Reports for year

1923

SECRETARY'S REPORT
CHURCH SCHOOL
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1923

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Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Table V.—LOCAL FINANCES

HOME EXPENSES

42. State amount actually spent in the parish during 1923 for Home Expenses
(Include all salaries together with missionary aid and operating expenses for church, Sunday school, choir and parish, also new building, repairs and improvements paid for during 1923.) 27500

SALARY

43. What is the salary of your pastor for 1924?
(a) Amount paid by your church 6000
(b) Amount of missionary aid (if any)
(c) If federated or yoked with a church of ANOTHER DENOMINATION, additional amount paid by that church
(DO NOT include salary or amount of missionary aid your pastor receives for serving any other CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.)
Total Salary
(DO NOT include salary of pastor emeritus, associate or assistant pastor. Do NOT include rent of parsonage if owned by church.)

CHURCH PROPERTY

44. State value of church property 160000
(Include church, chapel, parish house, but not parsonage.)
45. If you own parsonage, state value 10000
(If pastor is serving yoked churches this question should only be answered by clerk of church where parsonage is located.)
46. Total value of property 170000

INVESTED FUNDS, LEGACIES AND DEBTS

47. State amount of invested funds
48. State amount of debt
(Do not include any deficit for year.)
49. State amount of legacies, principal, not interest, actually received by your church during 1923

Table VI.—OTHER INFORMATION

50. If the pastor reported last year has left, give:
(a) His full name
(b) P. O. Address
(c) Date of leaving
51. If you have any paid church assistants, give names (full name, Mr., Mrs., Miss), street address and title. (Church Missionary, Visitor, Director of Religious Education, Social Worker, Pastor's Secretary, General Assistant. Do not include assistant pastor, organist, choir director, singers or sexton.)
William M Hall Dir of R.E.
422 Minneapolis Ave
Mrs Vera R Brown Ch. Secy
52. If you are yoked with any other Congregational church in support of pastor, give name of the other church:
53. If your church is federated give name of the other denomination.
54. President, Board of Trustees Oscar Mitchell
55. Is your pastor a member of the Annuity Fund? Yes
Does the church share in the payment of his annual dues?

Church Pilgrim (Name)
P. O. Address Duluth Minn

LOCAL CHURCH REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 1923

FOR THE

Congregational Year Book

IMPORTANT

Fill out this report immediately after December 31. Do not wait for your annual meeting. Be sure and mail it to your State Registrar before January 15.

Answer every question: Insert a zero (0) where no other answer can be given.

FIGURES reported should be those for 1923 only, except salary.

NAMES OF OFFICERS should be those elected for 1924 where such information is known.

(Changes in pastors will be made up to March 1, when reported to your registrar.)

This Report was filled by

Name Brewer Mathocks Jr
Church Pilgrim
P. O. Address Duluth Minn

As soon as filled out, please send this report to your Registrar.

...should join us in our efforts.
The financial report is as follows:

Table I.—THE CHURCH

1. P. O. Address of Church Duluth Minn
   Town or City (If different from above)
2. Name of Church Pilgrim (Give special name if any; such as "First," "Plymouth," etc. Give nationality if a foreign speaking Church. If Reformed or Presbyterian, state which.)
3. Date of church organization 18 Jany 1871
4. Date of erection of present house of worship 1916-17
5. Clerk (full name: Rev. Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mr Brewer Matthews Jr
   P. O. Address of Clerk Duluth
   Street and No. or R. D. 911 Woodland ave

(Answers to the following to be verified by pastor.)

6. Pastor's name (full name) Noble Strong Elderkin
   P. O. Address Duluth
   Street and No. or R. D. 1131 E 4th St
7. If not Congregational, to what denomination does he belong? 0
8. If installed by a Council, give date 0
9. If recognized by a Council, give date 24 Jan 1921
10. If ordained give date 15 June 1905
11. If not ordained, is he licensed? ordained
12. Date of beginning present pastorate 15 Sep 1920
13. Give name of Pastor Emeritus if such (full name)
    P. O. Address
    Street and No.
14. Date of ordination
15. Give name of regular associate or assistant pastor, if such (full name)
    P. O. Address
    Street and No.
16. If ordained, give date
17. If not ordained, is he licensed?

Table II.—MEMBERSHIP

18.	Number of male members, January 1, 1924 (Include absent members.)	267	
19.	Number of female members, January 1, 1924 (Include absent members.)	456	
20.	**Total number of members, January 1, 1924**	160	723
21.	Number of absent members, January 1, 1924 (An absent member is one removed from the limits of the parish severing residential connections with the church, but retaining church membership. Members temporarily away are not to be counted absent.)		
22.	Number admitted on confession during 1923	16	
23.	Number admitted by letter during 1923	22	
24.	**Total number admitted during 1923**		38
25.	Number removed by death during 1923	10	
26.	Number dismissed by letter during 1923	25	
27.	Number removed by revision of roll and discipline during 1923	2	
28.	**Total number of removals during 1923**		37
29.	Number of Adults baptized, 1923		
30.	Number of Infants baptized, 1923		
31.	Number of Families included in Parish ("Families" include such as come under pastoral care and consider themselves identified with the church and parish. A single person identified with the church is counted as a family.)	435	

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROVING MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

Note: Comparisons must be made with total church membership figures given in 1922 Year Book. If reported wrong last year make adjustment in your report by adding to or subtracting from "Number removed by revision of roll and discipline" (No. 27.)

Total number of members, January 1, 1923 (Take 1922 Year Book total membership figures.)	722	
Total number of members, January 1, 1924 (Take total number of figures given above. No. 20.)	723	
Difference gives the net gain or loss for the year 1923	*	1
Total number admitted during 1923 (Take figures reported above. No. 24.)	38	
Total number removed during 1923 (Take figures reported above. No. 28.)	37	
Difference gives the net gain or loss for the year 1923	*	1

*If these figures do not agree, your membership table is incorrect.

Table III.—ORGANIZATIONS

32. Sunday School Superintendent William M Hall
    P. O. Address Duluth
    Street and No. or R. D. 422 Minneapolis Ave
33. Number officers, teachers and scholars in church school 363
34. Number in Home Department. "H"
35. Number in Cradle Roll. "C" 80
36. Number in Branch or Mission School. "M"
37. TOTAL NUMBER 447

YOUNG PEOPLE

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

Table IV.—BENEVOLENCES

39. Treasurer of church Henry W Nichols
    P. O. Address Duluth
    Street and No. or R. D. 224 W Superior St

DO NOT report any contribution sent through your church to the societies listed below for work administered by them. The treasurers of the societies furnish reports of all contributions received during the year from churches. Gifts to objects not administered by the societies but forwarded through their treasuries should be reported under 40 or 41. Should you discover any discrepancy between your books and the report published in the Year Book notify the office of the National Council.

American Board.
Woman's Foreign Boards.
Congregational Education Society.
Congregational Church Building Society.
Congregational Home Missionary Society (State and National).
American Missionary Association.
Sunday School Extension Society.
Board of Ministerial Relief (State and National).
Woman's Home Missionary Federation (or State Unions).
Commission on Missions.
Pilgrim Memorial Fund.
Annuity Fund.

Give dollars only

40. State the amount of contributions for 1923 which were strictly and exclusively Congregational, but were not given to the above-named societies. Include value of missionary boxes 1000
41. State the amount of mission gifts and charities passing through your treasuries in 1923 which were not Congregational. 500

(OVER)

Report of the Friends in Council for
year ending Jan. 15, 1924.

This organization has held only four meetings this year, because it was decided that once in two months was as often as such busy people could meet. We did not study any regular course of mission work but from time to time had reports from local civic and welfare associations and letters from home and foreign missionaries read and discussed. The average attendance at the meetings was ten very loyal, earnest workers who felt that they wished to keep in touch with the mission work which Pilgrim Church is doing. We are very anxious that any woman in the congregation who, for any reason, is unable to belong to the Women's Missionary Society should join us in our efforts.

The financial report is as follows:

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1923
$77.01
Received from dues + pledges 123.00
Total receipts - $200.01

Disbursements:

To Northland College	$10.00
" Berry School	10.00
" Bethel Home	10.00
" Schauffler Training School	10.00
" Cong. Board Ministerial Relief	10.00
" Mrs. J. Riggs Brewster for Missionary also	10.00
" Congregational Church Missionary fund	100.00
Total disbursements	$160.00

H.M.S.

