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Pilgrim Congregational church tury in its existence, and among the pastor and people there is great rewas the actual date of the church's birthday, but the celebration was delayed one week. The celebration began on Saturday evening and continued all day yesterday and Tuesday and Thursday evenings of this week will have their special exercises.

The celebration has many gratifying features. It has served to arouse the enthusiasm of the entire congregation and will result in renewed activity and earnest work. To those Pelgrims who have been with the church from the beginning there came feelings of justifiable pride in the strength and magnificence to which their little band has grown, and to those who have joined the ranks in late years has come a determination to make the history of the future of Pilgrim church a record of energy and diligence fully as remarkable as that of the past.

If there was any one thing more than another in all of this celebration which gave more joy and satisfaction to the congregation, it was in having with them Rev. C. C. Salter, the first pastor of the church, and Rev. E. M. Noyes, who for eleven years was the faithful and beloved shepherd of the flock. There was no happier man among all the Pilgrims than Dr. Salter, and his venerable countenance beamed with joy and delight. Rev. Jere Kimball, one of the first trustees of the church, was also present and joined in the thanksgiving.

The church was beautifully decorated. The celebration has many gratify-

the following Thursday, J. Kimball and O. K. Patterson were elected deacons, George Spencer clerk and O. K. Patterson treasurer, Mr. Patterson resigned as deacon and W. S. Woodbridge was elected in his place. The first board of trustees were L. H. Tenney, R. S. Munger, O. K. Patterson, J. D. Ensign and E. L. Smith. There was little material for a Sunday school, but one was started at the close of the first Sunday service Jan. 22 with eight children and twenty-four adults. "Those who know Dr. Salter can imagine the energy with which he went to work. February 21, 1871, it was voted to secure two lots on the northeast corner of Second street and First avenue east. Early in June the building was used for a social. The net results were \$200 and some serious colds. The chapel was dedicated July 16, 1871, and it was used for seventeen and a half years. On the first Sunday in January, 1872, the membership of the church was forty-two, and at the close of that year the church voted to cut loose from the American Home Missionary society and to add \$200 to the pastor's salary. In 1873 panic reigned, and from then to 1878 was a time that tried men's souls. In 1875 there was some talk of the Methodist church uniting with this society, but it was never carried out. Such was the stress of the times that our pastor had to serve not only this church, but that at Brainerd, 115 miles distant. In 1874 our membership was fifty-one, and Dr. Salter kept up the two churches until he had to resign from exhaustion in 1876. Rev. C. A. Conant was then called.

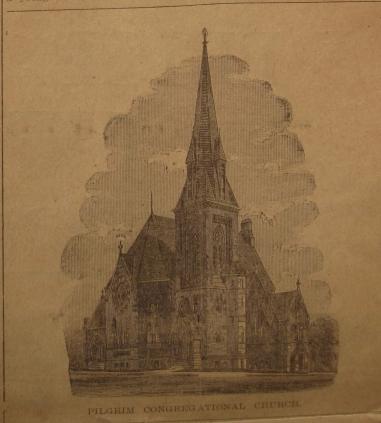
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with a handsome portrait of himself in a massive frame, to be hung on the walls of the Bethel. The portrait is the walls of the Bethel. The portrait is the work of David Ericksen, the rising young artist, in whom Dr. Salter has allways taken a lively interest and has aided in many ways. It is very gratifying to Mr. Ericksen to be selected to draw the portrait, and that the selection was wisely made is shown by the portrait itself, which is a wonderful likeness.

Great applause followed the presentation, and Dr. Salter was then called for His face told plainly the joy he felt, and he spoke briefly. He expressed his gratitude for the kindly remembrance of himself. The early characteristics of the Pilgrims are still visible among the people and in the service. It has always been a people's church. He spoke of the old building, and how it glowed with the kindly spirit of Christian fellowship. He also referred to the remarkable fact that so many of the early members still survive, only three out of the original seven having been called to the Master. Rev. E. M. Noyes spoke historically and humorously. He told of his coming here fresh from the seminary, where Mr. Munger found him. He felt that he ought to take off his hat to the church, which took him and trained him and then endured him for so many years. He gave many amusing and happy reminiscences of his pastorate and of members of the congregation. He referred feelingly to the departed ones, and said that not only is there joy among the people of the congregation. He referred feelingly to the departed ones, and said that not only is there joy among the people of the congregation over the event now being celebrated, but among the angels of God as well.

