doings of Pilgrim church as follows -

Still boarding around - the guests of our friends - the new year finds us with very good prospects of speedily moving into our new home in a new neighborhood - for which we are glad - We have continued to hold all services to which we were accustomed & have even gone ahead some.

During 1916 we have added to our membership by those coming to us from sister churches by letter x 10
We have also received into membership upon confession of faith x x x x x x x 16

We have dismissed by letter to other churches 13
Throughout the country California to New York
Death has reduced our numbers by 5
So we are larger in numbers than a year ago by - 8

Continuing the fiction of some years past, established by custom & precedent of taking the membership certified to the Congregational Comical

One year

Duluth, Minn.,

for publication in the Year Book — the rules of which body say, "in making your reports do not change the figures as reported last year" — we were supposed to have at the beginning of 1916 a membership of 519

adding to this our net gain of 8

we showed then now have 527.

Please note the expression "Showed have"

Your clerks checking up by count his list of cards covering resident members which totalled 416.

A very easy problem in arithmetic would tell you that this number subtracted from the total of 527 would give you 111 absent members.

But listen! Here enters a soul gripping mystifying problem! Wishing to see how near this might be to the cards, we counted the absentee cards & approve the truth of the statement that Truth is ever stranger than fiction we only found 142. Now then where sir the extra 31 absentees ring in from, — do you know?

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Duluth, Minn.,

Jam reminded of a childhood game - the flow of the playing of it I have forgotten but the Jaggerel to be sung was

Oats peas beans & barley grows
Oats peas beans & barley grows
You, nor I, nor nobody knows
How oats peas beans & barley grows!

So in this membership puzzle -

You nor I nor nobody knows
How many to pilgrim allgiance owes -

At the annual meeting of 1912 your clerk suggested a revision of the rolls, dropping such names as were known to be lost to us
Committee was appointed & 2 or 3 meetings held but no revision resulted.

Last year your clerk again urged that something be done towards correcting our roster so that when we were asked how large a membership has your church we could answer without stammering -

This year I have a blank to fill out for

Duluth, Minn.,

The U.S. Bureau of the Census. How many members shall I say we have. Our Year Book reports say 529 our record cards tally up 558 and yet neither number is anywhere near right -

How many of your business men would stand for my handing you a statement showing you on your list of assets a list of accounts as being good - of people who had been gone from the city for periods running from 8 to 20 yrs & you had no idea where they lived or if they were living & arguing that they should be entered as re-sources because the account had never been paid nor had those particular debtors ever advised you by letter that he had gone thro bankruptcy.

Why then carry as members of this church absentees of over 20 yrs standing - Do you will not revise the rolls grant the clerk author-ity to kill enough of the absentees to make our books & membership cards tally.

Anyway we have a net gain of 8 for the year

Brewer Matthews Jr clerk

Annual Report of N. W. L.
January 1917.

Balance on hand Jan. 1916.	$6.07
Collections (10 mos.)	27.23
Thank Offering	92.00

Disbursements.

Printing of Year Book	$8.00
Books for programs.	1.49
Envelopes and Stamps	4.85
Express on Thank Offering	1.20
Freight on Three Barrels	6.80
Delegates expenses to Faribault	8.43
N. W. M. U. for Fond du Lac.	46.00
N. B. M. S. (Minnesota Branch)	46.00
Balance Jan. 1917.	2.45
	$124.30 $124.30

Respectfully Submitted

Helen M Sanford

Treas.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEVOLENT FUND

FOR THE YEAR 1916.

