

ANNUAL REPORTS 1928

Virginia J. Manley

THE MINISTER OF PILGRIM CHURCH
COMMENTS UPON AFEW THINGS
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE CHURCH
JANAURY 16, 1929

I speak /first of all/ of my deep appreciation of the faithfulness of so many of you.

Your faithfulness to the morning service.

The faithfulness of those who are always in their pews.

What that means to a minister /only a minister may know.

You did not let a thermometer hovering around 30' below keep you away from the service last Sunday morning.

You may think of your own individual faithfulness as insignificant.

But it isn't.

Pilgrim Church /though all the years/ has been built upon that spirit of devotion.

And through all the years to come will be built upon that same spirit.

When that goes /Pilgrim Church will go.

If there are other members of the church who can stir up within their souls a like spirit I beseech them to proceed to the stirring.

A church cannot have too much of it.

Pilgrim church ~~needs more of it~~ has much of it.
It can make good use of more.

I speak /second of all/ of my continuing pride in your continuing faithfulness to the worthwhile causes of the community.

There is something vital about a faith that sends its followers about a thousand righteous tasks.

Members of Pilgrim Church are back of everything fine in the community.

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Back of every good cause.

These opportunities are forever being offered to members of this church.

And as long as so many are accepted we may assure ourselves that the heart of the church is right.

I speak ^{your} /third of all/ of ~~the~~ financial faithfulness toward your church.

Your provision for the financial needs of your church.

You realise that it takes ^{money} ~~some~~ to maintain an institution like this.

You cheerfully and generously provide ^{that money} ~~those means~~.

Can you imagine what it means to a minister not to worry a single moment about the financial side of his church's life?

Practically everything required for a new year is underwritten a month ahead of the new year's arrival.

The EVERY MEMBER CANVASS instead of being drudgery, /dreaded by those who think they have to stage it, /is a joyous occasion eagerly shared in by upwards of 130 men.

This year we had a picture of the canvassers taken just before they set out upon their work.

But the picture can give you no idea of it.

For the picture is powerless to capture the spirit which animates the group.

I come to the close of another year as your minister grateful for these tokens of faithfulness.

Faithfulness to worship.

Faithfulness to service.

Faithfulness to financial obligations.

Virginia F. Manley

Consider the faithfulness of the man who handles the accounts of the church.

Who gathers the resources whereby the church is enabled to discharge its obligations.

He must keep hundreds of accounts.

Ought to make no mistakes.

Once upon a time the business of being trasurer of Pilgrim Church was not a very complicated task.

But with the years it has assumed proportions of considerable size.

And this vast service is given with^{out}~~an~~ compensation.

Consider also the faithfulness of the men who serve as ushers at the various services of the Church.

It isn't easy to keep all the sittings in mind.

But there are men in the church who when asked to care for this important phase of our life put themselves to many an inconvenience
keep
to this sort of appointment.

Virginia F. Manley

W. C. New

Nor is the story of faithfulness confined to these areas.

One must reckon with the faithfulness of those who work in the various organisations of the church.

The Sunday School.

Consider the faithfulness of those who give of their time and strength that this important institution of the church may carry on.

Without them nothing could be done.

Yet week after week we continue to depend upon them.

Consider the faithfulness of those who serve on committees

whereby the work of various organisation is maintained.

How ← The list published from time to time on the calendar tells the merest fraction of the story.

There are some of us who are paid to do what we do.

But you aren't.

The only way we can look you in the eye without flinching is by seeing to it that we do more than you require us to do.

As long as Pilgrim Church can command these measures of loyalty, its place in the life of the city is assured.

MR NOYCE.

We shall be ^{nah} quickly reconciled to Mr Noyce's going from us.

He had made deep inroads upon our affections.

The work he had already done in his brief stay among us made it plain that we could expect an increasingly effective ministry.

But we do not propose to forget the ministry that he was enabled to exercise among us.

We are grateful that he came among us though it was for so brief a period.

Pilgrim News which is to be issued next Sunday is to be a memorial number for him.

Mrs Noyce is taking over such portions of the work as she can / against the day of new arrangements.

Virginia St. Manney

Dr IRWIN'S SUCCESSOR.

Ever since the death of Dr Irwin and Mrs Irwin's removal from the Athens field of the American Board, we have been without a representative in the foreign field save as we are represented by all missionaries of the Board.

Our Missionary Society has formally requested the Board to assign us another worker in the same field.

We were loathe to detach ourselves from a field which had claimed out interest for twenty years.

But a recent letter from Dr Patton indicates a difficulty.

Mr Beach it appears is not accepting the offered appointment in Athens.

Dr Patton suggests that we proceed to interest ourselves in a new field.

Perhaps this is a matter for the new Missionary Committee to take under advisement.

THE MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Action was taken ^{by the church} some months ago, looking toward the appointment of a committee which might have oversight of ~~the~~ general program in missionary education.

It was not that we felt that the Missionary Society was not doing its work sufficiently well.

It was that we realised that what that society was doing ought to be done on a wider scale.

This new committee whose members you will be asked to elect tonight will undertake to make arrangement for the coming of notable speakers and for the presentation of ^{the} various special interests of the denomination throughout the country and the world.

Virginia J. Manning

This committee will also pass upon the annual benevolent apportionment submitted by the state committee to the church.

At present the finance committee deals with this particular item.

But that committee ought to have the wisdom of a group especially assigned to matters of this nature.

Other tasks touching these far flung interests will doubtless seek the concern of a committee like this.

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS.

It does not seem right to take the thing you do at the time of the E M C for granted.

Those who direct the Canvass are anxious that you should know that your responses both as to time and money are increasingly gratifying.

It means a good deal to have this side of the church's life so happily cared for.

And if a formal expression of thanks is awaited by any worker
Let this word ~~stand as such~~ run upon That Errand.

Virginia J. Manley

W. C. How

THE DULUTH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

When the budget was being made up the Finance Committee lifted the special item for the Duluth Council of Churches.

For several years this has been ^{incorporated in} ~~part of~~ our annual budget.

And we have made regular monthly payments into its treasury.

This is no time of course to argue the need for cooperation among the churches.

But if there is to be a central clearing house, there will be the necessity for a fund out of which such an organisation can be supported.

Pilgrim Church will always want to share in such a movement.

And in the support of such a movement.

I see no other way now but to ask the extra-benevolence committee to make it possible for the Council to make a special appeal on some Sunday during the year.

Or shall we return to our previous custom of special solicitation?

You may care to speak your mind tonight.

THE LOT EAST OF THE CHURCH

I speak once again of the vacant lot to the east of the church and express the hope that before very long we may acquire it.

Perhaps there is no immediate danger of a building upon that ~~lot~~ type of property.

But our own building I think requires the setting given by ~~that sort of free area near it~~ ^{an open space}

FLOWERS

A church auditorium as beautiful as ours does not require much decoration.

We can get along without flowers upon the Communion Table.

But always there are places where such flowers / after they have served one purpose in a service / may proceed to serve another purpose.

The sick and the shut-in appreciate this evidence of interest on the part of their church.

Is it possible to arrange for memorial flowers?.

Seeking fifty two families who will hold themselves responsible for a Sunday each.

Allowing us to print a notice in the calendar.

And to make disposition of the flowers through our Lookout committee.

MR MUHONEN AND MR TUOMISTO.

For a number of years the church has made a special contribution toward Mr Muhonen's work.

Beginning this year we are making a contribution toward the important work Mr and Mrs Tuomisto are doing in the Cloquet field.

The sum allocated is \$900.00

There has been some doubt in the mind of the state apportionment committee as to their right to give credit on the apportionment for funds thus diverted from the regular channels.

