

Annual Reports of 1944

Read January 17, 1945

Report of the Nominating Committee

To the members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following nominations:

Deacons for 3 years -

S. F. Atkins, H. E. Farnum, A. W. Frick, R. S. Hanson, P. F. Heimick,
H. U. Moore.

Trustees for 3 years -

E. F. Blu, E. W. Collins, Charles Foster, R. W. Northup.

Treasurer - C. D. Stillman.. Assistant Treasurer - W. S. Horr.

Clerk - H. P. Clarke. Boy's Work - C. M. Hoff.

Historian - A. M. Clure

Lookout Committee -

Mrs. P. F. Heimick, Mrs. R. L. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Page, Mrs. L. E.
Paddack, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Williams.

Religious Education Committee for 3 years -

Mrs. M. C. Dahl, Mrs. A. W. Taylor, R. H. Neimeyer.

Music Committee -

Mrs. W. B. Matter, Dr. K. R. Fawcett, T. M. McCabe
Mrs. J. F. McCune, Mrs. G. H. Spencer.

Standing Committee -

Mrs. S. F. Atkins Mrs. P. F. Heimick, Mrs. Arthur Roberts
Mrs. D. M. Bellows Mrs. E. W. Rauschenfels Mrs. F. C. Tenny

Service Committee - K. M. Nelson, chairman.

Representative to the Council of Churches -

Mrs. W. D. Avery N. B. Barsness, Miss Francis Collins
Dr. W. R. Bagley T. B. Stillman, Miss Ray L. Leland

Ushers - Co-chairmen - R. R. Johnson and Millen Bayly.

F. M. Artley, W. F. Baldwin, N. B. Barsness, E. H. Bilger, H. P.
Clarke, John Dalton, Lester Gessner, J. W. Hanson, A. A. Johnson,
Dr. W. A. Johnson, W. K. Macaskill, S. A. Moe, W. E. O'Connor,
S. K. Platt, N. A. Stillman, R. L. Syck, Arthur Tews, E. D. Zelle.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. D. Avery R. M. Funk
Mrs. W. M. Fox R. H. Neimeyer
Mrs. H. L. Nordal B. S. Savin
Mrs. R. G. Barnes, Chairman.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REPORT OF TREASURER 1944

RECEIPTS:

Current Pledges	17,095.42	
Back Pledges	1,320.97	
Current Plate Collections	2,158.27	
(Includes Xmas Collection 413.65)		
Women's Assembly	900.00	
Church School Collections	485.21	
Rentals	176.25	
Easter Collection	593.57	
Pilgrim Fellowship Loan Repaid	81.00	
Collection Greek Relief	158.00	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
		<u>22,978.69</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

PULPIT & OFFICE:

Salary Pastor	5,100.00	
Salary Church Office	1,365.00	
Salary Assistant Treasurer	300.00	
Office Supplies	191.06	
Postage & Printing	536.28	
Pulpit Supply	15.00	
		<u>7,507.34</u>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Salary Director	1,390.00	
Church School Budget	699.39	
		<u>2,089.39</u>
		<u>2,128.45</u>

MUSIC

UPKEEP OF PLANT:

Salary Janitor	1,980.00	
Supplies Janitor	85.28	
Telephones	155.10	
Power, Light, Water, Gas	594.82	
Fuel - 1943	535.34	
Fuel - Current	1,311.61	
Repairs, Church	604.85	
Repairs, Parsonage	671.67	
Insurance	442.80	
Removal of Ashes and Garbage	66.00	
		<u>6,447.47</u>

BENEVOLENCES:

Finnish Missions	1,200.00	
Other	2,058.95	
		<u>3,258.95</u>

GENERAL:

Every Member Canvas	90.00	
Advertising	36.46	
Speakers, Church Dinners	34.50	
Conference Expense	151.41	
Junior Choir	55.00	
Evangelistic Visitation	47.50	
Boys Work	45.00	
Expenses, Minister	62.00	
Miscellaneous	203.13	
Week Day Religious Education	<u>50.00</u>	
		775.00
PLEDGE CARLETON COLLEGE		500.00
Pilgrim Fellowship Loan		<u>81.62</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>22,888.22</u>

SUMMARY:

Balance, January 1, 1944	130.22	
Receipts	<u>22,978.69</u>	
		23,108.91
Disbursements		<u>22,888.22</u>
Balance, December 31, 1944		220.69
Church School Missions	152.11	
Church	<u>68.58</u>	<u>220.69</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed) C. D. Stillman
Treasurer

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REVISED BUDGET 1945

PULPIT & OFFICE

Salary Pastor	5,100.00	
Salary Church Office	1,800.00	
Salary Assistant Treasurer	300.00	
Office Supplies	200.00	
Postage & Printing	500.00	
Pulpit Supply	100.00	
Pastor's Contingent Fund	200.00	8,200.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Salary Director	1,800.00	
Church School Budget	600.00	2,400.00

MUSIC

CHOIR & ORGAN	2,100.00	
Choir Robes & Hymnals	1,000.00	3,100.00

BENEVOLENCES:

Finnish Missions	1,200.00	
Apportionment	1,800.00	3,000.00

UPKEEP OF PLANT

Salary Janitor	1,980.00	
Supplies, Janitor	100.00	
Telephones	130.00	
Power, Light, Water, Gas	600.00	
Fuel	1,000.00	
Ashes & Garbage	50.00	
Repairs, Church & Parsonage	700.00	
Painting Church Auditorium	1,000.00	
Insurance	500.00	6,660.00

CONTINGENT FUND

500.00

ASSOCIATION DUES

140.00

TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SERVICE MEN

200.00

TOTAL

23,600.00

The Report of the Minister for the Year 1944.

To the Members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church:

During the year 1944 the minister was absent from his pulpit only two Sundays. He baptised 36 persons, performed 14 marriages and conducted 17 funeral services. In addition to his work in Pilgrim Church the minister gave some of his time and effort to 10 different organizations in the community, state and nation.

It is very gratifying to report that all departments of the Church are in a flourishing condition. We need two teachers in the Junior High Dept. of the Church School and a number of persons to man Cub Pack 208 but with these exceptions every phase of our work has fine leadership. The reports filed at this meeting tell a good story.

