Plymouth Cong^{l} Church Records

The Annual Meeting of this Church
was held on the 27th day of October 1884
On Motion of J^{no} Otis. J^{no} H Merrill
was appointed Chairman in the absence
of Rev Jno Fisher, Mr C B Atkins offered prayer
The Clerk being absent. G R Osgood
was Chosen Clerk protem. The report
of the Clerk & Treas was read & approved.
On Motion of J^{no} Otis, the Rule was
suspended, (requiring Voting by Ballot)
and on Motion of J^{no} Otis. A Y Dawson
was Elected Clerk for one Year,
On Motion of H C Harris, Stacy Johns was
Elected Treasurer for one Year.
On Motion Elliott D Miller was Elected
Deacon to take the place of Matthew Long
On Motion N. E. Hayes was Elected
Deacon as his own Successor.
On Motion Geo R Osgood was Elected
to fill the Vacancy (by removal) of D. O. Eshbaugh
his term to be One Year,
The Treasurer was instructed to take
Receipts from all persons to whom
money was paid, and the Deacons
were instructed to Audit the Treasurer
Acct at the End of the Year,
On Motion of N. E. Hayes the
meeting adjourned to Wednesday Eve
Oct 29 to Elect two assistant Deacons

A. Y. Dawson Clerk
pro G R Osgood Clerk protem

Wednesday Oct 29 1884
Geo H Lewis & M H Smith were Elected
Assistant Deacons. On Motion of J^{no} Otis. the Deacons
were instructed to assist the Treas^{r} in
determining who shall receive the benefits

qs honorary + Life Members of the
Various Societies who receive Contributions
from the Church

A Y Rawson Clerk

Report of the Clerk for year Ending
Oct 27/84

Total Male Members 119
" Female " 248 367
13 of above are absent
Rec'd by Letter 25 Profession 16
Dismissed by Letter 20
dropping from Records 3
Died Miss J.D. Foster
Baptisms Adults 5
" Children 10

A Y Rawson Clerk

Report of Stacy Johnson Ch Treasurer

Oct 29/83 Dr	To Balance	29 71	
Nov 4	" Conn Coll	14 84	
" 11	" Monthly Concert Coll	5 00	
Jany 13/84	" Conn Call	20 63	
" 31	" Coll for Home Missions	19 00	
	" Mis Concert	4 65	
Feb 28	" Home Missions	20 00	
Mar 2	" Conn Call	36 06	
" 5	" Mis "	5 00	
Apl 2	" " "	5 15	
May 4	" Conn Call	18 55	
June 16	" Coll Bible Society	26 50	
July 6	" Conn Coll	19 45	
" 9	" Monthly Concert	6 51	
Aug 6	" " "	2 25	
Sept 7	" Conn Coll	13 60	
May 8	" Coll American Cong'l Union	12 32	412 92

Treasurer a/c Co

Nov 10/83	By p[d] Mrs Harris for Mine	2 00
"	" G H Lewis bal Exp to Dubuque	6 01
Dec 12	" F D Ensign Am Sunday School Union	24 00
"	" Jn Frisbie for Maps	7 00
Jany 12/84	" " " Prayer Meeting Coll	1 00
" 14	" Deacons Order to Mrs Otis	15 00
"	" " Mrs Harris for Mine	2 00
" 18	" " Deacons Order Mrs Otis	7 88
Nov 3	" " " "	22 87
" 4	" Mrs Harris for Mine	2 00
" 8	" " " Charity	11 19
Nov 9	" " " "	10 00
" 22	" Mr Frisbie Membership Fee	11 77
July 8	" Mrs Otis Charity	7 00
" 11	" " Harris "	5 00
" 12	" " " Mine	4 00
" 18	" Mr Frisbie Exp to Cedar Rapids	8 00
"	" J N Capps Bible Society Coll	26 50
Aug 15	" Jn Taylor Exp to Newton	2 10
" 30	" Am Cong[l] Union	12 00
Sept 10	" Mrs Harris for Mine	2 00
Oct 9	" Rev B J Humphrey for Missions	25 00
"	" D H Merrill for home "	5 00
Feby 1	" Treas of Home Miss Society	193 00
	balance	3 61
		412 92

Sunday Nov 2 1884

Communion after Morning Service.

Jno Lovelace & Mrs U Scott were received on Profession of Faith

A. Y. Dawson Clerk

Wedy Nov 19/1884

Letter ~~Missive~~ rec'd from the First Congl Church of Grinnell asking for a delegate to attend a Council to be held there on the 25th day of Novr/84 at 2 oc PM to advise as to accepting the Resignation of Rev J M Stuntevant Jr DD, Samuel Merrill was appointed as such delegate

A. Y. Rawson
Clerk

Wedy Eve Nov 26/1884

Letter was granted to Mrs Ellen C. Stoddard to 13th Av Presbyterian Church of Denver Col

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve Dec 1884

Letter was rec'd from Rev St John of North Park Chapel asking that a delegate be appointed to attend a Council to be held at their Church on Jan 7 8th ~~inst~~ for the purpose of Organizing their Church C B Atkins was appointed such delegate

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wedy Eve Jany 31/84

Letters were granted to Dr Geo Royal & Mrs Ella Royal to North Park Chapel

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jany 4 1885
Communion after morning Service
John Theodore Kirchmann and
Earl Davenport Smith were received
on Profession of Faith
R D Jones was rec'd by Letter from
First Cong'l Church of Ottumwa Ia
Mrs Carrie Grinnell Jones from first Cong'l
Church of Grinnell Ia Emma Work
W G Work & Laura Work from first
Cong'l Church of Newton Ia
Earl D Smith Baptized.

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Thursday Jany 15 1885
H. L. Chaffee was appointed delegate to
the State Temperance Convention to be held
on Thursday Jany 23 1885

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve Jany 21 1885
Letter was granted to Geo. H. Hill to
North Park Chapel

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed'y Jan 28 1885
Letter was granted to Mrs Flora Pollock
to the Congregational Church of
Greeley Colorado

A. Y. Rawson

P.S. on Examining the Records it does not
appear that Mrs Pollock Ever entered into
Covenant with our Church. but the Letter
was given Mr Fowler

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 1 1885

Communion after Morning Service.
The following persons presented Letters to this Church

✓ Mrs Lette Hanger from Cong'l Church of Nebraska Ct, Neb
✓ Mrs Elizabeth B Richards from Cong'l Church Newport N H
✓ Mrs E A Lunt from 1st Cong'l Church of Perry Ia
✓ J L Mason & Miss Millie Mason from First Cong'l Ch Manchester Ia
✓ Mrs J L Mason from 1st Presbyterian Church of Centreville Ia

also by Profession

✓ Miss Nellie Richards
✓ " Alice J Cummings
✓ Jno Stevens
✓ Mrs Sarah E Stevens

A. Y. Dawson Clerk

Wdy Eve March 4 1885
Missionary Meeting & Collection. On Motion of Rev Fiske all Missionary Money in the hands of the Church Treasurer be sent one half to the American Board & one half to the Cong'l Union or Church Building Association

A. Y. Dawson Clerk

Sunday Nov 22/85

Letters were granted to Rev A Etheridge and Mrs A S Etheridge to Cong'l Church of Streeter Ill

A Y Dawson Clerk

Wed 7 Eve April 1 1885
Missionary Meeting & Col
Letters were granted to Mrs Margaret
Ballard to Westminster Presbyterian Church
of Des Moines & a qualified Letter to
Ch of Arnold to Cong'l Church Montezuma NY
P.S. Of Arnolds Name was A Y Rawson Clerk
dropped from the Records in Nov 1883

Wedy Eve apl 22 1885
The following persons were Elected
delegates to the Semi Annual Minnell
association to be held at Polk City on
Tuesday april 28 1885
L J Kasson & Mrs A R Hedges

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve apl 29 1885
Preparatory Lecture.
The following Letters were granted
Mrs A M Chamberlain to any Congregational
Church in St Paul Minn.
Miss Mary Cleveland to North Park Chapel
Jno A Pickett to Cong'l Church of Ames Io

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 3 1885
Communion after Morning Service,
the following persons united by Letter.
C L Baldwin and Mrs Ella V Baldwin by Letter
from first Cong'l Church of Ripon Wis
Mrs Harriet F. Jencks from Cong'l Church
of Spencer Iowa
Mrs Jennie Young from first Cong'l
Church of Belle Island Ills

Nancy Whittington from M. E. Church of Pella Iowa
Milton A Holcomb from Congregational Church West Haven Conn
Miss Mabel Lamphere from Cong'l Church of Waterloo Ia
Mrs Betsey O Towne on Profession of faith
Robertine G Wheeton " " " "
Daniel Lane Goldbook " " " "
Geo W Jewett " " " "

A. Y. Rawson
Clerk

Wedy June 17 1885

The Clerk was (on motion of J H Merrill) instructed to prepare a Letter for A W Rollins of Chicago to the Winter Park Church of Florida stating that on Feby 28 1867 he was dismissed from this Church by Letter to 1st Cong'l Church of Chicago

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

July 5/85 Mrs Anna C Greenley was rec'd on Profession of faith

✓ S. S. Booth by Letter from Cong'l Ch of Algona

✓ Ella B Booth " " " " " "

✓ Mrs L Greenley by Letter from 1st Church in Christ New Haven Conn.

July 22/85 Letter was granted to Mrs Virginia Child. Arnold to M E Church of Creston Iowa

Sunday Sept 6 1885

Communion after Morning Service.
The following Persons were rec'd by Letter
✓ Holchkiss Amelia R Mrs from first Methodist
Church of New Haven Conn
✓ Howe Mabel Miss fr Cong'l Ch of Derry Dc
✓ Howe Alice Miss " " " " "
✓ Howe Mildred Dc " Baptist Ch " " "

A. Y. Randon Clerk

Sept 23/85 at Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted
to Abraham Tyler to the Cong'l Church of
Indianola Neb
The following persons were appointed delegates
& Alternates to the Grinnell Association to be
held at Gilman Sept 29 & 30
E S Miller. G R Osgood Alternate
Mrs G R Osgood & Mrs S S Miller "

Monday Oct 26/85
Annual Meeting held at Church pursuant to
notice from the Pulpit on Sunday Oct 25 —
present Samuel Morrill. M° Farland
G R Osgood S A Morrill & C Haines
J M Otis & A Y. Randon
G R Osgood called to the Chair.
On Motion of J M Otis adjourned
to Mon Eve after Prayer Meeting
A Y Randon Clerk

Wednesday Eve Oct 28 1885

Pursuant to adjournment the Annual meeting was called to Order with Deacon W E Hayes in the Chair. Minutes of last Annual Meeting read & approved. Report of Clerk read & adopted. Report of Treasurer read & accepted & Ordered placed on file.

On Motion of G R Osgood Rule requiring Vote by ballot was suspended for Clerk & A Y Rawson was Elected for one year. Ballot was had for Treasurer and Silas Johns was declared Elected for one year

On Motion of A C Harris, rule was suspended and J H Merrill was appointed Deacon for two years and on Motion of E P Chase G R Osgood was Elected Deacon for two Years

Rule suspended & G H Lewis & W H Smith Elected Assistant Deacons for one year. On Motion of A Y Rawson, the matter of Honorary Life Membership in the American Board was referred to the Deacons with power to appoint.

On Motion adjourned

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Report of Clerk for Year Ending Oct 26/85

Female Members 256 Male do 129 total 388

of these 25 are absent. have granted Letters to 15 and 5 have died.

Have received by Letter 8 Male 17 Female 25

" " " Profession 7 " 6 " 13

a gain of 18

Baptisms: Adults 5

Children 13 total 18

Report of Treasurer for Year Ending Oct 26/8

Stacy Johns Dr

Oct 27/84	To Cash on hand	3.61
Nov 2	" Communion Col	19.66
" 5	" Monthly Concert Col	5.01
Dec 3	" " "	5 53
Jany 4/85	" Comm^r Col	2124
" 11	" Col Home Mis Society	23580
" 22	" " Monthly Concert.	602
July 11	" " Home Missions	10.00
" 15	" " North Park Church	12827
Nov 1	" Communion Col	1893
" 31	" Home Mission	3.00
Apl 1	" Monthly Concert	5.90
	" Amt Col by J D Foster for Moody meetings	60.00
May 3	" Com^r Col	1964
" 6	" Monthly Concert Col	5.89
" 10	" New Bapt House	4565
June 7	" Col Foreign Mission	27914
" 28	" " North Park Church	71.60
July 5	" Com^r Col	11.63
" 8	" Monthly Concert	453
Sept 6	" Com^r Col	2566
" 8	" Monthly Concert Col	593
" 13	" American Mis Assn	27713
		$1269.77

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Nov 3 1884	By P^d Mrs Harris for Wine	2.00
" 4	" " " Otis for Advance YMCA	250
" 6	" " Turner Charity Order	5.00
" 11	" " Harris "	12
Jany 9/85	" " " "	5 00
" 10	" " " Wine	200
" 16	" " JH Merrill Home Missions	18720
" 31	" " " "	48.60
		26430

1885	Amt from Page 14	264 30
Feby 7	By Mrs Rollins & Sons Charity Order	7 00
" 11	" " J H Merrill Home Missions	10.00
" 16	" " Rev B St John	5 00
" 21	" Mrs Rollins for Mrs McClenathan	2 50
" 23	" " A J Rawson for Church Record Book	2 50
Mch 7	" " Mrs Rollins for Church	10 00
" 9	" " " Rawson " Music	2 00
" 12	" " D O Eshbaugh for Moody Meetings	6 00
" 24	" " Rev B St John	25. 00
" 31	" " J H Merrill Home Missions	3 00
Apl 1	" " Kenyon Printing Cards	1. 50
May 5	" " Miss Gleason for Rev St John	43 27
" 10	" " J G Olmsted for Boys House	45 65
" 19	" " Mrs Rawson for Music	2 00
" 24	" " " Sons & Mrs McClenathan	5. 00
" "	" " " Otis " " Paper	2 00
June 1	" " Membership Tax	10 07
" 8	" " Rev Hisbie Ex & Marshalltown	2 00
" 15	" " " St John	10 00
July 14	" " " S F Humphrey Am Board	300 00
" 22	" " " St John	60 00
Sept 15	" " " " " Miss Gleason	10 00
" 26	" " J H Merrill for Ministerial Relief	20 00
" 28	" " J S Roy for Am Miss Ass'n	26 23
	" " H S De Forest	15 00
	" " Mrs Sons & Miss Otis	2 00
	" " Mrs Hisbie Ex & Miss Ellsworth	2 00
	Cash on hand	29 28
		1269 77

