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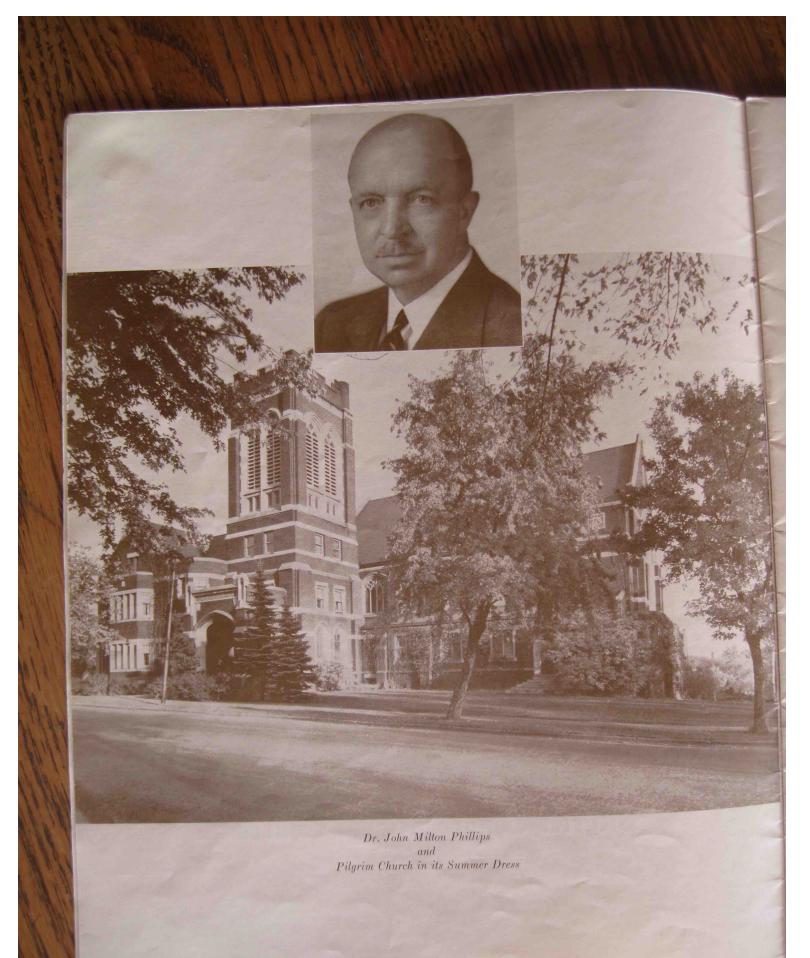
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☆ This book is dedicated to the memory and the work of those people who founded Pilgrim Church, who have carried on and who have served God at Duluth and beyond.



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AT HOME AND ABROAD

T WAS A self-reliant spirit and a sense of responsibility for themselves and their neighbors that led sixteen Congregationalists to organize Pilgrim Church January 18th, 1871, just seventy-five years ago. About three thousand inhabitants of the busy little village of Duluth were centered close to the harbor and the business section. The interest of these early Duluthians in their religious life is shown by the number of churches begun in the early settlement.

In the Fall of 1870, St. Paul's Episcopal Church was organized, holding its first services in the home of Mr. Marvin, a staunch Presbyterian. A month later, Congregational friends in the city met at the Y.M.C.A. rooms to choose a chairman and a committee to draft a Church Constitution, a Confession of Faith and a Covenant. Mr. L. H. Tenney called the meeting to order and Mr. W. S. Woodbridge was the Chairman selected. Those first sixteen members were: Thomas C. Cain, Catherine Cochrane (Mrs. J. P. Johnson), Thomas Dowse, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Patterson, Mrs. Roger S. Munger, The Reverend and Mrs. Charles C. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra L. Smith, George Spencer, J. Perkins Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Woodbridge. It is an interesting bit of early church history that Mr. W. S. Woodbridge is listed as one of the vestrymen at St. Paul's Church at its inception as well as a charter member of the Pilgrim congregation.

These sixteen members were publicly received on January 18, 1871 with the beloved Reverend Charles C. Salter as first pastor. It was with sincere regret that the church was forced to accept his final resignation in 1881 because of his failing health. His interest included the entire community. The Lake Avenue Bethel was founded through his efforts.

The first church building, located at the northeast corner of Second Street and First Avenue East was dedicated July 16, 1871. It had cost Five Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and was the church home for nearly eighteen years. Dr. C. L. Ives, a brother-in-law of the Reverend Salter, of New Haven, Connecticut, contributed a 1200 pound bell to the new church. The whole community benefited by this addition as it was rung every school day until 1878 as the summons for the boys and girls attending the nearby High School.