There has been no objection to the diversion.

There has been hearty approval.

But this year the state committee has decided that we ought to be given credit upon our apportionment.

The new rule has already gone into effect.

Virginia J. Mantley

W. C. Hart

THE DULUTH NEWS TRIBUNE AND THE HERALD.

I mention again the innumerable courtesies extended by the Duluth papers.

There is nothing spasmodic about this generosity.

It is continuous and continual.

One wants to say that they refuse nothing within reason.

We are deeply indebted to ~~them~~ both .

We have the custom of expressing our gratitude ~~in some~~ formally at each recurring annual meeting.

We may well remind ourselves of these kindnesses at the time when we review the work of the year.

Virginia F. Mantley

W. C. New

CHURCH SEAL

I think there is need for a church seal.

Certain documents like baptismal certificates come by a new value in the eyes of the state if they are thus attested.

The expense would be slight.

I think the Church might deligate this matter to the trustees.

DENOMINATIONAL MAGAZINES.

I have the feeling that not enough of our Congregational magazines reach the parish.

Perhaps there ought to be more urging on the part of the minister.

The Congregationalist, the Missionary Herald and Congregational Minnesota will quickly put you in touch with the work of the denomination.

Virginia F. Mantley

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I need not say again that these eight and half years in the
ministry of Pilgrim Church have been wonderfully happy.

You have been gracious and kindly at all the turns.

I am very grateful.

And I want you to realise that I am.

NOBLE S ELDERKIN.

Virginia F. Mantley

we have

Duluth 16 Jan 1929

To the members of Pilgrim Church

For the year 1928 your clerk makes report -
With an enrolled membership at the start of the
The church year of 868
We received new members by confession 24
By letter from other churches 17.
909
We lost by withdrawals to other churches 18
Death took from our list 7 25

Leaving a net enrollment therefore
to start off 1929 of 884

You will note your clerk does not say
884 members but an enrollment of that number.

There's lots of difference -

At the annual meeting of 1912 the clerk recom-
mended a check up & clearing of our roster;

We were carrying on our list ~~of members~~ many
names ^{of members} who had not been in the city for 10 or 15
years - quite a few possibly who were dead.

Committee was appointed to act upon this
recommendation & revise our roster & to bring
in a list of such names of members as they
seemed wise to drop - for - action of the
church body.

They held 2 or 3 meetings and that was that.

In 1917 at the annual meeting the clerk made
his 3rd appeal for some action that would act
toward relieving him of the necessity of repeating
an annual, but time story entitled "we now

have so many members" when every one in hearing
of his voice knew we didn't.
This time action was taken that get action
and in June of that year the church voted to
drop from the rolls 79 names.

The time has again come for history to repeat
in the mind of your clerk.

You will find on referring to our last Year Book
we are carrying 18 names the whereabouts of
whose owners we know nothing - maybe S. Peter
does.

Many & many a name in our absentee list is
that of one who has moved from Duluth &
been gone 5.7.10 years.

Your clerk therefore again recommends the
appointment of a committee to go over our absentee
list, suggest to absentee members their taking
their letters to churches in their new abode,
drop those of whose whereabouts we know nothing,
and quit telling ^{that only ourselves} ourselves, we have 884 members,
but publishing such information to go out to
the churches of our communion throughout the
country in our Year Book - National.

We have not got 884 members and we all
know we haven't! Why then the fiction?

Respectfully submitted

Boasco Matthews Jr

Clerk

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Statement of the Treasurer for Year of 1928.

R E C E I P T S .

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Balance Forwarded, | \$ 184.45 | |
| Subscriptions, | 27,224.41 | |
| Loose Collections, | 859.97 | |
| Sunday School, | 536.14 | |
| Women's Assembly Pledge account 1928, | 2,500.00 | |
| Sunday School Missionary Society, | 30.00 | |
| Women's Missionary Society, | 124.78 | |
| Children's Day, | 46.96 | |
| Rentals, | 185.00 | |
| Refunds, | 3.41 | |
| Remitted direct to Benevolences, | 120.00 | |
| | | \$31,815.12 |

D I S B U R S E M E N T S .

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| PULPIT & OFFICE: Pastor's Salary, | \$ 6,000.00 | |
| Office Secretary, | 1,000.00 | |
| Office Expense, | 433.53 | |
| Printing & Stationery, | 862.23 | |
| Advertising, | 122.73 | |
| Pulpit Supply, | 172.50 | \$ 8,590.99 |
| RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Director's Salary, | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Operating Expense, | 1,142.37 | 4,142.37 |
| MUSIC: Organist and choir, | \$ 2,524.78 | |
| Care of organ, | 143.60 | 2,668.38 |
| UPKEEP OF PLANT: Janitor, | \$ 2,103.00 | |
| Janitor's Supplies, | 80.79 | |
| Coal, | 1,445.67 | |
| Water, Gas, Light & Power, | 549.50 | |
| Telephone, | 140.17 | |
| Insurance - Church and Manse, | 586.40 | |
| Repairs on Church, | 437.70 | |
| Repairs on Manse, | 52.07 | |
| Sprinkling tax, | 9.52 | |
| Removing ashes, etc. | 52.75 | \$ 5,457.57 |
| PARSONAGE: Payment on mortgage, | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Interest - 11/19/26 to 1/19/28, | 70.00 | \$ 1,070.00 |
| WIDER RELATIONS: Rev. Alex Muhonen, | \$ 600.00 | |
| Duluth Council of Churches, | 750.00 | |
| Delegates to Congregational Conventions | 110.17 | \$ 1,460.17 |
| Benevolences, | | \$ 7,700.00 |
| Contingent Fund, | | \$ 394.69 |
| | | \$31,484.17 |

BALANCE ON HAND December 31, 1928,

330.95
\$31,815.12

No Unpaid Bills for 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur P. Barnes
TREASURER.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1928

The report of the Treasurer for the year 1928 gives a detailed analysis of receipts and disbursements and closes with the two cheerful statements, firstly, that there was on hand in the bank December 31, 1928 the sum of \$330.95, and secondly, that there are no unpaid bills for the year 1928.

The total disbursements for the year amounted to \$31,484.17. This amount is just \$160.25 less than the total disbursements for the year 1927.

Considering the five year period beginning with the year 1924 and ending with the year 1928 it is interesting to note how evenly the total annual disbursements have run, especially during the last three of these years. The total disbursements for each of these five years are as follows, leaving off the odd cents:

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|------|-------|-------------|
| 1924 | - - - | \$30,238.00 |
| 1925 | - - - | \$30,420.00 |
| 1926 | - - - | \$31,515.00 |
| 1927 | - - - | \$31,644.00 |
| 1928 | - - - | \$31,484.00 |

BENEVOLENCES, not including items under the heading of "Wider Relations" which covered advances to Dr. Muhonen, contributions to Duluth Council of Churches and expenses of delegates to conventions for these same years, were as follows:

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|------|-------|------------|
| 1924 | - - - | \$6,992.00 |
| 1925 | - - - | \$6,923.00 |
| 1926 | - - - | \$7,365.00 |
| 1927 | - - - | \$7,440.00 |
| 1928 | - - - | \$7,700.00 |

During the year 1928 our benevolences and disbursements under "Wider Relations" taken together but not including expense of sending delegates to conventions amount to the sum of \$9,050.00/^{all of} which it seems might logically be considered under the general head of Benevolences. If we so consider it for the year 1928, our Benevolences for that year represented 29% of our total disbursements, the other 71% having gone for operating expenses of the church and parsonage, including all salaries.