- RECEIPTS -

Jan. 1/16 On hand				$222.00
From pledges, (including W. M. Soc. of $673.13)			$1733.65	
" Sunday School			97.86	
" Funds in Council			80.00	
" Donations a/c Miss Toinoven's salary			90.00	
" Donation	Zabel Fund		5.00	
" Special Collection	Anti Saloon League		336.80	
" Special Collection	War Relief Fund		137.00	
" " "	Armenian & Syrian R. Fund		298.80	
" " "	Wet and Dry Campaign Fund		28.50	
" " "	Delegates Fund		14.80	
				2822.41
Total Receipts				$ 3044.41

- DISBURSEMENTS -

Balance due on 1915				$ 205.00
Foreign 35% Salary of Mr. Irwin				370.00
A. B. C. F. M. 20%	of Apportionment raised $1850.			277.50
W. B. M. I. 15%	" " "			550.50
Home Miss. 30%	" " "			83.25
Home 65% Sunday 8.41½%	" " "			277.50
W. H. M. Soc. 15%	" " "			92.50
A. M. A. 5%	" " "			111.00
C. C. B. Soc. 6%	" " "			55.50
C. E. Soc. 3%	" " "			27.75
M. R. 1½%.	" " "			110.00
Paid Miss Toinoven a/c Salary				336.80
" Treas. Anti Saloon League				5.00
" " Zabel Fund				
" " War Relief Fund)	Belgians	$38.00		
)	Armenians	8.00		
)	Starving children	6.30		
)	Polish	32.00		
)	Germans	10.00		
)	France and Allies	42.70		
			137.00	
" " Armenian & Syrian Relief Fund			298.80	
" " Wet and Dry Campaign Fund			28.50	
" " Deligate's Fund			14.80	
" " Balance due a/c Williams church			57.50	3043.40
Balance on hand				$ 1.01

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter S. Horn

Treas.

Duluth, Minnesota,

January 16th, 1917.

To MEMBERS of PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

and

CONGREGATION.

Your Trustees beg leave to submit the following report:

We desire to again congratulate the Church upon the showing it is now making under unfavorable conditions. We called attention in our last annual report to the exhibition which the Church is giving during this transition period of its reserve strength and also to the great obligation of this Church and Congregation to the Masonic Bodies. We desire to renew those suggestions at this time.

The interest of this meeting will be largely centered around the report of Church Building Committee and to a consideration of time when the Church will be housed in its own building.

The report of the Building Committee shows a total amount available from all sources of $136,406.00 provided all pledges and obligations are paid in full. The same report shows expenses aggregating a total of $136,322.00 or an amount within $84.00 of the total aggregate receipts if everything is paid in. This report is its own commentary on the care which the Building Committee has exercised in keeping the expenditures within the available assets of the organization and also points out the imperative necessity of payment in full by all those who have subscribed to or bought stock for the building fund.

These figures do not include the Church organ which, as is generally known by the Congregation, is to be provided for by an additional and special contribution for that purpose.

The report of the General Treasurer shows all bills paid and a surplus of $24.17 in the revenue of the year. We noted in our report last year that the Sunday School had been a little more than self-sustaining, the receipts being $313.85 and the disbursements $304.28, or a balance of receipts over disbursements of $9.57. The Treasurer's report of this year shows receipts of $258.00 and disbursements of $273.77, or a deficiency of $15.77. We think, under the existing conditions, the Sunday School management is to be complimented upon this showing and have no doubt that after change of location into the new building it will be able to make itself more than self-sustaining and, in addition to paying its own expenses, actually contribute something toward the general support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

By Owen Mitchell

Chairman.

To the officers & members of Pilgrim Church.

1916 ended the fourth year of the Philathea Class. The active membership is now twenty three - seven new members having been added during the year; 14 associate members - making 37

Business meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the homes of the members. These evenings are also spent in social activities

The missionary committee has taken care of two needy families - providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, securing work, and used $27.30 from the treasury for clothing and necessities for them.

One delegate was sent from the class to attend the National Convention of Philatheas & Baracas, held in Mpls. last June, her expenses being paid by the class.

The Philatheas had a booth at the Christmas fair, taking in over twenty dollars - which was added to the treasury.

A Christmas song service was held at the county jail on Christmas morning.

Each prisoner was given a box of homemade candy.

The treasurer's report is as follows.