Although there were several years during the 70's when the finances of the Church were very low and the population of the little city decreased alarmingly, the faithful members of Pilgrim Church carried on and were able in 1883 to secure the services of the Reverend Edward Noyes as a youthful and enthusiastic leader. The radiance and youth of Mrs. Noves have become a part of Pilgrim Church. Her kindergarten was the first to be established in Duluth and it was carried on by the women of the Church until it was taken over a few years later by the Board of Education. Through the energy and success of this young couple, it became evident that a larger church building was necessary to house the growing activities. In January, 1887, therefore, it was voted to plan a new building. The old church was sold and a new site on the corner of Second Street and Lake Avenue was purchased. church begun in May, 1887, was not ready for use until early in 1889. Before it was finished a fire destroyed the walls and the work had to be repeated. This edifice and its furnishings cost Fifty-five Thousand Dollars.

It was under Dr. Patton who succeeded the Reverend Noyes in 1895, that the Christian Endeavor became an active department of the Church. Dr. Patton also inspired a keen

Anniversary Services and Program

FRIDAY—January 18, 1946

3 to 4 Tea for Visiting Pastors' Wives Salter Chapel

4:30 Annual Meeting Church Sanctuary

6:30 Dinner

In the Church Dining Room

SUNDAY—January 20, 1946

11:00 A.M. Church Service and Reception New Members



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THE SIGNING OF THE MAYELOWER COMPACT 1610

The Congregational Christian Compact for World Order 1944

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN

WE WHOSE names are underwritten, loyal members of the Pilqrim Church of Duluth, Minnesota, do solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and one another,

covenant and combine ourselves together

to work for a just and cooperative world order

WE PRAY that our nation shall help to establish

an international organization for the better ordering of the

interdependent life of nations, the preservation of peace with justice,

and the furtherance of the general good of all peoples.

UNTO this great task we commit our wills and our ways.

IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names.

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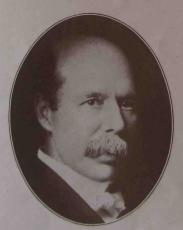
Dr. C. C. Salter



Rev. Charles N. Thorp



Rev. Edward Noyes



Rev. Alexander Milne

interest in missions, leading to the later support of a missionary pastor.

When in 1896 the Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, both Dr. Salter and the Reverend Noyes were present to greet old friends.

The Reverend Alexander Milne came as pastor in July, 1899. During his long pastorate several important changes were made. The mortgage on the Lake Avenue property was paid, a parsonage on East First Street was purchased and the Church assumed the support of the Reverend Irwin as missionary pastor in the foreign field. Mr. Milne was active in the Congregational organizations of the State and became a trustee of Carleton College. When his health failed he was forced to resign in 1911—a real loss to the community.

The advent of the Reverend Charles N. Thorp in 1912 began a new era in the history of Pilgrim Church. With his first annual report, Mr. Thorp recommended the securing of a church site in the East End as the growth of population in the city made a downtown church unsatisfactory to a majority of the members. The present site on Twenty-third Avenue East and Fourth Street was purchased and a building committee was appointed. The last service in the Lake Avenue Church was held September 19, 1915, when the property was sold to Julius Barnes and Ward Ames, Jr. They erected the building known as the Boy's Department of the Y.M.C.A. as a memorial to Ward Ames, Sr. For the next two years, most of the services of Pilgrim Church were held at the Masonic Temple. Under the leadership of Mr. Thorp, the membership survived this trying period with no church home. The cornerstone of the present church building was laid October 22, 1916. On December 23, 1917, the Church was dedicated, free from debt. President Cowling of Carleton College preached the dedicatory sermon.

As a memorial to Ward Ames, Sr., a member of Pilgrim Church, the organ, with its chimes, presented by members of his family, was dedicated January 16, 1918. The cost of the building, site, parish house, furnishings and organ

was One Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand Dollars.

In September, 1920 the Reverend Noble S. Elderkin, D.D. of Chicago succeeded Dr. Thorp as pastor and the church celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary with confidence in the future.

When the new building was dedicated in December, 1917, Mr. Oscar Mitchell, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made this statement, "Pilgrim Church has a record in this city for Christian service of which any church in any city might be proud; her members, men and women, are found in every branch of social effort where there is an opportunity for service."

This fifty years of civic service began with the establishment of the Duluth Bethel through the efforts of Dr. Salter. At the time of the historic digging of the Canal, which was to establish Duluth as the important city at the Head of Lake Superior, one of the members of Pilgrim Congregation, Roger S. Munger, worked all night and most of Sunday, foregoing his beloved choir practice and church service, for the good of the community.