Consider now the question of the present year. Our proposed budget for 1929 was \$32,790.14. At the present time the following funds are in sight:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pledges from the Every Member Canvass | \$27,628.30. |
| Pledge of Women's Assembly | 2,500.00 |
| Estimates loose collections | 1,000.00 |
| Cash on hand | 330.95 |
| TOTAL | <u>\$31,459.25</u> |

This leaves us \$1,330.89 short of raising the amount of the proposed budget. We learned from the Treasurer that on January 1, 1929, the unpaid pledges amounted to the very considerable sum of \$2,079.61. It will be seen from this that unless approximately 65% of the unpaid 1928 pledges is collected that we shall fall short of raising the budget and therefore curtailment of some of the items in the budget must inevitably be made. It is true that there may be some additional pledges or contributions from new members but this is practically covered in the estimate of loose collections as few new members make out pledges during the first year in which they join the church. Furthermore, if our experience in 1929 is similar to our experience in recent years, we cannot expect to receive 100% of the 1929 pledges.

It is for this reason that the Finance Committee, in making its recommendations to the Trustees, has suggested that the adoption of the 1929 budget be held in abeyance at this time and ^{not} presented to members of the church for action until some time in the near future when the payment of some of the now unpaid 1928 subscriptions will make it possible to adopt the budget, or if a sufficient number of these subscriptions have not been paid, then the budget may be submitted for adoption ^{after} some of the items have been curtailed.

The Finance Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the splendid work done in the Every Member Canvass to Dr. Elderkin for his leadership and for his Pilgrim Progress publicity campaign, to Mr. Nichols for his fine direction, to Mrs. Grawn for her very able assistance, to the Captains and all the Solicitors and to the ladies of the Women's Assembly for their very generous contribution and for the very excellent dinner served to the canvassers.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Arthur W. Northrup
Secretary

Report - Beginner's Dept.

Beginner's Dept. has ^{an} enrollment of 49. with an average attendance of 30 to 25 which is well low due to weather and sickness.

Mrs. W. Seymour Smith is Superintendent with Mrs. David Duncan, Mrs. G. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Bates and Mrs. W. Brandt as assistants.

The enrollment includes more than 50% of three and four year olds. The aim of the department is to keep its instruction, training in worship and training in service very simple and child-like - Its purpose is not merely to give religious instruction but also inspiration that will affect the every day activities of the children and bring the home and Sunday School experiences close together.

The plans of 1929 include a closer relationship between the parents and the Sunday School. Story lists, copies of simpler prayers and tracks are to sent out to be used by any needing such material.

This department also plans to beautify the Kindergarten room, making it more childish and attractive to the little child having his first contact with the church.

Report of Primary Dept.

In reviewing the work of the Primary Dept. for the past year, we find, we have lost several children, on acct. of a new church (Chestnut Park Evangelical) being completed, which has made it more convenient for these children to attend this new Sunday School, in place of ours. However, in spite of this fact, we have increased our enrollment. In Dec. 1927 our enrollment was 86.

In Dec 1928 our enrollment was 102.

Our Enrollment today is 94

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As most of you know, the ages of
our boys & girls are from 6-8.
These are divided into three grades
of which we have seven classes.
Four of these classes are girls,
of which we have a larger number
this year:

We have an excellent staff of
Teachers, of which we are quite
proud. They are as follows:-
Miss Katherine Arndt, Miss
Laura Berquist, & Miss Louise
Counselman - 1st year
Miss Dorothy Rooder, and Mrs
Bates - 2nd year, & Mrs Hubler
& Mrs Arndt & 3rd year.
Our Teachers take care of their
own substitutes, when they are
unable to be present. This
is a great help to a Supt.

Miss Hagensen has kindly consented to be our Dec. this year, + Mrs. Arndt, our Quinist, deserves a great deal of credit, as their faithfulnes + kindness, we are able to make ^{our} services more worshipful with music. In our activities, Our boys + girls have taken part in the Easter services, + on Easter Sunday two Easter baskets were bot, (from our Birthday money) + given to two poor sick children at Gary. Mothers Day, has gotten to be an Annual affair, In the Primary Dept, Special invitations are ~~given out~~ ^{extended} to the Mothers in our Dept + a special program was prepared, + in their honor, flowers were given to each Mother as a token of appreciation.

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at the Childrens Day Services
our Dept, took part, & the Boys
& girls who graduated, received
their titles.

In Sept. we were ready to
start our classes again and
on Rally day, our boys & girls
who graduated numbering 30
went into the Junior Dept
and 31 boys & girls were welcomed
with a special service, & to
our Dept from the Beginners
Our Theme for Sept. month, was,
Appreciation for Homes, Schools
& Churches.

The Oct. month was Missionary
month, Mrs Drvin, Miss
Hallen, & Mrs Dinamore,
helped with the services on
different Sundays during the month

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In Oct., Miss Rooders class decorated our room with Autumn leaves.

In November, Mrs. Hubbers class made the Birthday calendar + in December, Miss Rooders class, made the calendar + also the Xmas trees which hung on our curtains.

In November gifts of food were brought by the children + in December, the boys + girls brought Xmas gifts for other boys + girls, less fortunate than they. Our Teachers + Pupils are quite enthused over our new course of study, and new interests have been created thru this change.

We are quite proud of our room + Dept. in order that

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We may keep it so, we will
need new curtains shortly,
as those we had, will not
stand another laundering.
Probably some one might
help us in this project.
At this time, we wish to
thank all the Teachers & Officers
who have been instrumental
in making our Dept. run so
smoothly. as only thru co-
operation of each one, may
we have the best of success.
We shall miss the leadership
& guidance of our beloved
Director Mr. Royce, who has
been called home perhaps, to
a greater work, & we trust
know that we may go on
with the work, living up
to the high ideals & standards

which he gave us while here
Our work has been somewhat
retarded during the past month
on acct. of the epidemic of Flu
+ colds which has prevailed
in our city.

We hope + trust, that conditions
will soon be changed + our
attendance will be back to
normal again

Respectfully submitted
Mildred H. Coffin
Supt. of Primary Dept.

Report of the Junior Department.

The Junior Department of the Church School is functioning just about the same as in previous years.

There are seven classes in the department, three of girls and four of boys. Mr. Thompson has an unusually large class of nine year old boys, seventeen, but he preferred to teach a large class and so has the entire group of boys who came into the department from the Primary. Mrs. Armstrong has the first year girls and has thirteen in her class. Miss Graham is teaching eleven second year girls, Mr. Avery has ten second year boys, Miss Lilian Ferguson has eight third year girls, Mr. Wayne Kelton has nine third year boys, and Mr. Ed Vogt has nine third year boys.

Mr. Page found it necessary to give up his class of boys because of choir practice during church school lesson period, but we are very grateful to have his splendid services as pianist for our worship service.

We are using the new Pilgrim Press curriculum and the teachers express themselves as well pleased with the material.

Last year, when the nine-fifty opening hour was inaugurated, we began to use the ten minutes preceding our worship service for a memory drill session, and we are continuing that practice this year with good results.

The attendance has been fairly good but due

to prevalent illness since the month of November,
we notice a falling off in the numbers present.

Several children have left the department to
attend the new Chester Park Church School.

The boys and girls continue to respond most
generously to the Thanksgiving and Christmas calls
to share with others and individual projects of
service were enjoyed by several classes beside the
general one of the entire school.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. Robert Johnson
Superintendent.

PILGRIM CHURCH SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REPORT REPORT 1928

The reports of the various departments of the Church School have been handed to the Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education to combine into one report. It is really too bad that we do not have time to give these reports in detail as they are each very interesting and complete. Such reports as those submitted give evidence of the faithfulness of the several Department Superintendents and Officers. These complete reports will be filed with the clerk and a brief summary given at this time.

