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Boy Rangers

Girl Scouts

Boy Scouts

Comrades of the Way

Seven Church School Departments

Church School Secretary

Church School Treasurer

Department of Religious Education

Director of Religious Education

Historian

Woman's Missionary Society

Junior Auxiliary

Women's Assembly

Pilgrim Church Representatives in Duluth Council of Churches

Board of Ushers

Church Clerk

Building and Grounds Committee

Church Treasurer

Finance Committee

Board of Trustees

Board of Deacons

Minister

Nominating Committee

Friends in Council

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1927.

Ther have been ten regular meetings of the Womans Missionary Society at which there was an average attendance of 54. Splendid programmes were prepared by Mrs Sanford and her committee on both foreign and home missionary subjects. At two of these meetings we had outside speakers. Mrs Bertha Harris from Cleveland talked on Schauffler Institute and the Reverend Wm. Bell ,Director of Extension Work for the Duluth Prebytery discussed "Rural Church Problems In America". A special committee headed by Mrs McMillan took charge of the Thankoffering meeting and secured Mrs Oscar Lowe of Minneapolis as the speaker.The devotionals for the year,planned by Mrs Noyce, all centered around the central theme of"Jesus,s Teachings About Life".

Five boxes have been sent to different part s of the country by Mrs Wilson and her helpers .A full report of these gifts is on file so I will merely say that although some of the boxes were more valuable than others ,many fine donations were sent and we were very proudn of what was contributed.

Afull report from the treasurer has also been placed on file but I will give a summary of it here.

The annual meeting of the Congregational WomansnMissio nary society was held at Northfield in May and to this we sent Miss VanWormer Mrs Noyce and Mrs Carlson.These delegat es gave us full accounts of the various meetings when they returned Mrs C E Carlson was also elected the first of the year to the council of forty of the state organization.This is the first year there has been such a council and we were very glad to be askad to send a representative.Mrs Carlson has been very faithful in attendance at these monthly meetings and her report with those of our two directors have made us feel very much in touch with the work of the state as a whole.

AS every one with any responsibility has more than shoulderd her load only the easiest of duties have remained for the president and it has been a grear pleasure to serve the society in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted

Mary B Bertram

The Message of the Minister of
Pilgrim Church
spoken at the Annual Meeting
held January 18,1928.

I do not allow myself to grow unmindful of the gracious provision which you make for your minister and his family.

I mention again our enjoyment of the new parsonage.

Nor do I allow myself to forget that it by your grace of thoughtfulness that I am allowed to live the happy life I live.

You provide the means whereby material wants are taken care of.

And then you ~~kixxmx~~ give me freedom to work where I choose to.

I seek always to be worthy of this confidence.

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS.

As you already know the E M C this year was unusually successful.

Such praises as are bestowed must be widely scattered.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Director of the Canvass, the Captains of teams and the men who go through the parish--all are responsible for the success of these campaigns.

This year 134 of the 139 men called responded.

The meaning of this to the church is not far to seek.

There is a loyalty here which is precious and priceless.

The church also may rejoice in the returns in gifts and pledges.

The general inclination of our members to supply the means for carrying on our work is ~~startlingly noticeable~~ every way remarkable.

A Church which has so large a proportion of its membership upon its lists of contributors may well take courage.

Not everything I realise should be read into this phase of good-fortune.

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But something may be inferred as to the interest and the friendliness and good will of those to whom the Church must look for almost all its encouragement.

It is a great thing to know a month ahead of the opening of the new fiscal year that practically the entire amount required to maintain the work of the Church for another twelvementh is in sight.

AN ENDOWMENT FUND.

I call your attention to the beginnings of an Endowment Fund.

Mr T J Thomsen has given the Church three shares of the preferred stock of the Hotel Duluth Company. This stock is not yielding an interest return at the present.

Opinion I am sure is divided as to the wisdom of trying to build an endowment fund for the use of the Church.

But I wonder if consideration might not well be given to the creation of an endowment fund whose income could be placed at the disposalof the Deacons for the replenishment of what is known as the Deacons' Fund and which is used in cases of need within the parish.

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PILGRIM COLLEGE FUND.

We have a Fund of $500 created through the gifts of members and friends of the Church which is available for the young folks of our parish who may need to reinforce the supply of money they have in hand for their college education.

The Fund is not six years old and has been of service to three young people.

THE YEAR BOOK.

The Year Book for 1927 was not published last November. But the statistics for 1927 havebeen gathered and will be included in the Year Book for 1928.

THE BETHEL

Each year I attend the annual meeting of the Bethel.

It should not be forgotten that the beloved first minister of this church was the heart and soul of the Bethel in the difficult days of beginnings.

For a number of years the Friends in Council in this church have seen to it that a gift went from Dr Salter's Church to increase a fund used by the Bethel for flowers for shut-ins and sick.

I trust that this custom may be continued.

I should be glad to see increases in the number of gifts made to this splendid organisation.

THE PREPARATORY SERVICE.

With the adoption of the New Constitution we shall have a preparatory service on the Wednesday evening preceding the regular Communion Services.

LENTEN CLASSES.

Each year during Lent I have conducted classes for the young folks of our parish.

It is my one intimate contact with them during the year.

I seek at this time and always the interest of parents whose children are above the age of ten or eleven that they may encourage these young people to enter these classes.

It does not necessarily follow that these children should enter these classes with church membership immediately in view.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES.

~~According to~~ Following our custom there are to be special services on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons during Lent.

The Lenten Midweek services will begin February 22nd and the Vesper Services February 26th.

I venture to ask if you have special themes which you would like to have discussed at these services.

Needless to say I ~~xinhxthexattendance~~ covet your concern for these services.

SICKNESS AND NEED.

Information concerning those of the parish who are sick or in need should be reported to the ministers or the Church office.

The parish is not large.

But it is large enough to delay the spread of information of this important character.

MR IRWIN.

The Church has suffered greatly through the loss by death of the Reverend Herbert M Irwin who died in Athens Greece November 17,1927.

Mr Irwin has been out of health for almost two years.

It is planned to hold a special memorial service February 5th as part of the Communion Service of that morning.

The Deacons thought it best that the minister make the address.

The Church by formal vote has besought the American Board to appoint Mrs Irwin as its representative abroad.

The Board has the matter under advisement and evidently at this moment is conferring with Mrs Irwin as to her desires and intentions.

It is reported that the two children in this country wish their mother to return to this side of the water.

I have been minister of Pilgrim Church nearly seven and a half years.

They have been exceedingly happy years.

Noble S Elderkin.

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The principal activities of the Trustees are carried on through the Finance and Buildings and Grounds Committees and the moneys of the Church under the control of the Trustees is disbursed by the Treasurer. The reports of these Committees and of the Treasurer made at this meeting give, therefore, the results of the business management of the Church.

The budget for 1927 was carefully adhered to and, as shown by the Treasurer's report, all bills for the year were paid and small balance left in the treasury.

The budget proposed for 1928 is $32,754.85. As reported by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, there is an apparent shortage in the underwriting of this budget of $1184.95. There are, however, unpaid pledges due in 1927 which, if paid, will with the new pledges and with the expected cash contributions cover the budget as proposed. The Trustees therefore recommend that the budget as proposed be adopted, this, of course, with the understanding that if during the year it is found that the amount of the budget will not be paid in, the Trustees, working with the Finance Committee, will necessarily curtail the budget, and that all departments of the Church will keep themselves within the budget as now proposed or as it may be later corrected.

For the record, we state that insurance on the church and parsonage are carried as follows:

Church building	$152,000.00
Contents	8,000.00
Parsonage	12,000.00

The report of the Trustees made at the last annual meeting by Mr. Northup told in detail of the purchase of the parsonage by the exchange of the old parsonage property on Twelfth Avenue East and First Street and the giving of mortgage for $5,000.00. $1,000.00 of the principal amount of the mortgage was paid by the ladies before the annual meeting of last year. This leaves unpaid on account of the mortgage $4,000.00, which is represented by four notes of $1,000.00 each, dated November 19, 1926, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from date until paid.

The Trustees are glad to take this opportunity to compliment the business organizations of the Church for their very faithful and efficient work during the past year. Our budget system and plan for the every-member canvass has been remarkably successful. No more inspiring sight could be witnessed than that of more than 100 earnest, active men of the Church assembled for conference and instruction in the preparation for the every-member canvass. We feel that this work in itself is well worth while and that the men who take part in it are rendering great service to the Church and to the community and that the members visited should feel it a privilege to respond to the opportunity to share in the maintenance of the work by their money contributions.

Dr. Elderkin, Mr. Matter, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Harlow, as director of the Every-Member Canvass, and his captains and their co-workers, are all entitled to this special recognition for their very valuable services in bringing about this very desirable result.

In connection with the adoption of the new constitution and by-laws, the Trustees think it will be a matter of interest to the members of the Church and for the purpose of placing this information of record, I give somewhat in detail the history of the incorporation and legal status of the Church as a corporation.

Under General Statutes of Minnesota for 1866 provision was made for religious corporations. It was provided that the persons belonging to any religious society not incorporated could assemble at the Church and by plurality vote elect a number of discreet persons of their Church, congregation or society, not less than 3 nor more than 9 in number, as Trustees, to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto and transacting all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof.

Further provision was that any two of the deacons or certain other persons specified should preside at such election and immediately after the election certify under their hands and seals the names of the persons elected to serve as Trustees, in which certificate the name by which the said

Trustees and their successors in office shall forever thereafter be called and known shall be particularly mentioned and specified.