Balance on hand Jan. 1916 –	$68.67.
Total receipts	$69.55
	$69.77
Disbursments	
Balance on hand Jan. 1917 –	$69.45

The Philatheas are looking forward with great interest to the time when they may hold their meetings in their room in our new church for which they expect to use most of the fund in the treasury which they are continually increasing. to help furnish the room

Our Platform – "Young women at work for young women, all standing by the bible, the bible school and the church".

Our Text Philippians 4–13 – "I can do all things thru Christ which strengtheneth me".

Our Aim – "A million members for Christ"

Our Motto – "We do things".

Respectfully submitted

C. Elinor Barthold Pres.

Jan. 16th 1917.

CHARLES A. DUNCAN
DULUTH, MINN.

Estimate of probable receipts and Expenditures on a/c of the Construction of New Pilgrim Congregational Church at 4th St. and 23d Ave E. submitted by the Building Committee.

	Still Unpaid	
— Receipts —		
Cash Subscriptions, including $2750. by Ladies Union	4.096.—	93.489.—
Stock Purchases — 421 Shares @ 10cc Ea.	2.625.—	4.210.—
	Unpaid 6.721.—	97.699.—
Sale of Lake Ave. site	Paid 90.978.—	35.000.—
Sale of Organ		700.—
Sale of Old Bldg. Material. (Stone & Slate used in New Bldg. not included)		847.97
Interest on deposits (Estimated)		1.800.—
		136.406.97
— Expenditures —		
Cost of New Site		10.620.30
Cost of Wrecking Old Church Bldg.		2375.58
Miscellaneous Expenses paid (including 1 years taxes on new site)		268.89
Lounsberry Genl Contract, including addl for window tracery and with credits on a/c Slate and Stone		98.503.20
Kelsey Heating Co. Contract for heating & ventilating		6.666.64
D.R. Black Co, Plumbing.		3.178.—
Electric Wiring. Contract Burgess Elect. Co.		1.536.—
Finishing Hardware (actual Bid)		910.—
Lighting Fixtures. " "		1.400.—
Architects Fees. Contract		4.000.—
Kitchen Fittings (Part of which are included in D.R. Black Co. Contract)	Est.	1.000.—
Ford Bros. Glass Contract (not including storm windows)		1.595.50
Refinishing church seats, with few additional. Est.		1.000.—
Furnishings for Sunday School room. Est.		1.200.—
Grading grounds, with Cement Walks & driveway		1.000.—
Extra work on a/c installation of Heating plant and two organs		900.—
Storm Windows — (Actual Bid)		168.70
		136.322.81
Margin		$ 84.16

Pastor's Annual Report...for year ending Jan.16,1917.

The last Annual Meeting found Pilgrim Church viewing the provisional sketches for the new church building. We were that same evening facing a blackboard and subscribing shares to complete the building fund. Tonight the walls of our new Zion are nearing completion,and in a few short months we shall be singing our songs of thanksgiving in the new church home. It is always pleasant to enjoy hospitality;we have been very well housed and taken care of during this long interval;but we shall leave the Masonic Temple and the Unitarian church building with no pangs of regret. Every Pilgrim feels a thrill of joyous anticipation whenever he finds himself within sight of those growing walls at Twenty-third avenue east and Fourth street. A whole year without a church building of our own is a severe test of the latent power of our church. We have reason for rejoicing that,against such heavy odds, we have had a good year,a year of substantial gains.

With the exception of five weeks vacation at Lake Negbagamon the pastor has been in Duluth pretty steadily thruout the year. He was in Minneapolis on state conference business for a day or two in Feb. May,and Nov. Duluth Ass'n met at Brainerd in May and the state conference was held at Northfield in Oct. I preached in Northfield ch. for a Sunday in June,attended Rainy River Assn mtg in Int.Falls in August and pchd at Cass Lake in Jan. I have given twenty-eight addresses and sermons outside our own services this year. Of these eighteen were addresses on various occasions and five sermons were pchd in different Duluth chhs on Sunday evenings,in the illness or absence of the minister. The addresses ranged from a devotional address at the state conference to street harangues from an auto the Sunday night before Duluth went dry.