The Beginners Department under the guidance of Mrs. W. Seymour Smith closed the year with an enrollment of 49 and an average attendance of 25. She was assisted in the class work by Mrs. A. W. Taylor, Miss Mary Bates ~~and~~, Mrs. David Duncan and Mrs. W. F. Brandt. The plans for 1929 include a closer relationship between the parents and the Sunday School. Story lists, copies of simple prayers and graces are to be sent out to be used by the parents. The Beginners room is badly in need of some new furnishings and recommendations will soon be made to the Committee as to the details and cost of these improvements.

Mrs. L. C. Coffin is Superintendent of the Primary Department assisted by Katherine Arndt, Laura Berquist, Louise Councilman, Dorothy Roedter, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Hubler and Mrs. Arndt. The average attendance, 61, shows an increase over 1927 by 16. On Rally Day 30 received their Bibles and were graduated into the Junior Department and at the same time 31 were welcomed from the Beginners. A new course of study is in use and new interest created thru this change.

Mrs. Robt. Johnson is again at the head of the Juniors much to the delight of those connected with the Department. Her assistants are Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Armstrong, Dorothy Graubau, Lillian Ferguson, ^{W. B. Henry} Wayne Hilton and Edward Vogt and Mr. Page helps with the Music. The new Pilgrim Press Curriculum is in use and the teachers express themselves as well pleased with the material. The average attendance was the same as that of the Primary Department, 61, an increase of 3 over 1927 and as usual this department shows the highest percentage of attendance to enrollment.

During the past year the Senior Department was divided, the classification corresponding to that of the Junior-Senior High School being used. Mr. Noyce had charge of the younger people known as the Intermediates while Mrs. Noyce had the Seniors. This plan has ~~this~~ worked out with excellent success. The worship service of the Intermediate Department is planned and carried out by the Council made up of the officers assisted by the Superintendent. Mrs. R. W. Northup is now temporary Superintendent and the teachers are Mr. Hegardt, Mr. Harlow, Mr. Gross, Mrs. Knapp, Miss Bagley, Miss Bates and Mrs. Stillman.

Bruce Scott was Superintendent of the Seniors until July first after which Mrs. Noyce took up the work. The two older classes have tried out the plan of electing the course they want, carrying it for only ten weeks and then electing another course. This seems to have worked out very well and in another year it may be found wise to have all four classes elect their courses rather than to assign them to certain classes. The Department brot S. Platt Jones, impersonator from the Extension Department of the University of Minnesota to Duluth and realized a profit of \$6.55 from his

entertainment. This together with the missionary money was used by the service committee in helping a family recommended to them by Mr. McKeever of the Family Welfare Department of the City. One plan for the year has been to Sunday night suppers and have group discussions at that time. There have been quite a number of these meetings with an average attendance of 25. The teachers have been Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Kitts, Mrs. Storberg, Mr. Scott, Theron Hawkes, Dr. Davis, Wm. McMillan and Dr. Elderkin.

Mrs. Northup has again very capably taken charge of the Missionary Department and with her assistants, Mrs. Dinsmore and Miss Wallace has worked with all departments of the school. The project for the year has been the sending of Friendship Bags to the school children of Mexico. Programs on this country were given in all departments to learn about the destination of the bags and eleven were sent from the school. In June we had the pleasure of entertaining the Japanese dolls sent in return for our friendship dolls which went over two years ago to Japan. An afternoon and an evening reception were held and the movie that came with the dolls was shown. The projects for the fall centered as usual around the Thanksgiving food and money and Christmas gifts. At Thanksgiving food was given for 8 splendid baskets and roasts were purchased with some of the money so generously given by the church. At Christmas 236 gifts prettily wrapped and brought by the children were divided between the International Institute at Gary and the Raleigh Street Neighborhood House, where they brought joy to many little children.

The Secretary's report shows a total enrollment of 378 and an average attendance of 266, an increase over 1927 of 13.

Every report expresses appreciation of the leadership and guidance of Mr. Noyce. Pilgrim Church last summer tried in a small way to show that they appreciated Mr. & Mrs. Noyce when they made it possible for them to make a months trip to Los Angeles and attend the Worlds Sunday School Convention held there. We are all thankful ~~xxx~~ that we were privileged to know Mr. Noyce and will ever cherish the memory of him and his wonderful influence upon us all.

TOTAL Following is the Treasurer's report for the year:

DECEMBER 31, 1934

Collection of money
 Noyce Fund
 Gifts, etc.
 Interest
 Rental of building, etc.
 Balance
 Total for year
 Balance forward
 Total for year

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REPORT OF TREASURER
DECEMBER 31, 1928

Balance on hand, January 1, 1928 \$ 87.13

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| From A. S. Barnes, Treasurer | \$1,142.37 |
| Subscriptions, Noyce Fund | 400.00 |
| Collections, Current Expenses, | 521.42 |
| Collections, Missions, | 31.47 |
| | <u>\$2,095.26</u> |

TOTAL AVAILABLE

\$2,182.39

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Collections remitted | \$ 521.42 |
| Noyce Fund | 400.00 |
| Quarterlies, helps, etc. | 334.36 |
| Pilgrim News | 97.45 |
| Conventions | 188.98 |
| Special Supplies, chairs, etc. | 193.46 |
| Books | 32.00 |
| Bibles for graduates | 93.02 |
| Church Time Kindergarten | 23.00 |
| Postage & Stationery | 115.00 |
| Athletics | 23.00 |
| Parties | 22.75 |
| Flowers | 16.00 |
| Incidentals | 32.99 |
| Week Day Religious Education | 27.00 |

\$2,120.43

Balance on hand December 31, 1928

\$ 61.96

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Budget estimated for 1928 | \$1,406.00 |
| Actual expenditure of Budget items | 1,199.51 |
| Excess of Budget over Expenditures | <u>\$ 206.49</u> |

Mr. Noyce first came to our acquaintance in June, 1926, when he visited Duluth in order that he might meet with the Committee on Religious Education relative to the position left vacant by the resignation of Miss Brainerd. Favorable impressions were made on both sides and as a result of his visit he entered upon his work as Director of Religious Education September 1st, 1926. How ably and well he filled that position for over two years is known to us all.

The work of the Committee on Religious Education is always interesting and enjoyable, but it was doubly so with Mr. Noyce as Director and the memory of our pleasant relations will always be with us.

The influence of his personality and character upon our young people can never be estimated. This is especially true of our Boy Rangers and Boy Scouts. One had only to attend a meeting of either of these organizations to see the results of this and the reciprocal love the boys had for him. Our older young people also received a great inspiration from him and evidence of this is shown by the fact that they voluntarily asked that this number of Pilgrim News be made a Memorial to him in order that they might show their appreciation of him and his influence upon their lives.

Mr. Noyce did not confine his efforts to Pilgrim Church alone. He was always ready to help in anything that was at all related to his work. He was instructor in the Teachers Training School conducted by the Duluth Council of Churches and co-operated with them in their efforts to

establish classes in Week Day Religious Education. He had ~~carried~~ charge of a class in the High Y department of the Boys YMCA and his work was well and favorably known outside our own church.

Pilgrim Church last summer tried in a small way to show that they appreciated Mr. and Mrs. Noyce when they made it possible for them to make a months trip to Los Angeles and attend the Worlds Sunday School Convention held there. The following from a letter received by the Committee shows that they were grateful for this opportunity: "Mrs. Noyce and I wish, thru you, to express our appreciation for so fine an opportunity as we are to have this summer. We are still somewhat of a loss to know just why so great a treat is to come to us. We can only ask that you tell each person who has helped to make this trip possible how much we are going to enjoy it, and to thank them all."