The next section provided for filing this certificate with the Register of Deeds of the county where the Church is located, and thereafter "such Trustees and their successors shall be a body corporate by the name expressed in such certificate."

On July 17, 1872 there was filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of St. Louis County, Minnesota, in Book A of Misc. on Page 9, document reading as follows:

"Organization of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth. Filed for Record July 17, 1872 4 P. M.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

Be it Remembered that at a meeting of the congregation of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth, St. Louis County, State Minnesota, held on the evening of July 16th at the meeting house of said church in Duluth in accordance with due notice. W. S. Woodbridge and J. Kimball Deacons of said church having been appointed to preside at the election, receive the votes and determine the qualification of voters. The following persons were duly elected trustees of said church, viz. E. L. Smith and J. D. Ensign for three years. L. H. Tenney for two years, and R. S. Munger and O. K. Patterson for one year. It was also duly determined that the name by which said trustees and their successors in office should be known, should be the trustees of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth, Minnesota. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our hands and seals this 17th day of July, 1872.

W. S. Woodbridge (SEAL)
Jere. Kimball (SEAL)

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

On this 17th day of July, A. D. 1872, before me personally came W. S. Woodbridge and J. Kimball, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged the same.

CHAS. R. HAINES
Register of Deeds,
St. Louis Co., Minn."

(SEAL)

This meeting was evidently held and certificate prepared under the provisions of the statutes.

If there was any other or different document covering the incorporation of the Church at the time, the records fail to disclose it. In 1887 the legislature of Minnesota passed an act relating to religious societies, which was approved March 7, 1887, and provided in Section 1:

> "Any church, congregation or religious society which heretofore may have attempted to become incorporated under any of the laws of this state but which for informality or other cause is not now legally incorporated, is hereby incorporated and invested as such church, congregation or society with all the rights, privileges and immunities now enjoyed by religious corporations under the general laws of this state."

The following section provided that the act should take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Evidently the original document of July 17, 1872 executed by Mr. Woodbridge and Mr. Kimball had been mislaid

and possibly its whereabouts in the records were not known.

On April 1, 1887 Henry G. Noble and wife conveyed to "Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth" Lots 2 and 4 on East Second Street, Duluth Proper, First Division, which was the property at the corner of Lake Avenue and Second Street, where the stone church later stood. The consideration for this property was recited as $10,000.00 and on the same date a mortgage was given to Noble for $9,000.00 payable in 2 notes due in 1 and 2 years, interest at 8% per annum. Mr. James.W. Norton was Chairman of the Board of Trustees and John W. Miller was Clerk of the Church at the time of this transaction. Judge S. F. White evidently supervised the transaction and in so doing discovered the lack of record title of the Church organization, and to furnish this record title and to take advantage of the act of the legislature an affidavit was executed by Mr. Woodbridge before Judge White as Notary Public and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, which affidavit was as follows:

"State of Minnesota)
County of St. Louis)

William S. Woodbridge, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he was in January, 1871, when the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth was organized, a member and one of the incorporators of said Church. That said Church was organized at that date as a Church under the name of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, and all the proceedings and measures were taken at that time as was supposed by the members of said Church, to complete the organization of the Church

according to the form of law, so that the Church might take and hold real estate as a corporation.

Deponent further says that he has been ever since a member of said Church and is now a member thereof.

That the said Church from that date to this continued to hold property as the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth.

Deponent further says that he has been informed by those who have made examination of the records that no copy of the articles of incorporation or record thereof is to be found in the office of the Register of Deeds of St. Louis County, and that he supposes that there was an omission on the part of said Church to file the articles originally executed by them as required by law, and that he makes this affidavit for the purpose of setting forth the fact of the original organization of said Church, to the end that the same may be recorded as due proof of such organization under "an act relating to religious societies" enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota at its session of 1887 and approved March 7th, 1887.

WM. S. WOODBRIDGE

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 18th day of April, 1887.

SHUBERT F. WHITE
Notary Public

(Notarial Seal)."

It is stated in this affidavit that the Church was organized in January, 1871, and that from that date to the date of the affidavit it had continued to hold the property as Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth. The original

organization papers, if any, were executed earlier than 1872, are not now available, nor is there any record of them available so far as the Trustees know. There is no question, however, as to the corporate status of the Church under the name of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth, in view of the records which have been quoted and of the Act of 1887.

The new constitution and by-laws adopted at this meeting do not affect the corporate status of the Church. That is covered by the state law and the actions taken under it.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar Mitchell

Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Report of the Superintendent of the Junior Department.

Work for the new term started in the Junior Department on October second. The preceeding Sunday was Rally Day and, at that time, twelve boys and 8 girls were advanced to the Intermediate Department and twenty-four came into the Junior Department from the Primary. The enrollment at present is eighty-nine, forty-one girls and forty-eight boys. There are nine classes, four of which are girls' and five, boys'.

With the new arrangement whereby we begin at nine-fifty, we have been able to spend from ten to fifteen minutes in a pre-worship period which is most valuable for drill and memory work. From fifteen to twenty minutes is devoted to worship service. Class work follows in separate class-rooms for thirty minutes.

The teaching curriculum has been changed this year and Chicago University material is being used. The First year pupils -those who have just completed Primary Department work-are learning to use their new Bibles and are studying "Introduction to the Bible". The second year classes are studyingthe "Life of Jesus" and the third year, "Paul of Tarsus". The Latter two have most Attractive note books and the lesson study is primarily class room work. The teachers unanimously vote the new curriculum more interesting and valuable, both to teacher and to pupil, than the International Graded lessons previously used.

The excellent teaching staff includes Mr. Meldahl, first year boys, Mrs. Armstrong, First year girls, Miss Byrd, second year girls, Mr. Vogt and Jesse Bradley, Second year boys, Mrs. Horr and Miss Bagley, third year girls, and Mr. Avery and Mr. Page, third year boys. Mr. Page is also our pianist. and Betty McCarthy is the secretary.

The Junior Department regrets the loss of two splendid permanent teachers during the year; Mrs. Dewing, who has moved out of the city, and Miss Esther Bowen who passed away so suddenly during the Christmas season.

The attendance has been splendid-the largest attendance honor roll of our experience being for the month of November when fifty-five names were

posted.Reports were sent to all homes of Junior boys and girls the first of December covering the first two months period. Grades in attendance, promptness,lesson preparation,interest,conduct,and the treasurer's report of the pupil's offering,were given.

The usual gifts were brought at Thanksgiving and Christmas forthe special missionary projects.

At the beginning of this year of 1928, the juniors feel that they are learning much thathelps to build for finer lives and our aim for the future is progress along these same lines.

The Superintendent appreciates the conscientious work and splendid cooperation of the teachers and the timely assistance of those who have substituted during the year.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Work done during 1927 by Mr. Muhonen:

Meetings attended= 209.
S.S. sessions " = 27.
Visitations made = 485.
4 Confirmationa Classes conducted, 108 hours, for 38 pupils.
Organized an independent Church, Shaw, with 8 members. Bought for same an old school bldg, which is paid for.
Held 7 Communion services, for total of 150 communicants.
Baptized 17. Married 2 couples. Attended 2 funerals.

To do this, traveled by auto: 17700 miles.
" " " " otherwise: 10880 miles. (including a missionary trip to Black Mtns)

Have received into the Hibbing Church 14 new members.
" " " " Eveleth " 10 " "
" " " " Palo " 3 " "

Eveleth property improved with a new sidewalk.
" " has only $ 900.00 debt, to the C.B.S.
" Church is being taken care of By Rev. Samuel Nevala, as I gave it up Nov. 15th.

Palo property has been moved on our own land, thus increasing its value by $ 500.00. There is no debt now, but will be, when the property is rebuild this year.

Intend to, if possible, to get own property for Hibbing Ch. during this year. There are now 85 adult members, 33 in S.S. Services every Thursday, and on 2 Sundays, in rented quarters.

Have been happy to have been able to be a medium for delivering clothing for two burned - out families, send by Pilgrim ladies, and ladies at Minneapolis. And many others were participients in the Pilgrim barrels.

All this work could not have been done by me, exept for the generous support by the Pilgrim Church. Hope it wilo be continued.

te rec'd by Supt.....Date rec'd at Divisional Office.....Date rec'd at N.Y. Office.....

The Congregational Church Extension Boards

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY
THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION SOCIETY
287 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

QUARTERLY REPORT

Submit reports in duplicate for each quarter of the calendar year, ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, whether full quarter's service has been rendered or not at such dates.

Send one report to your Superintendent, who will forward it to the Secretary of Missions.

Attach the second copy to your regular monthly statistical report and mail to the New York office. Your salary check for the third month of the quarter will be sent immediately upon receipt of the monthly and the narrative reports.

Name of missionary James E. Tsumoto

Post office address 1426 ave e Cloquet, State Minn

Report for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1927 192.....

NARRATIVE REPORT

(Use other side of this sheet, and additional sheets, if necessary.)

The missionary is expected to give in this report a full account of the significant features of his work. The Superintendent and Secretaries need this information in order to co-operate successfully with each missionary. Moreover, the Home Office relies largely upon these reports for interesting information to be used in "The American Missionary," "The Congregationalist" and other publications or to be forwarded to individual churches and women's missionary societies.