We the Deacons of Plymouth Cong'l Church have Audited the a/c of Stacy John Treas & find them Correct Substantially

Elliot F Miller
Geo R Osgood

Sunday Nov 8 / 885

Communion after Morning Service
the following Persons united by profession
of faith Mrs Maria S Orcutt
Miss Sadie Skinner;
The following persons presented Letters
Hiram A Miller Letter from Church of Christ
in Yale College Mrs Martha A Miller
from Cong'l Church of New Milford Conn
Miss Amelia Trumper from the First Cong'l
Church of Pittsfield Mass
Mrs Martha M Loomis } Letter from First
" Harriet E Hyde } Church of Christ in
Miss Mary E Hyde } Newton Mass

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wednesday Nov 11 1885

Prayer Meeting. Letters were granted to
Mrs Cordelia Hatch & Miss Mary E Hatch to
Cong'l Church of Carthage Mo

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wednesday Nov 18 1885

Prayer Meeting. Letters were granted
as follows Hiram A Reid and Mrs
F. R. H. Reid to Cong'l Church of
Passadena Cal
Jno Theodore Kitchman to Presbyterian
Church of Sigourney Ia
G A R Nichols to Cong'l Ch of Baxter Ia

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wedy Dec 23 1885
at Prayer Meeting the following Letters
were granted Miss Nellie Richards to
Cong'l Church of Rockwell Ia
S.S. Booth & Mrs Ella B Booth Cong'l Ch Ft Dodge Ia

A.Y. Rawson
Clerk

Sunday Jany 3 1886
Communion after Morning Service
✓ V C Van Etten joined the Church by Letter
from first Cong'l Church of Cedar Rapids
✓ and Mrs Ada Havrah by Letter from
the Presbyterian Church of East Des Moines
✓ and Conrad Bowen by profession of faith

A. Y. Rawson
Clerk

Wednesday Jany 13 1886
after Prayer Meeting Letters were granted
to W C & Mrs Mary E Fairbank to Cong'l
Church of Dedgate Mrs
J M. Otis & Mrs R G Orvis were
appointed Delegates to the Temperance
Convention to be held in this City on
Thursday Jany 21st 1886

A. Y. Rawson
Clerk

Wed/ Eve Feb 3/1886
Prayer Meeting. Letter was granted
to Mrs W.P. Crowley to the Cong'l
Church of Muscatine
A.Y. Rawson
Clerk

Wed Eve Feby 3 1886
Letters were granted to Matthew &
Mary T Long to the M.E. Church
of Marshfield Mo
A.Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed Feby 24 1886
Letters were granted to Angus Christie
Mrs Christie & Daughter Ida to Lincoln Park
Cong'l Ch Chicago Ill
A.Y. Rawson
Clerk

The following under the name of the
Working League of the Church was adopted

Plan for Church Director #1 The intent of this plan is that our Church may be more thoroughly Organized for work it should do.

#2 To place a help for the Pastor in looking after the large Membership of the Church, and the reaching of those outside, and to give Every Member something definite to do in this work for the Master.

#3 The success of this will depend largely, on the willingness of the Membership to make it one of the important things in their Every day Christian life.

#4 The Church shall by Ballot of their own Membership Elect one as a Director, whose Christian life shall recommend him for such a place,

And he together with the Pastor shall Choose three assistants, these shall constitute the Directors.

#5 These Directors together with the Pastor, shall have the Oversight of all the Christian Work of the Church, but shall not be Called upon as a body to take in Charge any of the other departments of the Church Work

While they may not be the Origin of any Special Work that may be done in the Church, Yet it is deemed prudent that they should be Consulted.

#6 It shall be their duty to thoroughly Canvass the Church Membership and place Every one in some department of the work to which they shall be best Suited, and in Order to further this or any part of the Work they may Call upon such persons to help them as they think advisable.

#7 The Expenditures shall not Exceed blank Dollors let aside for this purpose by the Church, and where Expenditures in Excess of this Amount seem necessary, they shall only be made by Vote of the Church

#8 There shall be partial or full rpts of the work done at the Weekly Prayer Meeting Once a Month, or oftener if Called for.

Some of the Ends to be attained are herewith given that the plan may be better understood.

first The securing of the attendance of as many of the Members as possible upon Some

of the Church Services.

2 Securing the attendance of non Church goers upon some Church Services.

3 Placing Children of such Families in Sunday School.

4th Strengthening and helping Young Christians, and setting them to studying the Bible and at some Work.

5th Organizing Classes for Bible Study, and especially a Workers training Class.

6th The building up of the Young Peoples Meeting, and Wednesday Evening Meetings.

7 The Care of the Young men of the Church, and those that do not Come to attend Sunday School.

Ballat was had for Director and E S Miller was Elected

A Y Dawson Clerk

Wed March 3 1886

Preparatory Lecture by the Pastor.

On Motion of E. S. Miller the Rev A. L. Frisbie was instructed to use the new form for admission of Members to the Church

A. Y. Dawson Clerk

Sunday March 7 1886

Communion after Morning Service.
The following persons united on
Confession of Faith

✓ Lawton Sipes.
✓ Florence E Whittaker.
✓ by Letter Mrs Sarah C Holmes from
Congl Church of Maquaketa Ia
✓ Wm Townsend } Letter from Presbyterian
✓ Mrs Wm " } Church of
✓ Miss Bertha Townsend } Columbia Ia
✓ Gibson Herbert from Westminster Presbyterian
Church of Des Moines
✓ Mrs A J Swartz from Orthodox Congl Ch Keokuk Ia
✓ Miss Hattie Jencks from M E Church Spencer Ia
✓ E H Huntington } from Presbyterian Church
✓ Mrs Lucy O Huntington } of Carson Ia
✓ Miss Louisa H. do

A Y Rawson Clerk

Apl 2/86 At Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted to Mrs Anna Baker Hast to the Presbyterian Church of East Des Moines Rev Thomas Merrill & Mrs J H Merrill were appointed Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Grinnell Association to be held at Mitchellville on Tuesday Apl 27/86.

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 2 1886

Communion after Morning Service
the following persons were received
by Letter. Mrs Olive L. Clark and Mary
E Clark from Cong'l Church of Canan
four Corners N.Y.
The following were received on
profession of faith
Calvin Harrah
Benj. H. Holcomb
Geo J Osgood
Robt S Osgood
Willis S Newell
Frank B Rawson
Hallis A. Rawson
Harry D. Rawson
Francis A Baylis
Geo W Ford
Frank McFarland
Willis J Taylor
Harry Edmond
Mrs Folson
Nathl M Stark
Mrs A Fristis
Clarence B Floyd
Henry Burl Lewis
Sherman R Chamberlin
C Edward Hill
Lorain Sallada

Mrs Anna E Hill
" Mary C. Gray
Wrighta Ford
Lillie L Yoder
Mary Mason
Flora M Kelson

✓ Nellie N. Whitman
✓ Mary E. Whitman
✓ Carrie Townsend
✓ Jennie Townsend
✓ Lizzie D. Pierce
✓ Jessie Beckwith
✓ Mabel Hogin
✓ Blanche Hogin
✓ Mary Hyde Smith
✓ Lulu B Drury
✓ Georgie F. Hubbard
✓ Jennie Hodges
✓ Lucy G Lewis

Wedy Jany 26 1886
At Prayer Meeting Letters were granted to Mrs N W Hunter & Miss Ella Hunter to first Presby Ch of Covington Ky
A J Rawson Clerk

Sunday June 13 1886
Childrens Day Children baptized in the Morn See Record
A J Rawson Clerk

Sunday July 4 1886
Communion after Morning Service the following persons were received
✓ by Letter Geo W. Mahon Letter from 1st Congl
✓ Ch Easthampton Mass. Harvey Wilkinson and
✓ his Wife from Congl Ch of Bentonsport Ia.
✓ Recd by Confession of Faith. David K McFarland
✓ Mrs Samantha McFarland. Wm Parker Chase
✓ Mary E Wilkinson. Adaline May Atkins

over

Sunday July 4 1886
Continued
fr Page 23 Confession of Faith
✓ Nellie Fletcher Bowen
✓ Helen Getchell

A. Y. Rawson
Clerk

Wedy July 7/86
C B Atkins was appointed Delegate
to help Organize the Congl Church of
Berwick, Tuesday July 13/1886

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wedy Eve July 14/86
a Letter was granted to Mrs Bertha
Townsend Winslow to the Congl Ch
of Atlantic Ia

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve Sept 1 1886
Letters were granted to W L Long
& Charlotte J Long to M E Church of
Marshfield Wis & to Lawton Singer
to Congl Ch of Omaha Neb

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Sept 15/86
Letters were granted to L W Parish
& Wife to any Christian Church
in Independence Ia

A Y R Clerk

Wedy Sept 22 1886
A Letter was granted to Sherman R Chamberlain
to the Atlantic Congl Church of St Paul Minn

A Y R
Clerk

Mrdy Oct 20 1886

a Letter was granted to Eugene H Taylor
to the first Cong'l Church of Cedar Rapids Ia

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Monday Oct 25 1886 7½ o'c P M

The Annual Meeting of Plymouth Church
was held pursuant to notice from the Pulpit on
the 24th Inst in the absence of the Pastor
Dea E.S. Miller presided. Those present
were E S Miller J M Otis G R Osgood
C H & C B Atkins J E Lowry C Bowen
H C Harris G H Lewis W E Hazen Jno Lovelace
& A.Y. Rawson (Rev Frisbie came in before adjourn-
-ment & took the Chair)
Minutes of last annual Meeting were read
by the Clerk and approved.
The Report of the Clerk of the Church was read
& approved & ordered placed on the Records.
read ~~Report of the Clerk was read & approved.~~
On Motion of G R Osgood the Rule requiring
Vote by Ballot was Suspended.
On Motion of J M Otis. A Y Rawson
was Elected Clerk for one year. Carried
On Motion A.Y.R. G.H. Lewis was Elected
Treasurer for one year.
On Motion of G R Osgood, the resignation
of J H Merrill as Deacon was accepted
with regret.
On Motion of J M Otis G H Smith
was Elected Deacon to serve for one year (The
Unexpired Term of Bro Merrill).
On Motion of G. H. Lewis E S Miller and
W E Hazen were elected their own
Successors for two years

On Motion G H Lewis & C H Atkins were appointed Assistant Deacons for One Year. C H Atkins was Excused from Serving & Daniel A Merrill was Elected to fill the Vacancy
On Motion of D S Miller adjourned

A Y Rawson Clerk

Clerks Report

No of Members Oct 26/85			385
Received by Letter			23
"	Confession of faith		52
			460 total
Dismissed by Letter		28	
"	Death	4	32
			428

37 have been baptized

Absent 19

A Y Rawson Clerk

Treasurers Report

Stacy Johns Treas In ace with Plymouth Cong'l Church Dr

Oct 25/85	Cash on hand	29 25
Nov 8	" Com Collection	16 12
Dec 2	" Monthly Concert Collection	6 03
" 6	" Col for Home Missions	32 65
" 22	" of Mr Hosbie for Mr St John	11 00
Jany 3/86	Communion Col	18 50
" 10	Col for Relief Soc'y	30 00
" 13	" Monthly Concert	4 19
Feb 8	" North Dak Church	140 50
Mar 7	" Communion	17 15
" 11	" Monthly Concert	5 89
Apl 25	" "	4 64
		309 62

Trasurers Report Continued

1884	Amt brot forward		$ 60962
March 31	Cash of Rev Fridbie for North Park Ch		10,00
	" " " " " Pilgrim Ch		2,00
April 18	" Col Am Cong Union		112,42
May 13	" " Communion		20,64
June 1st	" " Pilgrim Church		80,00
" 16	" " Monthly Concert		5,50
" 27	" " W C T U		5,50
July 4	" " Communion		12,92
" 9	" " Monthly Concert		4,04
Aug 4	" " " "		4,43
Sept 6	" " Communion		13,05
" 9	" " Monthly Concert		1,50
			89962

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1885			
Nov 9	By pd Mrs Rollins for Mrs McClenathan		5,00
" 9	" " " " " pd Rowland Coal "		4,75
Dec 8	" " " " Stove of Dimmitt "		9,15
" 15	" " Gilchell for Communion Wine		4,00
" 22	" " Rev St John		11,00
" "	" " Mrs Rollins for Mrs McC		2,00
" 29	" " J H Merrill for home Missions		32635
Jany 7/86	" " Mrs Rawson for Wine		2,00
" 12	" " Mrs Bruitt for Mrs McC		5,00
" 16	" " " Billanger Relief Soc'y		31,00
Feby 11	" " " Rollins order for Coal		2,00
Mch 6	" " " Otis Advance Y M C A		2,00
" "	" " North Park Church		150,50
" 4	" " Mrs Bruitt for Mrs McC		15,00
" 30	" " Rev Safford		20,00
Apl 27	" " J H Merrill home Missions		4,00
" 30	" " Am Cong'l Union		112,42
May 8	" " Mrs Rollins for Mrs McC		10,00
" 14	" " Mr Otis Rev Merrill & Mitchell		1,02
" 15	" " Mrs Fridbie Membership Fee	11,00	72722

1886	By Amt brot up		72722
June 2	" Rev Safford		50.00
" 30	" F & P Chase Ex to Marion		550
" "	" " Dr Fisher " "		500
July 10	" " Mrs Rollins for Mrs McC		5.00
" 22	" " Rev Safford		3000
Aug 1	" " Mrs Brull, for Mrs McC		500
" 9	" " " Otis for Ch in Louisana		4.43
Sept 16	" " " Rawson for Wine		400
Oct 20	" " WCTU		550
	" Cash on hand Monthly Concert	5797	
			89962

