

Organ Concert - 1889

An organ concert held on February 6, 1889, was a social event of some note, as reported by the Duluth paper, "Pilgrim Congregational Church, Duluth's newest and finest addition in church buildings, presented a festive appearance last night. It had evidently donned its Sunday clothes, and the numerous incandescents threw their brilliant light on an audience which crowded the doors long before the concert began. Every pew held as many as it could accommodate and the aisles were crowded with chairs, while along the rear walls stood those who had come too late to gain a seat." The organist was James Watson of Chicago; a soprano, Miss Mary D. Hall of Chicago and a chorus of "thirty selected voices" under the direction of Professor S. W. Mountz completed the program. The same article recounts that following the concert many attended the coffee and ice cream sociable in the basement. "If those in charge of the entertainment didn't make a pot full of money, they must at least have decreased the organ debt considerably with the combined proceeds of the concert and sociable."