The minister wishes to express his gratitude to all of the good people who have worked so hard to make these achievements possible:

To the ladies of the Woman's Assembly who, in addition to a very full program, cooperated splendidly with Mrs. W. C. Lounsbury and Mr. K. M. Nelson in entertaining the Midwest Regional meeting of our churches. Mrs. R. G. Barnes has completed her second year as president of the Assembly. She has led all of the activities in a very capable manner and I wish to express to her my deep gratitude for the great service she has rendered to the church and the wonderful cooperation she has given the minister.

To the men who took part in the visitation evangelism campaign during Lent which resulted in a large addition to our membership.

To Mr. Emmons Collins, the director, and Mr. K. M. Nelson and Mr. Jesse D. Bradley, his assistants, who provided the leadership for what has been described as the best Every Member Canvass in 14 years.

To the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons whose counsel and real assistance have made the minister's task so much easier than it could otherwise be.

To Mr. J. W. Walker and his committee who have worked hard to prepare the revised constitution which will be acted upon at this meeting. I regard their work as a really sound achievement which should last for many years to come.

To Miss Leland who completed eight years of devoted service as our Director of Religious Education in June. To Miss Collins who came to take her place in August and has already shown a fine understanding of the work and is giving excellent leadership in all departments of the Church School and Pilgrim Fellowship.

To Mr. Stillman and Mr. Horr who have given another year of faithful and efficient service as our church treasurers.

To Miss Rogers and the Choir who have, in spite of wartime difficulties, provided us with fine music on all occasions.

To Mr. Fred Revals our hard-working custodian who has kept the physical property bright and shining throughout the year.

To the teachers and officers of the Church School and the officers of all our organizations and clubs, my thanks for your loyalty and service.

To Mrs. H. G. Manley whose cheerful service to the minister and all the boards and committees of the church has made her indispensable to us all. Because of her careful supervision of the Church office and of every sort of meeting which has been held within these walls, she has contributed the major part of the service the church renders to us as individuals and to the community. Her loyalty and devotion to the church and all it stands for, has been and will continue to be an inspiration to everyone who has at heart the welfare and progress of this institution

In my opinion Pilgrim Church is stronger than it has ever been in the quality of its membership and in its resources. It is my sincere hope that it may now render increased service to the kingdom of God here and throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Craig McQueen.

Report of the Board of Deacons
Annual Meeting, January 17th, 1945

During the year 1944 the Board of Deacons held regular meetings monthly, except in July and August. The average attendance was little over ten.

The year proved to present the usual number of questions and problems for decision. Some of the questions discussed and decided were the following:

No seats in the church should be reserved for anyone, but any person might have a particular seat, provided that the seat is vacant when he arrives for the service.

A suggestion was made that there should be a note of symbolism in the church service, by placing a cross and candles on the communion table, which in turn, should occupy a prominent place on the pulpit platform. After careful consideration it was unanimously agreed that such a change could not be made.

Deacon Tenney was delegated to procure and install two plaques bearing the names of all service men and women of the church, and Memorial Sunday was designated for the dedication of such service plaques with Mr. Tenney in charge of the planning of the ceremony.

At the September meeting of the Board the following resolution was passed:

"That the following named members of the church, to-wit: Mr. Samuel F. Atkins, from the Religious Education Committee, Mr. E. W. MacPherran from the Board of Trustees, Mr. J. W. Walker from the Board of Deacons, Mrs. Willard B. Matter from the Music Committee, Mrs. Russell G. Barnes, president of the Women's Assembly, and the Minister and the Senior Deacon as members ex-officio and without right to vote in the committee, be appointed as a Revision Committee to prepare and submit to the next Annual Meeting of the church for adoption or rejection, a proposed Revised Constitution and By-Laws; that all members so desiring, be invited and urged to submit in writing to the Revision Committee any matters that they may desire the committee to consider, and that such request be made as soon as possible, and that any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Committee by resignation or otherwise may be filled by the remaining members of the Committee."

Mr. J. W. Walker was appointed Chairman of the Committee. The report of that Committee, with the proposed amended Constitution and By-Laws, is to be received and acted upon at this Annual Meeting.

The Board meetings of the year have been marked as usual, by earnest discussions and, I believe, by wise decisions and always with the best interest of the church as of prime importance, on the part both of the minister and of the Board of Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Baldwin
Senior Deacon.

The Women's Assembly

There have been several interesting events in the last year. First, we are finally recognized in our amended by-laws, as a Committee of the Church. Very wisely, they still allow us to make our own laws and to have our own constitution. Next, there was the Mid-West Conference and the inspiration, directly and indirectly received there. Under Mrs. Lounsbury's and Mr. Nelson's direction, we feel that we most satisfactorily filled the roll assigned to us as hostesses for Pilgrim Church.

We have a new committee, known as the House and Grounds, with Mrs. A. A. Roberts as chairman. She consults with the House and Grounds Chairman of the Trustees regarding many minor repairs and needs, which are often discernible to only a woman's eye. The rugs in the foyer and parlors have been cleaned and new covers made for a chair and davenport in the Religious Education office. The davenport was a gift to the church. Mrs. Arper and the housekeeping committee made new curtains and draperies and made certain that the church was all cleaned and in order for the conference. We bought a new sewing machine, and new dishes enabling us to serve 300.

Our finances under Miss Anna Meinhardt are still a matter of astonishment. We lowered our budget, and the allotment for each group, and have more money than ever left in the treasury at the end of the year.

Mrs. A. W. Taylor and the Christian Service Committee planned our Lenten services, starting with communion served by Mr. McQueen and Mr. Baldwin, for all the ladies of the church and their friends at the February Assembly. This was followed each Wednesday through February and March by Mr. McQueen's study course on The Epistles, and closed with a special Lenten meditation at the April meeting. Mrs. Tibbetts had charge of an Inter-Faith tea given by Pilgrim women in April for the women's societies of Holy Rosary and Temple Emanuel, with an attendance of 250-300. Father Cashen, Rabbi Singer and Mr. McQueen gave a round table discussion for us at that time. We also put on the dinner for 300 men of the three churches in February. Both of these ventures we are sure are steps in the right direction toward religious tolerance and friendships.