We are all thankful that we were privileged to know Mr. Noyce and will ever cherish the memory of him and his wonderful influence upon us all.

Your Nominating Committee has held ~~six~~ 7
meetings, all of them in the Church parlors
and the recommendations of this committee ~~are~~
respectfully presented for ^{your} consideration as follows:-

MRS. GRAWN

Ballot
Pilgrim Congregational Church
Annual Meeting
January 16, 1929

Deacons for 3 years
(Vote for 3)
Albert Baldwin
E W Nichols
C C Salter

Standing Committee
(Vote for 4)
Mrs R E Johnson
Mrs C S Noyce
Mrs C A Shafer
Mrs C J Zachow

Church Missionary
Education Committee
(Vote for 5)
A J Zoerb (306)
Mrs C E Carlson
E G Chapman
C W Ramshaw
Mrs M H Tibbetts

Trustees for 3 years
(Vote for 2)
Lane MacGregor
R W Northup

Hospitality Committee
(Vote for 5)
Mrs T F McCarthy
Mrs C E Adams
Mrs L M Bergford
Mrs F N Knapp
Mrs F W Roedter
Rater

Ushers
(Vote for 11)
W S Horr
O L Berby
J A Hector
Gordon Hegardt
W W Huntley
J A Kerr
A C Ctt
Seymour Smith
W N Trenerry
E A Vagt
G H Winchester

Treasurer
(Vote for 1)
E A Vivian

Assistant Treasurer
(Vote for 1)
F E Blodgett

Clerk
(Vote for 1)
Brewer Mattocks Jr

Lockout Committee
(Vote for 6)
Mrs G R Reed
Mrs M F Bates
Miss Lillian Ferguson
Mrs P J Frost
Mrs H F Gilbert
Mrs R M Woodbridge

Historian
(Vote for 1)
W W Sanford

Committee on
Religious Education
For 1 year
(Vote for 1)
Mrs T J Kitts

For 2 years
(Vote for 1)
Mrs H L Nordal

Music Committee
(Vote for 5)
T J Kitts
Mrs E F Burg
Mrs Newton DeForest
Mrs H F Sleepack
Dr. C G Sterberg

Pilgrim Church
Representatives
in Duluth Council
(Vote for 8)
Otis Birdsall
L G Coit
R L Durham
G C Mackae
M M Meldahl
G I Bathbun
J F Thompson
Dr. C M Wilson

For 3 years
(Vote for 2)
Mrs E L Armstrong
F L Berkheiser

Dr. Eugene Chum
A W Taylor

R M Weaver

Marie Gury

Gustav S. Sorenson

F. L. Berkheiser

Virginia J. Manley *F. L. Berkheiser* *Manley*

Jan 16 - 1988

Mr Moderator

And Members of Pilgrim Church.
Your Ushers have looked after all the
meeting of the church and have tried
in every possible to do the Pastors
wishes.

I want to thank all the ushers who
have done their duty so well, and
also the ones who were not down
on the usher list and have helped
me through the year.

Yours Respectfully
Frank C. Blooditt
Chairman

TO THE MEMBERS OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As the duties of the Trustees are concerned mainly with the questions of safeguarding the material interests of the organization the views of the Board are principally expressed through activities of the Finance and Building and Grounds Committees.

As the reports of these two committees have been given in some detail, there is little that the Trustees wish to add in this report.

The Trustees feel very gratified in learning that the entire church organization has kept within the amount of the 1928 budget and that the organization enters the new year with all 1928 bills paid and a small cash balance on hand. The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the very fine work done by all concerned with the Every Member Canvass which went off with the usual clock like percision and to the names of these mentioned in the report of the finance committee we wish to add the name of Mr. Matter, the chairman of that committee.

In spite of the splendid showing during the year 1928, and in spite of the excellent results of the Every Member Canvass the Board endorses the suggestion of the Finance Committee, ^{not} that the budget be not presented to the church members at this time. This can logically be done because of the fact that we are at this time short the sum of \$1,330.89 of the amount of the proposed budget as was brought out in the report of the Finance Committee. The results of the Every Member Canvass itself were splendid and the shortage is wholly due to the very large amount of the 1928 unpaid pledges. It is the hope of the Board that a sufficient number of these pledges will be paid to make it possible to present the budget for adoption without curtailment of any of its items in the near future.

As a matter of record we report that insurance is being carried on the church property as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Church Building | \$152,000.00 |
| Church Building Contents | 8,000.00 |
| Parsonage | 12,000.00 |

In addition to the fire insurance the property is further protected by Workmen's Compensation and General Liability policies.

The original mortgage of \$5,000.00 against the Parsonage property has been reduced by the Women's Assembly to the sum of \$3,000.00, the terms of the mortgage requiring annual reductions of \$1,000.00 each.

While its duties and official acts relate to the material welfare of the church organization, still, these are but the means to a much more important end and in closing its report, the Board of Trustees wishes the privilege of giving public expression of the very high regard in which its members, individually and as a Board, held Mr. Noyce and of its deep appreciation of the very high order of the administration of the work committed to his care.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BY

Richard W. Northrup

Report of the Board of Deacons, Pilgrim Cong, Church

Duluth Minnesota Jan 16 1929

The deacons have held regular Monthly meetings, with the Pastor, Throughout the year, On the second Monday of each Month, At the Glass Block Tea Rooms, And during the lenten season have held weekly Meetings at the same place, These meetings have been of much interest to us, And have nodoubt been of some value to the church, They have kept us in close touch with the work of the Minister, In all the activities of the Church, And this is the primary Duty of Deacons, The things that concern the Pastor should concern the Deacons, and in my experience for many years on this Board, We have never had a member who failed to measure up to the full requitements of the office, It is therefore a source of regret as these annual meetings come around, That some member or Members feel that they must retire, At this meeting Mr Frick and Dr Bagley are retiring, They are both men of that fine texture and peculiar Qualifications That fitted them for members of this Board, We are sorry to have them go, They will be greatly Missed, But they are not out of our reach and can be called back into the service at any future time, Their places will be filled by two other men and when the time comes and their names are read, By the Nominating Committee, There will be a feeling of satisfaction and and approval by every member of the Church at the wisdom of their Selection,

Following is a statement of the Financial
Condition of the Deacons Fund on Jan 1st 1929

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------|--|----------|
| Balance Jan 1st 1928 | \$20.82 | Expenditures during the year for various Objects | |
| Col. Feb 6 " | 66.29 | approved by Committ's of the church | \$344.36 |
| " Moh 7 " | 36.37 | Jan 1st 1929 Balance on hand | 159.99 |
| " Jun 4 " | 90.10 | | |
| " Oct 7 " | 66.55 | | ----- |
| " Aug 13 " | 38.15 | | \$504.35 |
| " Sep 24 " | 81.00 | | |
| " Nov 9 " | 36.00 | | |
| " Dec 2 " | 34.07 | | |
| " Dec 12 " | 35.00 | | |
| | ----- | | |
| Total | 504.35 | | |

W W McMillan, Treas.

REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1928

The details of all disbursements pertaining to the administration of the church finances has been given in the report of the Treasurer and as his report covers in detail the various items coming under the general head of "Up-Keep of Plant" there is little need for additional comment.

The disbursements made during the year 1928 connected with "Up-Keep of Plant" covered mainly expenses which were of a routine nature. During last summer practically all of the wood floors were cleaned and varnished two coats and the cement floor of the Recreation Room and other portions of the basement were painted.

The total amount set aside for Up-keep of Plant in our 1928 budget was \$5,820.85. The amount actually expended during the year 1928 was \$5,457.57 or \$383.28 less than the amount asked for. The Committee wishes to point out particularly the operation of the heating plant at a saving of \$354.33 below the estimated amount and wishes to express his appreciation of the care exercised by Mr. Curnow which is responsible for this good result.