Wed Oct 27/86

Letter was granted to H J Sayles to the Cong'l Church of Ypsilanti Mich

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Nov 3 1886

Mr & Mrs Hiram Miller with Mr & Mrs McFarland as alternate were appointed Delegates to the Semi Annual meeting of the Grinnell Association to be held at VanCleve on Tuesday Nov 9 1886

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday Nov 7/86

Communion after Morning Service

✓ Mrs Carrie Hubbard Mobley presented letter from Second Cong'l Church of Oberlin O

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed, Nov 24/1886
Letters were granted to VC VanEtten to the
Cong'l Church of Los Angeles Cal
Dr Millard & Lawr to M E Church
of Magnolia Ia
Geo W Ford to Cong'l Ch Red Oak Ia

A J Rawson
Clerk

Sunday Jany 2 1887
Communion after Morning Service,
The following persons were received
✓ by Letter Martin L Leonard & Mrs A B Leonard
from Aubuyndale, Cong'l Ch
✓ Mr & Mrs T M Langan from First Cong'l
Church in Minneapolis Minn
✓ Miss Mattie L Cox from M E Church
of Riggston Ill
✓ Mrs Edith M Guilford from Cong'l
Church in Emmetsburg Ia
the following were rec'd by Confession
✓ Edmund M. Ford
✓ Hallen Prcival
✓ Lucy Prcival
✓ Kate Cummins
✓ Mabel E Bristow

A J Rawson Clerk

Wed Jany 12/87
Letter was granted to Mrs Eliza R. Bristow
to the Cong'l Church of Wichita Kansas
A J R Clerk

Wed Jany 21 87
Miss Delia A Webster presented a Letter
from first Presbyterian Ch of Cedar Rapids Ia.
was Voted in to Enter into Covenant with the
Church at our next Communion

A Y Rawson Clerk

Feby March 2 1887
Prayer Meeting. the following Persons
were Elected Delegates to the
Temperance Convention to be held at
Good Templars Hall on the day of March 87
Mrs R L Orwig. J M Otis & H L Clapper

A Y R Clerk

March 6 1887
Communion after Morning Service,
the following persons were received by
Confession of Faith.
✓ Carl G Buttkritt
✓ Julia Conning
✓ Frederick L Brown
✓ Mrs May Brown
✓ Miss Jennie Barrett
and by Letter
✓ Alonzo J Colt
✓ Mrs Maggie N Colt
✓ Miss Frances Carothers
" Minnie Mease "
✓ Mrs Alice A Ohls
✓ Miss Anna L Ragsdale
" Delia A Webster

Wedy Mar 16 1887
Prayer Meeting. a Letter was granted
to Mrs Mary E Gray to the Presbyterian Church
at Lapeer Mich

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve March 23 1887
a Letter was granted to Frank H
Whiting & his Wife Nellie C Whiting
to the 2d Presbyterian Ch of Cedar Rapids Ia

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wedy Eve apl 13 1887
On Motion of H R. Osgood the sum
of Twenty ($20) was ordered sent from the
Church Treasury to the Ministerial
Relief fund. also Ordered that the
Monthly Concert Collection now on
hand, be divided Equally between
the American Board and the
Iowa Home Missionary Society

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 1 1887
Communion after Morning Service
the following persons were received on Confession
✓ Joseph B Entrikin & Mrs Maude J Entrikess
✓ Mrs Sarah M Henry Perkins
✓ Cornelius Canine & Mrs Margaret Canine
✓ Chs Main Dickerman
by Lttr. ✓ C E Rawson & Wife from 1st Congl Ch Storm Lake Ia
✓ Alson Collins " Pres Ch Menlo Ia
✓ Susie A Osgood Min Congl Ch Rutland Vt

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wedy Eve May 18/887
Prayer Meeting CB Atkins was
appointed Delegate with J N Merrill alternate
to the Gnrnal association to be held the
20 day of May at Charles City

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday Sept 11 1887
Communion after Morning Service
The following persons presented Letters & this
Church Mrs Sarah J Dinsmore from
first Presbyterian Church of Winterset Ia
C W Parkin & his Wife Nellen Parkin from
first Presbyterian Church of Winterset Ia
Mrs Margaret Brebant brings Certificate of
regular Standing in the late Presbyterian Church
of Eddyville Ia now disbanded

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Sept 21 1887
at Prayer Meeting the question of procuring new
Hymn Books for the use of the Church was discussed
On Motion of Z. R. Osgood it was Voted to procure
the Book called Laus Deo with responsive Bible
readings, CB Atkins Dr Eaton and
were appointed a Committee to procure the
Book. W E Hagen & Jennie Brackenridge were
appointed Delegates with E P Chase as alternate
to the Grinnell Association to be held at Nittenburg
next Tuesday Eve.
Letter was granted to Rev Thomas Merrill & his Wife
to Cong'l Church of Otis Colorado

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Sept 28 1887
at Prayer Meeting Letters were granted
to A.A. McVay & Wife to 1st Methodist Church
De Moines & to Mrs Addie A Rittenour
to Congl Church of Burlington Ia

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Mrs Rittenours Name does not appear
on our Records A.Y.R Clerk

Monday Oct 31 1887
The Annual Meeting of Plymouth Con'l
Church was held pursuant to Notice from
the Pulpit on Oct 30. in the absence of
the Pastor Deacon E.S Miller was called
to the Chair. There were present
E.S. Miller J.M. Otis L.J. Rasson S.A. Merrill
W.B. Butler C.B. Atkins H.M. McFarland
G.H. Lewis M.H. Smith G.R. Osgood
& A.Y. Rawson. Meeting opened with
Prayer by S.A. Merrill.
The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting
were read & approved.
On Motion of J.M. Otis the names
of the following persons were ordered
Dropped from the Records
J.K. Van Nordin Walter Hamilton
Emma F. Allan Dr Dan Luna A. Bates
and Louise Bowdy. On Motion the Pastor
& Deacons were instructed to Correspond
with the following Persons in regard to taking
Letters to some Church where they live.
J.B. Miller. Warren L. Jewell. Geo M. Smith.
Mrs Mary Jane Smith & Cora E. Smith;
Mrs Edwin Vaughn. Jacob T. Long. Mrs H.D. Proctor
Frank & Minnie Nourse. Wm Townsend & Wife

~~J S Godman~~ & Wife. Mrs Fannie F Devin
The Treasurers report read & ordered spread
on the Records. Clerks report read & approved
On Motion of G.R. Osgood, the Rule requiring
Voting by Ballot was Suspended, and on
Motion M H Smith & W G Work were
appointed Deacons for two years.
Saml A Merrill & H M McFarland
were Elected assistant Deacons for one
year. M L Chafee was Elected Treasurer
and A Y Rawson Clerk both for one year
On Motion of L J Kasson a Vote of thanks
was ordered sent to Mrs R.G. Orwig & other Ladies
who have furnished Flowers for the Sunday Service

Report of Clerk

Our present Membership is as follows.
Females 299 Males 148 total 447.
Received by Letter the past year Females 16 Males 7 total 23
" " Confession of Faith Females 10 Males 6 " 16
we have given Letters to Females 5 Males 7 " 12
" " by death 4
Number of adult Baptisms
" " Infant "

Report of Treasurer

Rec from Stacy Johns		57.97
" " Communion Collections		123.80
" " Missionary "		61.62
" " American Miss Association Col		143.08
" " Col North Park & Pilgrim Churches		24.045
" " " for Rev Matthews Missionary Dakota		3.64
" " " D C H Missionary Society		19.25
		86.381

Treasurers Report Continued

To Amt fr Page 35	863,81
" Collection Am Cong'l Union	9347
" " ABCFMissions	218.06
" " Mrs Julia A Norman	2750
" " Womans Relief Society	65.02
" " fr Famine Sufferers in Asia	1250
	$1,280.86

Expenditures

By Pd J H Merrill Treas D C H M Society	199,25
" " W W Hubbard " A M A Assn	14308
" " Was Relief Soc'y	6502
" " Am Cong'l Union	9347
" " Rev Safford of Pilgrim Church	90.
" " Rev Dr John's No Park Church	150.
" " J H Merrill Treas Ministerial relief fund	20.
" " " " Treas D C H M Soc'y 1/2 of Missionary Concert fund as pr Vote of the Church	45
By Pd Langdon S Ward Treas A B C F M	21806
" " Mrs Julia A Norman	27,50
" " L S Ward Tr for famine Sufferers in Asia	12,50
" " Rev Matthews Missionary in Dakota (by mistake Check was made $1.01 less than Collection + bal put in Communion Col	36,63
By Pd Mrs McClenathan	60.
" " Miscellaneous Expenses	4139
" " A L Chaffee Treas	7846
	$1,280,86

Sunday Nov 6 1887

Communion after Morning Service.

The following persons were rec'd by Letter Mr & Mrs

✓ C K Burnell from Presbyterian Ch of Newton Ia

Mrs N E Cloyes from 1st " " " Kalamazoo Mich

" Henrietta Gray " " " Cortland N.Y.

" A B Billington " Cong'l Church of Marion Ia

" A A Bonnelle " " " " "

" Augusta Norris " 1st " " " Grinnell Ia

Miss Lizzie F Norris 1st " " " " "

The following persons were rec'd by Confession of faith

Mrs Ann E Hubbard

Alice Lynde

Grace T Longan

C W Menig was propounded the Sunday before but was on account of Sickness was unable to be present

A G. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Nov 23 1887
a Letter was granted to J O Floyd to
the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of
Birmingham Ala
A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Dec 7 1887
a Letter was granted to Geo M Smith & Wife
& Mrs Cynthia McClintock & 1st Congl Church
of Los Angeles Cal
(Missionary Col taken) A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Dec 14/87
Letters were granted to W H Sallada & Wife
& Son Lorain to 1st Congl Church of Santa Barbara Cal
A. Y. Rawson

Wedy Eve Dec 21 1887
The following Letters were granted
Wm Townsend & Wife
Carrie & Jennie Townsend
to Presbyterian Ch Lapeer Mich
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve. Jany 4 1888
Missionary Prayer Meeting "Collection"
Letter was granted to Hattie Jencks to
Central Baptist Church Minneapolis Minn
A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jany 1 1888

Communion after Morning Service

The following Persons united with the Church

Confession. ✓ on Confession of faith Miss Fay Atkins

✓ and Christian W Mennis

Letter. ✓ by Letter Mrs Annah Graham from first Congl Church of Stuart Ia

✓ Mrs Rebecca J Anderson from 1st Congl Ch of Stuart

✓ Mrs A D Crain from 1st Presbyterian Ch Lake Forest Ill

✓ Mrs Ellen Dougherty Letter from Congl Ch of Warren Ia (Letter of July 25/81)

✓ C. E. Robinson & Wife from Congl Church of Hawarden Ia

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Mtg Feb 1/88

Letters were granted to Mrs A L Proctor & Westminster Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis and Daniel Lane ✓ Goldbook to 2d Congl Church of Oberlin Ohio. The Treasurer was directed to forward all Missionary money on hand including Collection tonight to the Treasurer of A M Board at Boston

Missionary Coll

A Y Rawson Clerk

Mtg Eve Feby 15 1888

Letters were granted to Mrs Lucretia Payne & her Daughters Lucretia & Payne to Congl Ch Kansas City Mo Mrs McNarell Emma S Narell & Willis S Narell to Walnut St Church Evansville Ind (dismd)

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve Feb 29/88

Letter Missive was rec'd from the Cong'l Church of Oak Ct, Ia. calling a Council to be held on Wednesday March 7 1888 for the Instatation of Rev R Lavender

Geo R Osgood was appointed Delegate with H B Hedges as alternate

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 4 1888

Communion after Morning Service the following Persons were received on Confession of faith

- John A Platt
- Helen Platt
- Mrs E Brainard

By Letter
- Mrs Ella M Bowen from Presbyterian Ch Des Moines
- Mrs Caroline H Brainard " 1st Cong'l Ch Burlington Vt
- Mrs E Judd from Cong'l Ch of Marine Ill
- Mrs Ella Platt Letter from Cong'l Ch of Stuart Ia
- Hoyt Platt " " " " " "

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve March 21 1888

A Letter was granted Miss Lillie L Yoder to the Central Presbyterian Church of Des Moines

A Y Rawson Sec

Wed Mar 28 1888

A Letter was granted to Miss Anna Ragsdale to Second Cong'l Church of Omaha Neb

Wed Eve Apl 4 1888

Letters were granted to Stephen Hubbell & Hannah J Hubbell to Cong'l Ch of Corning Ia

A Y R Clerk

Wedy Eve Apl 11 1888
Letter was granted to Mrs Elizabeth B
Richards & 1st Congl Church of Omaha Neb

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy apl 18 1888
C E Robinson & Mrs J M Otis were appointed
Delegates to the Grinnell association
to be held at the Pilgrim Church in
East Des Moines beginning next Tuesday
Eve apl 24 & holding over Wednesday

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Sunday May 6 1888
Communion after Morning Service.
The following Persons brought Letters & this
Church. Miss Alice Campbell from 1st
Congl Ch of Newton Ia Geo Waldo Campbell
from 1st Congl Ch Newton Ia Walter J Morphy
Congl Ch of Lewis Ia. Charlotte M Burdick
1st Congl Ch Le Mars Ia. O C Riddle and
Mrs Mary Riddle from Congl Ch of Gowrie Ia
Chas Windsor from Hawkeye M E Church
S N Matbir Mrs R B Matbir & Miss Edith B
Matbir from Congl Ch of Moorlow Ia
On Confession Lucille Cooper. Harry and Mabel
Bowen. Nellie Rawson. Eva M Riddle
Emma M Pierce, Chas N Pierce Mary E
Moffatt. Albert Shaver. Sadie J Jewett.
Laura T Whitman. Stella C Norton.
Jennie L Horning

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wednesday May 9 1888
Letters were granted to Chauncey D Otis
and Lydia A Otis to Pilgrim Cong'l Church
of East Des Moines Ia
A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 20/88
The General association of Con'l Churches
in the State will meet in Grinnell
on Wed'y May 23/88 & Mr Merrill
was Elected Delegate with L J Rawson
as Alternate
A Y Rawson Clerk

Aug 15 Letter was granted to Flora M Kelson to Grand View
Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles Cal
A. Y. Rawson Clerk

July 1/88 Communion after Morning Service
Mrs Belle A Bayliss presented Letter from Grace
Methodist Church.
Lillian Burnside & Margaret Watts were
received on Confession of faith
A. Y. R Clerk

Sept 2/88 Communion after Morning Service
Mrs Antionette Wheeler was rec'd on Confession
of faith.
A Y Rawson Clerk

Sept 6 Letter was granted to Mrs L H Wheeler
to the Cong'l Church of Grinnell
A. Y. R Clerk

Sept 19 1888

The following Delegates were Elected to the Semi Annual Meeting of the Grimes Association to be held at Stuart Sept 25 & 26 Mr & Mrs Graham with E J Chase & Mrs A L Hinkle as alternates

A J D Clark

Annual Meeting

The annual Meeting of Plymouth Church was held Oct 29 1888
Rev A L Frisbie in the Chair. Meeting opened with Prayer by the Pastor
Present A L Frisbie J H + S A Merrill C B Atkins. M H Smith. A M McFarland G H Lewis. J. M. Otis. N. G. Hook & D Miller. H L Chaffee Jn Robinson + A Y Rawson.
Report of Treasurer read + referred to C B Atkins when Audited to be Spread on the Records. Report of Clerk read and approved.
On Motion of G H Lewis the rule requiring Vote by Ballot was Suspended + the following persons Elected by Viva Voce Vote.