Balance on hand, Jan. 15, 1924 - $40.01.

Respectfully submitted,
Effie M. White
President.

Secretary

Duluth, Minnesota, January 15, 1924.

To The Trustees and Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church,
Duluth, Minnesota.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF TROOP 8, BOY SCOUTS,
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The active work in the troop indicated in our report of last year has continued all during the past year and the outlook for the coming year is very encouraging. A year ago the troop was composed of a number of boys about the age that usually drop active participation in scout work, and we lost during the year the expected number from this cause. It has been the experience of troops throughout the United States that when a boy reaches the usual age of a Junior in High School that his active interest in scout work becomes rapidly supplanted by interest in social and other activities connected with his school work. While some of the boys that we dropped from membership severed their connection completely with scout work, yet some of them have become Associated Scouts thus keeping in touch with the movement. Of course, it is our object to get boys as soon as they reach the age of twelve and carry them through the usual period where work of this kind takes the place of the so-called "corner gang." The officers of the troop feel very much encouraged over the growth that we have had during the current year, as indicated by the following resume:

Advanced to 2nd Class, 17 Scouts
Advanced to 1st Class, 2 Scouts.

Ranked third in troops advancing Tenderfoot to 2nd Class.
Ranked fifth with three other troops advancing scouts to 1st Class.

Troop 8 is one of four troops in the city who possess an Eagle scout, and is the third troop in the City of Duluth to produce an Eagle scout.

This troop ranks fourth in percentage of advancement, having gained 82% net gain in members over registration of December, 1922.
It ranks second in the actual number of new scouts enrolled during 1923, - namely, 24 new members.

Records show: REGISTRATION

December, 1922	13	T	1	S	8	F	Total 22
January, 1924	22	T	13	S	5	F	Total 40
						Net Gain	18

Merit Badges:

Troop 8 ranks fourth, tying with troops 23 and 31 in the number of scouts gaining merit badges during the past year. Troop 8 had five scouts earning a total of 44 merit badges.

Troop 8 ranks third in the number of merit badges earned for 1923, having earned 44 merit badges.

Secretary

During the Summer months, that is, during the school vacation period, the troop practically suspended operation due to a great percentage of the boys going to Summer Camps or homes for this period. As soon as school opened, the activities were resumed by a "corn roast" at which Dr. Briggs and Mr. Matter were initiated into the mysteries and delights of corn as it should be. Their interest in the troop has been marked since that date.

There has been a number of outdoor hikes and usual scout activities terminating this Fall in one sub-zero all-night encampment at the cabin of Mr. Andresen.

It is believed that the membership in this troop could be considerably augmented and the benefits of this work received by many of the boys who attend this church provided the proper encouragement were given in the homes. We are looking forward to keeping the constant membership in this troop to exceed fifty during the coming year without exceeding in any way the capacity or the facilities so kindly given to this work by the churches.

The troop is self-supporting and does not require any money from the budget, there being at the present time in the troop treasury approximately $25.00. Our expenditures do not exceed the dues and our reserve fund, - if such it can be called, - is gradually growing. This money we expect to return to the boys in added equipment and in articles of uniform, so that they will receive in this way all the money they have paid in to the troop.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. Tobiesen

Scoutmaster, Troop 8.

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Respectfully submitted,

A. D. Stillman

Secretary

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CHURCH SCHOOL

PILGRIM

711 IRVING PLACE

DULUTH, MINN.

There are at present 80 children on the Cradle Roll.

THE CRADLE ROLL

Presentation of Diplomas

The following children of this department are promoted today to the Beginners Department: Mary Adeline Andresen, William Frances Arndt Jr., Richard Black Bradley, Lionel Francis Coffin, James Park Crawford, Marvin Davis, William Gladstone Davis, Rosemary Dinsmore, Jane Evans, George Clinton Finch, Ardice Luella Hanson, Katherine Charlotte Hartman, Katherine Hector, Charles Romon McCoy, Elmer Macdonald Matter, William W. Muessel, Jane Murdock, Elizabeth Newell, William Madison Neukom, Eleanor Wiley Oberg, Paul Franklin Otis Jr., Dorothy Louise Pennie, Nicholas Savage, Barbara Lee Shafer, William John Sutherland, Jane Trux, Robert B. Washburn, Joyce Anita Webber.

This past year twenty-seven (27) new names have been added to the Cradle Roll.

Mrs. J. C. Duncan
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CHURCH SCHOOL

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1907

THE BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT

Song. "Praise Him"

Oct. 7

MRS. HARRY F. SLEEPACK
2419 EAST FOURTH STREET
DULUTH, MINN.

Report of Beginners Department.

We have a total enrollment of 45 in our Beginners Department and have had a large regular attendance during the year until this recent cold weather

We are especially fortunate in having two efficient and faithful helpers. They are the Misses Anna & Edna Jenks, Cecilia Solomon & Celinda Hadden.

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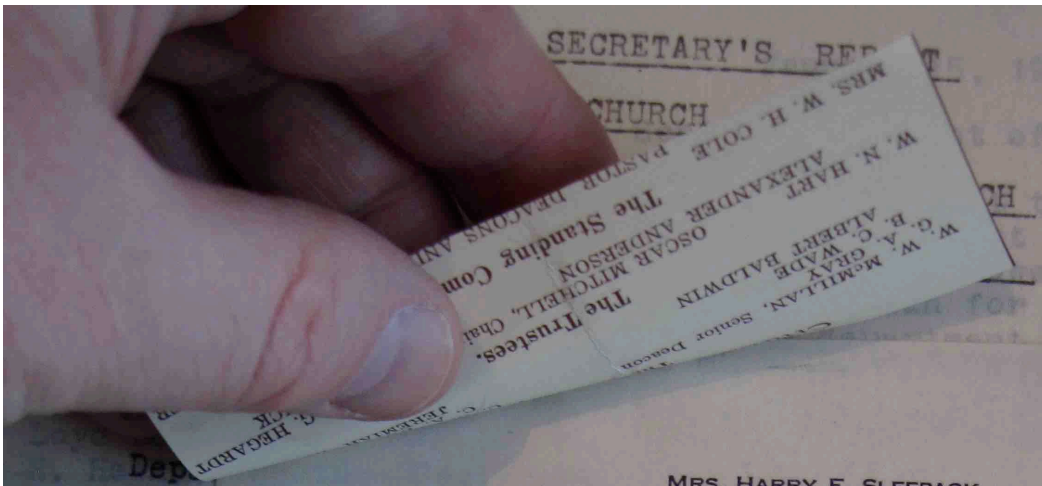

MRS. HARRY F. SLEEPACK
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Pilgrim Congregational Church
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Duluth, Minnesota
TWENTY-THIRD AVENUE EAST AND FOURTH ST.

OFFICE AT THE CHURCH
HEMLOCK 3721

WILLIAM MELVIN HALL, DIRECTOR
RES. TELEPHONE HEMLOCK 4433

January 15, 1924.

Annual Report for the Senior Department of the Church School.

Mr. Stillman has shown in his report that the attendance of the department is good. It could be much better, but an interesting thing is that it is gradually increasing. Attendance, however, is not the primary thing. We are striving for quality more than for quantity in our work.

There are eleven classes in the department. Seven girls' classes and four boys' classes. The teachers are as follows: Misses Elizabeth Halden, Bernice Provinske, Sara Van Wormer, Mrs. W. B. Matter, Mrs. E. Loyd Burg, Mrs. M. H. Tibbetts, Mrs. Walker, Messrs. H. R. Halsey, Theron H. Hawkes, Gordon Hegardt and M. S. Watts.

The department is organized with the following officers: President John Adams, Vice President Judith Elderkin, Secretary Ruth Moore, Treasurer Maurice Grochau, Pianist Charlotte Grawn and Monitor Oliver Newell. Much of the planning and most of the work of the department are taken care of by these officers.

Mr. R. E. Page has been in charge of the singing since in October and has caused a noticeable improvement in this part of our worship service.

An orchestra has lately been organized--which you have had the pleasure of listening to this evening--, Mrs. Bruce TerBush is in charge. As well as being a great asset to the department it will as time goes on be a valuable addition to many phases of our church life.

The church time Kindergarten has been supervised by committees from the different classes. One class looking after it from one to three months at a time.