In the estimated budget for the year 1929 there is contained an item of \$250.00 for landscaping. It has been thought for some time by many members of the church that the church grounds are greatly in need of shrubbery and that it would be well at this time to work toward a general plan of improvement in this direction, doing a certain amount each year so that the burden would not be too great in any one year. If the budget is fully raised it was thought to appoint a special committee of well qualified members to work out a proper general landscaping plan and then see that it was properly carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

BY

Richard W. Northrup
Chairman

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

JAN 1 1928 to DEC 31 1928

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|--------|---------|
| Christmas Sale and Pledge 1927 | 7 20 | |
| Christmas Trees sold to 1st M E Church 1927-8 | 8 00 | |
| Certificate of Deposit cashed | 500 00 | |
| Interest on same | 9 82 | |
| > Easter Offering | 447 14 | |
| Easter Memorial Flowers | 3 30 | |
| > Musical Tea | 115 00 | |
| > Carnival | 112 77 | |
| Pledges | 447 50 | |
| Money earned by Groups from Luncheons & etc | 49 545 | |
| > Christmas Sale | 562 07 | |
| Junior Auxiliary Pledge to Assembly Budget | 500 00 | |
| Miscellaneous | 3 73 | |
| Total Receipts for 1928..... | | 3241 68 |
| Cash on hand Jan 1 1928..... | | 809 21 |
| Total Amount for 1928..... | | 4050 89 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Flowers | 22 00 | |
| Laundry | 64 87 | |
| Printing | 70 50 | |
| Advertising | 55 2 | |
| Decorations | 96 30 | |
| Postage | 7 22 | |
| Pledge to Church Budget | 2500 00 | |
| Kitchen Utensils | 104 9 | |
| Linen and Dishes | 69 30 | |
| Stationery Supplies | 8 14 | |
| Sending 2 Girls to Camo Wanikiwin | 125 0 | |
| " " " " Good will Camp | 10 00 | |
| Junior Auxiliary-Their share of profits from May Tea and Carnival | 44 18 | |
| Christmas Gift to Mr Curnow | 15 00 | |
| Supplies for Annual Party | 15 59 | |
| Summer Group 25 Guest tickets to Fall Reunion D. | 120 0 | |
| Miscellaneous | 110 9 | |
| Total Disbursements for 1928..... | | 2974 70 |
| Balance on hand Jan 1 1929..... | | 1076 19 |

Annual Report of the Department of World Fellowship
of the Women's Assembly of Pilgrim Congregational Church for the
Year ending December 31st, 1928.

The Department has had a most successful and eventful year, despite such vicissitudes as new names, new constitutions and new presidents. There have been nine regular meetings, and one special meeting in honor of Miss Priscilla Holton, who spoke to us most interestingly of her work in China.

Four delegates were sent by the church to the state convention at Austin, Minnesota in May, and in September, in return for their courtesy, we endeavored to entertain, instruct, and amuse with a play, "Mrs. Lively's Operation".

There has been an average attendance of forty-six at our meetings, but we are, of course, ambitious to raise this average considerably -- even though Anthony decried ambition. We feel that you will only have to come to one of our meetings and you will come again.

The Treasurer's annual report shows disbursements of \$279.21, of which we mention that \$11.20 was spent for drayage and freight of the missionary barrels, and \$128.78 was sent to Mr. Barnes, being the proceeds from the Thank-offering meeting. The annual report of the "Box Committee" shows that four barrels of clothing were sent to Mr. Muhonen, and one barrel to Talladega College during the year. The value of these gifts -- including gifts of money -- amounted to \$428.50.

Perhaps the outstanding event of the year is our new name. From being the Women's Missionary Society, we have become the "Department of World Fellowship of the Women's Assembly of Pilgrim Congregational Church", a change embodied in our new constitution, adopted this year.

Looking back on the year and its accomplishments, two personalities stand out -- a man's and a woman's. Dr. Elderkin, fresh from his wonderful European travels, spoke to us in September, and every available chair on this floor was in use -- not counting the pews, the velvet sofa and the little red kindergarten chairs. In October Mrs. Irwin came from Winnipeg for our Thank-offering meeting, and her quiet grace and charm in her earnest appeal -- speaking of the work and needs of the near East -- cast a spell upon us that was not soon forgotten.

In closing, I wish to thank the church for their splendid loyal support in everything we have undertaken during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie d'A. Ferry President

Duluth, Minnesota, January 16th, 1929.

JEAN M. MATTER
3009 EAST FIRST STREET
DULUTH, MINN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 31, 1928

During the past year, the Women's Assembly tried the plan of having fewer meetings. Consequently there were three luncheons and two strictly business meetings with an average attendance of seventy-five. Because people lose contact with the general society and the work for the church when so few meetings are held, the Assembly has voted to return to monthly meetings this coming year.

The groups have met monthly all during the year and some oftener than that. At some of these meetings work was done for various charitable organizations, at others work for our own Christmas sale and others were luncheons or picnics.

In February a very successful Valentine Party was given for the entire Assembly. In May the Groups combined to give a delightful Musical Tea for our own members and their guests. On a perfect Duluth summer day, the Autumn Group and Mrs. S. E. Matter entertained the Assembly at a Garden Party. The men of the church were given a banquet upon Dr. Elderkin's return in September. This as well as the Fall Reunion Dinner was given by the Summer Group. Special Committees provided the Every Members Canvassers with a dinner and oyster stew supper in November. On December 4, occurred the annual Christmas Sale and luncheon which in every way upheld the high standards established by those of former years. We ended the year's work with a new venture- a Carnival. It involved a great amount of labor which was unselfishly given by a number of folks who felt that there is a need for young and old of our church to get together, just for fun. If noise be any criterion, it was a "howling success".

During the year a plan for merging the Women's Assembly and the Missionary

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3009 EAST FIRST STREET
DULUTH, MINN.

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Society was worked out and accepted. Consequently, from now on the Women's Assembly will be what it's name implies, a general society including in it's membership all women of the church and congregation. The organization will continue to further the interests of all Christian work and to promote mutual acquaintance through the social and religious life of the church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean M. Matter

President, Women's Assembly

Annual Report of the President of the Junior Auxiliary

The Junior Auxiliary held monthly meetings at the homes of its members from January until May during which they worked on bandages for St. Luke's Hospital and on small articles for the Xmas Sale.

A picnic was held in June which afforded the only chance of the year for the evening and day groups to meet.

There were no meetings during July and August but a luncheon meeting was held in September when plans for the fall work were made.

It was decided to hold all day weekly work meetings with coffee and a hot dish served at noon commencing the last week of September and continuing until the week of the Christmas Sale in December.

An evening group for girls who were interested and could not come during the day met every week at different homes during the fall months.

Besides these meetings, the work Committee met one afternoon a week getting articles ready for the girls and finishing up unfinished work.

This year we formed the Spring groups and took charge and served the April luncheon for the Assembly to 55, and the Normal School Banquet in May to approximately 400. We made \$143.50 on this banquet.

We decorated the dining room and served the Christmas Luncheon and helped with the Carnival.

Our big project was as usual furnishing the baby booth for the Sale. Financially our Booth was a success. We cleared a profit of \$343.75. It wouldn't be so easy to estimate the friendliness and good fellowship which the girls derived from working together which is ~~even more~~ ^{more} important than after all is the purpose of all the Assembly groups.

We paid our pledge of 500.⁰⁰ to the Assembly. Last January we had a balance on hand of \$339.12 and this January we have a balance on hand of \$408.50.

Respectfully Submitted
Ora B. Armstrong
President Jr. Auxiliary.