It has been an unusual year,in the number of visiting speakers heard from time to time at our own services. Last Jan.we had the pleasure of hearing our former pastor,Dr. Cornelius H. Patton. In March Secy Merrill spoke and in April Dr.Safford presented the work of the Anti-Saloon League. In June Rev. E.B.Dean was with you for a Sunday. The vacation pchrs were Drs.Lesher,Cowling,L.B.Hix of Wichita,and C.J.Armstrong of Superior. In Oct, Dr.R.B.Guild was with us;in Dec. we heard Dr. C.E.Barker and last Sunday,Supt.Lesher gave a strong sermon. I believe that in every case the church has been greatly inspired by these visiting speakers.

You may be interested in a sketch of some of the outstanding events of our church year. The great Laymen's Missionary Convention with 1100 men enrolled, followed close upon the last annual meeting. For three days and nights the I ME Church was packed with people. Jan.23-30 the Campaign for Building Fund Shares was carried on in below-zero weather. March 12,Sunday,fifty men carried thru successfully an every member canvass of this church. In April were held the pastor's classes for boys and girls. In May came the Duluth Assn. at Brainerd. In June the tremendous temperance campaign resulted in Duluth voting dry. On the first Sunday in the same month came a happy surprise— the announcement of the gift of the Ward Ames Memorial Organ. July 31 work was begun on the new church. The Carnival week in August should not be forgotten. Rally Sunday came Sept 24 and the Fall

Was held

Fall Reunion at the Manse on the evening of the 26th. In Oct, came the Celebration at Carleton College, combined with the state conference. Oct, 22 was the cornerstone of the new church building was laid. Nov. 12 the Ward Ames Memorial Boys' Building was dedicated. Dec. 16 the whole city was under going an interchurch canvass. Jan. 14 we dedicated the new building of Hope Cong. Church Fond du Lac. These are a few of the high spots in a most interesting and rewarding year.

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For Pilgrim Church this has been a year of notable giving. The total raised for all purposes must come close to a hundred thousand dollars. The larger part of the building fund has been paid in since the last annual meeting. The general fund for church expenses has been raised, in full, for the first time in many years, without any special canvass at the end of the year. The church has actually reached the point where the steady income, in pledges and offerings covers its regular expenses. The missionary offerings have increased. We have given twice to war-sufferers, and have made an offering of over $300 for the Anti Saloon League. We have helped Miss Toivonen in her Finnish mission work; we have paid ~~$~~ $100 to help build the little church at Williams; and we have informally gathered from members of Pil Ch. to make possible the erection of the Fond du Lac church building about $700. The combination of ability to give coupled with the willingness to give, for all the good purposes of the Kingdom of God is found in Pilgrim Church people to a remarkable degree.

To here. I trust that we shall never lose this christian grace. The running expenses of Pilgrim Church, in the new building, will be considerably increased. It costs more to live in a big house than in a smaller house. You need more coal; you need more janitor service; you may need more help. But the financial problems of Pilgrim Church need cause no worriment, so long as every member of the family gives accoording to the measure of his ability.

I believe the twenty five Pilgrims who went up to Fond du Lac Sunday afternoon felt that it had been a good investment.

Begin

Eleven homes in our congregation have been visited by death during the year. March 8, Servetus W. Clark, March 24 Marcus W. Bates; April 15 Alfred Gillon; Sept. 21 James W. Norton; Oct. 31 Miss Elizabeth Field: five faithful and beloved members of our church have gone to their reward. Six members of the congregation have been called away: Jan. 24 John M. Conklin; May 16th, E.H. Sherwood; May 19, Allen D. Shaw; June 15 Fannie Mae Lumm; July 6, David W. Paddack; Sept. 18, Mrs. A.C. Thompson. The Pastor has also conducted the funeral services of Duncan C. Clow of Fond du Lac, Mrs. Chas Winters, Baby Olson, John Ackstrom of Fond du Lac; Charles G. Bryant, and has held two interment services, making a total of seventeen funerals conducted during the past year.