Topics like the following are suggested:

1. Typical or unusual examples of service you have been able to render in pastoral visitation.
2. What you are doing in religious education, both Sundays and week-days.
3. How you are instructing your people in Stewardship and Missions.
4. How you are building up church membership.
5. What you have accomplished in special community service.

The work of this last quarter has been exceptionally successfull to our minds. There has been an interest and a co-operative spirit in the members and in those affiliated with the church. Doors have opened into homes, where christian workers have not been welcome before. On Nov. 18, a father and mother of a family joined the church that had never had any connection with the church. Up to this time they laughed at the idea of attending church. Shortly, after they got interested they called a mid-week prayer meeting into their home. Now they are the active members, taking particular part in choir, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work. We have a similar instance in another home. Here the father was a radical, never had attended church. We got in contact with him slowly. We asked him to take us to the near by communities where meetings were held by us. We paid him for the trip. He seemed to be very willing to go. We invited them, as a family to our home. At one of just these kinds of visits, the father and daughter gave their hearts to the Lord. They joined the church. THE mother praises God, she sayes she lives as if in a new home. The daughter had been a theater goer, one who had to attend at least three times a week. And because funds were scarse it worked a hardship on the home. Since she gave her heart to the Lord she has not attended once. She has not missed one service in church or C.E. She takes active part in S.S. and has canvassed new members to S.S. and C.E. Her father has taken active part in all the work of the church.

10M-9-26

A home like this has been worth while winning for the church.

I will note just another instance at Christmas time. An ex-Communists wife who lives in an ajoint apartment with the owners of the flat ,called Mrs. Tuomisto and myself to her bedside for she was taken ill. She told how she would liked to have attended church first time in her 30 years of life in America ,but was prevented by her sudden illness. She was eager to know if we went to church by candle light as they did in Finland . We told her that we had an early morning service at 6 o'clock, which interested her very much. We had a little service for her at her bedside, Mrs. T. PLAYED and sang on her guitar. The visit was closed with scripture reading and prayer. Her whole household listened in eagerness and with interest,but the attendents in the ajoint apartment left at the beginning of the service being opposed to religious servic I called again and found a different attitude in the ajoint apartment.A home like this is won for the church.

Another instance of interest was shown by a family who had never been interested before. They asked us to spend an evening with them. Their purpose was to find out about membership responsibilities. The evening was spent in singing sacred songs and closed in the reading of Scripture and prayer. They were very interested and wanted us to call soon again.

These are examples of work we have done along the line of pastoral visitation. The different branches of work started last quarter have progressed.

Our choir has grown to a membership of-26. They have sung in church services but also have taken part in a concert that was sponsored by C.E. Dec. 1,1927.,where they sang before an audience of 300 people. They also prepared special music for all the Christmas festivities.

The string band has a membership of 10., and has a promise of several new members for this year.

The C.E. concert was a success and they donated the proceeds as a nest egg to the church Building fund. They look forward to having a home some day.

The Congregation bought an organ for the minister'shome.It is for the purpose of the church. The choir has had its rehearsels at the parsonage.

New song books were also bought for the church., and both organ and song books are paid for.

The C.E. membership has grown to 34 and the S.S. to 54. The S.S.gave a very interesting pageant " The path of Promise", at Christmas. Every member had part in it . When the program was given we had an audience of 300. The childern all wore costumes,shepherds had staffs and the manger was represented with straw about it. Some communists had said ,speaking of the program."they have some different idea then the Synod church ,if we ever send our childern to a religious school,we'll send them to the Congl' S.School. Judging from that discussion , the pageant evidently was a success.

I have had extra work since Nov. 1st as I have served the Eveleth Congregation Mrs. Tuomisto has made several visits there ,speaking at different meetings, which were a great blessing.

Dr.Bowdens visit here brought interest ,especially to the young people. He visited every branch of the work except at Midway.

CHURCH SCHOOL

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1927

The CHURCH SCHOOL ORGANIZATION for the year 1927 has been the same as for previous years with the exception that the Intermediate Department has been divided into two divisions, now known as the Intermediate and the Senior Departments. The classification of pupils is the same as that of the Junior-Senior High School plan, and the new work was started in October. Increased attendance in the two dombined departments shows the wisdom of the division. The average weekly attendance for the year was 253 an increase of 10 over that of 1926, 243. Below is a tabulation of the attendance of the several departments for the year by months and the comparative average for the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan 18, 1928

Secretary

1927 REPORT

DEPARTMENTS	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	AVE. 1927	AVE. 1926
BEGINNERS	26	28	32	33	32	25	35	33	34	31	30
PRIMARY	56	57	58	57	56	46	52	57	55	55	58
JUNIOR	58	58	62	63	62	64	67	71	68	64	56
INTERMEDIATE)	62	67	78	69	60	27	36	46	47)		
SENIOR)						28	26	34	33)	68	63
TEACHERS	25	25	28	26	28	25	26	26	27	26	26
OFFICIERS	9	8	9	9	9	9	7	9	8	9	10
TOTAL	236	245	267	259	247	226	249	276	272	253	243

Jan. 18. 1928

FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY OF DULUTH

FORMERLY THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES
INCORPORATED 1910
300 Moore Memorial Bldg
DULUTH MINNESOTA

December 12, 1927.

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ORVILLE ROBERTSON, GENERAL SECRETARY

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EMIL J. ZAUFT

Mrs. R. W. Northup
c/o Pilgrim Congregational Church
Duluth, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Northup:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 8. The manner in which you have suggested handling this fund will prove very satisfactory, I think, and if the committee approves our plans we should like to make a "raid" on it at this time.

We believe that the true Christmas spirit is the spirit of giving, while under the usual arrangements the families under our care are entirely on the receiving end. We would like to make it possible this Christmas for a few of them to do a little giving, even though they must first receive in order to do this. To put the matter differently, we believe that both parents and children are happier when the children feel that Christmas gifts come from their parents than when they feel that the Christmas is provided entirely by outsiders.

With this thought in mind we have selected six families from among those under our care who will have no money of their own to spend for Christmas. We would like to turn over to each of these mothers five dollars in cash, explaining that the money has been given by Pilgrim Sunday School and is to be used just for providing Christmas joy to the members of the family. We will discuss with the mothers their plans for the childrens' Christmas, but we want to give them the thrill - the shear joy of going down town and themselves selecting and buying the gifts for their little ones. Five dollars will doubtless sound to the committee like a very small sum for a family's Christmas, but it will be so much more than these families could spend for this purpose otherwise that it will mean a great deal to them, and you would be surprised at the amount of real Christmas pleasure they will be able to get out of it.

Following is a brief description of the families to whom we propose giving these Christmas allowances, and an outline of their situation. If necessary, we can supply the committee with their names and addresses, to be held in confidence.

1. The N. family consists of father, mother, and three children, ages 5, 3 and 2 years. The father is recovering from a severe case of pneumonia and has been forbidden to return to his previous occupation at the Cement Plant as his chest condition is such that the doctor is

suspicious of Tuberculosis. The family has no income whatever and is of course being assisted by the Family Welfare Society .

2. In the D. family there are five children, all under twelve years. The father got into bad company, started drinking and eventually served a sentence at the Work Farm. He is now out on parole and is searching for work. In addition to caring for the family at home, the mother has taken such day work as she could get.

3. Mr. and Mrs. D. have three children, ages 10, 7 and 1. A severe injury to the man's hand has kept him from working for several weeks, and he is not yet able to return. Both the Family Welfare Society and the County Poor Commission have assisted the family, which will have no Christmas unless it is provided in some such way as this.

4. Mr. M. deserted his family some time ago. At first his wife was very bitter toward everyone but the Visitor from the Family Welfare Society has brought about a decided change in her attitude. She works part time to help in providing for her three children, ages 8, 3 and 1. She is much interested in the children and is very sensitive. Allowing this mother the privilege of buying a few gifts for her children and presenting them herself will make the family much happier than having a more bountiful Christmas brought in by strangers.

5. In the H. family consisting of mother, father and six children it is a case of too much illness and too little income. None of the children are old enough to work and the father's earnings of $24.00 per week obviously will not reach all the way round, much less leaving anything with which to buy Christmas gifts.

6. Mrs. J. is a widow with five children, the oldest a girl of 12 years. The mother receives County aid of $80.00 per month, through the Mother's Allowance Department, but even with her skillful management this will not quite cover all of the needs of herself and five growing children. There is a fine family spirit which will be promoted by making it possible for the little Christmas gifts to come direct from the mother to her children.

In addition to these cash allowances, we would like to suggest the following purchases from the Pilgrim Thanksgiving fund if the committee approves. However, these are purchases which can be made our regular funds if the committee prefers.

1. A new coat for a little junior high school girl whose mother is a widow with six children. The only income is the $60.00 per month which the oldest child earns. The grandfather, who is in his seventies and still working, lets the family have free rent in a little place which he owns. We believe we can get a suitable coat for $12.00 or $15.00.

2. Joe is a Serbian boy, 13 years old. His father earns $4.00 per day. There are six children, under 15 years, living at home. In order to reduce expenses, two young daughters have just been married off to much older men selected by their parents. A brand new mackinaw (estimated cost to us $5.00) would certainly make Joe happy.

3. Mrs. N. is an old lady living alone in a little shack in an alley. The County Poor Commission furnishes her food and the Family Welfare Society supplies clothing. She would much more comfortable physically at the County Farm, but will never consent to go there. A pair of warm blankets, which we can get for $5.00 or $6.00, would add much to her comfort just now.