Deacons — Elliott S Miller + H M McFarland were Elected Deacons for two years.

Asst Deacons — E H Huntington + S A Merrill were Elected Assistant Deacons for one year.

Town Clerk — W A Hotchkiss was Elected Treas for one year
A Y Rawson was Elected Clerk for one year.

On Motion of C B Atkins the Clerk was instructed to send a Vote of thanks to Mrs R S Orvis + Miss Shiman for flowers the past year + to A B Hedges for Hymn Books
J H Merrill moved + it was Carried that one Church Collection be paid over to the Ministerial relief fund, and that the action of the Treasurer in paying $20.00 to such fund the past year be ratified
J H Merrill moved that a Directory of the Church Members and Pew Holders be prepared. E S Miller Amended which was accepted that the names of the Church Members alone be inserted with their residence. the work was agreed

to E S Miller Lt Kasson & the Clerk,
on Motion adjourned.

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Clerks report

Report of Clerk

Total Membership of this Church 471
Females 314 Males 157
of these there are absent Females 7 Males 9 .16
We have rec'd by Letter the past year 32
" " " Confession 24 total 56
We have dismissed by Letter 27
5 have died 5 total 32
nett gain ——— 24

Baptisms Adults 15
" Children 10 total 25

Treas' Report

Receipts

Balance in Missionary Concert fund from former Treasurer		$ 75 40
Missionary Collections		38 93
Communion Collections		134 63
Col for Polk Co Bible Soc & Relief Soc		33 78
Gen'l Association Expences		17 25
Congl Union by E S Miller		10 00
Evangelistic Work by Rev Pollock		65 00
A M A 2 Collections	53 92 158 81	312 73
A C H M S		275 89
Am College & Education Soc		157 00
Yellow Fever Sufferers		47 50
North Park Church including old State Aid	$ 211 00	1084 63
		$ 2252 80

Disbursements

Pd Dr Royal North Park Church	$ 1084 63
" Postage & Account Book	46
" Sunday Expences from Communion fund	11 10
	1196 09

Treasurers report Continued

Amt brot from Page 45		119609
Paid Bible Soc 16th Relief Secy 1889		3378
" Expenses Genl Association		17.25
Sent ABCFM		75
" AMA		15492
" ACHMS		275.89
" Rev Pollock		65.00
" Yellow Fever Sufferers		4750
" Am Colleg't Education Soc		11600
Balance on hand		
In Missionary Concert Col	38.93	
" Communion Col	23.63	
for Congregational Union	1000	
" Am Miss Assn	15781	
" Am Colleg't Education Soc	4100	27137
		$25280

Examined & approved by
D. A. Merrill } Auditing Com
C B Atkins }

Wedy Eve October 31 1888
Letters were granted to Mrs C D Sprague
to Congl Church of Galesburg Ill
& John Lovell to Pilgrim Congl Church
of Des Moines Ia
A Y Rawson Clerk

Nov 4 1888
Communion after Morning Service
the following persons were received
on Confession of faith.
✓ Maude Shaver
✓ Kate Shaver
✓ Rutgr Eugene Sherman
✓ Carl Wm Dahlberg
Rec'd by Letter
✓ Mrs Margaret E Jones from Congl Ch of Webster City
✓ Mrs Mary S Knighton from Congl Ch Suspension Bridge NY
✓ Mrs Rhoda E Watson & Miss Alice Watson from
1st Congl Church Springfield Ill
✓ G A Preston from Congl Ch Baxter Ia
A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday Dec 30 1888
Letters were granted to Mr & Mrs W E Hagen
to Congl Church of Lawrence Kansas
and to Mr & Mrs A J Catt to the Plymouth
Church of Chicago Ill
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Jany 2 1889
Inperatory Lecture. Letters were granted
to Walter B & Ella Atkins to North Park
Cong'l Church
On Motion of E S Miller it was Voted
that the Church Contribute yearly to the
American College & Educational Society

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jany 6 1889
Communion after Morning Service
The following persons were received
on Confession of faith
✓ Chs M Corgan
✓ Jos B Weaver Jr
✓ Violetta McHarris (Mrs H C)
✓ Strauss Crombie Ada Mrs
by Letter
✓ Jennings Saml T from 1st M E Ch Des Moines
✓ Crocker Harriet Mrs " Cong'l Ch of Corning Ia
✓ E W Peck
✓ Mrs E W Peck from 1st Cong'l Ch Oberlin Ohio
✓ Sallee Henry D from 1st Reformed Ch Tolla Ia

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 3 1889
Communion after Morning Service.
✓ Mrs M A Rogers & Anna A Rogers were rec'd
by Letter from 1st Cong'l Ch of Toledo Ia
The following persons were received on
Confession of Faith
✓ Homer D Cope Mrs Mary C Cope & Catharine
✓ May Cope. Rosa Wallerich & Chas Byerly.

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed, March 13/89
At Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted to
Jennie Latta Mann to 1st Congl Church
of Los Angeles Cal

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve March 20/89
Letter Missive from Congl Church of Perry Ia
was received asking for a Delegate to assist
in the Ordination of Geo B Hurst of Oberlin Ohio
on Thursday March 28 1889 at 2 PM
The Churches invited are Pilgrim Ch & Des Moines
" Ang " No Des Moines
" " R Dodge
" " Ogden
" " Ames
+ our own
G.R Osgood was appointed Delegate

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wed, April 10 1889
a qualified Letter was given Dr W Hinshaw
to the Presbyterian Church of Dallas Center Ia
On Motion of G R Osgood the following names were
ordered dropped from the Records.
Mrs Maud Kraeger
J E Strasburg & Wife
Mrs Edmah Vaughn
Mrs E A Lunt

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed, Apl 17/89 a Letter was granted to S. W. Mallett
to College Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed. April 24 1889.
Prayer Meeting Letter was granted to
Hattie Marks Dawnd and to Cong'l
Church of Council Bluffs Ia
A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 5 1889
Communion after Morning Service
The following Persons presented Letters
✓ Mrs Helen V. Elbert from 1st Methodist Church
of Albia Ia Miss Kybi Lemmis Letter from
Cong'l Church of Perry Ia
✓ Mr & Mrs Herman Cooper presented Letter from
from Cong'l Church of Silby but they were
not present & Unite with us
✓ Sarah Porter Browne Letter from First Wm Presby'n
Church of Syracuse N.Y.
A.Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 12 1889
Prof Chamberlain of Ag'l College Annes
preached Morn & Eve.
D H Merrill was Chosen Delegate to
the State Association that meets
at Creston on Wedy May
A.Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday June 16th 1889
Childrens Day

Wed'y June 19 1889
Letters were granted to Miss Amelia Trumper
to first Cong'l Ch Pittsfield Mass
& Miss Mabel Reeve & Plymouth Cong'l
Ch of Minneapolis Minn
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed June 26 1889
Prayer Meeting. Letters were granted
to Mrs Sarah J Dennison
Mrs Mary Chs N Parlan to North Park
Cong Church Mrs Hagar Jones
to Havana Ill

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Sunday July 7 1889
The following Persons were rec'd by Letter
John B Haaty from Cong'l Church of Hampton Ia
Mrs S A Shankland from Second Presbyterian
Church of Chicago Ill
Letter of S F Kneeland from Presbyterian Church
of Des Moines was read first time
& laid over until next Wednesday
Eve. Susie F Turner. Birdie May Smith
& Alfred L. Hubbell were rec'd on Confession
of Faith

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed July 10 1889 at Prayer Meeting
the Letter of S F Kneeland was read
a second time, & he was voted
a member of the Church

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday Sept 1 1889
Communion after Morning Service.
The following persons united with us
by Letter
Mrs C H Sibley from Central Cong Ch Providence RI
Mrs Maggie Caldwell from 1st Cong Ch Chicago Ill
Mrs Lou McHenry from 1st Cong Ch Sioux City Ia
Mrs Elizabeth D Wright " " " " "
Miss Agnes Fannie Bond from St Paul Episcopal Ch Dec
" Helen Riddle Confession of faith

A. Y. Rawson Sec

Friday Sept 11 1889
Letter was granted to Mrs Emily Mason
Dismissed to Plymouth Church Chicago Ill
A. Y. Rawson Sec

Friday Sept 18 1889
The following persons were Elected
Delegates to the Fall meeting of the Iowa
Association to be held at Boxter Monday
& Tuesday Sept 23 & 24
H M McFarland with E B Chase
as alternate
Mrs H M McFarland with Mrs A L Frisbie
as alternate
A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wednesday Eve Oct 16 1889
At Prayer Meeting Letter was granted to
Messrs Holders Ingham to 1st M E Church of
Central City Neb also to Jno A Platt
Mrs Isla Platt Miss Helen Platt
and Hoyt Platt to Pilgrim Church
East Des Moines A Y Rawson
Clerk

Annual Meeting 1889

The Annual meeting of Plymouth
2nd Church was held on the 28th day
of October 1889 Rev^d A.L. Frisbie in the Chair,
Meeting opened by Prayer by the Pastor,
Present: Rev A.L. Frisbie. J.M. Otis,
M.H. Smith, E.S. Miller, H.M. McFarland.
H.C. Harris. E.H. Huntington, J.H. & S.A. Merrill
L.J. Kasson & A.D. Rawson & W.A. Holchkiss,
Minutes of last annual Meeting read and,
approved: Report of Treasurer read.
accepted & adopted & ordered placed
on the records, report of Clerk read
& approved. On Motion of J.M. Otis the
Rule requiring Vote by Ballot was Suspended,
and the following persons were elected
by Viva Voce Vote. E.H. Huntington and
M.H. Smith Deacons for two years
H.C. Harris & F.S. Jagueth assistant Deacons
for one Year. Mrs Jno Bentley,
Mrs J.P. Foster & Mrs W.H. Langan
Deaconesses for one Year. On Motion
of E.S. Miller the Clerk was directed
to notify them of their Election.
W.A. Holchkiss was Elected Treasurer
& A.D. Rawson Clerk both for one Year.
On Motion of J.M. Otis. a Collection for the
Ministerial relief fund of not less than
$20.00 shall be taken each Year.
On Motion of L.J. Kasson the Clerk
was directed to place the name of
Mrs. Frank Vose on the records she
having several years since taken a Letter
to the 2nd Church of Marshalls but
never presented the same) Rev
Mr Frisbie to notify her of her being
reinstated.

Annual Meeting Continued

On Motion of (J M Otis) (Ed Kanouse seconded by) the names of the following Persons were ordered stricken from the Church records,

✓ Jno B Miller
✓ Jos L Merrill
✓ ~~Jo~~ Jh Oldsley
✓ Mrs Ednah Vaughn
✓ " Lottie Alcough

Clerks Report

Present Membership Females 328
Males 155
total 483

of these 17 Females are absent
7 Males " .
24

Rec'd since last report by Letter 25
" Confession 17 .42

Dismissed by Letter 23
Dropped 4
Died 3 30
net gain 12

Baptisms adults 10
" Children 8 18

Treasurers Report

Nov 1/88 Receipts
From H L Chaffee former Treas
Missionary Coherent Collection fund 38.93
Com Col fund 23.63
Evangl Union 10.00
Am Miss'y Association 157.81
Am College + Education Society 41 00
Missionary Collection 271.37
Communion " 45.47
Col for Evangl Union 117 69
" Am Miss'y association Magic Lantern 2x 89 72
11 00
$535.25

Treas Report Continued

Amt brot up		$ 535.25
Col for A.B.C.F.M. 11/11/88 & 10/20/89		435.39
" " 2nd Assocn assessment 12/16/88		17.50
" " Iowa Congl H'm Society		254.34
" " Hebrew Missionary Society		22.30
" " Pilgrim Church	111.31	
Unpaid pledges	22	133.31
		$ 1.398.09

Disbursements

from Missionary Concert fund to A.B.C.F.M.		44.44
to 1st Congl Church Wahpeton Dak		1.00 45.44
" Conv Col fund & Mrs McClanathan		100.
Ch advance for Y.M.C.A.	150	" Ministerial relief fund 20.00
Cong Hand Books & Express	3.30	" Sundries 16.60
C.E. Robinson Exp to Kelly	1.80	
Dr Thisbee " " Perry	1.00	" Congl Union 99.72
" " Grinnell expss	3.00	" Am Miss Association 157.81
" " Creston	4	" Jos E Roy Magic Lantern exp'l 11.00
Mrs " " Boxholm	2	" W Gardner for Am College & Ed'l Soc 41.00
	16.60	" A.B.C.F.M. Am Spring Collections 435.39
		" Rev J.B. Chase for Genl Ass'n 31.54

(Amt Col 12/16/88 & 10/20/89 borrowed from Missionary Concert fund)

J.H. Merrill for Da Congl Home Mis Society	254.34
L.H. Mann for Hebrew Mission	22.30
Rev A.D. Kinzer for Pilgrim Church	133.31
Cash in Treasury as follows	29.64
Mis Concert Col fund 24.92	$ 1.398.09
Conv Col fund 4.72	

On Motion of M.H. Smith the Treasurer was requested to ascertain the names of Honorary Members of the American board & Life Members of Am Miss Association thereafter & Keep a record of the same

On Motion Adjourned

A.D. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Nov 3 1889

Communion after morning Service.