The interest is good. There is a spirit of cooperation within the local school and also with the other schools of the city. Many of these young people come from time to time offering to do anything possible for them to do to carry on the work of our Church School or the Church. As will be shown later many of these young folks are carrying very definite responsibilities in our work.

Respectfully submitted

William M. Hall
Acting Supt.

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society
for the Year 1923.

The Woman's Missionary Society has no membership list and no dues but considers that all women of the church who are interested in missions belong to it. The purpose of the society is to study conditions on the mission fields and thereby promote the cause of missions for only those who are uninformed are not interested.

We have held eight regular meetings during the year with an average attendance of 31. Our Thank Offering meeting was opened to all men and women of the church and 250 people enjoyed the steriopticon talk given by Rev. Marion Hall of Machachi Japan.

Our society does not have money raising as a definite aim but during the past year we sent $40.00 to Schauffler Training School, $25.00 to Fiske University, $25.00 to Rev. Marion Hall, and $20.00 to the Thank Offering

fund which is divided between Special objects on the Home and Foreign fields. We also made possible the sending of the entire $1000.00 which had been promised the church at Remer. Half the money seemed to be all that could be raised until our garden party added $267.00 to the fund and inspired other sources to contribute the remainder of the $1000.00.

We feel that we are a very live necessary part of the church. No church can live for herself alone and thrive. We aim to have the influence of Pilgrim Church spread round the world thru the support she gives the cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Watter,

President.

At a regular called meeting of the Board of Deacons held Monday Evening Jan. 14. 1924, it was unanimously voted that an addition to the by-laws of this church should be proposed for the purpose of regulating the term of office of deacons: Do wit: No person elected to the office of deacon in Pilgrim Congregational Church shall succeed himself.

As notice of such an addition to the by-laws is required, the following resolution is offered. Resolved that at the regular Wednesday Evening meeting of the church to be held Jan. 23. 1924, the above addition to the by-laws be voted upon. To take effect January 1925

Resolved further, that notice of said proposed addition be given, by publication in the church bulletin, on Sunday, Jan. 20th

It is also resolved that the Board of Deacons be increased to nine members, and that the additional members be elected at this meeting for a term of three years. W. W. McMillan
Chairman

Intermediate Christian Endeavor 1923

The officers for the school year of 1923-4 are;Fred Harlow, presidint;John Adams,vice-president;Maggaret Anderson,secretary; and Harris Nelson,treasurer.The society has a membership of 42 and an average attendence of 35,the greatest attendence at one meeting being 54.Two partys and a sleighride have been held in the last year the parties were held one May,23 and October,23 and the sleighride on February 9(and 10).Refreshments are served every other Sunday and twice a month missionery talks are given by members. Mr.Page leads the singing.A trip was made to Nopeming where the patents were entertained by music and a sermon by Dr.Elderkin.There is at present six dollars and eighty nine cents in the treasery.

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M. M. GASSER CO.
DULUTH, MINN.

DULUTH, Jan 15

Committee of Religious Education.

Formed when new department was organized.

Bears Responsibilities of all work with the children and young people of the church.

Consults with the Director on policies.

Authorizes Expenditures.

Checks and passes on invoices before payment.

Any member prepared to receive suggestions and solicit help from any member.

Calls attention to week day Education.

Combats theory that S. S. is a failure.

Mr Hall will present figures showing growth.

Respectfully submitted
P. L. Berkheiser

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Pilgrim Congregational Church

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Duluth, Minnesota

TWENTY-THIRD AVENUE EAST AND FOURTH ST.

OFFICE AT THE CHURCH
HEMLOCK 3721

WILLIAM MELVIN HALL, DIRECTOR
RES. TELEPHONE HEMLOCK 4433

January 15, 1924.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

To the members of Pilgrim Church greetings-

I herewith submit my report for the year 1923.

After these thirteen or fourteen reports which have been given for the Religious Educational Department it might seem to some present as it seemed to Olie, ("Bane too much said already"), but I wish in a few words to sum up all of them and mention a few other matters not covered by the others.

Two sessions of week-day religious instruction have been held. One from March 14th to May 16th (10weeks), and the other from October 17th to December 12th (9 weeks). These were held after public school one day a week for one and one half hours. The work was restricted to the boys and girls of the Primary and Junior Departments. In the spring there were 65 enrolled and an average attendance of 34. This fall there were 48 enrolled with an average attendance of 24. The workers in these schools were Mrs. W. M. Hall, Misses Edna Jenks, Alice Little, Martha Wallace, Mrs. W. M. Hall, Mrs. H. G. Manley, Mrs. Brewer Mattocks III, and Mr. James A. Cuthbert.

The Vacation school which was run from June 26th to July 20th. was not as largely attended as the one the year before. On investigation many of these who had attended the year beforeand did not enter the school this year were either found to be in the summer session of the public schools or were out of the city. The ages of children inthe school ranged from 5 to 14. The sessions were from 9:00 to 12:00 five days a week and lasted four weeks. There were 104 enrolled with an average attendance of 67. Of these 104, 64 are members of our Church School with the other 40 distributed as follows: First Presbyterian 16, ST. Paul's 5, Christian Scientists 5, First M. E. 4, Swedish Evangelical2, Endion M. E. 2, First Baptist 1., Disciples 1, Catholics 3, no church 1. The workers in the vacation school were: Misses Mary Baldwin, Ruth Bates, Frances Carlson, Elizabeth Kerr, Ruth Murphy, Margaret Murray, Dorothy Roedter, Cecilia Tolonen, Martha Wallace, Mrs. F. D. Ashley and Mrs. Robert E. Johnson.

In these three sessions of religious instruction during the year approximately 4500 hours (4434 exact), of instruction have been given to the children of our church and community in additon to the work on Sunday. Looked at from another angle thismeans an additional amount equal to one year Church School instruction for about 100 children. Fully two-thirds of these children who have profited to this extent are children this Church is definitely responsible for.

The Junior Christian Endeavor was just organized the middle of October. It is restricted to boys and girls of the 6,7 and 8th grades. It has already taken on the aspect of a permanemt part of our work with the young folks.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION(continued).

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor is in very good condition. The attendance ranges from 25 to 50 with an average attendance of about 35. MR. Page has charge of the singing here as well as of the Senior Department of the Church School and has filled a very definite need here. Our Society has given inspiration to the St. Paul's Society through several of their members having attended our meetings for several weeks during the fall. Now their Society is taking on new life and activity.

The Girl Scouts aside from their regular program and the activities which Miss Elwell has mentioned in her report have spent many hours doing clerical work in the office and in the mending of the Church School Hymnals which have meant a financial saving as well as having given them opportunities to be of service.

In addition to Mr. Robideau's report concerning our Boy Scout Troop I wish to state that hardly a week passes but that one or more errand is run, or other good turnsis done for the church by some of these fine lads.

The work of our Church School has been reported from several angles. There is an undisguised feeling on the part of many (as the reports indicate), that the school is having a very healthy growth. I wish to emphasize the fact that there has been no contest or other special effort to increase the attendance. There has been, and is however, a continuous effort on the part of all the workers to make the work so interesting that there shall be a contagious enthusiasm on the part of the children and young people about what we are doing and, through this medium, give the school a more permanent growth. The work of the teachers in our Church School cannot be too highly spoken of, yet when one hears such expressions as, "she only teaches a church school class", one is made to feel that some one has made the wrong appraisal of the work. I wish to call attention to the fact that very few give more time to the Church work than these church school workers. They spend from 1to 4 hours every week in preparation for the Sunday morning session. Besides this there are parties, checking up on the children when absent, calling on them when sick and other matters to which these workers give of their time in a very unselfish way. The work they are doing does not show now, but we should keep in ming that they are laying the foundationof, and preparing the workers for, our church in the period from 10 to 50 from now.

There are at the present time 49 adults and 15 High School boys and girls who are carrying definite responsibilities and are contributing in a very large measure to the success of the work we are striving to accomplish. In addition to these at least 20 others have given of their time and ability in the various activities through the year.

The Pilgrim News is, if possible, increasing in popularity. It is a very much talked of and looked forward to, paper. Our last number on January 6th covered the activities of the Department better than

Pilgrim Congregational Church
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Duluth, Minnesota
TWENTY-THIRD AVENUE EAST AND FOURTH ST.