Mrs. Athens finished Mrs. Tibbetts' year as program chairman. In September, Mr. McQueen spoke to us on the church's needs and plans for the rest of the year. In October Mrs. Gallegos gave an illustrated talk on Puerto Rico, November was a resume of the conference, and December was our lovely Christmas party.

The September tea was arranged by Mrs. M. C. Dahl, and Mrs. Knute Nelson, and was a success both as a money-making affair, and as a "party" for Pilgrim women and their friends.

Group 3 worked all summer making little dresses for Mrs. Nichols' boxes of clothing for Greek children.

The one outstanding memory of my two years as President of the Assembly will always be of the whole-hearted co-operation of the women of Pilgrim Church. Regardless of their personal differences of opinion on minor subjects, their thought is-- "What is best for our Church?"

I thank every one of them for that spirit of Christian fellowship and helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Marion Morgan Barnes, President.

The Service Committee - Report 1944.

The Service Committee, voted into being at a business meeting of the Church membership, September 26, 1943, has as its duties, "to discover, supervise, and recommend to the various organizations of the church all projects for service within and without the community." Its meetings are at the call of the pastor unless circumstances require other gatherings. It is directly responsible to the church, and acts as a clearing house for ideas and in turn presents recommendations as to the allocation of funds and the acceptance or rejection of requests that come to it from within our organization and from outside.

In accordance with these duties, this year, the Easter offering was designated toward the Unit Plan for Ministerial Relief. The Thanksgiving collection was to be sent to the State Women's Organization for its work, while the Christmas offering was assigned to the fund for War Victims and Services and a share toward Ministerial Relief.

The Christmas of 1943, a booklet was sent to the men and women in Service by our church under the sponsorship of Pilgrim Fellowship, who put in many hours of work to defray the cost. This Christmas, 1944, as a result of suggestions, committee meetings and discussions, it was decided to send a letter of Christmas Greeting from the Minister and church members to our men and women in the Service, and that further letters and bulletins go out to them at regular intervals. Two members of the Service Committee have this matter in charge, Mrs. Willard Matter and Mr. M. M. Fox. They would appreciate receiving any information or bits of news which could be passed on in these letters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. William C. Lounsbury, Chairman.

Report of the Religious Education Committee
1944.

During the past year our Sunday School has shown the results of several years of effort to make the parents of our church, Sunday School conscious.

Our attendance has increased, although the attendance in Sunday School throughout the state has materially decreased. Our average attendance for the past year has been 160, and our average enrollment has been 217.

The excellence of our church school has been an important factor in bringing new members into our church. Children of non-members have attended our church school because of its good reputation, and the parents have become members of the church.

Several of our departments have meetings with mothers, or both fathers and mothers, at some time during the year. Mrs. Gibson entertained the children of the Nursery and Beginners' Departments and their mothers at a lovely party in November. She explained to the mothers the aims of the department and how this work could be supplemented in the home. Between forty and fifty mothers and grandmothers, and about fifty children attended, which shows a fine interest in a department which has an enrollment of fifty children.

The Junior Department gave fifteen dollars (\$15) to the American Bible Society, part of which would be used to further Dr. Laubach's work among the illiterate. This was done in conjunction with the work done in class on the translation of the Bible into foreign languages and their uses.

Since September, we have six (6) supervisors and twenty-five (25) teachers. This is two less supervisors than last year due to combining the Nursery and Beginners' Departments and not replacing Miss Patton, who was supervisor of the Senior High Department before she moved away. There are four less teachers than last year.

We want the teachers and supervisors to know how much we appreciate their faithfulness and devotion. During the winter of 1943-44 there were only four changes in the whole teaching staff. This makes for unity and coordination in the work, which in turn, strengthens the whole Sunday School. A strong Sunday School now insures a strong church a few years hence.

Instead of giving baskets to the poor for Thanksgiving, the Sunday School donated clothing to the United Nations Relief, and five boxes of books, toys, and clothing to the Indian Missions in the Dakotas. This was in line with the mission projects being carried on through the whole Sunday School, which is the study of work with the American Indians.

Last spring Pilgrim Fellowship gave a play to liquidate their financial obligations. It was entitled "Spring Fever" and was presented at two very fine performances. About \$64.00 was raised.

Their regular meeting has an average attendance of 25 to 30. The attendance this fall has been somewhat lower, around 15, but a fine spirit exists among those who attend. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Atkins have been counselors for Pilgrim Fellowship this fall and have attended most of the meetings.

A Youth Rally for the young people in the Duluth Association of Congregational Churches was held in our church October 23, 1944. It was attended by about 75 young people, 10 adult leaders, and 2 out of town speakers. Representatives came from Grand Marais, Pilgrim Church, Sandstone, Aitken, Cloquet, and Morgan Park for dinner and a program. It is the first time anything of this kind has been done, and it was successful.

We were so glad that Mrs. Gibson, supervisor of the Nursery and Beginners' Department was able to go to the Faribault Summer School of Christian Education last July. The chairman of the Religious Education Committee was able to attend the convention of the International Council of Religious Education held in Chicago last February. It was a great inspiration and an experience long to be remembered. Our director at that time, Miss Leland, also attended, and was elected a Member at Large of the Directors' Section.

Each member of our committee has chosen one department of the Church School as his special interest for the year, and brings a report to each meeting on the activities and needs of that department. In this way, the whole committee has been in touch with all phases of the Sunday School work and we were better able to give intelligent advice when it was needed.

We were very sorry to lose our fine Religious Education Director, Miss Ray Leland, last June. The committee did everything within its power to persuade her to stay with us, but were unsuccessful.

However, we feel very fortunate to have secured the services of Miss Frances Collins, who, although not trained for Religious Education work, has the background of successful teaching, and life in a minister's home. We wish her success in her new work.

The church is greatly indebted to Miss Leland for her interest in and devotion to our Sunday School, and young people's work, during the past eight years. She has set a fine Christian example for our children, and we have seen the church school develop, under her guidance, from a poorly disciplined group to one of the finest organizations in the state. She was always willing to help anyone at any time. She has not missed a church session in over eight years. She is on the Board of Management of the Faribault Summer School of Christian Education. We are most fortunate to have had her with us for so long.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Taylor Magney,
Chairman.

January 13, 1945.