The following Member was rec'd on Confession

✓ Chas S Young.

✓ and by Letter Mrs John L Connell from Mosaic Prairie Cong'l Ch of Independence Ia

✓ Mr & Mrs J W Primmer from North Park Cong'l Ch

✓ Mrs Sarah S Lucas from Orthodox Cong'l Ch of Keokuk

✓ Lowell H Stone from 1st Presbyterian Ch of Troy N Y

✓ Louis A Northrop from 1st Cong'l Ch Burlington Vt

✓ G A Longdon & Nellie Christie from 1st Cong'l Ch Waverly Ia

✓ Anna B Sprague from Cong'l Ch Brookfield Mo

✓ Angus K & Sarah B Campbell from 1st Cong'l Ch Newton Ia

✓ Horace D Archibald & Everett K Campbell " " " "

A. Y. Rawson

Wednesday Dec 25 1889

At Prayer Meeting Letters were granted to Frank E House & Minnie V House to the Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe Mo & Miss Hannie Agnew Bond to Episcopal Church of this City

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jan 5 1890

Communion after Morning Service

The following Persons were received by Letter

✓ Hallie Norris from Cong'l Ch of Oskaloosa Ia

✓ Preston B Dudley Cong'l Church of Hamilton Dak

✓ W S Roberts & Wife from Cong'l Ch of Postville Ia

✓ Mrs Ella B Dudley on Profession of Faith

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Feb 19 1890
At Prayer Meeting a Letter from Mrs Ella B. Marsh Coleman was presented asking for a Letter to the M E Church of Steele No Dakota, Miss Ella B Marsh Name having been draped from our Church Records in 1882 (See Page 280 old Book) the Clerk was instructed to give her a qualified Letter, saying at time of leaving as she was in good standing.
A. Y. Rawson Sec

Wed Feb 26 1890
At Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted to Saml T Jennings to the United Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown Ia
A. Y. Rawson Clerk

March 2/90
Communion after Morning Service
Mrs Nila B Sharp was rec'd by Confession of faith & Baptized
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Apl 23 1890
Mrs E R Osgood & W S Roberts were appointed Delegates to the Grinnell association to be held at Grinnell on Tuesday April 29/90

Wed Eve Apl 30/90
Letter was granted to Mrs Harriet E Coughlan to Pilgrim Church East Des Moines
A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 4 1896

Communion after Morning Service

the following persons brought Letters

✓ Mrs Virginia Uhl from 1st Presbyterian Ch Dixon Ill

✓ Mrs S Frances Hazard 1st Cong Ch Cedar Rapids Ia

✓ Ezra S. Smith Congl Church St Cloud Minn

✓ Mrs Ada W Smith Congl Ch St Cloud Minn

✓ Mrs Isabella A Webb Central Pres Ch Des Moines Ia

✓ Miss Emily Kardy Ward Circuit M E Ch So Dakota Co

✓ Mrs Martha J Matthews Congl Ch Jefferson Ohio

✓ Miss Edna Morton North Park Congl Ch Des Moines Ia

✓ A B Chadwick Grant St Congl Ch Chicago Ill

✓ Mrs A B Chadwick " " " " "

on Confession of faith

✓ Clarence A Webb

✓ Truman Shaver

✓ Chas. E. Lynde

✓ Seymour Frank Brundage

✓ Erford Lee Burdick

✓ Martha D Stone

✓ Nina H Lyons

✓ Addie K Durley

✓ Edna E Rounds

✓ Mary M Rounds

✓ Edna M Webb

✓ Elizabeth A Robinson

✓ Bessie Bibbins

Wedy June 4 1890
At Prayer Meeting Letters were
granted as follows C S Young & Wife
to Presbyterian Ch Blue Island Ill
Hannah Mackintosh 1st Cong'l Church
Topeka Kansas & Eva Riddle to
North Park Cong'l Ch Des Moines Ia
A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday June 8 1890
Children's day. The following
Children were baptized
Jno Edward Clow
Josephine Van Tyne Smith
Ralph Aubrey Olmsted
Harriet Esther Jaquith
Mary Groff Jaquith
Benj Franklin Jaquith
A Y Rawson
Clerk

Sunday June 15, 1890
as Mr Fiske is going to Europe tomorrow
We had Communion after morning
service. Mr A L Smith & Cynthia Smith
his wife brought Letters from 1st Cong'l Church
of Greenfield Ohio
and on Confession of faith
Mrs Eva Brown
Clifford C Hartley
John Eugene Folsom
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve Aug 6 1890
Letters were granted to Saml Merrill
& Mrs Hattie J. Craig to the Cong'l
Church of Rialto Cal
A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Sept 7 1890
Rev — Bray preached
A Y R Clerk

Sunday Sept 14/90
Rev'd — Bray preached
A Y Rawson
Clerk

Sunday Sept 21
Rev St Gates preached
a Letter was granted to Mr & Mrs R D Jones
to 2d Pres Church of Bloomington Ill
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Sept 24 1890
a Letter was granted to Dr & Cl Haught to
the Presbyterian Church of Delisca La
A Y R Clerk

Sunday Sept 28 Preaching by Rev Gates

Sunday Oct 5 " "
Application for Letter for Mr & Mrs C S Baldwin
having been made on Motion of Mr Otis
rule requiring 2 Reading was suspended &
Letter Voted Unan. to Pilgrim Cong'l Church
of Pomona Cal
A Y Rawson Clerk

Annual Meeting

Monday Oct 27 1890

Present Rev A L Frisbie in Chair
J M Otis, F M Smith, W A Holcomb
H M McFarland, A C Harris, S A Merrill
W H Langan, J M Graham, E H Huntington
H S Jaqueth & A Y Rawson

Minutes of last annual Meeting were read & approved (except Bro Otis denies moving that Certain persons be dropped & says Bro L J Kasson made the Motion)
Report of Clerk read & approved,
Report of Treasurer, read, accepted and Ordered Spread on the records
Ballots were had for two Deacons for two years and H M McFarland & H.S. Jaqueth were Elected,
On motion of J M Otis the Rule requiring Vote by Ballot was suspended and A Y Rawson was reelected Clerk for one year & Saml A Merrill Treas for one year

Deacons' — Mrs E S Miller, Mrs W H Langan, Mrs J F Rollins, Mrs H M McFarland and Mrs J H McCord were Elected & the offices of Deacons for one year

Assistants — H C Harris & J M Graham were Elected assistant Deacons for one year.

J M Otis introduced the following, Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay the traveling Expenses of delegates to & from the meeting of the Woman's Board Missions Interior, and also to the Woman's meeting held annually in Connection with State association, Motion seconded & Carried,
On Motion of H M McFarland a Committee to see the Delinquent Members of the Church

Annual Meeting Continued

was appointed Consisting of the Deacons with the Pastor

On Motion adjourned.

A. Y. Rawson Clerk

E H Huntington presented the Case of Mrs Thorsen & a Collection amounting to $9.35 was taken.

Report of Clerk

Number of Members			496
Females		334	
Males		162	
Absent Females		20	
" Males		10	30
Rec'd by Letter		30	
" " Confession		19	49
Dis'd by Letter		13	
dropped		5	
Died		6	24
not join			25

Treasurers Report

Receipts			
Oct 2 1889	Amount on hand	a/c Miss'y Cal 1492	
		" Gen " 472	29.64
	Miss'y Concert Col'n for year		7979
	Communion " " "		11497
Dec 22 "	Col'n for Plymouth Sunday School		2374
Jany 14/91	" " Ladies Miss'y Society		37720
May 9 "	" Nrw West Education Commission		14865
May 28	" at Ass'n Meeting for Ministerial Relief fund		3074
June 23	Amt rec'd for Gen'l Ass'n Expense		1928
" 24	Col'n for Amer'n College & Ed Society		2892
			$55243

Disbursements

Dec 23	pd Treas Plymouth S School Ant Special Ct Dec 22	23 24	
	" J H Merrill Tr A B C F M Ct	377 22	
Mar 24	" W H Hubbard Am Miss Ed Com	148 65	
May 26	" J H Merrill Tr Ministerial Relief fund	30 74	
June 28	" Rev J B Chase Gen Agn Expense	19 28	
	30 " T Y. Gardner Am College & Ed Soc'y	28 92	
	from Miss Conant Collection		
Apl 12	pd F. H. Herrick DD for Anatolia College	40 00	
Sept 11	Langdon S Ward Tr A B C F M	61 29	
	from Communion Collection		
	pd Mrs McClenathan Srly 30 Hawaii 5	35 00	
	" J H Merrill Tr Ministerial Relief fund	20 00	
	" Dr Duncan for Byerly Bill	30 00	
	" Miss Breckenridge Ore Silver &c	1 50	
	" Miss Otis Exp & District Con's	2 75	
	Chicago Advance for Y M C A	1 50	
	" " " Miss Burdick	1 50	10 57
	Bal in Treasury		
	a/c Miss'y Concert Collections 342		
	" Communion " 1394	1736	
		852.43	

Wed Nov 5 1890
At Prayer Meeting J M Graham was appointed a Delegate to the Cong'l Church of Stuart in response to Letter Missive to instal Rev Glen N. Taylor.

A G Rawson

Sunday Nov 9 1890
Communion after Morning Service the following Persons bring Letters to this Church
✓ Mrs Mary L Bacon and Mrs Isabel Ward from Pilgrim Cong'l Ch of East Des Moines
✓ Mrs Alice Graves from 1st Cong'l Ch Chicago Ill
✓ Mrs Melissa E Baxter from Orthodox Cong'l Church of Keokuk Ia
✓ Mrs Carrie Taylor Mather from 1st M E Church of Indianola Ia
✓ J Bruce Mather from Methodist Episcopal Ch Conference.

A G. Rawson Sec

Wed Nov 26 1890
At Prayer Meeting the following Letters were granted.
Rev & Rebecca G Anderson to Pilgrim Ch East Des Moines
Mrs Nila B Sharp to M E Church of Luana Clayton Co Ia

Wed Dec 17 1890
At Prayer Meeting Letters were granted to Mrs W M Clark to Cong'l Ch of Brunsport & Jacob T. Long to M E Church Marshfield Mo
It was Voted that the Collections for Missionary purposes should be held as follows
Jan 1 A C H M S
March American Board

Continued

April New West Education Commission
June S S & Publishing Society
Sept College of Education Society
Nov American Missionary Association
Dec American Cong. Union

A T Rawson Clerk

Wed Dec 24 1890
At Prayer the following Letters were granted.
Mrs Maggie Caldwell to the Covenant Cong. Church of Chicago Ill
Mrs Anna Hill & Edwood Hill to 1st Cong. Church of Englewood Ill.
Geo R Carnie & Geo Osgood to 1st Cong. Church of Tacoma Wash.

A T Rawson Clerk

Sunday Dec 28 1890
At Morning Service the following Letters were granted. Mrs Caroline Hubbard Mass. to Plymouth Cong Church St Paul Minn
Mrs Lottie H Hogan to M E Ch of Winterset

Sund Jan 4/91 Mr Ryan was rec'd by Letter fr M E Ch Des Moines A T R Clerk

Wed Jany 14 1891
Letters were granted to Mr & Mrs C K Bennett to the Cong'l Church of Newton Ia
and Mrs Linda Drury Bowen to South M E Church San Diego Cal

A T Rawson Clerk

Wed Jany 21 1891
Letters were granted to Edith B Mallbie to University Place Christian Church. Chas Byerly to Cong'l Ch Anamosa Ia
Alice B Raymond to New England Church Chicago Ill

A T Rawson Clerk

Wed, Jany 29 1891
At Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted
Mrs C H Sibley to the Beneficent Church
of Providence R I
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Feby 18 1891
At Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted to
Mabel Lansphere Conklin to the Church
of the Pilgrims Brooklyn N Y
A. Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 1 1891
Communion after Morning Service
The following persons united by Letter
✓ Mr & Mrs A W Cowles, Robert B Drysdale
✓ Miss Lucy Miller, Mrs A C Burton
✓ Julius Malcom, Galusha J A Hosmer
✓ Mrs J A Hosmer, Mrs Robert B Drysdale
united on Confession of faith
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve Apl 1 1891 Letters were granted
to Mr & Mrs C E Robinson & Daughter
to Mayflower Cong'l Church of Sioux City Ia
A. Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve Apl 8/91
Letter was granted to Mrs Alice
Groves to Central Christian Ch in Des Moines Ia
A Y Rawson Ch Clerk

Wedy Eve Apl 22/91 Letter was granted to Maude Shaver Woodworth
to the Ch of Bryans Cross Co Texas.
Hon McFarland & Jennie Otis were appointed
Delegates to the Grinnell Assn to meet at Perry on
Tuesday & Wedy Apl 28 & 29
A Y R Ch Clerk

Sunday May 3 1891
Communion after Morning Service
The following persons were received upon
Letter: Charlotte Hancher from M E Church
of Charlton Ia.
Miss Mary Dewey from Cong'l Church
of Delavan Wis.
James Parker from 1st Cong'l Ch Grinnell Ia.
Mrs E C Merritt from Cong'l Ch Council Bluffs
J. T. & Mrs Ollie Long from M E Ch Marshfield Mo.
Louisa Kundch. Jas A & Ida L Merritt,
were received on Confession of faith.
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve May 6 1891
Letter was granted to Mary R Ruckman to
Mrs the Church of the Covenant Washington DC
Missy Cal
A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed May 13/91
Mrs Ella B Ruble was received by
Vote of Church. She made her Confession
+ was baptized May 28 at her residence
she being sick.
26 Miss Frankland was appointed Delegate
(with Miss Nellie McKenny alternate)
to the State Association that meets at
Sioux City on Wedy Eve 21st
A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy June 3 1891
At Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted
to Bessie Hitchcock Miller to Congl Ch
Red Oak Ia.
Letter to O.C. & Mary Riddle & Daughter Helen to
North Park Congl Church
A.Y. Rawson Clerk