OFFICE AT THE CHURCH
HEMLOCK 3721

WILLIAM MELVIN HALL, DIRECTOR
RES. TELEPHONE HEMLOCK 4433

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION(continued).

has ever been done before. This was brought about largely through the efforts of Ruth Murphy who has lately become Associate Editor.

Other activities include trips to Northfield, Camp Miller and to Hibbing as chaperon and companion to groups of our young people.

More than 100, (approximately one third), of the children in our Church School come from homes where neither parent is a member of our Church. (This percentage holds true in all the various organizations under the supervision of the Department). Many of these parents are becoming interested in the different adult activities through the interest of the children. This interest ~~was~~ shown in a very concrete way lately when several hundred dollars was subscribed by these paremts toward our 1924 Budget.

For fear mention will not be made in other reports I wish to state that the Parish House has been of service to the community in many ways through the year. Many times lately a Girls' Club from the Children's Home has used tne Recreation Room, and within a short time another Girl Scout Troop will be using it regularly for its meetings.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. M. Hall

Duluth, Minn., January 14, 1924.

Mr. Chairman and Friends:

I was called over the phone Saturday afternoon by one of the Committees and told I was expected to make a report as chairman of the ushers and have it ready to present at the annual meeting Tuesday Evening.

This being a new addition to the many Church reports, I hardly know what to say. The principle duties of the committee of ushers is to look well, appear well and be courteous and obliging to every one, to lend a helping hand to our pastor and congregation in welcoming strangers. The financial part of the ushers duties is to receive from all sources all contributions to said committee which was nothing, and to pay out on properly drawn vouchers when required, which was nothing, so the finances in this committee breaks even for the year 1923. As chairman of the committee I want to thank the 15 faithful ones that helped so willingly in performance of their duties and sincerely hope it has been satisfactory to the church and pastor. I have in the past arranged the duties into divisions so as to accomodate all and as far as I know it has worked out well.

Duties of church ushers go to help make up the church organization of which Pilgrim Church may well feel proud. I congratulate Pilgrim Church on this the 53rd annual church meeting for its beautiful church home, splendid congregation and lovable pastor Rev. Noble S. Elderkin and family.

Just a suggestion along the line of new appointees: In all well governed bodies, advancement in rank is always desirable and that in mind, if chairman is left off of my name, will meet with my approval and will help any time I may be called upon.

Sincerely submitted,

J. P. Johnson

Chairman of Ushers Committee.

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The duties and what is expected of the Missionary Committiee, has not been very clearly defined. The fact that the church,as a body,has not been asked to hold special,monthly missionary meetings,neither has your committiee,at the point of a gun,said, "hands up"and then attempted to take possion of all valuables, in or out of sight,for the missionary cause,may be the reason for saying,another usless cog has been put into the church machinery.

Do you say that we haven't done much?. Well;that accusation may be to true,and yet if it is said that we,as a committiee haven't had a meeting,you are mistaken. A thing that was specificly asked of us to do,was that Superentendent Lescher should be seen and labored with,that the apportionment of Pilgrim Church should not be increased for the year 1924. That duty received attention,Mr.Lescher was seen and yet the increase was asked for,all the same.

You may have occasionally seen in the church calander, some item of interest on home or foreign missions,we are to modest to claim all the credit,if there is any credit due.

Rev.Mr.Irwin is back on the job,in the foreign field, laboring amoung refugees in Greece. Do you think for a moment the American Board would have called for our Mr.Irwin to go again as a missionary,if your committiee hadn't been standing by and looking wise?.

Let this be as it may,as requested,by the powers higher up,the above written report is hereby respecfully submitted, for what it is worth,by .

Jean Macdonald Matter
Elizabeth Case Northrup
Edmund G.Chapman

Missionary Committiee

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF
THE PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR 1923.

The Treasurer's report itemizes the receipts and disbursements for the past year, and requires no comments.

I would call your attention only to the fact that last year showed all bills paid with $43.43 cash on hand. This year shows all bills paid with $64.79 on hand. That means a gain, for the year, of 49%, in the net quick assets of the Church, a percentage of gain of which the Chairman of the Finance Committee is truly proud. This report is made possible only by the fact that the Women's Assembly contributed $3000.00.

The tentative budget for 1924, approved by the Trustees after consultation with the Finance Committee, the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education, totals $29,913.00, as shown on the attached printed sheet, which is made a part of this report.

The final report from the canvass for pledges for the coming year, including $1000.00 pledged by the Women's Assembly and $1000.00 estimated receipts from loose cash collections, totals $29,766.00. That is only $150.00 less than the estimated tentative budget. It would therefore seem safe at this time to adopt the budget formally.

The adoption of the one day every member canvass this year was a wonderful success, made possible only by the hearty response of the entire Church and Congregation.

Mr. Northrup was Manager of the Canvass. Ten captains selected ten men each, and the wonderful thing about it was that practically the whole 100 men were present at a preliminary evening meeting at the Church. At this meeting, the ladies served a fine dinner, after which Dr. Elderkin gave an inspiring talk. There was an enthusiastic general discussion and Mr. Northrup gave instructions to the solicitors.

That meeting of 100 men was the finest thing I have ever seen in the Pilgrim Church. Nothing could fail when a bunch of men like that got behind it.

Sunday afternoon, December 9th, the captains with their men met at the Church and started out with lists and pledge cards to cover the entire parish and report back at the Church. The reports, as the men began to come in, were encouraging from the first, showing increased pledges and new pledges that promised well for the totals.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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The ladies were on hand again with an oyster supper for the men and by the time that was over the pledges for the day had been totaled and a general experience meeting was held.

There was still some work to be done in reaching those who had not been found at home and there was one team, captained by Mr. Arndt who, the following Sunday, called on those who have children in our School but are not themselves members of our Church. A hearty response was made there also, with the result that the final figures from the canvass showed us about $1150.00 short of the budget. The Women's Assembly came to our rescue with a pledge of $1000.00, making the final total as given above.

The Finance Committee wishes to express their appreciation of the fine way in which Mr. Northrup, as Manager, handled the canvass and of the cheerful, energetic work of the captains and their men.

We are much indebted to the ladies, as usual, for the two meals which they served at their own expense, as well as for the $1000.00 pledge.

Dr. Elderkin was our Advertising Manager, Adviser and Generalissimo. The results of the canvass show, more than any other one thing, the love which the entire Church feels for him.

Respectfully submitted

S. E. Matter.
Chairman of Finance Committee

REPORT ON OUR FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DULUTH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

In April, 1922, our church was informed that it would be necessary to discontinue the work of the Council of Churches as it was then carried on, unless three or four of the leading churches of the city would underwrite $1,000.00 each of the budget. A special meeting of the church was held after the church service on Sunday, April 23rd, 1922, to consider the matter. In the exact language of the minutes of the meeting, it was voted "that Pilgrim Church underwrite $1,000.00 of its budget - this amount to be raised by subscription rather than be taken from the church treasury." Under this action, 70 members contributed for the year 1922, $932.50; 35 of the same members contributed for 1923, $768.00.

There was no payment to the council made out of the church treasury in 1922. In 1923 the church treasury paid $106.00, $37.50 to meet the deficit for 1922 and the balance of $38.50 on the 1923 account. There is now a deficit of $193.50.

This is not a bad showing if we consider that no one was assigned the task in 1923 for securing either renewal or new subscriptions for the Council of Churches. There is $1,087.50 that needs to be raised in this church for the Council of Churches this year, if we include the 1923 deficit and subtract $106.00 that is already provided for in the 1924 church budget. (This sum of

for the ensuing year

$106.00, which was actually paid out of the church treasury in 1923 and is in the church budget for 1924, is the amount that was paid out of the church treasury immediately prior to the action taken in 1922.) The action taken in 1922 determined the method of raising the rest of the money for this purpose and we cannot expect more to be placed in the general budget either in 1924 or in 1925 without affirmative action on the part of the church.

The total budget of the Council of Churches is approximately $7,000.00. Of this amount a little more than fifty per cent has been paid by the First Methodist, First Presbyterian, St.Paul's Episcopal and our own church. The First Methodist, First Presbyterian and our own church each contributing $1,000.00.

The disbursements go to pay Mr. Smithies' salary, the salary of his office assistant, postage, office supplies, printing, etc., and $500.00 of the amount is paid to the State Sunday School Association for state, national and world work. This $500.00 is raised almost entirely by a per capita levy on Sunday Schools in the county, our own church school contributed $15.00 this year, not included in this report. The Council of Churches is now behind in its obligations because other pledges, as well as our own, have not yet been paid in full.