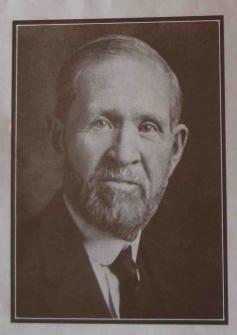
Mrs. W. S. Woodbridge, another of the charter members, was the leader of the Women's Auxiliary to the Y.M.C.A.—a predecessor of the Y.W.C.A. This began a long line of Pilgrim women leaders in this organization including Miss Ella Roe, Miss Jennie Moody, Dr. Mary McCoy, Mrs. W. A. McGonagle, Mrs. C. E. Adams, Mrs. C. A. Duncan and many others. It was largely through this group of women that the International Institute and later the Raleigh Street Neighborhood House through the efforts of Mrs. William Richmond, Jr. (Mary Baldwin) were added to the activities of the Y.W.C.A. organization.

Mrs. Edmund Phillips (Mother of Ray Phillips) began the Friendly Club for employed girls, another activity of the present Y.W.C.A.

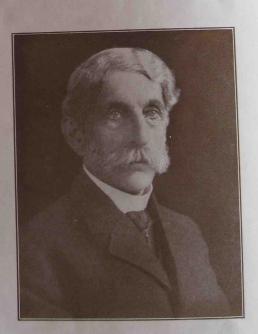
Mrs. Woodbridge was interested also in the Ladies Library, organized in 1885, and later turned over to the city as a beginning of our Public Library. Through the years the church building has always been used for cultural events, lecture courses, Matinee Musicale and social affairs.



W. S. Woodbridge



M. F. Bates



R. S. Munger

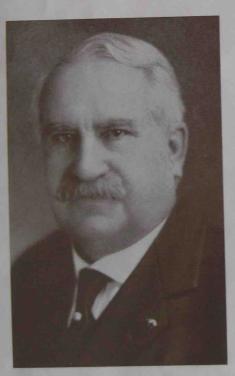
In 1922 the Occupational Therapy Association was begun by members of Pilgrim Church and was carried on under the able leadership of Mrs. Arthur P. Barnes until its support was taken over by the Community Fund.

Boy Scout Troop 8, Cub Scout Troop and Girl Scouts have met regularly in the church since their organization more than twenty-five years ago.

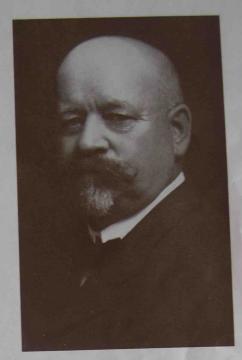
The Bethel Home for Girls was fortunate to have Mrs. W. G. Hegardt as chairman of the board for many years before the Community Fund was organized to solve the problem of raising funds to carry on its work.

Mrs. T. J. Davis organized the first domestic science classes in the City and later served for many years on the School Board.

With several of the members of Pilgrim Church rested much of the work of organization of the Community Fund, the Red Cross and



J. P. Johnson



Ward Ames, Sr.

other projects of public welfare. No attempt can be made to list the many individual services performed through the years by Pilgrim Church, men and women.

Since its beginning in 1871, Pilgrim Church has felt its responsibility for the missionary field. The first record of its contribution was One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars in 1874.

Since the "apportionment plan" was adopted in 1913, the Church has never failed to give its quota toward the state percentage of the national fund. In 1920, the apportionment was Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars. This sum was used over a wide field. In the foreign work, according to the latest figures, 711 missionaries (with 977 native laborers) have been supported in Africa, Turkey, the Balkans, India and Ceylon, China, Japan, Micronesia, the Philippines and Papal Lands, by Congregationalists. There were 89,668 communicants in the churches established in these fields, by



Mrs. J. P. Johnson



Mrs. W. A. McGonagle



Mrs. S. F. Stewart



Mrs. W. S. Woodbridge

Congregationalists, and the natives contributed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars.

The Home percentage supported missions among the Negroes, the Indians, the Chinese and Japanese, the Mountain Whites, as well as missions in the American Island possessions. In addition to these, the Home funds were used for ministers' pensions, for church buildings on the frontiers, for assistance given to new churches (such as Pilgrim herself had in the beginning), for the establishment of Sunday Schools and for educational purposes.

Pilgrim Church also subscribed Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars in 1920 to the Congregational World Movement.

The Reverend Herbert Irwin was the missionary pastor representing Pilgrim Church for many years. After Mr. Irwin's death, Ray Phillips, one of the young men who grew up in Pilgrim Church, began his work in South Africa. It was with real satisfaction that the congregation made a donation toward his work there.