The accessions to membership this year have been smaller than usual, though a considerable number of new families have joined our congregation. Twenty members have been received, twelve of them from the Sunday School.

~~The record of weddings has been encouraging.~~ Twenty-one marriages have been solemnized by the pastor, seven of which have been in Pilgrim church families. The manse has been the scene of fifteen weddings. Superior, Calumet, Fort Frances, Mayfield, Ashland and Two Harbors have all been

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represented. The list follows---
Mch. 3 J.A.McCaulay of Allouez and Mrs.Allen.
Mch 15. Wm.I. Sutherland and Gertrude Blesner
Mch.16. John A. Brown of Grand Rapids Minn. and Miss Stiza Winsor.
Ap. 7 Julian M. Ritchie and Miss Lucile L. Schmidt.
Ap. 12. Rudolph W. Wallin and Miss Anna E Raymond. Two Harbors.
May 27. Glynn P Ballou and Flora D McDonald.
June 1. Geo J Nelson and Miss Minnie E. Lynn.
June 10. Asher Taylor and Miss Eleanor Aske.
June 17. Walter P. Jensen Ashland, a dn Miss Nora Johnson.
Aug. 26. Hector Lamont of Bayfield and Georgia B. Hellwig.
Sep. 3 Rodeau Warner of Port Farnces and Leona Laurin of Int Flls
Sep. 9. Chas G. Evans and Annia Brown.
Sep. 12. John C Haskin of Washburn and Grace A Cummings.
Sept 15. Alexander McIntosh and Elsie Burlingame.
Sept 16. Francis DuBois and Miss Pearl Hector.
Sept. 16. John Allain of Calumet and Ethel C[illegible] Lobb.
Oct. 18. Benj G. Hoergen and Miss Amy Maynard Taylor.
Oct.22. Chas Bennewise and Miss Lillian Merby.
Nov. 27. Russell B. Rowley of Bayfield and Elsie Donner.
Jan. 3 Jno Harris Trux and Miss Carrie E. Durley.
Jan. 15. Michael Gallagher and Miss Agnes Sutherland.

include (In the organized work of the church the year has seen good progress.) We have had some important vacancies to fill, but have been enabled to fill them with competent workers. Roger M. Weaver was obliged from overwork to resign from the superintendency of the Sunday School but his place is being well cared for by Ralph H. Pinneo. The resignation of Mrs. E.D.Field from the leadership of the Philathea class left that body of young women without a tchr. With the coming of Mrs. Irene Sinclair a former member of this church that important place has been filled. The departure of the Paull family for New York required the finding of a new chmn for the miss committee, and Albert Baldwin has taken up the burden ~~cheerfully~~. With the capable people to be found in our church we need never be utterly cast down, when any worker finds himself unable longer to hold an office. but it is always a matter of regret when one of our trusted helpers resigns from a position of responsibility.

Begin The work among the young people has gone foward with power. The S.S. teachers and officers were never more faithful. The Young People's Society is vigorous and aggressive. They are doing a large amount of work and finding both growth and joy in doing it.

The music of the church has been well sustained. The singers and organists have been generous with their talents. It was specially generous of them to attend the dedication at Fond du Lac last Sunday and to delight the people there with some fine selections.

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Our church bulletin continues to hold a unique place among such publications. The present editor is keeping the bulletin true to Mr.Matter's high ideal, making the bulletin publication an accurate dignified record of the life of Pilgrim Ch from week to week. This task calls for tact and painstaking care. It is unfortunate that so many Pilgrims who prepare notices for the bulletin persist in sending them in over the phone. This imposes upon Mr.Sanford's time; it also tends to inaccuracies. I happen to know that it would be a great help to the editor if all notices and material for the bulletin were written out and mailed to him as early in the week as possible. It is much easier to edit a written notice than to compose a notice from fragments caught over the telephone.