We would, therefore, suggest the following:

1. The church may desire to decide what part, if any, of our contribution for this purpose should be placed in the church budget, this year and next; to place part of the amount only in the budget is confusing and there certainly is no reason for here-

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after keeping the amount just $106.00.

2. In the absence of a change of policy, a good-sized committee should be appointed to secure subscriptions for the $1,087.50 now unprovided for, the committee to be a permanent committee having charge of the matter until the next annual meeting.

3. It should be clearly understood that subscriptions made to this fund are for one year only. Persons should not be expected to make pledges running from year to year in a matter of this kind.

C. A. Kimball.

Dated: Jan. 15th, 1934.

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Melrose 1791

Frank E. Blodgett
SHOES AND SHOE REPAIRS

11 West First Street
Melrose 1785

Annual Report of the Music Committee
of Pilgrim Congregational Church
Duluth, Minnesota.

The Music Committee has met several times during the year, but it conducts much of its business over the telephone.

A quartet and organist-choir director have been provided for the regular services of the church; a double quartet for the morning services on Easter and Christmas Sundays. A double quartet has usually furnished the special music for the vesper services, but on a few occasions there has been a violinist. A chorus has been assembled for the Easter and Christmas services.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel R. Frost

January 15, 1924.

Chairman.

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The Junior Endeavor, when first met on Sept. 29, 1923, had only seven members, but now has increased to somewhere around twenty-five. The present attendance each Sunday is from fifteen to twenty members.

After the first three meetings Marion Anderson consented to help us by playing the piano and helping at the meetings.

Most all of the members are very active, and all are willing to take their turns in leading. They have held some very interesting discussions at their meetings.

About one-half of the members are children who do not attend this church or Sunday-school, but come down for the Endeavors in the after-

room so that the Society might almost be called a Community Endeavor.

At different meetings we have had piano solos and a mouth-organ duet. During November a social was held which was attended by thirty six children. Games were played, followed by a cafeteria luncheon.

The dues of the Society are ten cents a month.

— Dorothy Brochau

Report from Primary Department

January 15

In making the report of the past year in Primary it would have been more appropiate for Mrs. Bradley to have told of the activities from the last annual meeting until October. However I will review very briefly. The department quieted down as usual during the summer, but the first days of September brought back some twenty-seven children and by October 7th a good many more had returned, so that when twenty three children were graduated we weren't left absolutely stranded. On Oct 14. twenty six boys & girls from the Beginners joined us and from then until

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December 23rd when we reached our highwater mark of Seventy present and eighty enrolled the department has grown steddily Twelve ~~new~~ members have come in since October.

It was a big undertaking to go into Mrs. Bradleys place and a keen regret to have Mrs Bradley feel that she conldit continue her work for Primary as its Supt., but she ~~has~~ is really the power behind the throne as she could well testify if answering phone calls and innumerable questions means anything. However she is a very capable and conscientious secty.

Our teachers are the following Miss Dorothy Huse, Miss Thompson

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Miss Martha Wallace, Mrs Sidney Morterud, Miss Allace Cowen, Miss Ellen Tolonen & Miss Irene Tolonen. Miss Jepmerson, Mrs Field and Mrs. Savage have been very kind about substituting when necessary.

For a few minutes on Sunday we catch a glimpse of Miss Shepardson ~~and~~ our treasurer. We know that herwork is good and well done as Mr. Hawkes never complains.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to work with these fine people and to them is due all credit for the splendid cooperation & effort.

We try to make not only our Worship Service, Fellowship Service and Lesson period mean something very definite in the lives

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of the children, but also to appeal to them thru the eye, by decorations appropiate to the seasons, birthday calendars, posters and honor rolls. The latter, by the way being a recognition on paper of the Childrens presence in Sunday School each Sunday during the month.

Whatever we of the Primary may have been able to accomplish has in no small measure been due to the cooperation, understanding and help which has been ours for the asking from our Religious Director and those associated with him in promoting the larger program of Religious Education.

Respectfully submitted
Virginia F. Manley.

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The present enrollment of the Junior department of the Church School is seventy-five. Of this number, thirty-three are girls and forty-two are boys. Our average attendance for the past year, based on the nine months of active work, was fifty-three. Our highest record was seventy, and our average collection was four dollars, including our birthday offerings.

As is the usual system, the boys and girls are divided into first, second, and third year classes according to age. Virginia Roedter has first year girls, Helen Meining second year girls, and Mrs. T. T. Read has third year girls. Lillian Lintula has first year boys, Edward Vogt has second year, and William Mc

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Millan and Mr. Dittmer the third year boys. I appreciate this most epallent staff of teachers - their hearty cooperation and help and also the splendid work of Mrs Robideaux our secretary.

On Rally Sunday, twenty-one of the Juniors graduated into the intermediate department and twenty three boys and girls came to us from the primary.

Besides our regular graded quarterly work in class, we have been drilling on rapid competitive finding of Bible references and considerable memory work. The boys and girls are keenly interested and truly a joy to work with.

Our honor attendance roll shows thirty boys and girls as having a perfect

attendence record for the entire
past three months.

Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Duluth, Minnesota, January 15, 1924.

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational
Church and Congregation:

The Trustees beg to make this their Annual Report:

The principal work of the Trustees has been done in the past year, as usual, by two committees, a Finance Committee and a Building and Grounds Committee, both of whose reports you have heard.

The Trustees desire to take this opportunity to express their appreciation for the splendid work that was done by the Finance Committee and those assisting it, all of which has ba been detailed to you by the chairman of that committee. In the report which the Trustees have made for a number of years, we have stressed our desire to have, as nearly as possible, every member of the Church and Congregation contributing toward its support. We have pointed out that this is a privilege as well as a duty. Led to a large degree by the judgment and enthusiasm of the Pastor, a plan was put into successful operation by the Finance Committee which has come more nearly to accomplishing this desired result than has been accomplished at any time in the history of the Church, to the knowledge of the present Board of Trustees. Too much credit cannot be given to the Pastor, Mr. Matter, Mr. Northrup and the other members of the Church and Congregation, who put this plan into operation and accomplished the result.

The Church building and grounds have, during the past year, had the careful consideration of the Building and Grounds Committee, whose report you have heard. The Trustees, as well as the members of the Church and Congregation, are under particular obligations to Mr. Hart and the other members of the committee for what they have done in caring for the building and grounds.

For the purpose of record, we are placing in this report the condition of the fire insurance upon the Church property. There is $150,000.00 of insurance upon the Church building and contents, $142,000.00 on building, and $8,000.00 on contents, including organ

~~including the organ~~. This insurance expires $50,000.00 on January 20, 1924, $50,000.00 on January 20, 1925 and $50,000.00 on January 20, 1926. There is carried $6,800.00 upon the parsonage and $200.00 upon the garage adjacent, expiring at various dates in the future.

We want to again compliment the various organizations of the Church for their efficient work and co-operation and to express our hope that this may be continued in the succeeding year.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By Oscar Mitchell
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FOR YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1923.

RECEIPTS 1923

Balance Jan. 1, 1923	43.43
Telephone & Insurance Rebates	200.01
Fire Insurance Fund	1,015.00
Rent	60.00
Ladies Assembly	3,000.00
Remer Collection	481.45
Dowling "	27.16
Bank Loan	750.00
Friends in Council	100.00
Ladies Missionary Society (For Schauffler)	30.75
Loose Collections	1,122.48
Envelopes	21,488.35
	28,318.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's Salary	6,000.00
Pulpit Supply	140.00
Salary Director Religious Education	3,000.00
Religious Educational Department	800.00
Office Expenses	248.22
Stenographer & Secretary	600.00
Advertising	64.83
Printing & Stationery	1,206.44
Music	2,851.02
Care of Organ	250.00
Delegates	172.65
Janitor	1,943.00
Janitor's Supplies	86.23
Coal	1,849.10
Ashes & Garbage	78.79
Water, Light & Power	471.69
Telephone	120.78
Church Repairs	456.15
" Taxes	169.55
" Insurance	520.69
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" Taxes	242.25
Conference Dues	86.64
Note Paid	750.00
Interest	11.25
Duluth Council of Churches	106.00
Dowling Collection Remitted	27.16
Remitted Schauffler School	30.75
Remitted on apportionment	5,629.00
Alex Munonen	300.00
	28,293.84
Balance on hand December 31, 1923	24.79
	28,318.63

Our full Apportionment for 1923 was paid as follows:

Remitted to State Treasurer	$5155.55
" " the Remer Church	1020.45
" Direct to National Societies	116.00
Total	$6292.00

Respectfully submitted

Jan. 15, 1924.