When, in September, 1920, the Reverend Noble S. Elderkin, D.D. of Chicago, came to take the place of Mr. Thorp, Pilgrim Church began the second half century of service to the community with a new and much larger church building, and faith and confidence in the future.

During the pastorate of Dr. Elderkin, the membership grew rapidly and the Church took on several new projects—a Religious Education Director was secured to promote the work of the Church School—Northland College was made a real interest to the Church by various gifts and a scholarship fund known as the "Carrie Katherman Wallace Fund."

Dr. Elderkin took a serious interest in the Finnish Church which was much needed in Northern Minnesota. It was at this time that we began a definite connection with the Church at Cloquet, Minnesota, giving spiritual encouragement as well as financial assistance. This association has been a source of great satisfaction to both congregations. The One Thousand Dollar gift toward the church building at Remer was much appreciated by that little community.

The Reverend Dunham who was the Religious Education Director, became acting pastor for several months after Dr. Elderkin resigned to accept a call to Akron, Ohio. Early in 1932, the Reverend Vogler began a successful pastorate of four and one-half years, and it was with sincere regret that he and Mrs. Vogler left Duluth for a large church in Chicago. Their influence and inspiration brought many young people into the church membership.

After a year in which the Reverend B. T. Marshall ably served as interim pastor, the pulpit committee extended a call to the Reverend T. C. McQueen and he began a most successful pastorate September 12, 1937. Mr. McQueen made an extensive contribution to the city of Duluth and made a host of friends and admirers within and without the Church. Of the many accomplishments of his seven and one-half years in Pilgrim Church the most outstanding was his work in inter-church relations. Through his efforts, a feeling of the closest cooperation and friendliness between the neighboring Catholic and Jewish congregations and their leaders was created. The three churches entertained one another, thereby promoting the understanding necessary for a real church spirit.

When in the Fall of 1944, Pilgrim Church was host to approximately three hundred fifty delegates to the Midwest Conference, the facilities of both these churches were freely offered and used.

It was with a feeling of sadness that Pilgrim Church again released a well-loved leader to another city in the spring of 1945.

We are beginning now a new period of history with great confidence in Dr. Phillips who has already fitted into our church family.

There have always been women's organizations in Pilgrim Church, beginning as the Ladies Aid and the Woman's Missionary Society and existing today as the Women's Assembly and the World Fellowship. Their aim has been the same throughout the seventy-five years—that is to do what needs to be done within the Church and to understand and help in the work outside the Church. It would be



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W. G. Hegardt



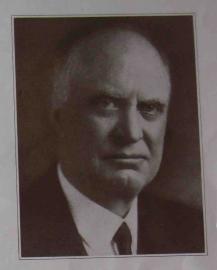
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impossible to list the loyal workers or the various accomplishments of these two departments of the Church.

The World Fellowship began in 1872 as the Women's Missionary Society. Through the years this organization has led the women of Pilgrim Church in a systematic devotional and educational program. It was through the efforts of this group that the church first accepted the apportionment plan, which included one budget for all missionary work and a fixed percentage for the various Congregational missionary enterprises. Many members of the congregation know little or nothing of the carefully packed boxes of warm clothing, Christmas gifts, and other donations sent each year to the rural churches, Indian and negro schools of our denomination.

At the present time the World Fellowship is a part of the Women's Assembly, and a missionary program is enjoyed at the regular monthly meeting. The Women's Assembly began very early in the church history, and for many years it was known as the Ladies Union. In each of the three buildings used by Pilgrim Church this organization has been responsible for the refurnishing and re-decoration which make the members proud of their church home. The latest major improvement was a renovation of the kitchen which made it possible to serve conveniently, a larger number of guests at the many lunches and dinners, although the recent food difficulties due to the war curtailed these acitivities to a certain extent, the members are looking forward to a renewed fellowship beginning with this dinner commemorating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the organization of Pilgrim Church.

The religious education of its children has been an important part of Pilgrim Church since its organization. The service and devotion of its many leaders and teachers can not be measured or recorded. The long list of young people who have gone out to an active place in the world or who have remained in Duluth and have been instrumental in carrying on the work of the founders is a testimonial to the work of the Church School. Since 1920 several Religious Education Directors have supervised the activities of the boys and girls with the help of many loyal teachers.