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The Thursday evening meetings have been attended and supported by the faithful few. I believe that we who have attended these meetings have found them worth while. The amazing thing is that in a church as big as ours, so few realize the uplift and opportunity of this midweek church service. One of these days the pastor is planning to induce fifty Pilgrims to take hold of the prayermeeting and push the attendance above the hundred mark. Some of our neighbor churches have changed their prayermeeting from Thursday to Wednesday night, notably the Endion Ch and the First Pres. One reason for this change is the fact that Thursday is the day when most of the housemaids are out. In some cases this makes it inconvenient for the women to attend on that evening. I wish the desirability of this change could be thoroughly talked over as the matter may be brought up for a vote within a few weeks. Come out Thursday evening of this week and hear Miss Moody tell some life stories illustrating experience at the Juvenile Court. It will be well worth the effort.

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America

The Congregational Churches of [illegible] are uniting in a great Tercentenary forward movement, all along the line, in preparation for the worthy celebration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, In 1920. This program caalls upon every church to cooperate in certain advance steps---to study to inform ourselves as to the history and ideals of the Pilgrims; to increase our church membership as much as possible; to increase our outlay for missions until we reach our apptmt at least; to help furnish young men and women as leaders in church and social and mission work and to do our part in raising a great jubilee fund. I believe in this movement. It is a call to advance, in ways in which our ch. ought to advance. To be marching shoulder to shoulder with all the other Pilgrim churches of this land in these next four years will be to us a continual inspiration. I therefore recommend that our church tonight place itself on record as willing to indorse this Tercentenary Campaign and to cooperate in it to the extent of our ability. X

The churches of Duluth are organized into an Inter-Church Council which has been doing work ever since the Men and Religion Movement of several years ago. The Council has conducted Go to Church Sundays with great success. It was back of the Laymen's Missionary Convention. It was one of the forces that helped put Duluth into the dry column. It conducted successfully the recent Church Canvass. Every city of any size has such a Council, whereby the plans in which the churches would naturally cooperate may be carried out. The recent great offering in Duluth chhs for Armenian relief was made possible because the Interchurch Council stood ready with its machinery to push that movement. The Standing Committee has voted to recommend to Pilgrim Church thru the Pastor that our church proceed to elect eight delegates to represent us in the Interch. Council. I so recommend. These delegates to be elected annually. The church to meet its allotted share of the expenses of the Council when duly presented thru such delegates. X

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The services of our Finnish worker Miss Toivonen have resulted in great good to many needy people. Our church assumed $10 per month toward her salary, of which the balance is paid by the Cong. Home Missionary Society. I trust that this ten dollars per month may be continued during the coming year. Last year several months were taken by individuals, and organizations in the ch. each eager to invest ten dollars in this good work. I trust that the miss. committee may [illegible] for a continuance of this arrangement.

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You will be interested to know the results of the recent Inter-Church Canvass of Duluth as it affects our work. I have received nearly one hundred cards of families and persons hitherto unknown to me, who enrolled themselves as Congregationalists. Like our own constituency they are scattered from Woodland to West Duluth and from the Point to the Heights. A good many are within walking distance of the new church. I shall immediately assemble a large committee and organize the task of calling on these families and bringing them into touch with Pilgrim church. This work, if well done, and supplemented by a hearty personal welcome at services, ought to yield a large increase and to bring the joy of churchlife into most of these households. Be watching for new people in our services, these next few weeks, and do your part toward making them welcome. We need to cultivate the spirit of welcoming strangers, and thus lay the foundation for that royal welcome which we expect to extend to the stranger, when he comes in to see us in the new building.

And now a word concerning the relief of poverty and distress in our congregation. Such cases need to be doscovered and given prompt attention. Often they require great wisdom and sympathy; usually a case of distress involves family complications. The work calls for more than simply money and supplies. Our church ought to have an Outlook Committee of five wise and sympathetic women, to cooperate with the deacons and pastor in locating cases of need, sickness, or family trouble, and dealing with such cases with kindness and efficiency. I would recommend that the church authorize the election of such an Outlook Committee of five, and would be glad to suggest the names and believe that such a committee should become an annually elected committee of this church.