K. H. Tiedeken

Treasurer

January 15th 1924.

To the Officers & Members of Pilgrim Cong. Church.

Your Committee on nominations submits a report of nominations for the various offices as follows:-

Deacons - for term of 3 years — Mr C. A. Duncan, Mr R. C. Wade, W. W. Sanford

In full unexpired term of late Deacon R. M. Tatum.

Trustees - for term of 3 years — Mr Oscar Mitchell, Mr H. C. Hazzard

And the following for a term of one year each

Standing Committee — Mrs F. J. Davis, Mrs H. A. McGonagle

Treasurer - Mr H. N. Nichols

Asst Treasurer Mr H. S. Hoss

Clerk Brewer Matlocks Jr

Missionary Committee — Mr E. G. Chapman, Mrs H. B. Matlock, Mrs R. H. Northrup

Religious Education Com. — Mr T. F. Burkheiser, Mr Carrol Groff, Mr H. R. Halsey, Mrs H. G. Manley, Mrs H. E. Stacey

Music Committee — Mrs P. J. Frey, Miss Rose Simmons, Mr C. E. Hallam

January 15th 1924

Look out Committee—
Mrs H. I. Pimm
Mrs Albert Baldwin
Miss Y. Ella Roe
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Mr L. E. Carlson
Mr Arthur Barnes
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Mrs R. M. Weaver
Mrs E. Y. Kimball
Mrs R. W. Nordhop
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Ushers
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J. P. Johnson
T. E. Blodgett
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Philip Heinrick
Rolla Hunt
N. R. Philbin
W. W. Rector
N. A. Rose
Earl F. Wise
T. D. Raymond

Walter Freeburg
Geo Milligan
P. S. Knowlton
T. D. Harlow
E. A. S. Vivian
L. E. Wachtel
H. W. Merrill
Clarence Dunning
Laurence Scott
Kilmer Bagley

G. A. Taylor
(Mrs. R. T.) Hunt
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During the past year, in carrying out its prime purposes to serve as a clearing house of information for the Churches, and to promote community betterment through the Churches, the outstanding work of The Duluth Council of Churches has been:

1. Arranging for the noon theater meetings at the Lyceum theater when Bishop Bennett was the speaker and more than 9000 attended during the six days.

2. Promoting the three-hour services of Good Friday. It is estimated that 14,000 people attended the three-hour services last Good Friday in Duluth.

3. Arranging the observance of the week of prayer by noon meetings conducted by laymen each day for a week.

In its purposes and labors, the Council bears the same relation to individual Churches that the Chamber of Commerce bears to business houses of the city. In mentioning a few only of the accomplishments of the Council, it should be borne in mind that I have touched only the high spots. The constant promotion of religious, educational and community service that makes no display is, after all, the great work of the Council.

The Council is financed by contributions from cooperating Churches, and by subscriptions from individuals. The total budget is $7,000.00.

In the nature of things the bulk of this amount should be and is received from the First Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal, and Pilgrim Congregational Churches, and their members. Some churches include in their budgets their contribution to the Council. Others seek it from individual contributors.

Albert Baldwin

Duluth 15 Jany 1923

Your Clerk offers herewith his 13th annual report covering the business & events of the 52nd year of your Churches corporate existence.

In last years report you were told that we had a membership of 678.

The church Secretary and the Pastor delicately intimated that the Clerk didn't know what he was talking about and the sad feature was that they had the goods on him & showed him to his entire satisfaction that we should start our fiscal year with a membership of 722

During 1923 we received new members
On confession of Faith 16 (38)
By Letter from other churches 22
We granted letters of Dismissal to other churches 27
We lost by Death 10 (37)

So we come up to our 1923 annual Meeting with a net gain of 1 making our roll of membership with those out of Town 723
(158 absentee members)

The church has been represented by Delegates & pastor at every assembly during the year from local, thro the District, State up to the National assn at Springfield.

Not only does pilgrim church play the game strong in her own affairs but she can be depended on to support anything worth while somebody else starts

You may not know it but pilgrim church has some reputation in this town

Dr Pace of the First Methodist in conversation some time since said; "Say man! but you've got some crowd out at your place; I told your pastor once that give me the backing of a crowd like yours I'd be willing to start anywhere"!

One of the strong loyalists of the First Presbyterian just last week commented to me at one of the week of prayer meetings at YMCA - The occasion being one of our real talks the speaker - "you've certainly get to hand it to you Congregationalists when it comes to backing up one of your own with support; you don't intend that any of your people when called on to address a meeting shall feel like a stranger to the crowd"!

Well why should we? That isn't in our book of rules for playing the game!

Just a few weeks ago Pilgrim church staged a bit of work that even gave a thrill to herself. We were up against a largely increased budget for the coming year and it had to be raised - Decision was reached that the only way was to stage a canvas of every member in the congregation or rather member of the church in a one day drive - It can't be done - why not? Well it will take 100 canvassers - What of it? Why you can't get 'em! Say, you're seeing things, of course you can - all right go ahead + do it - And Mr Richard Ward Northrup and Samuel Earnest Mather went ahead and did just that -

They rounded up 100 men who dis not belong to the "St George So it ~~ex~~ Union" got them down here to a supper one Friday night, put the outline & frame work up to them, then said all right Show up here Sunday with your working clothes on at 2:30 then go out & clean up!

And just for good measure to prove that we can raise workers outside of church members they picked on a man & told him, Now you pick 10 helpers here, not church members and then you go round up about $1000.00 of this 29 grand we are after from people who attend here & have children in our church school but are not members of the church -

And they went to their job like good sports - Of course that is now history - but it is well sometimes to review history.

While we are on the subject of good sportsmanship - your clerk wants to make mention of something many of you possibly don't know but he thinks you should.

In a report of his 2 & 3 years since he rather patted the backs of the committee who had in charge the securing of a new pastor, intimating that they felt rather pleased with themselves as good pickers.

Well they still think they picked on a pretty fairly good preacher = but they got something even better than that -

Sunday School Missionary Work.

our Church School is enrolled as a "World Service School, which means that we have systematic mission study at least once a month. We began our study last spring, and had several mission Sundays before the summer months. This Fall we began in earnest. Our most important events have been these: A talk to the Jounior and Senior Departments by Mrs. Lindstrom on "My experiences in India". In December, carrying out our plan of Home Mission study, Dr Lesher came from Minneapolis on the 9th to give an illustrated talk on "The Home Missions of Northern Minnesota" The following Sunday Dec. 16th, 212 Christmas gifts were brought by Pilgrim children for the 94 children in the church school at Hackensack Minn.

Our Christmas this year being a giving rather than a receiving one the "White Gifts for the King" that the children brought to the Christmas trees, were sent as a follow-up box to MR. Cadwell the minister at Hackensack, for his own use or for distribution in the community.

Our sring work centers around helping Mr Ray Phillips in Johannesburg South Africa, by sending $25.00 to finance the May picnic given each year to the 200 little black children of his Sunday school there.

We have had 5 illustrated lectures on mission subjects, two during the vacation school, and two at the week day school, with one to the entire Sunday School.

A most interesting exhibit of things from other lands has been started as a beginning for a missionary exhibit.

This work is just being organized, but in time we hope to have a strong and definite missionary consciousness thruout the Sunday School.

Mrs R.W. Northup

Supt. of Missions.

* Mrs Dinsmore has the missionary programs in the Primary Dept. + Mrs Wallace for the Junior Dept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - Jan. 1, 1923-Dec. 31, 1923.