Thursday June 14 1891 Childrens day
~~Letters were granted~~
The following Children were baptized
Kenneth Stacy Brady
Russel Grant Smith
Dorothy Dorse Daughter of F.W. Dorse & Wife
A.Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy June 24 1891
Letters were granted to Chs N Atkins
Adaline May Atkins
Mrs J.P. Foster to Congl Church
New of Whatcom Washn
A.Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday July 12 1891
Communion after Morning Service
Carl T Prince brought a Letter from
the 1st Baptist Church of Osage Ia
A.Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy August 5 Letters were granted to Jessie Beckwith
to Simpson M.E. Church of Los Angeles Cal
Letter signed by Drs McFarland & Huntington A.Y. Rawson Clerk
in absence of Pastor & Clerk

Wednesday Eve Sept 9/91
Letter was granted to Geo N & Sadie J Jewett
to the Cong'l Church Lockport Ills
A V. Rawson Sec

Sunday Sept 13 1891
Communion after Morning Service
the following persons presented Letters
✓ Mr & Mrs Lee B Dyrkshire from 1st
Presbyterian Ch of Jamestown N Dakota
✓ Mrs A A Phinney from Presbyterian Church
of Van Wert Ohio
✓ Mr & Mrs Frank B Cooper from M E
Church of Denver Col.
✓ Orr E Graham & Ethel M Graham were
received by Confession

A V Rawson Clerk

Wed Sept 23/91
E S Miller & wife were Elected Delegates
(with E H Huntington & Mrs J M Otis alternates) to
the Ensuing Assn to held at Chester Conn.
on the 1st day of Sept

A V Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve Sept 30/91
Letters were granted to H B & Caroline Mather
to Bear Grove Cong'l Church Carr Co Ills
and Lilian M Werks Porter to Cong'l Ch
Fort Pierre South Dak

A V Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve Oct 21/91 a Letter was granted to
Robert S Osgood to the Cong'l Church
of Ensworth Ia

A V R Clerk

1891 Annual Meeting Oct 26 1891

Present A L Frisbie in the Chair
J M Otis. C B Atkins. H M McFarland.
E S Miller. E H Huntington,
M H Smith. F S Jaquith.
Clifford Hartley & A Y Rawson.

Meeting Opened with Prayer by the Pastor.

minutes of last annual meeting read and approved

Report of Clerk read & approved.

S A Merrill Treas had no written report. presented his account from his Book. He was instructed to make out a detailed report which was to be spread on the Records.

On Motion of J M Otis the rule requiring Vote by Ballot. was suspended. Our

Deacons Motion M H Smith & E H Huntington were selected Deacons for Two Years

Clerk On Motion of J M. Otis. A Y. Rawson was Elected Clerk for one Year.

Treas On Motion of M H Smith S. A. Merrill was Elected Treas for one Year.

Asst Deacons H C Harris & J Milnaham were Elected Assistant Deacons for one Year.

Deaconesses Mrs E. S. Miller W H Lamson J H Collins H M McFarland & H M Ord were Elected Deaconesses for one Year.

E S. Miller moved that a quarterly Collection be taken for the benefit of the Sabbath School carried

Deacon Otis moved. Seconded by M H Smith that the names of Hol & Ed Chase. Mrs Anna R Aldrich & Geo Cooper be dropped from the records. Motion not Carried. On Motion of E S. Miller adjourned

A Y Rawson Clerk

Report of Clerk Oct 26 1891

Female Members	330	
Male "	158	488

of these 8 Males & 20 Females are absent.

Rec'd by Letter this yr	28	
" Confession	7	35

Dismissed 26 Females & 11 Males & 5 have died 42

Treasurers Report Oct 26/91

Rec'd from former Treas	$17.36
" Communion Co's	103.40
" Missionary Concert Collections	52.10
" AMA	1643
" AE & E Society	7076
" NWS "	9411
" ABCFM	39013
" ICHMS	24884
" Cherokee Sufferers	78.93
" State of Washington Church	3421
" Churches in Madison & Warren Co	2496
" Dakota Sufferers	50
Total Collections for yr	118123

Disbursements

Sundry Vouchers	64.19	
Pd Syrians	11.89	
" Cong'l Union	2462	
" ABCFM	40914	
" AMA	1643	
" NWE Soc'y	9411	
" ICHMS	24884	
" Cherokee Sufferers	7893	
" Destitute Chs in Madison & Warren Co	2496	
" help Chs in State of Washington	3421	
balance hand in Treas " Col	5315	
" due AMA Col'd Soc	7076	
" Dakota Sufferers	5000	118123

Sunday Nov 1st 1891
Communion after Morning Service
The following persons united by Letter
✓ Miss Annie M Burbank from 2d Cong.l
Church Rockford Ill.
✓ J Edward M Erskine from Cong.l Ch Newton Ia
✓ Mrs Della Collins from M E Ch Webster City
✓ Miss Louisa & Miss Hannie Bailey from
Cong.l Church Postville Ia
✓ Mrs Rachel Russell from Cong.l Church
of Mason City

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jany 3 1892
Communion after morning Service.
Mrs Clara Mundy brings Letter from
Cong.l Church Oskaloosa Ia. and
Frederick H & Ora H. Faville from
Cong.l Church of Osage Ia

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jany 10 1892
A K Campbell was Elected Delegate
to the Cong'l Church at Grinnell.
our Church with others being granted
to send Pastor & delegate & half metal
Rev — Vetter was over that Church

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 6 1892
Communion after Morning Service.
The following persons were received
by Letter. Walter F Krables from Cong'l Ch La Cy
Mrs May Cray Ware from Cong'l Ch Independence
Geak Spencer Mrs G M Spencer Miss Juliette
Spencer from Pilgrim Church Des Moines
Mr & Mrs A Smart from first Cong'l
Church of Perry Ia Mrs Katherine Black
from 1st Cong'l Church Fairfield Ia
Henry Mennig from Ebenezer Congregation of
the Dutch Reformed Church Ebenezer N Y.
Walter H Barnard from Cong'l Ch Atlantic Ia
Mrs Mrs C Van Stigt from North Park Cong'l Ch Des Moines
Mrs D B Stevens from Plymouth Cong'l Ch Prairie Del
on Confession of faith Orande H Davidson
Mrs Katherine B Davidson
Frank L Cramer

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 20 1892
A Letter was granted to Margaret Watts
to the Presbyterian Church of Ida Grove Ia.
A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy March 30 1892
a Letter was granted to Mrs Carrie J Davis
to the Episcopal Church of Dexter Mo
A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy apl 6/92
a Letter was granted to Mrs Sarah A
Huntington to North Park Congl Church
A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy apl 20/92 Prayer Meeting
Mr & Mrs H M McFarland was appointed
Delegates to the Grinnell association to meet
at Mitchellville on Wedy 26 & Wedy 27 of
this Month
A Y Rawson Clerk

Thursday April 28 1892
Letters were granted to Mrs Henrietta Gray
& Mrs H E Cloyes to the Presbyterian Church
of Goshen Ind, and the name of
Mrs Joseph Sharman was dropped at
her own request on account of
holding Views not in accordance with the
Church
A Y. Rawson Clerk

April 16 1892
Mrs Hattie Abbott Simonse was baptized
and Voted a Member at her House
being sick at the same time
Her Husband, Albert L. Simonse, and
two Sons, Frank E & Willie O, and
Daughter Daisie Alberta Simonse were
baptized. They were all Voted in as Members
on the 20th apl Shedird on the 27th apl the
others entered into Covenant with the Church
on the first day of May

Sunday May 1st 1892
The following persons were received
on Confession of faith
Mabel Miller
Maude Butler
Sam'l B Elbert
Ella Laura New
Edith B Campbell
Audra D Hartley
Bessie M Harrah
Mrs Martha A Butts
" Lizzie A James
Rhoda M. James
Grace Williams
Clara Williams
Bella France
Albert L. Simons
Frank E. Simons
Willie O. Simons
Daisie Alberta Simons

by Letter
Miss Lucy Monroe from 1st Congl Ch Corning La
Mrs Ada B Patton " M E Church Elmira N Y
Mrs Cynthia E. Bliss 1st Presbyterian Ch Watkinsville N Y
D M. Evans from Congl Church Iowa City Ia

A G. Rawson Clerk

Wed May 11 1892 Prayer Meeting.
J H Merrill with Geo K Spencer as alternate
was appointed Delegate to the State Association
to be held at Webster City Ia on Tuesday
May 17 1892

A G. Rawson

Wedy Eve June 1 1892

Letters were granted to Mr & Mrs Fred F Favill to the Cong'l Church of Sioux Rapids Ia

a Letter was received from the Church Committee (viz: J M Crawford J W. Huffman & Robert Pritchard) of the Congregational Church of Linn Grove asking the presence of the Pastor & Delegate to meet with them on Tuesday June 7/92 at 10 oc Am, to assist in the Ordination of Rev Jos Steele Jr. J. Edward Meeshon was appointed said Delegate.

The Other Churches invited were Baxter, Mitchellville, North Park of De Moines, & Berwick.

A. T. Rawson Clerk

Sunday June 12 1892 Childrens Day

The following Children were Baptized

Edith Rachel Bishop.

Richard Edmund Bishop

Delia Kathrine Van Stigt

Hardy Crandell Harris

Willis Shepherd Brown

Jas Lewis Hawes

Homer Elbert Rawson

Ralph H McFarland

Frank Dahlberg

Sunday July 3 1892

The following persons were rec'd by Letter

Mrs Rebecca H Orwig from Buffalo Presbyterian Church

Mifflinburg Penn

" "

Mr & Mrs Jno T Moore 1st Cong'l Ch Cedar Rapids

Confession Hawes Lewis T

Hawes Martha C Mrs

Payne Mary E Mrs

Parsons Edith Payne Mrs

Baylor Wm W.

Sunday Sept 4 1892 Communion
The following persons were received by
Letter Miss Minnie Thompson from
M E Church Charles City Ia
Mr & Mrs S E Tucker from first
Cong'l Church of Council Bluffs
Miss Latter & Dalton from Westminster
Presb'n Church of Des Moines Ia
Mrs Belle Hastings from the Trinity
Episcopal Church Davenport Ia
by Confession
Edward E. Adams
Mrs Jennie Adams

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Sept 21/92
John F Rollins & Wife were appointed
Delegates to the Semi Annual meeting of
the Grinnell association to be held at
Polk City on Thursday Sept 7/92

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Sept 28/92
A Letter was granted to Mrs B. Foaty to Cong'l
Church at Hampton Ia

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed Oct 12/92 Meeting led by Mr McFarland.
Reports were made by Mr & Mrs Rollins of
Meeting of Grinnell Ass'n Letter was granted
to Florence Hubbard Daniels to the Pres'n Church
of California. A Committee was appointed
to take Choir at the Annual Ch Meeting on 31 Oct
Mrs Hamer Broome. Mrs Dr Turner. Mrs Gilchrist &
Mrs Jones. E H Huntington Geo K Lewis & M. Balusha

A Y R Clerk

Sunday Oct 23 1892

Letters were granted to Anna R Woodbury
& Presbyterian Church of Hallsburg N Y
and to W L Guernsey & Mrs Anna C Guernsey
& the Cong'l Church of Independence Kansas

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed Oct 26/93

At Prayer Meeting by Vote of the Church
the following names were ordered
dropped from the Records Viz
Mabel Goodman
Sarah A Kidwell
Catherine N "
Mrs Joseph Cannon
Cora E Smith
Ulysses M. Scott
Herbert Gibson

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Oct 31 1892

The Annual Church meeting was held at the Church this Evening. In place of the Usual tea on a dozn. there were nearly 300. the Ladies had Provided a bountiful Supper, after that was disposed of Dr Fiske opened the business Meeting with Prayer & Song. The Minutes of last annual Meeting were read & approved.
Mrs Fiske read Letters from Mrs Orris A B Hedges Wife Geo Baker Wife and Several Others expressing regret at being unable to be present;
the Report of the Clerk was read & approved,
The Report of the Treasurer was read & ordered put on Record.
Chs Lynde Spoke for the Y P S C E.
J G. Olmsted Spoke for the Sunday School,
Miss Allie Lynde Spoke for the Sevastopal School,
Mrs A Y Rawson Spoke for the Womens Missionary Soc'y
Miss Nellie Bentley Spoke for Plymouth Rock Society,
Mrs Dr Rawson Spoke for the Church Sociables,
Dr Fiske Spoke for the Church.

G H Lewis moved the the Rule requiring Vote by ballot be Suspended & the officers be Elected by Viva Voce Vote. On his Motion A D Rawson was Elected Clerk for one year.

Clerk

Treas on motion of Frank W Vose was Elected Treasurer for one year.

Deacons Hardy C Harris & G H Spencer were Elected Deacons for two years. Mr E H Huntington having sent in his resignation as Deacon the Church unanimously requested him to withdraw the same & he Consented to do So

Assist Dea J G Olmsted & S A Merrill were Elected Assistant Deacons for one year.

Annual Meeting Continued

Mrs E S Nicholls Mrs W H Simpson Mrs J F Rollins
Mrs Helen McFarland & Mrs J H McCord were
Elected to the office of Deaconess for one
year. On Motion of Mrs McCord a
Vote of thanks were given to E H Huntington
for the use of Dishes & other favors
Bro Fisher moved that a Vote of
thanks be sent Mrs Fanny Bowers;
On Motion Adjourned.