Officers and Members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church,
Duluth, Minnesota

The Buildings and Grounds Committee beg to submit the following report:

During the past year the necessary expenditures were made to maintain the buildings and equipment in usable condition.

Only minor repairs were required to the heating system.

The cleaning and painting of the walls of several of the class rooms, stair halls and Recreational Room in the basement, together with the varnishing of the floors was done mostly by the Custodian.

Repairs were made to the tower speakers for the carillon at a cost of \$100.00.

During the coming year consideration should be given to the following:

Redecorating of the interior of the Manse and the Painting of the outside, together with some repairs to the steps and some alterations on the inside of the building.

It is also recommended that the interior of the Church be redecorated. The present condition of the decorations is largely due to the fact that the gutter on the north wall of the Church was damaged which allowed water to enter the walls and this dampness caused the paint to peel off.

All of these improvements can be done under present regulations of the War Production Board.

Some other alterations should be done at the Manse such as installing toilet room on the first floor but this cannot be done under War Production Board regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

By Charles Foster

January 10, 1945.

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Your Board of Trustees herewith submits its report for the calendar year 1944. The Board has held several meetings during the year with good attendance, and has attempted to handle the affairs under its jurisdiction, with proper consideration of all matters presented by Mr. McQueen and others.

The chief purpose of a Board of Trustees is to look after the property and direct the finances of the Church. In the campaign for funds for the year 1944 our budget was \$20,940. At the end of December 1944 we had actually raised \$22,729. In the campaign for 1945 we sought a budget of \$23,600, which I am happy to report has been raised. This was done under the efficient and capable direction of Emmons Collins as Director, ably assisted by Knute Nelson and Jesse D. Bradley. There were some 90 men who made the solicitation, and the Trustees wish to express their appreciation to all of these men, and to the Directors, for their conscientious and successful efforts in raising the budget.

The Woman's Auxiliary, last year, contributed \$900, \$400 of which went to Benevolences. This is the same amount as the year before. The Trustees feel very gratified that the women's organization makes such a substantial contribution to the Church budget.

Plate collections during 1944 were \$2158, compared to \$1367 in 1943. In 1944 we paid \$2800 to benevolences, while in 1945 we expect to pay \$3200.

A year ago, in my report, I called attention to a weak spot in the Church's finances, namely, a large amount of unpaid subscriptions, which in that report were about \$3500 altogether, \$600 of which were prior to the year 1943, leaving \$2900 applicable to the year 1943. I am pleased to report now that at the end of 1944 there are only \$1160 of unpaid pledges made for 1944, so that our record shows an improvement of \$1740. I do not want to leave the impression that either the increased budget was raised, or that the back pledges were reduced, by any great work on the part of the Trustees. Much of it is a product of the times. We all know there is more money in circulation, more people have more money than heretofore, and collections in all lines are at a high point. Many new members and increased support by the others were also responsible for success.

The Board of Trustees wishes to express its thanks to our very able Treasurer, Mr. Stillman, and to the Church Secretary, Mrs. Manley, and to the other Officers and Employees of the Church, for their efficient and cordial cooperation during the year. We also wish to commend very highly our minister, Mr. McQueen, in his conduct of the affairs of the Church, and in our relationship with him. We feel that under his guidance Pilgrim Church has made a big step forward during 1944, and we look forward with confidence and hope to continuance during the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred W. Buck,
Chairman of the Board
of Trustees.

Pilgrim Congregational Church

Report of the Historian

To the Members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The 74th Annual Meeting of our Church is being held this evening.

Our pastor, Reverend Thomas C. McQueen, continued his pastorate with great success during the year just ended. 96 new members have been added this year, and we are happy to have these new people with us. Last year 121 members were added, and the year prior to that 44. Consequently the steady increase of membership is evident.

This year 13 persons severed their membership with this church to join other congregations, and 13 members were lost by death. Consequently our net gain in membership this year is seventy members.

Under the able leadership of Mr. Emmons W. Collins, and his assistants, the Every Member Canvass was successful, and raised the highest budget ever set for the Church. Congratulations are certainly due Mr. Collins, the Assistant Directors, Mr. K. M. Nelson and Mr. J. D. Bradley, and the men of the church who made the calls.

All of the several organizations connected with the church carried on various activities with success, as more fully appears elsewhere.

This year our service flag has 157 stars for men and women in active service with our armed forces in this war. Last year we had two gold stars, devoted to the memory of Richard W. Luce, whose death occurred in 1942, and Reed R. Brunner, who died the early part of 1943. 1944 has added two additional gold stars, in honor of James K. Rice, and Wilbur F. Bradley, who gave their lives in the defense of this nation during the past year.

No one can properly eulogize these honored dead. We can extend our efforts and direct our prayers to the end that they shall not have died in vain, and ever hope for the early cessation of the world conflict in which the nations are engaged.

In addition to these servicemen, the following named members of the church passed away during the year:

Miss Mary Louise Husted	Mr. H. S. Newell
Miss Mabel Bates	Mrs. Adelaide Colton
Miss Zelma G. Kaiser	Miss Lillian Ferguson
Mrs. Carl T. Wise	Mrs. Lillian Nelson
Mr. N. H. Maynard	Mr. M. C. Dahl
Mr. W. Gordon Hegardt	

May we pause a moment in silent memory of these our departed brethern.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur M. Clure
Historian

Report of the Church Clerk
1944.

To the members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church:

Five meetings of the church membership were held during 1944.

The first meeting of the church was held on Sunday, May 14, to elect delegates to the State Conference at Olivet Church, St. Paul. Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Rauschenfels, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Taylor and the Minister were elected. On Sunday, May 28, a meeting of the membership was called to hear the reading of Miss Leland's resignation as Director of Religious Education at Pilgrim Church. The resignation was accepted to take effect on June 15. On July 2, following the morning service, a meeting was called to vote on the matter of admitting to membership in the church Mrs. W. D. Bailey, who has been ill for a long time and who would be received in absentia. Mr. E. W. MacPherran made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Finlayson. Motion carried. The purpose of the meeting which was held on August was to present the name of Miss Frances Collins to be engaged as the new Director of Religious Education at a salary of \$1800.00. Miss Collins to begin work on August 15. Mr. Finlayson moved that Miss Collins be engaged and Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Carried. On September 3, at the regular Sunday morning meeting of Pilgrim Congregational Church, at which time due notice had been given to vote upon a proposed amendment to the Church Constitution, the following resolutions were presented by the Senior Deacon, upon the request of the Board of Deacons, and both resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Church:

1. "That voting upon the proposed amendment that was to be held upon the 3rd day of September, 1944, be adjourned until the next annual meeting of the Church, and that notice of such adjournment be posted upon the bulletin board, and also be sent by post card to each family in the Church membership."