RECEIPTS

Balance forward January 1	50.84
Regular weekly contributions	592.03
Easter offering	58.95
Children's Day offering	78.97
H. W. Nichols, Church Treasurer	800.00
Pledges for 1923	185.00
Pledges for 1924	302.00
Sale of books	14.69
For older boys' conference at Hibbing	25.00
Refund " " " "	2.80
For 1923 Christmas expenses	4.00
Miscellaneous	1.34
TOTAL	2115.62

EXPENDITURES

Supplies	800.54
Pilgrim News	197.60
Mrs. G. A. Taylor (Easter offering)	58.95
Treasurer Cong. S. S. Ext. Society (C. D. offering)	78.97
Treasurer St. Louis County S. S. Ass'n	15.00
Conference and convention expense	218.58
Bibles (25)	72.64
Salaries vacation school	217.95
Balance 1922 Christmas expense	23.04
1923	57.41
Miscellaneous	4.50
Balance	370.44
	2115.62

1745.08

1923 pledges numbered 19
1924 pledges numbered 35 and totaled $641.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Hawker
Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CHURCH SCHOOL

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1923

THE CHURCH SCHOOL of Pilgrim Congregational Church under its present organization is divided into five Departments; Beginners, Primary, Junior, Senior, and Adult, and the Superintendents of these departments have just given you their reports. There are thirty teachers and twelve officers who are givingb their time and services to the work of the school. At the present time every available space for class rooms is occupied and additional romms could be used.

THE TOTAL ENROLLMENT at the end of the year was 367 while the average daily attendance including the summer months was 228. December 19th was the record attendance for the year and probably for the school when 295 were present. The enrollment and average attendance by departments was as follows:

	Enrollment	Attendance
Beginners	42	26
Primary	78	47
Junior	77	53
Senior	107	59
Adult	21	13
Teachers	30	23
Officers	12	7
Total	367	~~238~~ 228

The record for attandance in comparison to enrollment was made by the juniosr with a percentage of 69

Respectfully submitted,

O R Dillman

Secretary

setting out new trees are in bad condition. An attempt will be made to get the City Park Commission to do this at the city's expense.

During the year things seem to have run pretty smoothly and for this condition the credit is due to Mr. Anderson, custodian of the church. His duties are hard and the hours are

REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

of

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1923.

The total amount expended during the year for operation and maintenance of the church and the manse was $5,979.88. The total expenditure for the year 1922 covering the same items was $6,049.35.

During the past year the amount expended on church repairs was $456.15. The largest single item under this heading covers the painting of all of the exterior woodwork of the church building and completing the varnishing of the floors of the main assembly room of the parish house, class rooms, office, main corridors and stairways.

The cost of fuel during the year 1923 was $1943.00 as compared with $1942.45 for the year 1922. The demand for heat has been largely increased by reason of the greater increase in church activities, there being some part of the building required for services or activities of one kind or another during practically every day of the heating season.

By reason of the increase in the tax rate amounting to practically 20%, the taxes paid during the year 1924 will be about 20% greater than those paid during the year 1923. We have been able to secure a reduction in the assessed valuation of the manse property, but this will first be effective in payment of taxes levied for the year 1924 payable in the year 1925. We are making application for a further reduction of assessment and a refundment of taxes on the grounds of over-assessment beginning with taxes paid for the year 1918. It is very doubtful if we will be able to secure a refundment of assessment.

The amount of Fire Insurance Premium for a term of three years has been reduced by approximately $125.00 by reason of a recent ruling of the Board of Fire Underwriters, which permits the organ to be classified as part of the building rather than as contents, under which classification it formerly came.

During the coming year it is hoped that the walls and ceilings of the parish house and the surfaces of walls and ceilings elsewhere in the building which are not painted will be decorated to conform with the rest of the church.

The committee is in hopes of improving the grounds by getting the lawn in better condition and possibly setting out new trees in the parking strip, as most of the present trees are in bad condition. An attempt will be made to get the City Park Commission to do this at the city's expense.

During the year things seem to have run pretty smoothly and for this condition the credit is due to Mr. Anderson, custodian of the church. His duties are hard and the hours are

long and many demands are made upon him for all sorts of services. The committee feels that he has handled the situation faithfully and well and with a real feeling of responsibility for the welfare of the church. In this connection the Committee suggests that, in so far as possible, requests for Mr. Anderson's services be made through the church office in order to avoid conflict.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Stirling

For the Committee.

WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

The Women's Assembly adopted the Calendar Plan again for 1923, as it is the most satisfactory plan we have ever tried. Each year the seasons are changed so that women working in the spring one year, will have the winter for their season the following year, each group being moved up one season. Recommendations are changed slightly each year as new conditions arise. 326 names on the list. Average attendance to monthly meetings 67

In the absence of both president and vice president for about six weeks early in the year, the Assembly was in the capable hands of Mrs. L. E. Paddack.

On January 19th a lecture was given by Madam Ponafidine on her personal experiences in Soviet Russia, and on February 13th an organ recital recital by Charles Courboin which was much enjoyed by the forty-three who braved one of the worst blizzards in years, to be present.

The party given in May by the Summer Group, Mrs. Frank Sisk at the home of Mrs. Newell in honor of their supervisor of the preceding year was a very delightful affair, and was much appreciated by the guest of honor.

The Arthur Hunt concert provided a most original and unusual program, and with the sale of May baskets of candy we more than made expenses.

The next was the May breakfast, proposed, ordered, and conducted by Mrs. McGonagle, supervisor of the Spring Group.

The May flowers made by the ladies and used on several occasions also netted us a neat sum when sold to one of the merchants for spring decorations.

A Food Sale at the Kelley-Duluth Store cleared $80.00.

The Easter Offering came on the first of April and fooled us out of nearly half our usual amount.

One of the most pleasant social occasions of the year was the celebration in the church reception rooms of the fifty-fifth wedding anniversary of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Kimball, charter members of the church. A great many friends called during the evening to offer congratulations.

The Normal School Banquet was successfully conducted by Mrs. T. J. Davis.

A Father and Son banquet was given in June.

A Silver Tea was given at 2215 East Second St. in June and the program was given by Mrs. O. J. Larson. She told of her trip with the Pacific-Atlantic fleet to the Panama, after which four pupils of Miss Stoughton danced in the garden and tea was served. More than plenty of money was raised to pay for hospital shades to darken the Recreation Room for steropticon views.

July 12th a church picnic was held in the Duncan Ravine. Mr. Batcheldor and Pilgrim Church Choir led in community singing. Suppers were sold in boxes to those who had ordered them. The little Folk dancers appeared in the lime light and all ate and drank and were happy until the miniature boxing match came on and then the old people shook their heads and went home.

In September the Autumn Group, Mrs. Roedter supervisor, took charge, and the women roused themselves from a month's rest and began working and having circle meetings early and often; for the work for the Christmas Sale had begun in earnest.

The Johnston-Burmeister concert gave us a delightful program.

A Silver Tea at Mrs. R. B. Whiteside's was most successful in every way. Nice day. Nice program. Nice sum of silver realized.

An S. O. S. call from the Red Cross is always answered promptly by Pilgrim women. This time it was kimonos for the Japanese earthquake sufferers.

A call to help a young woman from Mr. Muhonen's confirmation class ~~got~~ received an outfit in order to attend the Schauffler School was another call. Mrs. Elderkin was instrumental in this.

A new gas stove and mangle were installed in the parsonage, and the kitchen walls painted.

We have done some sewing and mending for the Children's Home.

Hospital supplies were sent to Pleasant Hill Academy,

Besides the new shades for the Recreation Room, we bought new table linen and dishes for the kitchenette.

The Occupational Therapy was our child, but is now able to stand alone. Mrs. Arthur Barnes is now in full charge of the work.

Two complimentary suppers were given to the canvassers for the Every member Canvass.

Several donations of jelly have been sent to the poor farm.

All four of the Groups combined to house clean the church. Each Group took a section of the church and the work was finished in one day, each paying their own bills.

We are grateful for numerous gifts donated by different people in the church, including new plumbing for the parsonage and 100 soup bowls. 4 can of choir gowns

The Christmas Sale furnished a good deal of merriment among the women by the little teas and work that brought them together and resulted in their being better acquainted. ~~More than~~ $1388.24 was realized.

Seven of our women have passed away during the year.

(Mrs. Brewer Mattocks Jr., Mrs. L. I. Scott, Mrs. W. A. Cant, Mrs. John Christie, Mrs. Emma E. Gridley, Mrs. Ellen H. Wood, Mrs. Newton DeForest.)

These names I will not read, but though their names are erased from our lists their memory will remain with us a long time.

Twenty-eight new names have been added to our lists, and more are leaning our way.

Financially, we kept our pledge to the church budget for $2,750.00, and went over the top by making it $3,000.00.