Pilgrim Church has made 58 years of history. For the information of new members I might say Pilgrim Church has the distinction of being the only protestant church in Duluth that has an unbroken record of 58 years of regular religious services.

The spirit and the purpose that impelled the 16 charter members, who organized this church on January 18, 1871, has dominated and guided the church during these 58 years.

The most valued, the most enduring accomplishments of Pilgrim Church are of a nature that they can not be tabulated, can not be listed as events, can not be computed in columns of figures. They are the unrecorded influences and inspirations of those who have come in contact with the church.

Perhaps there are those who are not aware that the Duluth Bethel was organized by Dr C C Salter, the first minister of this church. That the Reverend Cornelious H Patton, now a member and secretary of the American Board, was a minister of this church, and that Ray Phillips now a missionary in Africa was a member of Pilgrim Sunday School, and of this church. From 1911 to November 23, 1927, the date of his death, the Rev. Herbert M Irwin was the special representative of Pilgrim Church in the Foreign field.

The far reaching influences that have emanated from these circumstances can not be measured.

The accomplishments of Rev. M. J. H. in his work is influenced largely by Pil. Ch.

The members of this church, and others who are interested, have recently had an exceptional opportunity to learn something of the social, economic and political situations in several other countries. In 1927 Dr Elderkin went to Mexico with the Herring commission and in 1928 he traveled in a number of the European countries with the Sherwood Eddy Seminar. We are now getting the benefit of his experiences and observations while abroad in the Sunday 5 O'clock discussions.

In September 1926 the Rev. Clyde S Noyce came here from Ogish and became Director of Religious education in this Church. Under his guidance and leadership for 2 years and 2 months, this Department became a very important department of the church. He died on the 12th day of December, 1928.

His influence for good in the Sunday School, in this church and in this community can not be estimated.

He lived and taught what he professed.

ARTHUR E. UNITED STATES
NELSON *for* SENATOR
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE
HEADQUARTERS

THOMAS M. McCABE
IN CHARGE
701 TORREY BLDG.
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

TELEPHONES:
Melrose 1308
Melrose 706

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH, TROOP NO. 8, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, YEAR 1928.

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At the beginning of the year we had in the Troop a total of 37 boys under the leadership of Mr. Bruce Scott and Mr. Noyce. Needless to say, under such leadership the troop was very active, not only individually but as a group, a number of day and over-night hikes being made wherein the boys were given every opportunity to advance in Scouting. Full advantage of the opportunity was taken as the following will testify:

| | | | |
|----|--|-------------|---------------------|
| 13 | Tenderfoot Scouts advanced to | 2nd Class. | |
| 10 | Second Class advanced to | First Class | |
| | Total Second Class Merit Badges earned | - | 16 |
| " | First " " " " | - | 168 |
| | Total Merit Badges in Troop, - | | 609. |
| | New Tenderfoot Scouts taken into Troop | - | 29 |
| | Tenderfoot Scouts Dropped | - | 0 |
| | First Class Scouts Dropped | | 1 |
| | Second Class Scouts Dropped | - | 3 |
| | Tenderfoot Scouts in Troop | 12/31/28 | 20 10 |
| | Second Class " " " " | | 9 |
| | First " " " " | | 32 |

FIRST CLASS SCOUTS CLASSIFIED:

| | |
|--|----|
| Star Scouts | 6 |
| Life " | 5 |
| Eagle " | 4 |
| Palm " | 6 |
| Veteran " | 6 |
| Scouts without sufficient merit badges to advance to Star Scouts | 5 |
| Total number of Scouts in Troop December 31, 1928 | 51 |

For pressing personal reasons Mr. Bruce Scott has found it impossible to continue as Scoutmaster, so at the present time we are without a regular Scoutmaster in charge, but, under the fine handling of Senior Patrol Leader Townsend, who has been carrying on the fine work started under Mr. Noyce, after the close of the summer vacation, we are making progress and hope to continue to do so.

Respectfully submitted:
THE TROOP COMMITTEE
A. O. ROBIDEAU
CHAIRMAN

Report of Ranger Lodge #231. year 1928

RANGER LODGE NO. 231 of Pilgrim Congregational Church has had one of its most successful years, both from the standpoint of attendance and increase in membership. Five hikes were held to different points about the city under the direction of the late Mr. Noyce and his corps of boy assistants. Too much can not be said about the fine work of such boys as "Bud" - as he is known to the boys - or ~~John~~ Willis, Hal Colton, Frank Manley and several others who have helped carry on this work among the younger boys. This is one organization that has felt most keenly the loss of Mr. Noyce, as this group was almost entirely his own.

We were very much concerned over the leadership until John Harlow consented to look out for ^{the lodge} ~~them~~ and we now feel that the good work will continue.

New ^{officers} ~~offices~~ have been elected and the lodge is fast rounding into shape for a fine winter work. The present membership consists of

| | | |
|----------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | 3rd Eagle Feather | Ranger |
| 1 | 2nd " | " " |
| 5 | Warriors | |
| 12 | Hunters | |
| 13 | Braves | |
| <u>3</u> | Palefaces | |
| Total of | 35 | in the Lodge. |

Respectfully submitted:

For the RANGERS

A. O. ROBIDEAU

REPORT OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR 1928.

Thistle troop of Girl Scouts, watched over by Pilgrim Church, will complete the eleventh year of its existence as a registered troop next month.

The meetings have been held regularly once a week throughout the school year, with a patrol leader in charge of the activities. The activities aim to include instruction, recreation, and inspiration. Instruction has been given through experiences in knot tying, signalling, first aid, and observation; recreation has been provided through games and contests; inspiration has been gained through story telling, music, and dramatizations.

This year we have had a total of thirty-three girls registered at National Headquarters. At present the troop has thirty-four members, of whom eleven are candidate, nine Tenderfoot, thirteen Second class, and one First Class scouts. The average attendance is thirty. At the three Courts of Awards our girls received ^{forty-nine} badges and attendance stars. Marjorie Willis, a former member of the troop, was given the five year service stripe at the November Court of Awards.

In the city wide contests of girl scouts of Duluth we can claim only two honors this year, a second place in snow-shoeing won by Nancy Finch, and a second place in a fifty-yard dash won by Dorothy Brewer. In an inter-troop district contest extending over a period of three months Thistle Troop tied Troop Twenty-seven of the Grant School for first place. For that reason the coveted blue ribbon was in our possession for just six weeks, and then it was presented to the other troop. The contest was based on promptness, the spirit of the troop, the use of the Court of Honor, and the functioning of the Patrol system.

Our community service includes the dressing of four dolls for children in one of the orphanages; the purchasing of skis, skating socks, wool stockings, and a doll, the contributing of clothing and toys for the children of a family in unfortunate circumstances; a subscription to the American Girl magazine for two girls at Nopeming; the providing of costumes for two girl scouts of another troop. Three of our troop took part in singing carols in the hospitals.

We have had a few special events. Last January thirty-one members of the troop visited the Bridgeman-Russell plant. In February Mrs. H. R. Halsey entertained the troop at a skating party at the Amphitheatre. In May quite a number of the girls hiked to the Girl Scout cabin. The candidate and Tenderfoot scouts enjoyed the experience of being at the cabin in the daytime but the Second and First Class scouts revelled in being allowed to remain over night. Several girls availed themselves of the privileges of camping for a week or two with the Girl Scouts at Wanakiwin. Two or three parties have been given during the time of the regular meetings.

We realize that the outdoor program has been neglected and we consider this a most important part of the Girl Scout work, but we have been at a loss to know what to do about it. Lack of time due to participation in many other activities seems to be the chief reason advanced by the girls for not attending Girl Scout excursions.