2. "That the following named membership of the Church, to-wit:

Mr. Samuel Atkins from the Religious Education Committee,
Mr. E. W. MacPherran from the Board of Trustees,
Mr. J. W. Walker from the Board of Deacons,
Mrs. Willard Matter from the Music Committee,
Mrs. Russell Barnes, President of the Women's Assembly,
and the minister and Senior Deacon of the Church as members ex-officio, but without the right to vote in the committee, be appointed as Revision Committee to prepare and submit to the next annual meeting of the Church for adoption or rejection, a proposed Revised Constitution and By-Laws; that all members of the Church, so desiring, be invited and urged to submit in writing to the Revision Committee any matters that they may desire the Committee to consider; and that such requests be made as soon as possible, that any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the Revision Committee, by resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members of the Committee; that the proposed Revised Constitution and By-Laws be printed by the Committee and copies thereof be distributed to the families in the Church membership three weeks before the annual meeting."

Report of the Church Clerk - 1944.

Note: The last sentence was added at the suggestion of Mr. Finlayson and accepted without objection as a part of the resolution suggested by the Board of Deacons.

The last meeting of the year was held on December 10th, immediately following the Church service. Donald Bellows, Pre-Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the report of this Committee. Mr. Bellows moved the acceptance of this report and it was seconded.

Members of the Church, 1/1/44	893		
Members received in 1944, by Confession and Letters	<u>96</u>	989	
Dismissed to Other Churches	13		
Loss by death	<u>13</u>	<u>26</u>	963
Net Gain		70	
Members in Armed Services	161		
Deaths of Armed Service Members	4		

The following letters of transfer were issued from this Church in 1944, which require the approval of the membership at this time.

<u>Date.</u>	
3/13/44	Alexander Clifford, to Endion M. E. Church, Duluth, Minnesota.
3/28/44	Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Held, Alice & Patricia Held, to Pilgrim Cong. Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
4/3/44	Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Gazette, to Lakeside Pres. Church, Duluth, Minn.
4/10/44	Mrs. Jacqueline F. Leresche, to First Cong. Church, Washington, D. C.
5/6/44	Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Jeronimus, to First M. E. Church, Duluth, Minn.
5/15/44	Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Gibbons, to Mt. Lebanon Pres. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
12/4/44	Mrs. Virginia F. Sellar, to Olivet Cong. Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

There were twenty-one births, thirty-six baptisms, four marriages, and thirteen deaths.

Respectfully submitted,

I. R. Bartter, Clerk.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Report of the Historian

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The 74th Annual Meeting of our Church is being held this evening.

Our Pastor, Reverend Thomas C. McQueen, continued his pastorate with great success during the year just ended. 96 new members have been added this year, and we are very happy to have these new people with us. Last year 121 members were added, and the year prior to that 44. Consequently the steady increase of membership is evident.

This year 13 persons severed their membership with this church to join other congregations, and 11 members were lost by death. Consequently our net gain in membership this year is seventy-two members.

Under the able leadership of Mr. Emmons Collins, and his Assistants, the Every Member Canvass was successful, and raised the highest budget ever set for the Church. Congratulations are certainly due Mr. Collins, the Assistant Directors, and the men of the Church who made the calls.

All of the several organizations connected with the Church carried on various activities with success, as more fully appears elsewhere.

This year our service flag has 157 stars for men in active service with our armed forces in this War. Last year we had two stars devoted to the memory of Richard W. Luce, whose death occurred in 1942, and Major Reed R. Brunner, who died in the early part of 1943. 1944 has added two additional gold stars, in honor of James K. Rice, and Wilbur F. Bagley, who gave their lives in the defense of this nation during the past year.

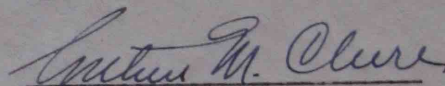
No one can properly eulogize these honored dead. We can extend our efforts and direct our prayers to the end that they shall not have died in vain, and ever hope for the early cessation of the world conflict in which the nations are engaged.

In addition to these servicemen, the following named members
of the church passed away during the past year:

Miss Mary Louise Husted
Miss Mabel Bates
Miss Zelma G. Kaiser
Mrs. Carl T. Wise
Mr. N. H. Maynard
Mr. H. S. Newell
Mrs. Adelaide Colton
Miss Lillian Ferguson
Mr. M. C. Dahl
Mr. W. Gordon Hegardt

May we pause a moment in silent memory of these our departed
brethren.

Respectfully submitted,


Historian

*Business meeting
May 28, 1944*

C O P Y

Mrs. F. H. Magney,
Chairman of the Religious Education Committee.

My dear Mrs. Magney:

This is to confirm my oral resignation from the position of Director of Religious Education in Pilgrim Church which I presented to the Committee and to the Reverend Mr. McQueen at the April meeting.

Devoted as I am to this type of work and deep as has been my enjoyment of it, I have found that it has made great demands upon my strength and energy. Therefore my main reason for resigning is that I feel the need of a longer rest than a summer vacation would give me.

With this goes my deep appreciation for the friendly co-operation of all members of the Religious Education Committee.

Sincerely yours,

RAY LANDER LELAND

May 13, 1944.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DEACONS
Annual Meeting January, 17th, 1945.

During the year 1944 the Board of Deacons held regular meetings monthly, except in July and August. The average attendance was a little over ten.

The year proved to present the usual number of questions and problems for decision. Some of the questions discussed and decided were the following:

No seats in the church should be ~~received~~ ^{reserved} for anyone, but any ~~person~~ person might have a particular seat, provided that seat is vacant when he arrives for the service.

A suggestion was made that there should be a note of symbolism in the church service by placing a cross and candles on the communion table, which, in turn, should occupy a prominent place on the pulpit platform. After careful consideration it was unanimously agreed that such change should not be made.