Oscar Mitchell





C. A. Duncan



Dr. T. K. Vogler



Dr. N. S. Elderkin



Rev. T. C. McQueen

Members Who Have Been Affiliated With The Church For Fifty Pears or More

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Sixty-Two Years
Miss M. Alice Drew

Sixty-One Years

Mrs. E. F. Burg

Fifty-Nine Years

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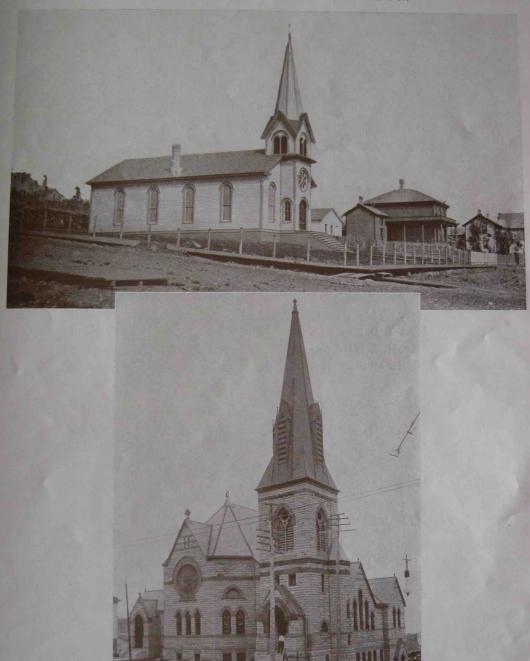
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Pilgrim Church has been "home" to me. Ever since the old days, in the former building on Second Street, when I used to sit more or less properly between my father and mother in a forward pew a little to one side, Pilgrim friends and Pilgrim pastors have figured prominently in my life and thinking. And, since marriage, this has been true of my wife as well. Many of you have taken her to yourselves, for which we are both exceedingly grateful.

The first Pilgrim pastor whom I remember well was Dr. Cornelius H. Patton, although I do have a faint recollection of Dr. Salter who preceded him. Dr. Patton was so friendly, and so personally interested in all his people, even the boys in his congregation, that his memory is very real to me. Later, as one of the Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, he was to be an important factor in setting Mrs. Phillips and myself on the trail to Johannesburg as a representative of the American Board. Then there was friendly, scholarly Dr. Alexander Milne; followed by two who have been personal friends ever since: Dr. Noble Strong Elderkin and Rev. Charles N. Thorp. The latter two have frequently been in contact with us of recent years and have showed their continued interest in us and in our African work. We have been in Mr. and Mrs. Thorp's home in Holyoke and in Chatham, and we hope to visit them at Summit, N. J. before we return to South Africa. We have not had such close contact with later ministers of the church, although Rev. Theodore Vogler and Dr. McQueen have become more than mere names to us.

Of the laymen and women of Pilgrim Church who are prominent in our minds and who occupy warm places in our hearts, there are too many to mention. It is still a deep joy to meet many of those who were contemporaries of my parents, and who retain their membership in the Church and their interest in us. The presence of these, together with a number of their children, and a group of college classmates who are making Duluth their home, makes each visit to Pilgrim Church a memorable occasion for us. If I may be forgiven for

particularizing, in one case only, I would mention Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baldwin, warm friends of my parents, who have taken such a personal and real interest in us and our Duluth connections that we have been placed under an unusually heavy debt of gratitude to them. And this debt is one of long standing. Well do I remember Mr. Baldwin as teacher of a class of us young High School students in Pilgrim Sunday School. I am sure he considered that he had his hands full with this restless group which included Kenneth Cant, Laird Goodman, Sargent McGonagle, Bill Crawford and Ralph In the same or later group were Howard Manley and Willard Matter. So far as I have been able to follow them, these men have all "made good" in remarkable fashion, still retaining, I believe, their interest in the Pilgrim Church. And we would mention a few of those Pilgrim folk who have left the city, at least for extended periods: Misses Alice Drew, Alicia Leopold, and Ella Macfarlane, and Mr. Ed. Schulze. We hear from all of these occasionally, from Florida and California.

We haven't had the pleasure of welcoming to Johannesburg any of you Duluth friends. We hope this serious condition of affairs will be remedied as soon as the new Pan American World Airways route from New York to Johannesburg begins to function regularly. A Duluth winter spent in the delightful summer weather of Johannesburg would be something to remember and recount. And a visit to the Kruger National Park, where all African animals are to be found in their untamed, wild state, and excursions to various parts of the mission field where the American Board has been at work among the African Bantu for 111 years, would vary the comforts of life in our cities which are as modern and up-to-date as in Duluth or New York.

It is our hope that Mrs. Phillips or I will be back in this country for a brief spell in some three years when all our three children hope to receive graduate degrees. If and when we do, we shall look forward again to a visit to you friends in Pilgrim Church.

RAY E. PHILLIPS.

Descendants of Our Pilgrim Fathers Who Came to This Country on the Mayflower



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