We made Christmas presents & benevolences amounting in all to ~~$70.~~ 106.00, and still have more than $1,000.00 in our treasury. Strange to say the amount lacking for the 1924 church budget after the Every Member Canvass was very close to this amount.

We also pledged $1,000 for the budget

PASTOR'S REPORT.
1924.

For the year 1923.

The amounts raised by the four Groups, including pledges, Christmas Sale receipts, and other profits were as follows:

Spring Group, Mrs. McGonagle supervisor, $647.55

Summer Group, Mrs. Funk supervisor, $759.64

Autumn Group, Mrs. Roedter supervisor, $596.75

Winter Group, Mrs. Wise supervisor, $556.22

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Balance on hand January 1, 1923 1319.48

Received from all sources 6462.41

Disbursements 4005.27

Balance on hand January 1, 1924 1457.14

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The new Women's Assembly year books, containing the list of officers and members according to Groups and Units, were mailed to the members last week. Any woman who did not receive one will please notify the office.

Respectfully submitted

Lena R. Duncan

Pres.

January 15, 1924

Report of Mrs. V. A. Taylor, Treas. for year 1923

MRS. C. A. DUNCAN
2215 EAST SECOND STREET
DULUTH, MINN.

— Receipts —

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Total	5,462.41

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" " " Johnston Summerstein Concert	366.79
To Church Treas. on a/c of Salary of Religious Director -	2,750.-
For Flowers, Laundry, Printing + Advertising	161.71
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Pd for Benevolences + Gifts - - -	105.-
Miscellaneous - - - - - - -	100.47
Total	4005.27
Balance on hand Dec. 31st 1923	$ 1,457.14

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Respectfully submitted

IN DECEMBER the holidays, with their rounds of entertainments and festivities, make extraordinary demands upon evening wardrobes. Here is a service which can be depended on to beautifully cleanse and condition each dress garment entrusted to its care.

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We Clean Upholstered Furniture

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1438.97 - Christmas Sale

677.10 - Pledges

PASTOR'S REPORT.
1924.

For the year 1923.

The reports you have been listening to must have created an altogether favorable impression.

The various organisations of the church are at work, are doing good work, are enlisting genuine interest.

The Sunday School is flourishing in the very ways in which we want it to flourish.

It is in high favor with the community.

More than 100 children attend its sessions who come from homes where church-membership is elsewhere.

This witnesses to the confidence of those who are conperned with the religious education of their children.

It is not possible to speak too highly of the leadership of the school and its several departments. the leadership

It is a pity that we have no way of telling these good souls how deeply in their debt we are.

It need not be said that the situation in the School is in no small part due to the untiring devotion of Mr Hall.

~~He is making excellent progress with the vacation and the daily schools of religion.~~

And if the Women's Assembly had done nothing other during these past two years than make possible this direction for the School, we should be endlessly obligated to them.

For two years they have supplied the funds for the salary of the Director of Religious Education.

While we were discovering that the office of Director of Religious Education was a thing we wanted to be permanent hereabouts.

This is a service whose worth can /with great difficulty/ be estimated.

Now the item has been incorporated in the general budget of the church. And is part of the increase in the budget. I take it that your hearty response to the appeal for increased funds at the time of the E M C is an indication that you believe in this provision for the Church School .

But this is only one of the fine services done the church by the Assembly.

They are always ready to do what they are asked to do.

~~Whether it has been giving anniversary parties, providing supp~~ ~~sending food and clothing which has been needed,~~

~~The Assembly has been ably directed this year~~.

The Woman's Missionary Society has become one of the leading organisations within the church during the past year. I fancy that with the programs which are being provided /the women of the church will rapidly arrive at the conclusion that these meetings cannot be turned from.

It is a great joy to know that there are so many in the church who are anxious that Pilgrim shall do more than gather its apportionment.

Who want the giving ~~so~~ for missionary purposes /to be for cause and with reason.

Perhaps it is to be through this organisation that we shall come to take a realler interest in the churches of Northern Minnesota.

For we must, as the mother organisation in this portion of the State, assume an ever larger interest in these churches which are struggling to spread the teaching and the influence of Jesus in portions of the land which stand in need of every good and righteous influence which can be brought to human life.

We are not to forget in these days of growing strength and influence

that once upon a time / we were helped with other things besides words of encouragement and sympathy and cordial good-wishes for our ultimate success. Other churches of our order which had attained to place and a certain affluence / sent us money.

I am sure that / as Mr Muhonen's work among the Finnish folk of this section develops / we shall find scores of places where we can help him set up centers from which may radiate every sort of wholesome and holy influence.

Outside the Brainerd Church / they are no strong churches in the Duluth Assocition.

We did , during the past year, a very fine thing for the Church in Remer. More than a thousand dollars went to help them build their new building.

In the course of the years we are going to be glad that we took this type of interest in Remer.

What the young folks of the Sunday School have done for several Sunday Schools and churches in this northern country is exactly in line with what we ought to do more and more as the years go by.

We have an organisation which during the years has interested itself in many causes / engaged in helpful work among disadvantaged people. The Friends in Council have seen to it that the concern of Pilgrim Church has spread in a good many directions which might not otherwise have known that concern.

Their history is a long and honorable one.

It is to be hoped that more of our young women who are not free for afternoon gatherings should avail themselves of the privilege ~~to be~~ of being identified with the Friends in Council.

I cannot go my way without saying that to my notion we have never had finer ushering than we have had during the past year. Ushering of the finer sort means everything to the services of the church. It is more than showing people to pews. It is making them understand the welcome of the church.

I should like to name names because we have had some examples of what I should call perfect ushering.

I have watched ushers for a good many years.

And I think I know perfect ushering when I see it.

May I express the joy I have had during the year in working with an organist and a quartet who are just as anxious as I am that the entire service shall carry us all closer to the throne of God.

And I should like to have you know, if you do not already know, how unstinted has been the service of the Church Secretary. She has worked in hours and out of hours in the effort to supply all who asked for it with the information they wanted or the clerical help they needed.

The finest church office in Minnesota is maintained here in this very building.

We have a custodian in Mr Anderson whose equal would be hard to find. One might think that this great propefty was his own, so carefully does he care for it.

The midweek service is wretchedly supported by you.

I suppose you have perfectly good reasons for turning so savagely upon it.

We are to discuss these attitudes of yours at the midweek service January 23rd.

Will you not come that evening and tell us why you appear to hate a Wednesday evening service as you do.

The attendance at Vespers has been noticeably better this year. I make bold to tell you that I am greatly encouraged.

I wish it were possible now to undertake a regular second service instead of the occasional one we now hold.

If there were any discouraging things about the E M C, I haven't heard about them.

The willingness of the men of the church to give themselves to this piece of necessary work was splendid.

Mr S E Matter and his central committee, Mr Northup and his captains, the captains and their canvassers, the canvassed- all share in the glory of the notable achievement.

The money with which to carry on the work of this year-1924- is pledged.

The trustees and the officers of the church in turn pledge you their very best efforts to spend/with care and wisdom/the moneys committed to them.

It is not possible to report the success of the E M C without recalling to our minds that the success of the campaign grew/in great part/out of the faithful work of the man who has/for a good many years/been chairman of the Finance Committee, and who turned the chairmanship of this important committee over to Mr Matter at the beginning of 1923. It is a marvellous thing for a church of our size to raise $30 000 with so little real trouble.

This could not have been done with so little real trouble had it not been that Mr Hegardt has laid a foundation through long years of faithful and devoted service.

What happened on the 9th of December/when more than 100 men turned to the task of assembling the funds for the present year/

~~was made possible by the work~~

had its rootage in the love for Pilgrim Church fostered and furthered by a chairman of the Finance Committee who could not have given more to his beloved church.

Mr Hegardt has done his work so quietly that there is danger of our not understanding why it is that Pilgrim Church provides for its large budget so cheerfully and easily.

I could wish for more cooperation on your part in securing new members.

I had hoped that by September of this year we should have a church of 1 000 members.

We shall be 200 short of that number.

You must bring yourselves to a concern for this part of our work.

I want it to be a real concern.

A concern which keeps you everlasting at the business of recruiting.

Pilgrim Church has something very precious to give.

Strength , courage, vitality for heart and soul.

The sharing in a great fellowship.

The following of a great leader.

I cannot drive you to this task.

I do not want to drive you.

I do not want you to drive yourselves.

I want you to want to do this service for your friends and neighbors.

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