Deacon Tenny was delegated ^{to} procure and install two plaques bearing the names of all service men and women of the church, and Memorial Sunday was designated for the dedication of such service plaques with Mr. Tenny in charge of the planning of ~~of~~ the ceremony.

At the September meeting of the Board the following resolution was passed: "That the following named members of the church, ~~to-wit~~ ^{to} Mr. Samuel V. Atkins Jr., from the Religious Education Committee, Mr. E.W. MacPherran from the Board of Trustees, Mr. J.W. Walker from the Board of Deacons, Mrs. Willard B. Matter from the Music Committee, ~~and the Minister~~ ^{and the Minister} ~~and the Minister~~ Mrs. Russell G. Barnes, President of the Women's Assembly, and the Minister and Senior Deacon as members ex-officio and without right to vote in the committee, be appointed as a Revision Committee to prepare and submit to the next annual meeting of the church for adoption or rejection, a proposed Revised Constitution and By-Laws; that all members so desiring, be invited and urged to submit in writing to the Revision Committee any matters that they may desire the committee to consider, and that such request be made as soon as possible, and that any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the committee by resignation or otherwise may be filled by the remaining members of the committee." Mr. J.W. Walker was appointed Chairman of the Committee. The report of that committee, with the proposed amended constitution and By-Laws, is to be received and ~~adoption~~ ^{adoption} at this Annual Meeting.

The Board meetings of the year have been marked as usual, by earnest discussions and, I believe, by wise decisions and always with the best interest of the church as of prime importance, on the part both of the minister and of the Board of Deacons.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alben Baldwin
Senior Deacon.

Report of Service
Committee

for year 1944.

The Service Committee Report 1944

The Service Committee voted into being at a business meeting of the church membership, September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred forty-three, as its duties, to discover, supervise and recommend to the various organizations of the church all projects for service within and without the community. Its meetings are at the call of the pastor unless circumstances require other gatherings. It is directly responsible to the church and acts as a clearing house for ideas and in turn presents recommendations as to the allocation of funds and the acceptance or rejection of requests that come to it from within our organization and from the outside.

In accordance with these duties, this year, the Easter Offering was designated toward the Unit Plan for ministerial Relief. The Thanksgiving collection was to be sent to the State Women's Organization for its work, while the Xmas offering was to be given to the fund for War Victims and Services and a share toward ministerial Relief. This offering was collected under the efficient leadership of Miss Elsa Becker and the members of Group Seven.

The Xmas of forty-three a booklet was sent to the men and women in service by our church under the sponsorship of the Pilgrim Fellowship group who put in many hours of work to defray the cost. This Xmas, forty-four as the result of suggestions, committee meetings and discussion, it was decided to send a letter of Xmas greeting from the minister and church members to our men and women in service and that further letters and bulletins go out to them at regular intervals. Two members of the Service Committee have this matter in their charge, Mrs. Willard Matter and Mr. W. M. Fox. They would appreciate ^{receiving} any information or bits of news which could be passed on in these letters.

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. Wm. C. Lounsbury
chairman

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

During the year 1944 the minister was absent from his pulpit on two Sundays. He baptised 36 persons, performed 14 marriages and conducted 17 funeral services. In addition to his work in Pilgrim Church the minister gave some of his time & effort to several different organizations in the community and state.

It is very gratifying to report that all organizations of the church are in a flourishing condition. We need two teachers in the Junior High Dept. of the Church school and a number of persons to man Cub Pack 108 but with these exceptions every phase of our work has fine leadership. The reports filed at this meeting tell a good story.

The minister wishes to express his gratitude to all of the good people who have worked so hard to make these achievements possible.

To the men who took part in the Visitation Evangelism Campaign during Lent which resulted in a large addition to our memberships.

To the ladies of the Women's Assembly who in addition to a very full program co-operated splendidly.

with Mrs. W. C. Townsburry & Mr. K. M. Nelson
in entertaining the Midwest Regional meeting of our
churches. Mrs. R. J. Barnes has completed her second
year as president of the Assembly. She has led all of
their activities in a very capable manner and I wish
to express to her my deep gratitude for the great service
she has rendered to the church and the wonderful
co-operation she has given the minister.

To Mr. Eunomas Collins, the director, and
Mr. K. M. Nelson and Mr. Jesse D. Bradley, his
assistants, who provided the leadership necessary
for what has been described as the best Every Member
Concass in fourteen years.

To the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons
whose counsel and real assistance have made
the minister's task so much easier than it could otherwise
be.

To Mr. Walker and his committee who have
worked hard to prepare the revised constitution which
will be acted upon at this meeting. I regard their
work as a really sound achievement which should
last for many years to come.

To Miss Seland who completed eight years of

of devoted service as our Director of Religious Education in June. ~~He has~~ and to Miss Collins who came to take her place in August and has already ~~made a place~~ shown a fine understanding of her responsibilities and is giving excellent leadership in all departments of our work with youth. The young people of Pilgrim Church.

To Mr. Hillman who has given another year of faithful & very efficient service as our treasurer.

To Miss Rogers and the Choir who have in spite of wartime difficulties provided us with fine music on all occasions.

To Mr. Fred Revals our hard working custodian who has kept the physical property bright & shining throughout the year.

To the teachers & officers of the Church School and the ~~leaders of the Women's Assembly~~ officers of all our organizations & clubs, my thanks for your loyalty and service.

And last to Mrs. Manley whose cheerful services to the minister and all the boards and committees of the church has made her indispensable to us all.

Because of her careful supervision of the Church office and of every sort of meeting which has been held within these walls she has contributed the major part of the service the Church renders to us as individuals and to the community. Her loyalty and devotion to the church and all it stands for has been and will continue to be an inspiration to everyone who has at heart the welfare and progress of this institution.

In my opinion Pilgrim Church is stronger than it has ever been in membership and resources and it is my sincere hope that it may now render increased service to the Kingdom of God here and throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,
JOM

The Women's Assembly.

There have been several interesting events in the last year. First, we are finally recognized in our amended by laws, as a Committee of the Church. Very wisely, they still allow us to make our own laws and to have our own constitution. Next, there was the Midwest conference & the inspiration, directly & indirectly received there. Under Mrs. Lounsburg's ^{& Mr. Nelson's} direction we feel that we most satisfactorily filled the roll assigned to us as hostesses of Pilgrim Church.