4. Mrs. E's husband was a confirmed drunkard and extremely cruel to his family. Eventually, when it could be endured no longer, a divorce was resorted to. There are five children, the oldest a girl of 17 years. A mental test indicated that she is considerably below normal and it has been practically impossible for her to find and keep employment, consequently the family has to depend almost entirely upon assistance from the County Poor Commission and the Family Welfare Society. The mother cannot leave the house at present because she has no coat. We can get her a suitable one for about $24.00. The family's supply of dishes is so low as to make it impossible for them all to sit down together and eat a meal decently. For $2.00 enough additional dishes can be bought to make this possible.

5. Mrs. O. is a widow with three children under 10 years. She receives a Mother's Allowance of $50.00 per month. A new suit for the 7 year old boy is much needed. For $8.00 we can get a suit which will yield large returns in both wear and happiness.

If the committee wishes to expend the money for the purposes outlined therein, we would be pleased to receive a check to cover the amounts indicated. It is impossible for us to say in advance exactly what the cost of some of these articles will be. If the total cost should be somewhat more than we have estimated, we will of course take care of the remainder from our regular funds. If it should run somewhat less, you may rest assured that the small balance will be used to very good advantage. Or we can hold it subject to your approval before expenditure if you prefer.

Although this letter is growing very long, I believe you will be interested in knowing something of what has been done with the generous supply of canned goods turned over to us by Pilgrim Sunday School at Thanksgiving time. Substantial quantities of these goods have been given to the following families.

1. The W. family, father, mother and 7 children. Father had a small business which failed one year ago. He is now suffering from a nervous breakdown. The only income is what the 17 year old boy earns.

2. Mr. K. is in the State Hospital for Insane. There are nine children. One boy has run away from home and one girl earns $17.00 per week. The others seven children are too young to work. The mother works and earns $75.00 per month.

3. Mr. H. a very old man living alone in a basement room, will not consent to enter the County Home. The County Poor Commission pays his rent, while the Family Welfare Society assists with groceries.

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4. The B's are a nice old couple. Mr. B. is not well and is unable to find work.

This does not give you a complete account of where and how these canned goods have been used, as it would make too long the letter if we were to attempt to do that. But it does give you some typical examples.

Thank you very much for your kind and hearty cooperation. It helps in making a little easier and brighter lives which are certainly hard enough and drab enough at best.

Sincerely yours,

Orville Robertson

General Secretary.

OR-BD

Dr. Knapp

Worcester

W. E. Worman - D. of R.C.

MRS. RICHARD W. NORTHUP
2114 ABBOTSFORD AVE.
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Last spring the Sunday School was interested in the Moslem World, and studied the life and teachings of Mohammed. Mrs Quinmore in the Primary Dept. told stories of little Turkish children. In June, to express our interest concretely, 75.00 was sent thru the American Board for work in Turkey. During June + July we took advantage of the fine stereopticon pictures + lectures that are available on missionary subjects, and for 4 Sundays all the departments met in the recreation room while Dr. Elderkin, Mr Noyce, Miss Kuth + Mrs Quinmore explained the pictures on successive Sunday mornings.

In the fall our activities are always the same Thanksgiving + Christmas projects. The outstanding event for us all was the beautiful Thanksgiving pageant written by Mr. Noyce and directed by Mr + Mrs Noyce. This made a fine historical setting for the bringing of the usual food stuff. This pageant was in the evening, and few of us will forget the end, with the children trooping up laden with their gifts. This year the Missionary Com. conferred with Mr. Polanton of the Family Welfare Soc., and acting on his suggestion used the money which was generously given in church, for a reserve fund for the Family Welfare Society + call on during the year. His idea being that the same amt of money distributed

than the year would give the end do more good than so much food at one time. We used the food both by the children and some of the money to fill some special baskets. I should like to quote from a letter received from M. Robertson telling of some of the uses to which our money & food was put. read

Then at Christmas time the usual gifts were both for other children. There were some 200 beautifully wrapped. These were divided between the Raleigh St. Neighborhood House & the International Institute at Gary, and helped materially in making it a real christmas for the children in both centers. At this time we felt again the joy of our Thanksgiving money. May I quote from Mr. Robertsons letter again. —

We look forward to a new year of helpfulness & study -

Deposits	
Sunday School	249.99
Special Th. Fund	126.17
	376.16
	332.22
	43.94

Disbursements	
18.75	Mag. Irwin
50.00	Red Cross Miss Flood
75.00	Am. Board International Hospital Girls School Adana
55.00	Mukonen
30.00	Thalia
2.54	Quoddentals.
231.29	
100.93	
332.22	

Special Th. Fund -

5.00	gift -
6.93	Food
89.00	Fam. Welfare
100.93	

25.24 more for Fam. Welfare
15.20 " " S. School

18.70
51.07
69.77 Total SS.

Report of the Senior Department
Superintendent

Jan. 15, 1928.

To the officers of Pilgrim Church:

This fall saw an organization new to our church school. The senior department of the school was developed under the leadership of Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Kitto, Mr. Theron Hankes and the superintendent. The response has been very encouraging. Our attendance has averaged higher than last year for the same group of classes.

Worship service has been modeled on a definite order of worship. Outside speakers have been obtained on several occasions, and special musical numbers have added to the program.

We have had two thoughts in mind in developing this department: 1. To provide the young people with adult leadership that will help to build leadership. 2. To teach the character of Christ in such a way that the young people can use that character in their daily lives.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Bruce Scott.

Intermediate Department

PILGRIM CHURCH SCHOOL

Report given at the Annual meeting, Wednesday, January 18.

With our present organization in the Church School, it has been possible for the general superintendent to take charge of one of the departments of the school. Such an arrangement is not ideal, for it does not leave sufficient opportunity fo close wontact with all of the departments. Having taken the department temporarily, I have found that the temporary aggangement has become rather extended.

There are six classes in the department, three of boys and three of girls. An Intermediate Council, made up of one representative from each class, and one teacher, helps to plan the activities for the department. A Hallowe'en party was held in October. Most of the members of the department participated in the Thanksgiving pageant. A contest between the boys of the department and the girls, will begin next Sunday, and will close with some sort of entertainment.

Sixty have been enrolled during the Fall. The attendance, it has found, has averaged about seventy-three per cent. Capable and faithful teaching has been a great asset to the department.

In three of the classes new texts are being used. Text material is difficult to find for the Junior High School pupil. Members of the classes are assisting in the worship services of the department, and have had important parts in the two pageants of the year. A large caste for one of the Christmas plays was drawn entirely from our membership.

It is unsafe to make promises for the next year; it can merely be said that in this department there is a ~~yard~~ opportunity for doing some fine work with some fine Junior High School people.

Clyde S Noyce

Superintendent.

Report of Primary Dept.

Having taken over the Primary Dept March 1st. and not being familiar with the work in this dept, I have not accomplished, what I should might have been, had an experienced person had given this position, however, I have done my best, and trust that the coming year will show greater results. The ages I now have grades and from 6 to 8 these are divided into three grades I which we have 7 classes, 4 of these classes are boys, I which

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We have a large number.
We have an excellent Staff
of Teachers, composed of
Miss Counselman + Miss
Elderkin - 1st grades.
Miss Prather + Miss Bergmeat
2nd grades.
Mrs Hector, Mrs Hutler +
Mrs Arndt - 3rd grades.
Each of these Teachers have
their own substitutes, to
be called on, when they are
unable to be there, which
makes it much easier
for me..
Our Pianist, Mrs Arndt.
deserves a great deal of
credit for her faithfulness
and untiring efforts in
making our services more
worshipful.

Miss Wilson has kindly
accepted the Secretaryship
this year. and is a real
assistance to our Dept.
In our Activities,
The 1st, took place at
Easter, when our boys & girls
took part in the Program
at the Morning service
in the Chapel. From our
special Offering at this
time, we purchased 2 Easter
Lily plants and 3. Easter
baskets, these were given
to several sick children
in St. Lukes Hospital.
For Mothers Day, special
invitations were extended
to all Mothers in our
Dept. to be present at our
worship service. We were

which were given to other children, less fortunate

delighted with the response when 35 Mothers came to our worship service.
A special program was planned in their honor and as a token of appreciation each Mother was presented with a Carnation.
At the Childrens day services, we assisted by ~~Showing the theme, with our worship service. Each was worshipped in song and duet.~~
In October we were ready to begin classes again. Our themes during this months, were Gods Holy Book, Gods Holy Home, & Gods Holy day. This proved quite interesting to the children, and gave them

a broader knowledge and vision of Gods books.
In November, we used "Thankfulness" as our Theme this being quite appropriate to the season of the year. The children brot gifts of food to Sunday School and some of the older children took part in the program given at the Evening Service when all the gifts of food were brot together by children, this to be used for the Thanksgiving Baskets ~~to be used~~ for the poor.
In December, our Theme was "Loving and Giving", this also being appropriate for Xmas time. The boys and girls brot gifts of toys

which were given to other children, less fortunate than ours. We also helped with the Junior Dept. in putting on a Xmas Program and this being their Annual Xmas party, nuts cups + cookies were served. which was enjoyed by all.

In regards to their memory work, most of the 3rd year boys + girls, have completed the 23rd Psalm
1st the Psalm.
Xmas Story.
Lords Prayer + a
Grace to said at meals
They are now working on the Easter Story. We have a chart in our room. ~~Xmas~~ hanging which shows how well the

the boys and girls are doing in their memory work.