It is time for us to face the fact that our numbers, in the new building, will be considerably increased. In particular we shall see our Sunday School growing rapidly. A large school, to be worth while, requires expert handling. The development and supervision of the activities and training of the Pilgrim young people in the new building will require almost from the start, a competent director. Some choice young man, fresh from the seminary, trained in all the best modern methods, should be secured. Mrs. Thorp and I are already working to the limit and the expansion of the task will simply demand another man's skill and time. It is poor policy to load the head of a concern down with details, let him do his own clerical work and run his own type-writer. If you want to insure that the new Pilgrim House becomes a beehive of activity, and that we become a leading church in the east end in service with and for the young people, you may wish to plan to secure just such a young assistant as I have suggested. May I further suggest a way whereby such a man might be doubly useful, and might easily be supported. Last Sunday we opened a little church at Fond du Lac. It is a very small parish, and cannot require the entire time of a minister. At the same time Fond du Lac needs a competent man. Supt Lesher assures me that if we should take on an assistant, and could let him pch at Fond du Lac Sunday evenings and give them what little pastoral service they require, the State Conference would appropriate $250 a year toward his salary, and Fond du Lac church could be induced to raise at least $250 more. That would make $500 toward the $1200 which such a man should receive. I believe that the right man would greatly prefer having a little church of his own, where he could do some pchg, while he gave the greater part of his time to handling young people's work in a strong church like ours. The $700 which would be our investment in such a man might be partly taken care of by the [illegible]

Ladies' Union, if they were attracted to the idea. Asimilar arrangement is already in operation at First M.E. church, which has a young asst Rev. R.E.Miller, who is also pastor at Woodland. I believe that while no action may be necessary at this particular time, it is well for the people of Pilgrim Church to be making plans, to take care in an adequate way of our future tasks. One particularly pleasant feature of the suggested arrangement is this: it would give Pilgrim Church a friendly oversight over the little church at Fond du Lac, and insure to them the right kind of leadership. You have seen one little Congregational Church after another in this region go on the rocks, simply because they have had incompetent men at the helm.

It has been a dark and heavy year for our friends the Irwins. Some day perhaps soon, the cloud that hides them from our sight will be lifted. Then we shall know what they have not dared to write. We are confident that they are doing heroic service. Let us not falter in their support. And may God bless us all, with the gift of his love and leadership. He has given us a wonderful year of joyous work together. May He lead us forth with hope and enthusiasm, with unity and loyalty, into the larger responsibilities of this new era in the history of Pilgrim Church.

Pastor's Annual Report.
January 16. 1917.

List of Reports given at Annual Meeting.

1 A. S.
2 Y. P. S.
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Report of the Treasurer
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Year ending Jan. 1, 1917.

Receipts.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916		$ 11.65
Received from--		
Pledges & Subscriptions	6656.29	
Less trans. to Benev. Fd.	6 35	6649 94
Loose collections-- Morning	233,40	
Afternoon	23.93	257.33
Sunday School		258.00
Total		7176.92

Disbursements.

Pastor's Salary		3000.00
Pulpit Supply		117.00
Music	1647.84	
Less returned	5.00	1642.84
Delegates expense		45 78
Janitor		130 00
Rent of Unitarian Church		1000 00
Printing, Stationery & Postage		462 44
Repairs on Manse		102 42
Insurance" "		64 00
Taxes " "		230 97
Sprinkling Tax on Church lots		17 28
Copper Box for Corner Stone		4 00
Conference Tax		50 60
Sunday School		273 77
		7141 10
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917		35.82
		7176.92

Respectfully submitted
H. H. Nichols
Treasurer.

Duluth, Minn.
Jan. 16, 1917.

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