A J. Rawson Clerk

Clerks Report

Last report shows	488 Members		
added by Letter	35		
" . Confession	28	551	
dismissed by Letter	17		
Dropped	8		Females 338
died	12	37	males 176
present Number of Members		514	absent 26

Treasurers Report Receipts

ABCFM Collection	293.91
AHMS or ACBS "	153.71
Am Missionary Assn "	168.08
" . on hand & Pledges beginning of yr	73.76
Am CWHMS Col	208.06
AWE Commission "	59.43
Congl SS & Pub Soc'y "	35.62
Plymouth SS "	66.00
Church Jamboul Turkey "	15
Missionary Concert "	50.76
Russian Relief "	76.08
Flood " "	80.16
Communion Col on hand to begin year	53.15
Collections	132.59
Am College & Ed S Col	76.53
	$1542.84

Treasurers Report Continued

Disbursements

ABC Fm Collection	29391
ACM or ACBS	15371
Am Missionary Ass'n	16808
Am College Ed'n Soc last yr Col	7376
" " " this " "	7653
JCHMS	20806
MW & Commission	5943
CS & Pub Soc'y	3562
Plymouth SS	3402
" " Cash on hand	32.
Church Yarmouth Turkey	15.
Nat'l Ministerial Relief Soc'y for this Conf Coll	1280
State " " " " "	6.40
ABCFm " " "	3156
Russian Relief Fund J H Merrill Treas	7608
Flood " " Mrs G H Haney Treas	8016
Pd Ex Pastor & Delegate to Ass'n & Meetings	2571
2 Copies Advance	3.00
" Printing Topic Cards &c	2.25
" Asst Sec'y Publication association Minutes	1972
" Orders of Deacons Aid of Members	11500
" State Ministerial Relief Fund	2000
	154284

Wedy Eve Preparatory Lecture Nov 2 1892
by Vote of the Members present the following
Resolution was adopted. Whereas
Dr A.G. Field & Hattie G. Field his Wife in
1883 took their Letters & Cong'l Church of
Washington D.C. & whereas they never
presented said Letters have returned to
Des Moines to live. It is hereby Ordered
that the Clerk be instructed to re-enter their
names on the Church roll, as though
they had never taken their Letters.
A.V. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Nov 6/92
Communion Service. The following persons
were received by Letter.
Mrs Allie R. Cimm on Statement of Rev C.H. Small
Pastor Cong'l Ch of Newton formerly of the Cong'l Ch of Colby dismissed
Mr & Mrs John Lord from Cong'l Ch of Ogden Ia
Mr & Mrs A.E. Clark from 1st Cong'l Ch Malone N.Y.
Fred Emery from 1st Presbyterian Ch St Joseph Mo
Mrs Robert Hutchins from Cong'l Church Iowa City Ia
Frank W Voss from 1st M.E. Church Des Moines Ia
and on Confession of faith
Mrs Dora E. Kegebles
Miss Annette R. Merrill
Miss Clara Miller
A.V. Rawson
Clerk

Wedy November 9 1892
Prayer Meeting led by Dea G M. Spencer.
Letters were granted to Mr & Mrs
J P Kingsland to North Park Cong'l Church
A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Eve Dec 7 1892
A Letter was granted to Mrs Charlotte
Burdick to the Pilgrim Church of
Chicago Ill
A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wedy Dec 21 1892
At Prayer Meeting

Sunday Jany 1 1893
Communion after Morning Service
The following persons were received
by Letter Alex D Fleming this Wife Ida
J Fleming from 1st Cong'l Ch Webster City Ia
L. Ross from Bethel Presby Church of Reno Nev
Mrs Nellie B Day from 1st Cong'l Church
of Champaign Ills.
Dale & Mrs Harland Confession of faith
A Y. Rawson
Clerk

Sunday Jany 15 1893
At Morning Service a Letter was granted
to Mrs Lou Louise (Mott) Richardson to the
Plymouth Cong'l Church of San Francisco Cal
A Y. Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jany 29 1893
a Letter was granted to L. J. Kasson
this Wife May Kasson to the first
Cong'l Church of Kansas City Mo
A. V. Rawson Clerk

Feby 15 1893
at Prayer Meeting Letters were
granted to Timothy & Esther Hurst to Cong'l
Ch of Grinnell
A. V. Rawson Clerk

March 1 93 Letter was granted to Miss
Lucy Mawson to the Cong'l Church
of Creston Ia also Letter to Clora Belle Witherell
to the Central Park Ch of
Des Moines
A. V. Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 5 1893
The following persons were received by Letter
Mrs Ellen J wife of A. M. Rollins from First Baptist
Ch of Springvale Me
Mrs Adelaide L. Grimly fr Cong'l Church of
Shenandoah Ia
Herbert D Russell fr 1st Cong'l Ch Oberlin Ohio
Mrs Julia McDonald fr Cong'l Ch Carroll City Ia
Mrs R A. Green fr Cong'l Ch of Douglas Wyo
[illegible] fr 1st Cong'l Ch Manhattan Kas
Curtis Eland fr 1st Cong'l Ch Newton Ia
Mrs Jennie J McCord fr E Des Moines Pres Church
Confession Richard Rollins
Mrs Sarah E Rollins (Jno R) Alonzo W Rollins
Harry T Rollins Arthur R Corning
Mrs Allie A. Pease Mrs Carrie A Pease
Miss Grace G Pease
Mrs Clora Wehrman
Mahlon D Turner

Confession Mrs Curtis Bates
Mrs Francis Lynde
Mrs S M Bibbins
Mrs Francesca R Dennis
Mrs Jessie B H. Lovelace
Hart Loveless
Bagg Chas S
Bagg Hallie
Bagg Sarah M
Hampton John C
Elbert Louise
Smith Hattie
Marsh Carl E
Ward C Raleigh
Hannah Edgar
Wilson Grant
Emery Wm E
Emery Annie T
Harrison Emma
Kingman Grace H
Woodward Guy K
Campbell Grace
Goodhart Alice
McCord Fred S
Lowe Edward S
Brown Ella
Butler Bruce
Langley Alice Miss
Gibson Geo J Agnes A Carpenter
Mrs Lucile B. Clark Florence E Clark
Holland Minnie Miller Clara
Hazard Will A Hazard S. Robert
Towne Jay E. Margaret Christy Harry T Hyland
Minnie E Hyland Strauss Dewitt A
Vorse Ruth. Vorse Myrtle
McFarland Elbert Phinney Arthur S
Phinney Sohlquist H

A Meeting of the Grinnell Association was held at the Church on the 25 & 26th day of May. The Church was represented by the Pastor, & H. N. McFarland as delegates.

Sunday May 7 1893

Communion after Morning Service,

The following persons were received by Letter.

Harry R Houghton from 1st Cong'l Ch of Peoria Ill.

Mrs Aurelia Clark Sowers from Asylum Hill Cong'l Ch of Hartford Conn

R W & Mary Chapin from the Cong'l Ch Monroe La.

Mr & Mrs Wm Chambers from Cong'l Ch Anita Ia.

The following were rec'd on Confession of faith.

Miss Alice M Stone.

Ethel Shaver

Florence Dustin.

Harry T. Barton

A. V. Rawson

Ch Clerk

Sunday May 14 1893

At Morning Service CB Atkins with Deb Linsted as alternate were appointed delegates to the State Association of Cong'l Churches to be held at

On Tuesday May 16/93

A. V. Rawson

Ch Clerk

Mud Cove May 31/93 Letter was granted to Helen Tilly Russell to Cong'l Church of Hamford

A V R Clerk

Wed Eve June 7 1893
at Prayr Meeting Bro M McFarland
was appointed Delegate from this Church
to the Cong'l Church of Polk Co. to
take part in the Ordination of Rev B Ellsworth

A G. Rawson
Clerk

Sunday July 2 1893
Communion after Morning Service.
The following persons were rec'd by Letter
Mrs Mary M Hauck & Mrs Lyntha H
Stillwell from the 1st Cong'l Ch of Sparta Wis
& Grace A Cooper on Confession of faith

Wedy Aug 30 1893
Letters were granted from Kate Shaw Burnam
to the Presbyterian Ch of Litchfield Ill.
and to H Dow Russell to the Cong'l Ch
of Fremont Neb

A G. Rawson
Clerk

Sunday Sept 3 1893
Communion after Morning Service
the following persons were received by Letter
W H Harrah fr 1st Cong'l Ch Newton Ia
Jno Mrs C E Hutchens from Cong'l Ch Atlantic Ia
Paul Harlan Metcalf fr 1st Cong'l Ch Elyria Ohio
Albert B Dickman fr 1st Cong'l Ch Fort Scott Kansas
Mrs Mary E Dickman " " " " "
Lucy M Bussenbark fr Cong'l Ch of Marion Ia

A G Rawson Clerk

Wed Sept 13 1893
Prayer Meeting Letters were granted
to Mr & Mrs R L Chaffee to the Park
Avenue Cong'l Church of Minneapolis Minn
The Semi Annual Meeting of the Grinnell
Association meets with the Wittenberg
Cong'l Church on Tuesday & Wed Sept 19 & 20
G W Spencer & Mrs Frisbie were appointed
Delegates with Mr Metcalf & Mrs J M Otis
as alternates A T Rawson Clerk

Wed Sept 27 1893
at Prayer Meeting Letters were granted
to Mrs Fanny Shaver Miss Ethel Shaver and
Truman Shaver to the Presbyterian Church
of Litchfield Ill

A T Rawson
Clerk

Wed Oct 11 1893 At Prayer Meeting the following
Letter & Resolution was presented and on Motion
of J M Otis was ordered to be placed on the
Church Records
Rev Dr A L Frisbie & Members of the
Plymouth Cong'l Church - Greeting -
Immediately following the dedication of our Church
the following resolution was passed,
Resolved by the Members of the German Cong'l Church
that we hereby express our lasting gratitude and
thanks to Dr A L Frisbie and Members of the Plymouth
Cong'l Church for their generous donations
aggregating nearly $1,000. and the deep interest
manifested in the cause, and that the Secretary
of the Building Committee be instructed to mail
a Copy of this resolution to Dr A L Frisbie

Cordially Yours
Geo L Koch
Sec B Com

Sunday Oct 29 1893

Letter was granted to Eunice J Hubbell
to Plymouth Cong'l Church Minneapolis Minn

A V. Lawson Clerk

Oct 30 1893

The Annual Meeting of Plymouth Church was held in the Church Parlor near five hundred were present; Meeting opened with Prayer by the Pastor, the Male Quartette sang, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;" after which all sat down to a bountiful Supper, prepared by the Ladies, after Supper, the business Meeting was held, Minutes of last Annual Meeting read & approved The Treasurer Frank W Dorr then made his report which was accepted & ordered put on Record The Clerk made his report which was accepted Mr S A. Merrill made a report for the Sunday School. Dr Frisbie Spoke words of approval for Bro Merrill as Sunday School Superintendent. Then followed a Solo by Miss Hills. Mr Ryan Spoke for the Senior YPSCE. Miss Daisy Huntington " " Junior " " " " Mrs Frisbie Spoke for Womans Missionary Society. Miss Anna Merrill "Young" " " " Mrs W H McHenry for Ladies Social Society, Miss Grace Cooper for Spoke for the Kings Daughters, G H Lewis read Letters from Mr & Mrs W A Frisbie, Mrs R G. Orwig & Miss Sadie Skinner, Mrs Frisbie Spoke of Letters received from Will Hazard Kate Cummins. Mabel Frisbie & Nellie Rawson, Mr Barnard Spoke for the Servastopal Sunday School, Mr Wood (" " " Bloomfield " Mr Mershon Spoke for Mrs Plymouth Sunday Eve League Mr Metcalf made a short talk. Dr Frisbie Spoke for the Church. J M Otis Chairman of nominating Committee make his report. W G. Wood & J M Graham were nominated for Deacons for Three Years. On Motion of Mr Dunlap the Rule requiring Vote by Ballot was Suspended, & the Deacons & all other officers were Elected by

Viva Voce Vote
Jr6 McCord & C E Rawson were Elected
assistant Deacons for one year.
J M Galusha was Elected Treas for one Year
Augustus Young Rawson " Clerk for one year
Mrs Mary Turner Mrs E A Huntington
Mrs H C Windsor Mrs J W Lyon and
Mrs Henry Rollins were Elected to the offices
of Deaconess for one Year.
Meeting Closed by Song by the Negro Quartett
"Rock of Ages" & Benediction by the Paston
A Y Rawson Clerk

Report of Clerk

Report made Oct 30 92		574	Members
Rec'd by Letter		38	
" " Confession		60	
		612	
dis by Letter	20		
Died	8	28	584

No of Baptisms Adults 33
" Children 7 40

Report of F W Vose Ch Treasurer

Communion Collection		13314
To Expense & Relief		9935
Balance on hand		3379
Nov 20/92. Coll'n for American Missionary Association		13476
27 Coll'n for Sunday School Purposes		3495
Dec 19 Coll'n Gen'l Ch Building Association		9700
25 " Mrs B H Mills Meeting		10500
Feb 4 " " Calvary Mission		9544
26 " " Ia Gen'l Home Miss'y Society		19099
March " " New West Educational Com		6188
April " " Colfax Sunday School		3109
		75411

Annual Meeting Continued Oct 30 93

	Treasurrs Report brot forward		754.11
Apl 31/93	Col for Rev Muria Japan		2000
May "	" Polk Co Bible Society		484
14	" " Chattanooga Benefit		2500
21	" " Miscellaneous Leaflets		45.61
July	" " Pomeroy Sufferers		7732
Sept	" " Church at Keokuk		2125
Oct	" " American Missionary Assn		9213
	" " Miss Quart Co I A B C F M		3771
			1077.97

Sunday Nov 5 1893

Communion after Morning Service
Alexander Forbes was rec'd on Confession,
the following persons presented Letters
D H Harris this Nite Cecilia H. Harris from
1st Presbyterian Ch of Ft Dodge Ia,
Mrs Frances Hall Beattie from 1st Cong'l
Church of Grinnell Ia,
Seth H Matthis from Highland Park Pres Ch,
Mrs Anna Closson from 1st Cong'l Ch Harlan Ia
Rev O Rice, Mrs Ema L Rice, Miss Nina E.
& Belva L. Rice from 1st Cong'l Ch Storm Lake Ia

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Weekly Nov 15 1893

A Letter was granted Curtis & Laird
to the 1st Presbyterian Church of Jefferson Ia

A Y Rawson Clerk

Study Nov 28/93

Harry S Nollen having got Married & united
with the Episcopal Church without Letter
the Clerk was instructed to make the record
like a Letter had been granted

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wed, Dec 13 / 1893
At Prayer Meeting a Letter was granted
to J. D. Moore / Mrs J. A. Moore to the
Presbyterian Church of Colfax Ia
A. D. Rawson
Clerk

Sunday Jany 7 1894
Communion after Morning Service
The following persons were received by Letter
Wm G Bartholomew from Central Cong Ch Philadelphia
Mrs Mamie Bethel for Cong'l Ch of Monroe Date Sept 7/ 93
Chas T Cole Jr from 1st Cumberland Pres Ch of Chattanooga Tenn
Geo Lynch for 1st Cong'l Ch of Kidder Mo
Mrs Mary Swan Bartholomew for the Ch of Christ Des Moines Ia
S N Talcott for Cong'l Ch Moorland Ia
Mrs M B Talcott " " "
Mary Belle Talcott " " "
Doris Talcott " " "
Arthur N Talcott " " "
Mac B Talcott " Baptist Ch.
Augie A. W. Crystal Lake for A. D. Rawson Clerk

Wed Feb 7 1894 Missionary Prayer Meeting
a Letter was granted to Harry F Barton
to any Evangelical Church in Chicago Ill
A D Rawson Sec

Sunday March 4 1894

Communion after Morning Service

The following persons were received on Confession of faith.