With part of our Birthday money, a new picture was purchased for our room. This picture is part of the Panel, "All things bright and beautiful" and deals with Christ at the Primary age. We are quite proud of our room + Dept. and we extend to you an invitation to visit us, at any time.

Respectfully Submitted
Mildred H. Coffin

Beginner's Department.

The Beginner's department of Pilgrim church school is the youngest department meeting in the Church School. It consists of children from four to six years of age.

Material.

The International system of graded courses of Pilgrim series, a very simple two year course in eight parts. We have used this course for some time. It is the best material on the market, for Beginners. Other material used by teachers in the department includes

Mother Teacher of Religion - by Anna Freelove Betts
Kindergarten Methods in Church School
- by Edna Dean Baker
International Journal of Religious Education
- a monthly publication.

Program.

Each Sunday, twenty minutes is given for worship service, twenty minutes in classes to hear a story and learn verses, five minutes after returning to Beginner's Room to repeat verses learned, give prayer and sing "Goodbye Song. Extra work as follows:

Beginner's Department.

Program:

1st Sunday. A cradle roll service, given by placing names of new babies on the Cradle Roll. An attractive cradle and doll are used and by the aid of ribbons the cradle is rocked while we sing a Cradle Song followed by a Cradle Roll prayer.

2nd Sunday: Either a new songs is taught or special attention is given the new song of the previous month.

3rd Sunday. Missionary.

4th Sunday. Consists of reviewing songs, stories and verses.

Classes

Four classes are formed at beginning of school year. March first, five classes are in session until the middle of June.

Teachers for 1926-27	1927-28
Mrs. Farnam	Mrs. David Duncan
Mrs. Watts	Mrs. Watts.
Jean Moore	Betty Everhard
Charlotte Nichols.	Dorothy Briggs.

We have, what we have termed, a new room for the Beginners. The red chairs have

Beginners Dept.
Report.

Annual Report of the Cradle Roll of Pilgrim Church - 1927

For the fourth time it has been my privilege and pleasure to look after the babies of Pilgrim Church, the children up to four years of age who are enrolled on the Cradle Roll. The work of the year may be very briefly outlined. On the first Sunday of each month a Cradle Roll service is held in the Beginner's room.

In June, ten little children who had attained the age of four took an active part in the Children's Day services and were duly graduated into the Beginner's Department, where actual attendance at Sunday School begins. Each will graduate as he came through the symbolic white gate to enter Sunday School was given a little plant and a diploma.

(Cradle Roll Cont'd)

At Christmas time each little child enrolled on the Cradle Roll was sent a Christmas card. Anyone familiar with children knows what eagerness and joy a child receives mail of his very own. Also, during the course of the year, a birthday greeting card was sent to each child. Two children were sent tiny baskets of flowers during an illness.

Twenty new names have been added to our roll during 1927. Five children have, with their parents, moved away from Duluth. With the ten lost by graduation in June our ranks have been further depleted until the total enrollment is now 73. ~~Four~~ Forty-four of this number are boys and twenty-nine are girls.

(Cradle Roll Cont'd)

For the year 1928, we hope to have increased numbers on our Roll and thus a bigger and better Cradle Roll than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor C. Hawkes
Supt

2905 BRANCH STREET
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

H. M. Irwin Chapter Comrades of the Way

Duluth, Minn. Jan. 18, 1928.

To the Officers and Members Of Pilgrim Cong. Church-;

I here by submit the following report for The Comrads Of The Way.

Up to this date there is little to report as the Comrads Of The Way was only recently organized and is as yet in small limits. the first meeting was held in October 1927.

We have had several supper meetings which are held at six Thirty Sunday evenings,

The true work of the club consists of ritual work, so far our omly ritual meeting was initation when we took in fourteen members,

Respectfully submitted,

Roderick Syck,

REPORT OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR 1927.

Thistle Troop of Girl Scouts sponsored by Pilgrim Congregational Church has spent a busy, happy year having regular meetings, enjoying some special outings, and participating in the events for all the girl scouts of Duluth.

This year we have had a total of forty-three girls registered at National Headquarters. At present the troop has thirty-eight members, thirty-one of whom are registered and seven enrolled members. The average attendance at the weekly meetings is thirty-four.

We have been using the Court of Honor system very effectively in conducting our meetings and other activities of the troop. This means that we have been trying to develop leadership among the girls which is one of the aims of girl scouting. The Court of Honor is made up of Patrol Leaders each of whom is responsible for a group of eight girls.

Two memorable occasions during the year were our visits in the spring and fall to the Girl Scout Cabin when those who were second class scouts enjoyed the privilege of staying over night and the others were sorry to leave at

the end of the day. Besides these two outstanding excursions we have had several other outdoor events closer home, and a few indoor parties.

Our community service includes the dressing of two dolls for children not living in their own homes, and the providing of food, clothing, and toys for a family where the father had been out of work for several months.

In the city wide girl scout events we have not been conspicuous for honors received, although we have to our credit two first places won in the Outdoor Sports Day contest last January, and first honors for the best constructed lean-to shelter. Several of our troop took part in Memorial Day Services at Forest Hill Cemetery, three were chosen to be in the play for observance of book week, and two of our girls helped in demonstrations of First Aid work during the Community Drive.

We have had a busy, happy time but we feel that we should have made more progress in passing tests. We plan to try to do this during the coming year.

Mrs. Jeronimus represented ~~this~~ troop and the Girl Scout Leaders Association at the Regional Conference held at Detroit Lakes, May 5,6, and 7.

We wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. E. A. Vivian, Mrs.I. K.Lewis, Mrs. P. C.Holgate, and Mrs. W. E.Brown, for supplying automobiles for our trips to the Girl Scout Cabin, and Dr. and Mrs.Elderkin for allowing us to use their garage for a paper drive in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Elwell
Captain

Mrs. C. D. Jeronimus
Lieitenant

January 18, 1928.

Annual Report
Jan. 15, 1928

To the officers of Pilgrim Church:

Your Scout Troop met and organized early in the fall. Our original enrollment was twenty-three. We have added four, making a total of twenty seven. according to rank in ~~standing~~ order 9 Eagle Scouts, 2 Star Scouts, 2 Life Scouts, 2 First Class Scouts, 3 Second Class Scouts, and 9 Tenderfeet.

The average attendance at our weekly meetings has been 17.

In the sectional Wall Paper contest our Troop scored two firsts, two seconds, one third and one fourth for a total of 18 points.

We have had excellent cooperation from our Troop committee.

The scoutmaster wishes to thank the troop committee and Mr. Noyce for their wonderful ~~support~~ help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Bruce Scott.

Boy Rangers of America--Lodge 231.

Report submitted at the Annual Meeting, January 18,1928

There are twenty-six active Rangers. Most Rangers are, in fact, very active, for it is an active age. The Ranger organization furnishes a program that has some very attractive features, both for the leader and for the boy. There is a wealth of Indian lore that can be used in building up an Indian organization. There are tangible rewards for effort given when advancement is made from one step to another. Each boy has an Indian name, and a strong feeling that he has now readhed the stage where he actually belongs to something important.

From the standpoint of the Guide, the Ranger program furnishes a flexible but suggestive program for work with younger boys. There is an opportunity to be with the boys in their efforts to advance, and also in their play. The effort is always made to have games in which as many as possible may participate, to choose as impattially as possible, usually according to height or to age, to refrain from ridicule and quarreling insofar as it is possible to do so. For in play and outside activities of this sort we learn to do by doing--to play fair not by being told to play fair, but by being shown what fair play is. To treat each other rightly not by being told to be friendly, but by being showing each other what friendliness is.

Badges, flags, Indian names and other Indian lore, initiations and ceremonials furnish a wealth of interesting materials for a program of this kind. Lodge 231 should be using more of them than it is.

This report would not be complete without mentioning the wonderful way in which John Rumsey served as assistant Guide last Winter and Spring. His schedule makes it impossible for him to continue this year; but he was a boy who had rare sympathy and ability in dealing with younger boys. He was suggested in response to a request made at the Annual meeting a year ago. Now is the time for his equal to be suggested to succeed him in this work.

Clyde T Noyce
Guide

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

The Committee on Religious Education of Pilgrim Church consists ofsix members chosen from the Congregation, a representative from the Deacons, The Womens' Assembly, and The Pastor, The Director of Religious Education, Church School Secretary and Church School Treasurer ex officio members. The Committee has held regular meetings on the third Monday of each month besides several special meetings, and the attendance and interest of the several members of the committee is to be commended. The following activities are under the direction of the Committee: Church School, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Rangers and the Comrades of the Way, and all of these organizations are doing good steady work under the able supervision of Mr. Noyce. Besides the regular routine expenses the Department has taken care of the Painting of the Chairs in the Beginners Room and purchased new song books for the Intermediate and Senior Departments. The several organizations will render their individual reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan 18 1928

Chairman

Mrs. S. E. Matter,
Mrs. T. J. Kitts,
Mrs. Howard Manley,
Mrs. M. H. Tibbetts,
A. O. Robideau.

COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

PILGRIM CHURCH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS:

Balance from 1926	$ 199.75	
Received from Church Treasurer	1270.27	
Received from Pageant Tickets	51.23	
Birthday Money & Gift toward picture	7.23	
	Total Receipts	$1,528.48

DISBURSEMENTS:

Quarterlies & Supplies	340.85	
Pilgrim News	131.00	
Conventions	193.58	
Special Supplies	182.67	
Books for Worker's Library	45.09	
Bibles	77.36	
Salary for Church time Kindergarten Supervisor	24.50	
Postage & Stationery	110.00	
Athletic Supplies	24.30	
Parties	53.28	
Flowers	25.70	
Incidental Fund	7.50	
Special Items:		
Picture Primary Dept.	10.00	
Projector	65.00	
Ventilators	12.00	
Painting Chairs	28.00	
Hymnals	59.29	
Pagent	51.23	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,441.35
CASH ON HAND		87.13
	TOTAL	$1,528.48

Received from Sunday School collections $329.63. This has been turned over to Church Treasurer except $139.27, which will be sent shortly.

M H. Tibbetts
Treas.

Report of Director of Religious Education

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Given at the Annual Meeting, January 18, 1928.

The year has been one of becoming acquainted with people, of learning more of the work that is to be done, and of observation. Only gradually does one come to know people and the work that there is to be done. I can honestly say that the work of this year has been unusually congenial, the people with whom we are working have been extremely helpful and friendly, and the entire year a most happy one.

There is not mugh of the foundation work that needs to be done in Pilgrim Church. That was done many years ago. The work has been well organized and well done for many years. For this reason only a few changes have been suggested, and will be suggested, in the plan of work. Rather the task would seem to be to fit into an organization that is already built up.

The few changes that have been recommended will be familiar to those who are actively engaged in the work of the Religious Education Department. For the information of others they may be noted here.

A Few Changes

The Sunday School had been organized until last Fall into five departments: The Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, and Young Peoples Departments. The young people's department was divided this Fall into the Intermediate and Senior Departments/ The Intermediate Department takes care of these of Junior High School age; the Senior Department cares for High School students. The work of the departments will be outlined in the reports. There is a general feeling on the part of pupils and teachers that the results have well justified the making of the division.

In the Fall the Sunday School started meeting at 9:50, instead of at ten o'clock. No more tardiness has been noted than formerly; the added ten minutes of time has been welcomed by superintendents and teachers who have felt the need of more time in which to cover their work.

A plan has been developed whereby the seven class-rooms in the gallery of Salter Chapel are used twice, practically making available seven extra class-rooms. The Primary grades use the rooms first, while the Juniors are holding their worship; the Juniors then use the rooms while the Primary children hold their worship service. This new arrangement has given a good meeting place for almost every class in the school.

Pageantry

A good deal of time and effort have been expended upon work in pageantry during the past year. In the Spring a committee of women worked very hard to provide costunes for the Palm Sunday pageant. There are now enough costumes to care for most of the needs that may arise. A Thanksgiving pageant was given in November. During Christmas week two Christmas plays were given by some of the members of the Intermediate and Senior Departments. Our lovely auditorium furnishes a perfect setting for religious pageantry. Our young people enjoy their opportunity to participate in it. We want to continue in that sort of work.

Outside Activities

Your director has participated in some activities not directly connected with Pilgrim Church. In the Boy Scout work of the city he has served occasionally on committees. He has served as a leader in the Monday evening meetings of the Junior High-Y of Central and Washington Schools. Such activities give opportunity for added contacts not only with some of our own boys, but with other boys in the city. Some help has been given on the committee that plans the curricilum for the Community Training School. Several talks have been given groups to Church School workers.

In the summer a good deal of time was spent at Scout Camp Laurie and at Y M C A Camp Miller. There was an opportunity in these camps to be close not only to Mother Nature but to Boy Nature. A few days were spent at the Minnesota Congregational Young People's Conference, which several of our own young folks attended.

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Various Activities

A detailed account of activities is both unnecessary and impossible to give in this report. Notes concerning these activities appear from time to time in the church bulletin and in Pilgrim News. The effort is constantly made to give to the young people as much of a place as possible in the planning of the various activities in which they are engaged.

The Mother's Class, which for ten more weeks will be meeting on Sunday mornings at ten o'clock, is providing an opportunity for a study of the needs of the young child. All who are interested are very welcome to come to the class, even though it may be possible to attend only a part of the sessions.

Help Given By Many People

So many people have contributed time and effort in the work of the department, that it is impossible to name and to thank them all. I have deeply appreciated the help of the Religious Education Committee, whose members have come with so much of interest and so much of ability to help in planning and supervising the work. Few schools would be able to claim a more

loyal and capable corps of Sunday School workers--superintendents, teachers, and officers. The leaders of all our activities are capable and sincere. The choir and organist have been ready to help in every possible way when called upon for assistance with m in our special programs. The assistance of members of the Woman's Assembly has been offered and accepted at many points. Parents have co-operated in many helpful ways. The close contact with the deacons in their monthly meetings has beenm a privilege.

A direct expression to our young people is also due. A person must always be happy in his work when he finds children and young people so friendly, frank and fair, and so much interested in the things that seem to be the important values of life. I want them to know of this expression of my appreciation for what they have done in the past year.

The minister of the church, with his wide knowledge of the general and specific needs of the church, his knowledge of the problems of Christian education, and his happy faculty of making note of successes and of minimizing failures, has held a unique place as friend and counsellor in the tasks that are at hand.

The New Year

We begin the year with some better understanding of the work at hand than we had a year ago; and there seems to be evidence of an increased interest on the part of workers and of members of the department of religious education. I can make no greater wish for the year than that it be as happy a one as the one that has just closed.

Clyde F Joyce

Director of Religious Education

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For several months the ministers of four of the churches in this neighborhood have been working on a plan for week-day religious instruction, to be given on school time. The children, it was requested, would be released for an experimental school from two grades of the Endion School, to the Endion Methodist Church, for a period of one hour each week. The plan, though carefully worked out, was not looked upon favorably by members of the schools committee of the Board of Education, and it seems very likely that on the recommendation of this committee the plan will be rejected by the Board of Education.

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This is the 57th annual meeting of Pilgrim Church.

The office of Historian was created for the purpose of accumulating and preserving materials and data that concerns the history of the Church.since its organization.

We have been fairly successful in this and are gradually adding to the material in hand. I want to make again my annual appeal to all the members of the Church and others interested to place in my hands anything they have ,and can spare, that in any manner concerns the Church or any of the organization connected with the Church, Books,pamphlets,pictures,letters or programs. We now have a safe in which to protect and preserve them.

There has recently been added to the Church library a book giving a history of Congregational Missions in Minnesota and it has chapter devoted to northern Minnesota and the field in which this church is particularly interested. A Letter from Dr Lesher brings the information down to date. Any one interested in this subject will be pleased to find this book at hand.

Possibly there are some who are not aware there are bound volumes of the church bulletins for the past 20 years from 1908.- in the church office. These bulletins are a record of the daily activities of the church and the organizations connected with it.

There are also to be found in the church office several scrap books ,cleverly made by Mrs Grawn ,that are valuable acquisitions to our historical material,

I recently came across in the office of the register of deeds for St Louis county a record of the first meeting of the church members at which trustees were elected. This instrument was recorded July 17,1872. It reads as follows ;

State of Minnesota)
)
County of St Louis)

Be it remembered that at a meeting of the congregation of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth,St Louis County,State of Minnesota,held on the evening of July I6,at the Meeting House of said Church in Duluth, in accordance with notice,W S Woodbridge and J Kimball ,deacons of said Church ,having been appointed to preside at the election ,receive the votes,and determine the qualification of the voters ,the following persons were duly elected Trustees of said Church ,viz : E L Smith and J D Ensign for three years ,L H Tenney for two years and R S Munger and O K Patterson for one year.

It was also duly determined that the name by which trustees and their successors in office should be known ,should be the Trustees of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth,Minnesota,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF ,we have hereunto subscribed our hands and seals this the I7th day of July I872.

W S Woodbridge

Jere Kimball

State of Minnesota)
) ss
County of St Louis,)

On this the I7th day of July I872 ,before me personally came W S Woodbridge and J Kimball to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged the same.

Chas. R Haines

Register of Deeds,St Louis couhty,Minnesota.

The foregoing instrument is recorded in Volume One of Miscellaneous records on page nine ,in the office of the register of deeds in and for St Louis county,Minnesota, Dated July I7,I872, Recorded July I7,I872,

Medical Graduate School

University of Minnesota
and
Mayo Foundation

DEPT. OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

The Junior Auxiliary formed the summer months of the Women's Assembly during this past year.

We held 10 regular monthly meetings one of which was an all day picnic at Mrs David Dunn's at Pike Lake. Our average attendance of these meetings was 25. Commencing Sept 25th, we met at the church every Monday for an all day work meeting until Nov. 20th on articles for the sale until all our articles were finished. A hot dish & coffee was served, ~~everyone bringing their own sandwiches~~ at the meetings with an average attendance of 16. ~~Also~~ as well as all day meetings there were evening meetings for girls who were unable to come during the day ~~met at various homes in the eve~~ evening to work for the sale. These were held at various homes.

At the beginning of the year we voted that each girl who was working and able would earn $5.00; this money to be given to our Treasurer. This took the place of food sales which we formerly held downtown.

In September we served a 1.00 luncheon to 60 ladies of the Women's Assembly. In Sept. We also served over 3.00 at the church with dinners.

Our big project was as usual - furnishing the baby book for the Xmas Sale.

In addition we decorated the dining room for the Xmas luncheon & served the luncheon.