We are grateful for courtesies of various kinds shown us by Miss Alice Brown of the Public Library, Miss Florence Owens of the Physical Education Department of the City school system, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Humphreys, Mrs. E. A. Vivian, C. J. Zachow, Mrs. H. R. Halsey, Mrs. E. G. Peterson, Dr. Elderkin, and Miss Eunice Spaulding. We remember with pleasure the friendly interest of Mr. Noyce.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Elwell,
Captain.

Bernice P. Jeronimus,

Lieutenant.

January 16, 1929.

Church School
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 Average Attendance 1928

| ENROLLED | | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | APR. | MAY | SEPT. | OCT. | NOV. | DEC. | 1928 AV. | 1927 AV. |
|---------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|-----|-------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|
| BEGINNERS | 28 18 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 33 | 35 | 34 | 25 | 32 | 19 | 25 | 31 |
| PRIMARY | 88 | 46 | 56 | 57 | 51 | 60 | 57 | 67 | 65 | 48 | 61 | 55 |
| JUNIOR | 76 | 63 | 68 | 68 | 63 | 65 | 60 | 62 | 67 | 58 | 61 | 64 |
| INTERMEDIATE | 67 | 44 | 52 | 47 | 42 | 38 | 31 | 51 | 54 | 48 | 51) 30) | 68 |
| SENIOR | 64 | 27 | 32 | 30 | 28 | 19 | 28 | 28 | 31 | 31 | 30) | |
| ADULT | - | 20 | 26 | 26 | - | - | - | - | 9 | 6 | 7 | - |
| TEACHERS | 30 | 24 | 21 | 17 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 22 | 27 | 25 | 25 | |
| OFFICERS | 7 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | |
| TOTALS | 378 | 261 | 295 | 283 | 247 | 247 | 241 | 262 | 297 | 241 | 266 | 253 |
| Less Adults | | 20 | 26 | 26 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 9 | 6 | 7 | |
| TOTALS excluding Adult Class | 378 | 241 | 269 | 257 | 247 | 247 | 241 | 262 | 288 | 235 | 259 | 253 |

Percentage of average attendance to number of pupils enrolled--68%

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Hulse

Secretary

January 16, 1929

Report of the Missionary Department for 1928.

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DULUTH, MINNESOTA

for 1928

The missionary project for World Friendship, among children all over our country, was the sending of Friendship Bags to the school children of Mexico. This project occupied the attention of the upper departments of the Church School during the spring months. Programs on Mexico were given in the Junior and Intermediate rooms to learn a little about the destination of the bags, and then 11 bags were sent from the school.

X In June we had the pleasure of entertaining the Japanese dolls sent in return for our Friendship dolls which went two years ago to Japan. We had an afternoon and an evening reception for them, showing the movie which came with the dolls.

X Our missionary project in the Senior Department is the continued correspondence with some Indian boys from the big boys high school at Pasumalai, three miles from Madura, India. Rev. Mr Ralph Keithan, a close friend of Mr Noyce, is the principal, and he had his boys write to us. We are sending \$60.00 for the support of one of these deserving Indian boys.

Mrs Dinsmore has done her same fine missionary work in the Primary Department, and has told stories of both the home and foreign fields. This fall with the aid of Miss Martha Wallace, they had some interesting dramatizations of the home topic.

The four Sundays before the summer vacation, all the departments joined in services in the recreation room, as usual. We had stereoptican pictures, and talks on the different countries, especially Mexico.

X With the opening of school again in September, we tried the plan of having missionary programs on four consecutive Sundays instead of one a month as formerly

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This plan seems much better and we are adopting it in all the departments. As Africa is the topic for the year, we are studying that country, in the Jr and Sr. rooms, using Basil Mathews' book "Black Treasure".

X Our projects for the fall centered as usual around the Thanksgiving food and money, and the Christmas gifts. At Thanksgiving time food was given for 8 splendid baskets, and roasts were purchased with some of the money so generously given by the church. Mrs Dinsmore and Mrs Hubler took charge of the sorting and ordering, and Mr Noyce saw to its distribution.

At Christmas time the 236 Christmas gifts prettily wrapped and brot by the children were divided between the International Institute at Gary, and the Raleigh Street Neighborhood house, where they brot joy to many little children.

I cannot close my report without paying great tribute to Mr Noyce, for all he did to make this department of the schools successful. His unfailing help and interest and advice made our missionary program possible, and we feel keenly the great loss this department has sustained.

The disbursements for the year are as follows:

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Magazines for Mrs Irwin | \$21.83 |
| Tuition Thalia (Greece) | 30.00 |
| Mexican Bags | 19.40 |
| Tuition Indian Boy | 45.00 |
| Expenses of Japanese dolls | 13.00 |
| Mr Mc Daniels Negro aid | 15.00 |
| Mrs Irwin's expenses | 10.00 |
| Palo Church Finnish | 50.00 |
| Christmas gifts Greece | 15.00 |
| Sr. Dept. | 10.00 |
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| | \$ 229.23 |

Complete financial statement attached.

Mrs

I will send you this -
R. W. Northrup Suph. Missions

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Bruce Scott was superintendent of this department until July 1. Mrs Noyce took the department in September. This is the first complete year for the Senior Department, the Senior and Intermediate being together other years. The division has proved to be very successful, even though it has seemed to crowd us more. The worship services can be planned to fit the needs of the individuals more easily when the range of ages is not so great. It also gives the same age groupings that they have in Junior and Senior High School. This fall we have tried to develop more initiative among the Senior group by having them elect their own officers, carry out their own missionary plans, plan their worship services and many times conduct the services entirely themselves. The two older classes have tried the plan of electing the course they want, carrying it for only ten weeks, and then electing another course. It seems to have worked out very well. In another year it may be found wise to have all four classes elect their course, rather than to assign them to certain classes.

S Platt Jones came to Pilgrim Church under the auspices of the Senior Department. Mr Jones received \$35 for his services, and the department realized a profit of \$6.55. This money together with the regular missionary offering was used by the service committee. \$10.00 was sent to Greece to be used for records for a boys' club that Mr Irwin had organized. A family was adopted by the department, and a large basket of canned goods together with two nice chickens was sent to them at Thanksgiving time. A quart of milk a day is also being sent them by the department.

Mr McKeever of the family welfare talked on the general work of the family welfare and something of what it is trying to do here in Duluth.

The plan for the year has been to have Sunday night suppers once a month and have a group discussion at that time. There have been quite a number of these supper meetings with an average attendance of 25.

The officers are Mary Adams, president; Harold Johnson, vice-president; Newland Stillman, secretary-treasurer; Henry Jeronimus Jr, friendship committee; Judith Eng, service committee. Teachers: Mrs Manley, Mrs Kitts, Mrs Storberg, Mr Scott, Mr T H Hawkes Jr, Dr Davis, Mr W O McMillan, Dr Elderkin.

Mr. Noyce has had charge of this department ever since it was organized as a separate department. He has tried to get the young people to feel they have a part in making the department what it ought to be by having them take charge of the worship services frequently and working out the program ^{each} by months with the Council which is made up of the officers of the department. A new plan is being tried in missionary education. Instead of giving a missionary talk one Sunday a month, they have ~~last~~ planned two series of missionary talks of four Sundays each, which in this way they hope to get more continuity. ~~in~~ Mrs. Northrup was in charge of the worship services for October and is caring for them again thru January. African boys and girls and the work our church does in their country, has been the theme for these missionary talks. The newly elected officers are Pres. Chas. Duncan, Vice Pres. Marjorie Humphreys, Secretary Betty Boyd, Ushers Maude Gillette and Hewelbyn Gross.