Rev. Jere Kimball, of West Superior, who was one of the original trustees of the church had always been fortunate, and especially in the selection of its first pastor, who was so well fitted by experience for the work at hand. He felt that



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SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES.

The extraction of their nature. After the singing of hymns and a prayer, Rev. C. H. Patton introduced Deacon, W. S. Woodbridge, who, he said, was probably more competent than any other man to give the history of Piligrim church and but for whom there might have been no Piligrim church.

Mr. Woodbridge gave the review of the church's history, a synopsis of which is as follows:

"In the early summer of 1870, Duluth was a struggling collection of frame houses, reached by water from Chicago or Buffalo, and by rail and stage from St. Paul, but on Aug. 1 the first train ran into Duluth, which was then an ambitious city of 2500 inhabitants, backed in its growth out of chaos by Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, the most noted financier of the United States. Improvements were going on in every direction. The two weekly papers, the Minnesotian and the Tribune, though devoting a large amount of space to abusing each other in vigorous language, were agreed upon the unrivalled advantages of Duluth, and it was a dull week indeed when they failed to give their readers some new glimpses of future greatness.

"The English speaking Protestant churches at this time were the First Preshyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal and the First Methodist, organized in the order named. St. Paul's was the first to build, completing its church in the summer of 1869, the building, with some changes and improvements, being the same now as it was twenty-six and a half years ago. Tradition tells us that when the site was selected Col. Cuiver and his assistants crawled on hands and knees through the dense underbrush.

"It was at such a time as this that Maj. Luman H. Tenney and his wife began to agitate the formation of, a Congregational church. With the growth of the village these plans grew apace, and Nov. 28, 1870, a meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A rooms over the office of C. H. Graves & Co., at 110 West Superior str

New Haven, and Rev. E. M. Noyes was chosen. I can say nothing you do not know of his eleven years' service with us. With the new pastor came courage, and the upward path was soon reached.

"After a serious loss by fire Nov. 27, 1887, the new building was erected, and it was first used in February, 1889. Since then our growth has been steady. Mr. Noyes left us in September, 1894, and Rev. C. H. Patton, the present pastor, was called."

In conclusion, he said: "Dear friends, we have lived this evening for a brief hour in thep ast. How natural that we should seek for one brief hour to glance into the future. Over it God graciously draws the veil, but bids us hope. Whatever the future has in store for us, either of joy or sorrow, we know that it has peace if we will only take it from the loving Christ for He has said: 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.' And sometime, scmewhere in God's great universe shall come to pass what St. John saw in wonderful vision—the holy city coming down from God out of heaven, when we shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on us nor any heat, for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall fed us and shall lead us unto living fountains of waters and God shall wipe away all tears from our yes."

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Rev. Mr. Patton then read a number of greetings from other churches and former pastors and members. The Congregational church at Newton Center, Mass., of which Rev. E. M. Noyes is now pastor, extended "in the two hundred land thirty-second year of the church" congratulations to Pilgrim church on completing its twenty-fifth year. They expressed their happiness in the pastor which Pilgrim church had given them.

R. S. Munger then read letters from Rev. J. W. Hargrave, formerly pastor of Pilgrim church, J. F. Patton and Rev. C. A. Conant, also a former pastor. All joined in congratulating Pilgrim, church and wishing it many more years of happiness and prosperity.

To W. C. White fell one of the most pleasant tasks of the accounts. He thind of his coming to Duluth and his first meeting Dr. Salter. He felt at once that he was in the presence of one of those rare personalities with which but few communities are blessed, a man whom it is a pleasure to know and even to see, who seems to make all who come in contact with him better people and whose life is consecrated to the uplifting of mankind. There is no place in Duluth where he is not welcome, from the most squalid and degraded hovels to the prosperous homes and mansions.

Mr. White then presented Dr. Salter.

THE MORNING SIGNICE.
Yesterday morning the church was a grand one. The choir had prepared a special music, and it was rendered with great spirit and feeling. Rev. C. C. said the prayer.
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Rev. Mr. Noyes took his text from Hebrews vi. 12: "That Ye be Not Slothful, But Followers of Them Who Through Faith and Patience Inherit the Promises." In substance, he said:
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