We also sold various articles on commission during the year; namely maples, stationary, & cook books.

Our Total Receipts from our sale were $325.96. Total exp. 76.97 Total profits $275.99

Our Total Receipts for the year were $688.85 & our total exp $624.99 which leaves us a balance $63.86 profits for this year plus a total of $267.38 which we had in our treasury Jan-1927 or a balance now of $331.76.

We paid our pledge $500. to the Home Assembly for the past year. We put 2 pr of shoes & overshoes for the Mahoney Children at Stebbins.

We also sent $2.00 last January to Mrs Anderson whose Mr Anderson died. As a Memorial gift

Respectively submitted

Mrs Sarmstrong

Pres Jr Mg

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

For 1927

Some discouragement attended the opening of the year for the Women's Assembly, since a thorough canvass had failed to bring to light a new president and supervisors to administer the work of the organization. But the work had to be done, so with only three changes in the personnel of the officers and supervisors we faced the task of raising the largest amount of money we had ever pledged to the church budget.

There were some very encouraging aspects to the situation, however. The Junior Auxiliary had agreed to come in as an integral part of the Women's Assembly, assuming the responsibility of the summer season in the calendar plan. This necessitated rearranging the four groups into three. Each supervisor, therefore, had a much larger number to call upon, and some women were given a change of work and environment which gave fresh interest and enthusiasm.

In summing up the history of the year two occasions deserve special mention because they were sponsored by the whole Assembly and were notably successful.

First a party in January for the women of the church. Each group put on a clever stunt which was greatly enjoyed by perhaps the largest number of our women ever gathered in our parish house. We shall not soon forget the fashion show of bridal gowns nor the little loaves of bread each one carried home with the compliments of Mrs Paddack and the Zinsmaster Bread Co. One member of the Assembly will always treasure the memory of the armful of pink roses which although they were very beautiful were not half so beautiful as the warm words and shining faces of those who gave them.

The second event was an old-time party for men and women at which the pages of the family Foty-Graft Album were turned to the great delight of all who came. After several musical numbers in costume and an old time square dance by part

of the cast, coffee and doughnuts were served and "a good time was had by all". I wish I could mention everyone who contributed to the success of the program, but I can speak only of a few--Mrs Neukom, who brought the suggestion and made the greater part of the life-sized album with her own hands; Mrs Paddack, who as general chairman planned the program and selected the cast; Mrs Oscar Mitchell, who not only wrote most of the very clever lines but took the principal part, introducing the different characters to the audience; Mrs Cowen and Mrs E L Burg, who were such capable stage managers; and John Colman, who played so well the accompaniment of appropriate old tunes.

Except for the annual dinner every other activity of the Assembly was in charge of the various groups according to season. Perhaps a single instance can be used to explain our plan of work--the Normal School banquet, at which 400 were served this year, always falls to the Spring Group, but the Groups rotate so that the women who help with this dinner do this only once in four years.

Except during the summer each Group had an all day meeting at least once a month, the day being spent on work for the Christmas Sale or for some philanthropic organization. The Lighthouse for the Blind and the Association for Occupational Therapy each benefitted by a considerable amount of work done, but the women benefitted most of all by increased knowledge and interest and a feeling of actually sharing in the good work done by these organizations.

The Assembly takes great satisfaction in having sent three girls to summer camps who could not otherwise have gone--two to Camp Wanakiwin and one to the Good Will camp.

The impression has somehow been abroad that this year's Christmas Sale was not so successful as usual, but a comparison with last year's reports shows that the receipts for both sale and luncheon are a little ahead of last year. This was due in part at least to the success of the Junior Auxiliary who worked hard for months to fit out their Kiddie Shop with a really remarkable stock of children's apparel.

I wish at this time on behalf of the Women's Assembly to congratulate the

Junior Auxiliary and to record the splendid cooperation throughout the year that has made our working together a great joy and inspiration.

The Women's Assembly looks forward with great confidence to the new year under the leadership of the new president, Mrs W B Matter, and supervisors, Mrs Carlson, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Gray and Mrs Bradley, who were installed at the annual meeting.

Grace T. Adams -

A summary of the financial report follows:

RECEIPTS		
Balance on hand January 1, 1927		1753.21
Easter Offering	412.94	
Pledge J A to W A	500.00	
Group earnings		
Winter Group	522.32	
Spring Group	533.32	
Autumn Group	458.77	
Miscellaneous	63.07	
Total receipts since January 1	2490.42	
TOTAL		4243.63
DISBURSEMENTS		
Flowers	62.25	
Laundry	44.73	
Printing	67.50	
Decoration (Christmas and Easter	48.50	
Benevolences and gifts	50.00	
Repairs to Munger Painting	25.00	
Furnishings	64.50	
Miscellaneous	71.91	
Certificate of Deposit	500.00	
TOTAL	3434.42	
Balance in bank January 1, 1928	809.21	
Certificate of Deposit	500.00	
Interest to date	9.41	
Total assets January 1, 1928	1318.62	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1927

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1927	129.69
Collections	198.44
Sale of linens, magazines, bags	10.13
From church treasurer for expenses of delegates	37.30
From Women's Assembly for Peabody Academy	10.00
Total - - - - - - -	385.56

Disbursements

Printing		9.00
Flowers		5.50
Northland College (to complete the Carrie Katherman Wallace Memorial Fund)		100.00
Expenses of Delegates		36.70
Expenses for Thank Offering meeting		23.85
Peabody Academy		34.35
Shipping boxes and drayage		16.92
Mr Barnes--Thank Offering		129.16
Total		356.48
Balance on hand January 1, 1928	29.08	

Since January 1 another bill for drayage h-$3.12--has been paid, which leaves our balance $25.96, with all bills paid.

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To the Pilgrim Congl Church of Duluth

For the year 1927 your clerk submits this report

We started the year with a membership roll of 850
During 1927 we took in new members by confession 28
By letter from other churches 16
894
We issued letters of dismissal to other churches 16
We had requests to have their names dropped from the rolls from 2
We lost by death out of our number 8
868
This therefore leaves us with a membership card count of
On which the Registrar of the State Conference would like to levy his head tax and which number one friend of last summer, supplying on a hurry up call, would like to use in making a point that the number in the pews on a bad weather day - as happened when he was with us - was quite a far cry from our total membership.

This may possibly have been good propaganda for the particular movement he was exploiting but both the above gentlemen & all others, to be well informed, need be told that of this 868 we are carrying 214 who, are out of Town & could not attend next Sunday were a prize offered.

Anyway we have 868 membership cards in the careful keeping of the Clerk and this a net gain of 18 for the year

Brewer Mathews Jr Clerk

TO THE PASTOR AND MEMBERS OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

Before making my report for the year 1927, would take this opportunity to congratulate the Pilgrim Congregational Church on its fifty-seventh anniversary, having been one of the original charter members, only three of us now living. I have watched and been interested in its progress from its first service begun January 18, 1871, meeting in the Pendleton Block, with a charter membership of sixteen growing to its present membership and worshiping in this wonderful, large and well equipped building.

The Committee of ushers for the past year, of which I have been chairman, has tried to serve to the best of their ability and we hope we have served satisfactorily, as each one has been on duty or had some one as a supply in his place, and there has been no lack of a sense of obligation on their part. Mr. Frank Blodgett should be noted as having one hundred per cent to his credit, having attended every Sunday service during the year. We hope we have rendered good service to our splendid leader Doctor Elderkin and his congregation.

Dated January 18, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Johnson

REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FOR 1927

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The report of the Treasurer has given in detail the various items of expenditure under the general heading of "Upkeep of Plant" with which the Building and Grounds Committee has to do. It seems only necessary therefore to comment briefly on several points.

The actual expenditures in the cases of most of the items ran a pretty close race with the amounts appropriated for these items. There was a saving in coal amounting to approximately $108.00 and a saving of approximately $185.00 in the case of Light, Water, Gas and Power. We feel that credit for the savings accomplished under these two headings should be given to Mr. Curnow as it is difficult to account for these savings in any other way than by watchfulness and care exercised by him in an effort to avoid waste.

The amount expended on church repairs was some $217.00 less than the amount appropriated, but, on the other hand, the amount expended for maintenance of parsonage exceeded the amount appropriated by some $277.00. The excess in the case of the parsonage is more than accounted for by the necessity for the making of very considerable repairs and changes to the parsonage heating system.

Experience of operation of this heating plant brought out the fact that not only was there an insufficient amount of radiation in the house but also that the entire system of mains was undersized for the work it had to do and was also to a large extent defective in the manner in which some of this piping had been connected. These defects in the system of heating mains were taken care of and the deficiency in radiation was taken care of as far as the first floor was concerned. To stimulate the circulation through the radiation on the second and third floors, a pressure system was installed rather than to go to the great expense which would have been involved in enlarging the heat risers above the first floor and making up the deficiencies in radiation existing on the second and third floor. This could be done at any time in the future when it might seem advisable as the new heat mains were put in large enough to take care of such increased radiation, but it is not thought that this will ever be necessary.

The total amount appropriated in the 1927 budget for "Upkeep of Plant" was originally $6,354.00. This amount was subsequently reduced to $6,129.00 in an effort to assist in balancing the budget, that is to say, to make such curtailments as might possibly be made in order that the amount of the budget expenditures might not overrun the amount of the probable receipts. The actual total expenditures under the heading "Upkeep of Plant" for the year 1927 amounted to $5,984.06, or $144.94 less than the amount of the revised allowance for items coming under this heading.