We have a new committee, known as the House & Grounds, with Mrs. A. A. Roberts as chairman. She consults with the House & Grounds Chairman of the trustees regarding many minor repairs & needs, which are often discernible to only a woman's eye. The rugs in foyer & parlor have been cleaned & new covers made for a chair & davenport in ^{Religious Education office} ~~the~~ ^{where classes sit} ~~the~~ church. The davenport was a gift to the church. Mrs. Arps & the housekeeping committee have made new curtains & draperies & made certain ^{that} the church was all cleaned & in order for the conference. We bought

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a new sewing machine, & new dishes enabling us to serve 300.

Our finances under Miss Anna Meinhardt are still a matter of astonishment. We lowered our budget, & ^{the} allotment for each group, & have more money than ever left in the treasury at the end of the year.

Mrs. G. W. Taylor & the Christian Service Committee planned our Lenten Services, starting with a communion served by Mr. McQueen & Mr. Baldwin, for all the ladies of the church & their friends at the Feb. Assembly. This was followed each Wed. thru Feb. & Mar. by Mr. McQueen's study course on The Epistles, & closed with a special Lenten Meditation at the April meeting. Mrs. Tibbets had charge of an ^{in April} interfaith tea given by Pilgrim women for the women's societies of Holy Rosary & Temple Emmanuel, with an attendance of 250-300. Father Lashin, Rabbi Singer^(?) & Mr. McQueen gave a round table discussion for us at that time. We also put on the dinner for 300 men of the 3 churches in Feb. Both of these ventures we are sure are steps in the right direction towards Religious tolerance

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and friendships

Mrs. Athens finished Mrs. Tibbets year as program chairman. In Sept., Mr. McQueen spoke to us on the Church's needs & plans for the rest of the year. In Oct., Mrs. Guyaquos gave an illustrated talk on Puerto Rico. Nov. was a resume of the Conference, & Dec. was our lovely Christmas party.

The Sept. tea was arranged by Mrs. M. C. Dahl & Mrs. Knute Nelson, & was a success both as a money making affair, & as a "party" for Pilgrim women & their friends.

Group 3 worked all summer making little dresses for Mrs. Nichols boxes of clothing for Grah children.

The one outstanding memory of my 2 years as President of the Assembly will always be the whole hearted co-operation of the women of Pilgrim church. Regardless of their personal differences of opinion on minor subjects, their thought is always - "What is best for our church?"

I thank everyone of them for that spirit of Christian fellowship and helpfulness -

Sincerely yours -

Marion Morgan Barnes
Pres. of Women's Assembly

Report of the Religious Education Committee.
1944.

During the past year our Sunday School has shown the results of several years of effort to make the parents of our church, Sunday school conscious.

Our attendance has increased, altho the attendance in Sunday schools throughout the state has materially decreased. Our average attendance for the past year has been 160, and our average enrollment has been 217.

The excellence of our church school has been an important factor in bringing new members into our church. Children of non-members have attended our church school because of its good reputation, and the parents have become sufficiently interested thru them to become members of the church.

Several of our departments have meetings with mothers, or both fathers and mothers, at some time during the year. Mrs. Gibson entertained the children of the Nursery and Beginners Departments and their mothers at a lovely party in December. She explained to the mothers the aims of the department and how this work could be supplemented in the home. Between forty and fifty mothers and grandmothers and about fifty

children attended, which shows a fine interest in a department which has an enrollment of fifty children.

The Junior Department gave fifteen dollars (\$15) to the American Bible Society, part of which would be used to further Dr. Laubach's work among the illiterate. This was done in conjunction with the work done in class on the translations of the Bible into foreign languages and their uses.

Since September, we have six supervisors and twenty five (25) teachers. This is two less supervisors than last year due to combining the Nursery and Beginners Departments, and not replacing Miss Patton, who was supervisor of the Senior High Department before she moved away. There are four less teachers than last year.

We want the teachers and supervisors to know how much we appreciate their faithfulness and devotion. During the winter of 1943-44, there were only four changes in the whole teaching staff. This makes for unity and coordination in the work, which, in turn, strengthens the whole Sunday School. A strong Sunday school now insures a strong church a few years hence.

Instead of giving baskets to the poor for Thanksgiving, the Sunday School donated clothing to the United Nations Relief, and five boxes of books, toys, and clothing to the Indian Missions in Alaska. This was in line with the Mission Project being carried on thru the whole Sunday School, which is the study of work with the Indians.

Last spring Pilgrim Fellowship gave a play to liquidate their financial obligations. It was entitled "Spring Fever" and was presented at two very fine performances. About \$64.00 was raised.

Their regular meetings had an average attendance of 25 to 30. The attendance this fall has been somewhat lower, around 15, but a fine spirit exists among those who attend. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Atkins have been counselors for Pilgrim Fellowship this fall and have attended most of the meetings.

A Youth Rally for the young people in the Duluth Association of Congregational Churches was held in our church October 23, 1944. It was attended by about 75 young people, 10 adult leaders, and 2 out of town speakers. Representatives came from Grand Marais, Pilgrim Church, Sandstone, Aikin, Cloquet, Morgan Park, for dinner and a program.

It is the first time anything of this kind has been done, and it was successful.

We were so glad that Mrs. Gibson, supervisor of the Nursery and Beginners Department, was able to go to the Fairbault Summer School of Christian Education last July. The chairman of the Religious Education Committee was able to attend the convention of the International Council of Religious Education held in Chicago last February. It was a great inspiration and an experience long to be remembered. Our director at that time, Miss Leland, also attended, and was elected a Member at Large of the Directors Section.

Each member of our committee has chosen one department of the Church school as his special interest for the year, and brings a report to each meeting on the activities and needs of that department. In this way, the whole committee has been in touch with all phases of the Sunday School work, and we were better able to give intelligent advice when it was needed.

We were very sorry to lose our fine Religious Education Director, Miss Ray Leland, last June. The committee did everything within its power to persuade her to stay with us, but were unsuccessful.

However, we feel very fortunate to have secured

the services of Miss Frances Calline, who, although not trained for Religious Education work, has the back ground of successful teaching, and life in a minister's home. We wish her success in her new work.