Respectfully submitted,

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

BY Richard W. Southup
Chairman

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER FOR YEAR 1927.

RECEIPTS.

BALANCE FORWARDED,	$ 134.41	
Subscriptions,	27,708.59	
Loose Collections,	953.16	
Sunday School,	155.54	
Women's Assembly Pledge account 1927,	2,500.00	
Friends in Council,	50.00	
Sunday School Missionary Society,	30.00	
Women's Missionary Society,	129.16	
Rentals,	40.00	
Refunds,	1.36	
Children's Day,	32.43	
Neighborhood House - special collection,	46.85	
Sale of old piano and two old pews,	15.34	
Organ Practice,	3.90	
Remitted direct to Benevolences,	75.00	
		$31,875.74

DISBURSEMENTS.

PULPIT & OFFICE:	Pastors Salary,	$ 6,000.00	
	Office Secretary,	1,000.00	
	Office Expense,	350.00	
	Printing,	656.76	
	Advertising,	113.00	
	Pulpit Supply,	40.00	$ 8,159.76
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:	Director's Salary,	3,000.00	
	Operating Expense,	1,270.27	4,270.27
MUSIC:	Organist and choir,	2,624.10	
	Care of Organ,	158.21	2,782.31
UPKEEP OF PLANT:	Janitor,	1,943.86	
	Janitor Supplies,	78.77	
	Coal,	1,892.84	
	Water, Gas, Light & Power,	485.42	
	Telephone,	137.96	
	Insurance - Church and Manse,	613.49	
	Repairs on Church,	283.31	
	Repairs on Manse,	477.32	
	Sprinkling Tax,	16.84	
	Moving ashes, etc.	54.25	5,984.06
PARSONAGE:	Payment on mortgage,	1,000.00	
	Interest on $1000. 11/19/26 to 1/10/27,	8.50	
	Washburn, Bailey & Mitchell,	16.90	1,025.40
WIDER RELATIONS:	Rev. Alex.Muhonen	600.00	
	Duluth Council of Churches,	500.00	
	Delegates to Congregational Conventions	72.96	1,172.96
Benevolences,			7,440.00
Special Collection Neighborhood House,			46.85
Contingent Fund,			809.68
			$31,691.29
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31,1927,			184.45
			$31,875.74

NO UNPAID BILLS FOR 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur A. Barnes

Treasurer.

Report for 1927 - Jan. 1928

Report of "Friends in Council" Jan. 1928.

Jan. 15, 1927 - Bal. on hand	$19.76
Total receipts following.	105.24
Total for year =	$125.00

Disbursements.

To Bethel Flower Fund, Duluth.	$10.00
To Schauffler School, Cleveland, Ohio	10.00
To Berry School, Mt Berry, Ga.	105.00
Total disbursements.	$125.00

Balance on hand - Jan. 1, 1928 — 00.00

Gertrude Longstreet,
Treasurer.

Note:- During absence of our president, Miss Alice Brent, The Friends in Council have temporarily disbanded - possibly indefinitely disbanded.

It has not seemed very important or necessary for the Deacons to make a report to this Meeting, They are conspicuous enough on account it being their duty to take the collection and serve the Communion, That part of their duty is in sight and does not need to be reported, But if this were all that the Deacons of the church did, They would come short of fulfilling the duties of their office, and far short of the scriptural requirements, It is not my purpose to try to convince you that your Deacons fulfill their duty to the letter, We are all to well know for that, But in a measure, We are able to accomplish some results, under the direction of Dr Elderkin with his devotion to our church and his untireing capacity for work which enables him to bring to each one of our meetings a new volumn of detail in regard to the needs and activity of the church, For our consideration and action. Our meetings are held every Month during the year. the 2nd Monday of the Month, In the Glass Block Tea rooms, at noon Lunch, Both Ministers of the Church are always there and with Rare exceptions all the Deacons are present, During the Lenten season our meetings are held weekly, and I feel that I can say without hesitation, that there are Nine men in this Church, (Deacons) who are well posted on what may be termed the Religious Activities of the church.

I want to say a word too about the Deacons fund, We handle a small amount of money during the year. It is used only in cases in the Church where there is urgent need of Financial assistance, During the past year there has come into this fund, through special collections and including a balance a balance from last year $399,07 and we have paid out $378,25 This means $378,25 of very urgent need relieved, Through the cooperation of a Committe of Ladies in the Church it is handled in such a quiet and unobtrusive way that the recipients are scarcely aware that assistance has been rendered, They just come into the conciousness that some yearning desire has been supplied or some burdensome load of obligation has been lifted. I can not impress up on the membership of our church to strongly the need of keeping this fund supplied, Every penny that comes into the Deacons fund is used for and accomplishes just what I have indicated above, As I reflect over the activities and the meetings of the Deacons during the past year I have concluded that the office of Deacon is worth while, and under a Minister of the Type of Dr Elderkin, with his activity, and his unyielding desire for greatler accomplishments for the Church, It may be made to yield better results in the Future

Very Respectfully
W W McMillan

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR 1927

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The annual report of the Treasurer shows that Pilgrim Congregational Church closed the year 1927 with total expenses and benevolences of $31,691.29 paid in full, and a balance of $184.45 in the bank.

The expenses and benevolences in 1927 were just $1.91 more than they were in 1926, which is a fine showing from a financial standpoint in these times of increased costs. I do not think, however, that we should pride ourselves on this statement. We should have raised and paid out at least $1000.00 more than we did on benevolences, and even then the percentage of our benevolences to our own operating expenses would be lower than it is with most churches who spend as much money on themselves as we do.

Our expense per member, compared with the number of services we hold, is two or three times that of the two other larger churches in Duluth, and yet their percentage of benevolences to their local expense is much larger than ours.

I regret that our proposed budget for 1928 is not very much of an improvement in this respect over 1927, but I sincerely hope that the Finance Committee for next year will insist on submitting a budget that will bring our benevolences up to a fair percentage compared with our local expenses, and that they will then stick to it until they raise the full amount.

Our proposed budget for this year is $32,754.85. To meet this we have

Pledges entered	-	$28,085.50
Womens Assembly	-	2,500.00
Sunday loose collection	-	800.00
Cash balance	-	184.45
Total	-	$31,569.95

This leaves us $1,184.90 short of our budget, but if everyone will pay up promptly their past due subscription for last year, and those who were not reached in our Every Member Canvass will renew their 1927 subscription, we will have enough to underwrite the budget in full.

Each year the Every Member Canvass seems to work more smoothly. Mr. Harlow and the canvassers this year completed the canvass and follow up work and reported earlier than ever before.

The Every Member Canvass was the original idea of Dr. Elkerkin, and never would or could have functioned as it has excepting through his direction, but the work has become so well understood and Mrs. Grawn has the office work so thoroughly systematized that everything is in perfect shape for the

canvassers without any confusion on the afternoon of the canvass, and the church members are all ready at home with their pledges when the canvassers call.

The Finance Committee wish to express their appreciation of the dinners which the ladies furnished the canvassers, and also the generous pledge which they made.

Respectfully submitted,

By Samuel E. Matter

Chairman, Finance Committee.

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Duluth, Minn., Jan. 18, 1928

The Nominating Committee submit the following as their choice of nominations for the various church offices.

Deacons:
W. W. McMillan
H. I. Pinneo
J. P. Johnson
C. D. Stillman

Trustees:
Alexander Anderson

Standing Committee:
Mrs. E. L. Armstrong
Mrs. Rollin Hawkes
Mrs. W. W. McMillan
Mrs. W. S. Horr

Treasurer:
Arthur P. Barnes

Ass't Treasurer:
G. H. Winchester

Clerk:
Brewer Mattocks, Jr.

Historian:
W. W. Sanford

Music Committee:
W. W. Rector
Mrs. J. F. McCune
Mrs. O. E. Harris
Mrs. W. F. Arndt
H. L. George

Lookout Committee:
Mrs. M. F. Bates
Mrs. W. R. Philbin
Mrs. Albert Baldwin
Mrs. F. D. Harlow
Mrs. P. J. Frost

Religious Education Committee:
Mrs. Howard Bertram) To serve for 3 years.
Mrs. Lew Coit)

Mrs. J. A. Bradley) To serve for 2 years.

Hospitality Committee:

Mrs. C. C. Salter
Mrs. H. U. Moore
Mrs. P. C. Holgate
Mrs. A. C. Ott
Mrs. H. E. Farnum

Representatives in Duluth Council of Churches:

C. E. Carlson
F. L. Berkheiser
R. T. Bayne
Dr. M. H. Tibbitts
Charles Foster
W. S. Horr
G. A. Finlayson
C. C. Salter

Ushers:

F. E. Blodgett, Chairman
Harold Berquist
Lloyd Burg
Lew Coit
F. A. Crandall
Alex Gerry
C. F. Graff
H. F. Gilbert
R. C. Hawkes
W. W. Huntley
R. E. Johnson
T. J. Kitts
Donald MacGregor
J. F. McCune
C. C. Moore
A. C. Ott
W. R. Philbin
H. E. Reynolds
K. L. Rice
W. N. Trenerry

H. H. Manley
P. J. Reimuth
Mrs. Robert E. Johnson
J. A. Nevs
Mrs. Foster M. Bergford
Edward K. Finnoch
C. A. Kimball