The church is greatly indebted to Miss Leland for her interest in and devotion to our Sunday School, and young people's work, during the past eight years. She has set a fine Christian example for our children, and we have seen the church school develop, under her guidance, from a poorly disciplined group to one of the finest organizations in the state. She was always willing to help anyone at any time. She has not missed a church session in over eight years. She is on the Board of Management of the Faribault Summer School of Christian Education. We are most fortunate to have had her with us for so long.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Taylor Magney, Chairman.

January 10, 1945

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Duluth, Minnesota:

Your Board of Trustees herewith submits its report for the calendar year 1944. The Board has held several meetings during the year with good attendance, and has attempted to handle the affairs under its jurisdiction, with proper consideration of all matters presented by Mr. McQueen and others.

The chief purpose of a Board of Trustees is to look after the property and direct the finances of the Church. In the campaign for funds for the year 1944 our budget was \$20,940. At the end of December 1944 we had actually raised \$22,729. In the campaign for 1945 we sought a budget of \$23,600, which I am happy to report has been raised. This was done under the efficient and capable direction of Emmons Collins as Director, ably assisted by Knute Nelson and Jesse D. Bradley. There were some 90 men who made the solicitation, and the Trustees wish to express their appreciation to all of these men, and to the Directors, for their conscientious and successful efforts in raising the budget.

The Woman's Auxiliary, last year, contributed \$900, \$400 of which went to Benevolences. This is the same amount as the year before. The Trustees feel very gratified that the women's organization makes such a substantial contribution to the Church budget.

Plate collections during 1944 were \$2158, compared to \$1367 in 1943. In 1944 we paid \$2800 to benevolences, while in 1945 we expect to pay \$3200.

A year ago, in my report, I called attention to a weak spot in the Church's finances, namely, a large amount of unpaid subscriptions, which in that report were about \$3500 altogether, \$600 of which were prior to the year 1943, leaving \$2900 applicable to the year 1943. I am pleased to report now that at the end of 1944 there are only \$1160 of unpaid pledges made for 1944, so that our record shows an improvement of \$1740. I do not want to leave the impression that either the increased budget was raised, or that the back pledges were reduced, by any great work on the part of the Trustees. Much of it is a product of the times. We all know there is more money in circulation, more people have more money than heretofore, and collections in all lines are at a high point. Many new members and increased support by the others were also responsible for success.

The Board of Trustees wishes to express its thanks to our very able Treasurer, Mr. Stillman, and to the Church Secretary, Mrs. Manley, and to the other Officers and Employees of the Church, for their efficient and cordial cooperation during the year. We also wish to commend very highly our minister, Mr. McQueen, in his conduct of the affairs of the Church, and in our relationships with him. We feel that under his guidance Pilgrim Church has made a big step forward during 1944, and we look forward with confidence and hope to continuance during the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred W. Buck
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REPORT OF TREASURER 1944

RECEIPTS:

Current Pledges	17,095.42	
Back Pledges	1,320.97	
Current Plate Collections	2,158.27	
(Includes Xmas Collection 413.65)		
Women's Assembly	900.00	
Church School Collections	485.21	
Rentals	176.25	
Easter Collection	593.57	
Pilgrim Fellowship Loan Repaid	81.00	
Collection Greek Relief	158.00	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
		<u>22,978.69</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

PULPIT & OFFICE:

Salary Pastor	5,100.00	
Salary Church Office	1,365.00	
Salary Assistant Treasurer	300.00	
Office Supplies	191.06	
Postage & Printing	536.28	
Pulpit Supply	15.00	
		<u>7,507.34</u>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Salary Director	1,390.00	
Church School Budget	699.39	
		<u>2,089.39</u>

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2,128.45

UPKEEP OF PLANT:

Salary Janitor	1,980.00	
Supplies Janitor	85.28	
Telephones	155.10	
Power, Light, Water, Gas	594.82	
Fuel 1943	535.34	
Fuel Current	1,311.61	
Repairs, Church	604.85	
Repairs, Parsonage	671.67	
Insurance	442.80	
Removal of Ashes & Garbage	66.00	
		<u>6,447.47</u>

BENEVOLENCES:

Finnish Missions	1,200.00	
Other	2,058.95	
		<u>3,258.95</u>

GENERAL

Every Member Canvas	90.00	
Advertising	36.46	
Speakers, Church Dinners	34.50	
Conference Expense	151.41	
Junior Choir	55.00	
Evangelistic Visitation	47.50	
Boys Work	45.00	
Expenses, Minister	62.00	
Miscellaneous	203.13	
Week Day Religious Education	<u>50.00</u>	
		775.00
PLEDGE CARLETON COLLEGE		600.00

Pilgrim Fellowship Loan	81.62
Total Disbursements	<u>22,888.22</u>

SUMMARY:

Balance, January 1, 1944	130.22	
Receipts	<u>22,978.69</u>	23,108.91
Disbursements		<u>22,888.22</u>
Balance, December 31, 1944		220.69
Church School Missions	152.11	
Church	<u>68.58</u>	<u>220.69</u>

Respectfully Submitted.

O. D. Sullivan
Treasurer

Monday, Jan. 15

Mrs. Manley:

A copy of this
report was delivered to
Miss Goff this morning.

D. A. Howe

January 13, 1945

Officers and Members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church,
Duluth, Minnesota

The Buildings and Grounds Committee beg to submit the following report:

During the past year the necessary expenditures were made to maintain the buildings and equipment in usable condition.

Only minor repairs were required to the heating system.

The cleaning and painting of the walls of several of the class rooms, stair halls and Recreational Room in the basement, together with the varnishing of the floors was done mostly by the Custodian.

Repairs were made to the tower speakers for the carillon at a cost of \$100.00.

During the coming year consideration should be given to the following:

Redecorating of the interior of the Manse and the painting of the outside, together with some repairs to the steps and some alterations on the inside of the building.

It is also recommended that the interior of the Church be redecorated. The present condition of the decorations is largely due to the fact that the gutter on the north wall of the Church was damaged which allowed water to enter the walls and this dampness caused the paint to peel off.

All of these improvements can be done under present regulations of the War Production Board.

Some other alterations should be done at the Manse such as installing toilet room on the first floor but this cannot be done under War Production Board regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

By

Charles Foster