Miss Harriet Bass

Lyford H Warfield

Bessie E. Warfield

De Witt C Sprague

Lena Jackson

Mabel Langan

by Letter

Earl Wisler from Cong'l Ch Bear Grove Ia

C W Reed " 1st Cong'l Ch of Sedalia Mo

H R Warfield " 1st M E Ch of Des Moines

Mrs E E Warfield " " " " "

Mrs Ora B. Marshon fr 1st Cong'l Ch of Newton Ia

Miss Margaret Bryce 1st " " of Emmetsburg Ia

Wedy March 28 1894

At Prayer Meeting Letters were granted to L B Durstine & Wife & Florence to the 2 Pres Church of Cedar Rapids Ia

A J Rawson Clerk

Wedy April 11/94

J M Graham & Wife were appointed delegates with Elliott Phillips & Mrs Maltby) as alternates to the Annual association to be held at Stuart on the 25 & 26 of April

A J Rawson Clerk

Wed Apl 18 1894

at Prayer Meeting, the resolution offered by Gr M. Spencer Endorsing the Resolutions offered by the Ministrial Association on the 9th of Apl Came up for discussion & was Carried.

Letters were granted Robert A Abell & his Wife Anna Abell to the 1st Congl Church of Janesville Wis

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Resolved that We heartily endorse and fully Concur with the action of the Ministrial Association in the Resolutions adopted by said body at its Meeting Monday April 2. 1894 and that we pledge ourselves as Christian Men & Women and Members of Plymouth Church to stand with & support it in Every lawful endeavor to suppress the Liquor traffic and to exterminate the Saloon

the above resolution was moved by Mr Spencer at the Prayer Meeting Apl 11 & adopted at the Meeting Apl 11/94

A Y. Rawson Clerk

Wed Eve May 2/94

Preparatory Lecture. Letter was granted to Mrs (J L) Bertha Crandell to Pilgrim Congl Church East Des Moines.

State association meets at Newton May 15. S A Trowbill was appointed Delegate with J Holmsted as alternate

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday May 5 1894

Communion after Morning Service

The following persons were admitted to the Church by Letter

Belle E Smith Tabor Cong'l Church

Belle Hunt So Park Cong'l Church

Sarah Mrs W H Edwards Cong Ch Davenport Ia

The following persons were rec'd on Confession

Margaret E Giles

Mary E Simpson

X Edith H Dickman was voted in but was sick & unable to be present & Enter into Covenant with the Church.

Lizbeth B Dickman

Minnie Crain

Jos H Hunt

Enos B Hunt Jr

W Ginn Gass

Ethel M Carpenter

Wedy Eve May 30 1894
At Prayer Meeting Elliott S Riddle with
D H. Merrill as alternate was appointed
Delegate to the National Home Missionary Soc'y
to meet at Omaha Wedy June 6/94.
The Pastor asked that the action of this Church
represented by G M Spencer, W B Bradley, A W Augur
& Dr Carothers in the federation of Churches
be Endorsed by this Church; it was so ordered.

A Y Rawson Sec.

Wedy Eve June 20 1894
Letters were granted to Mrs Anna
Rogers Fisher to first Cong'l Church
of Grinnell Ia and to Mrs W J Mathews
to 1st Cong'l Ch of Omaha Neb

Sent 6/21/94 A Y Rawson
Clerk

Sunday July 1 1894
Communion after Morning Service
the following persons were received on
Confession of Faith
Confession Mrs Augusta Plummer
Mary E Plummer
Alfred H Plummer
Miss Edith Dickerman
Letter Miss Priscilla Dewey from Cong'l Church
of Delavan Wis
Lilian V Goodwin from 1st Cong'l Ch of Clinton Ia

A Y Rawson Ch Clerk

Wedy July 25 1894
Letter was granted to Sarah A Ruddock
to Wilpriming Ch East Des Moines
A Y Rawson Sec

Wed Augs 29 1894
at Prayer Meeting Letter was granted to
Miss Belle E Smith, to 1st Congl Church
of Newton
A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday Sept 2 1894
The following Persons were received by Letter
Miss Charlotte McRae from first Congl
Church of Creston Ia
Mrs Abbie Woods from 1st Congl Church
of Calais Me
Walter Noble McKay
Mrs Louise Noble McKay were received
on Confession
Children Baptized

Erwin Henry son of Earnest A Robertine Sherman
Russell Hyde son of Saml A & Fannie M Merrill

A Y Rawson
Clerk

Sept 26 1894
Letter was granted to W Giran Gass to
1st Congl Ch Ottumwa Ia
A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wedy Sept 26/94 J G Olmsted & Mrs & Mr McFarland
were Elected Delegates to the Semi Annual
Meeting of the Grinnell Association held
at Berwick on the 2d & 3d days of October
A Y Rawson
Clerk

Wed Oct 3 1894
Letter was granted Miss Margaret E Giles
to Cong'l Church of Oakland Cal
Letter sent Oct 6/94 A Y. Rawson
Clerk

Wed Oct 10 1894
Letters were granted to Rev O Rice
Mrs Eva L Rice Miss Nina E Rice Belva L Rice
to 1st Cong'l Church of Los Angeles Cal
Oct 10 94

A Y. Rawson
Clerk

Oct 16th 1894
Letter granted to Carl Wissler to Cong Church of
Independence Ia.

A. Y. Rawson - Clerk.

Annual Meeting.

Monday Oct 29 1894

Prayer by Pastor Dr A S Frisbie.

In absence of A Y. Rawson Clerk, C S Dahlberg was, by motion, Selected to Act as Clerk Protem.

Minutes of last annual Meeting read by Doctor Frisbie & adopted,

Report of A Y. Rawson, Clerk, read & adopted.

Report of Treasurer read by F H Metcalf, adopted, & ordered spread on Records,

E H. Huntington Supt of the Sunday School was affsonred.

report of the C E Society was made by Miss Sarah P Brown,

report of the Jr C E " " " Daisy Huntington:

" " Wash Miss] " " " Mrs Frisbie,

" " Plymouth Rock Miss] Soc Julia Folsom,

" " Ladies Social Soc'y Mrs H H McHenry,

" " Kings Daughters by — — — —,

" " Park Av S.S. in Bloomfield Dept by Miss Carrie Hubbard,

" " Swastopal SS by Miss Annie Hamlet,

" " Sunbeam Mission by F H Metcalf —,

" " Deaconess Home Miss Cox,

by oversight no report was called for from the Sunday Eve League.

Report of Pastors Assistant, F H. Metcalf, of the Jews Work,

Mr Huntington stated that out of forty Eight annexations to the Church thirty seven were from the Sunday School,

Pastor made report from the Church.

Nominating Committee reported as follows, for ensuing Year

Clerk A Y. Rawson,

Treasurer Henry Francis,

Deacons { Hardy C. Harris,
E M Spencer for 2 years

asst Deacons { C E. Rawson
C S Dahlberg

Deaconesses

Annual Meeting Continued

Committee on Employments, L G. Kasson, J G Olmstead, A W M Farland.

Report of Sunbeam Mission

Converts 650
Lodged 1843
Fed 3484
Calls 2679
Calls on sick 461
Hours worked 1127 for lunch & lodging
Situations found 202
Expense $1000 over. Met by voluntary contributions

Treasurer's Report

Cash from Former Treasurer			33.79
Collections for Communion Fund		147.83	
Missionary Collection (Concert)		42.87	
Collection for Da. Congl Home Miss Society		169.77	
" " American Education	"	62.18	
" " Congl Church Bldg	"	92.45	
" " Sunday School Library		42.15	
" " American Board		176.53	
" " Congl S.S. & Publishing Society		2120	
" " Pilgrim Church		30310	
" " Talladega College		99.35	
" " Woman's Board		10.07	
" " American Miss Ass'n		117.22	
" " YMCA		35368	1638.40
			1672.19

Disbursements

Ministerial Relief Fund J H M.	20.00	Communion Fund	
Transfer to Da Congl Home Miss Society	41.74	Communion Fund	114.20
J B Chase Ptg Minutes	2660	Communion Fund	
Wire & Sundry Expenses	25.86	Communion Fund	
Freight. Exp. Delegates & ret Missionary C Fund			1822
Da Congl Home Miss Society			169.77
American Education "			61.18
Congl Church Bldg "			92.45
Carried forward		45582	1672.19

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		Amt forward	455 82	1672.19
Treasurer's	Disbursments			
Repoit Continued	Sunday School Library		42. 15	
	American Board		174.53	
	Congl S.S. & Publishing Society		21.20	
	Pilgrim Church		303.10	
	Talladega College		99.35	
	Woman's Board		10.07	
	YMCA		353 68	
	Cash on Land from			
	Different funds as follows			
	American Missionary Assn Collection		117.22	
	Communion Fund		6742	
	Missionary Concert Collection		2465	
	American Education Society		100	
	American Board		2	
			1672 19	1672.19
	Pastors Assistant			
	Recd from former Treasurer		133.50	
	Collected		514.53	
	Paid F H Metcalf			625
	Cash on Land			2303
			648.03	64803
Clerk's Report	My last report shows		584 Members	
	Received by Letter	28		
	" Confession	20	48	
			632	
	Dismissed by Letter	23		
	" Death	3	26	
	Present Membership		606	
	~~Females~~	388		
	Males	218	606.	
	Of the above 25 members are permantly absent			
	Number of Baptisms of Adults		13	
	" " " Children		6	19.

A J Rawson Clerk

November 4th 1894.

Communion after morning service. following persons received by letter.

Miss Mary E. Perkins from Congl Church of Farragut Ia.
L J Kasson " 1st Congl Church of Kansas City Ia
Mrs L J Kasson " " " " " "
E Plummer " Haven M.E. " " Detroit Mich.
Mrs Althea Nichols " DMoines Friends Church
Edith Nichols " " " "
S B Doty " Congl Church Grand Junction Ia
Mrs. S B Doty " " " " "

A G Rawson Clerk

Wednesday November 14th 1894.

At Prayermeeting the following letters were granted to
G A Langdon to M. E. Church of Norwalk Ia
Nellie P Langdon " " " " " "

A G Rawson Clk

Wednesday November 28 1894.

At Prayer-meeting letter was granted to May C Cope
to any Evagelical Church in New York City Mrs Homer.

A G Rawson Clk.

Wedy Dec 26/94

Letter was granted to Mrs Helen Johnson Hill to
1st Congl Ch Tabor Ia

A G Rawson Clerk

Sunday Jany 6 1895

Communion after Morning Service
The following persons were received by Letter
B C Ward & Ellen J Ward from Cong'l Church
Prairie City Iowa
Miss Jennie Averill from 1st Cong'l Ch Fairfield Ia
Miss Mary W. Fors fr 1st Cong'l Ch Grinnell Ia
Mrs Susie Walker fm 1st Cong'l Ch Ft Dodge Ia
Mrs Maria H Cochran fr Cong'l Ch Burlington Ia
Dorothy Divinnell fr Cong'l Ch Quasqueton Ia
J W Roorbaart from Central Presbyterian Ch Des Moines
The following on Confession of Faith

Geo A Pearse
Mrs Ella Wightman
Mrs Anna E Sands
Miss Clara E Sands

Total Benevolences for year 1894.
$ 5488.29 of this 796.08 for Sunbeam Mission.

A Y Rawson Clerk

Wedy Feby 15 1895
At Prayer Meeting the name of Mrs Fannie E Kingsbury was at her request dropped from our records

A Y Rawson Clerk

Sunday March 3 1895
The following persons were rec'd by Letter
- Mrs Ella M Comey from No Park Cong'l Ch
- Miss Maggie McComey fr 1st Cong'l Ch Sioux Falls So Dak
- Edward Howell fr No Park Cong'l Church,
- Miss Mabel A Warfield 1st Pres Ch Des Moines
- Mrs A Clarke fr Cong'l Ch Spencer Ia
- Richard H Lyman Emma A Lyman Alice S. Lyman
- Laura E. Lyman from Presbyterian Ch Wyoming Ohio

Confession - Agnes Lorimer, Mrs Ella Godfrey, Walter M Godfrey,
- Carrie E. Mason, Mrs Lydia L Robert Fred B Harrington,
- Lloyd Wirt Wells, Walter Scott Harris.

Wed March 13 1895
Letter was granted to Mrs C C Burton to Cong'l Ch
Colorado Springs Col

A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday, Apr 3d 1895
At Prayer Meeting Mrs A Y Rawson was elected Clerk of the church in place of her husband, A. Y. Rawson, who died March 21st 1895. A letter was also granted Miss Louise Elbert to Trinity Church (Episcopal) Boston. Mass.

(Mrs) A. Y. Rawson - Clerk

Wed Apr 17th Letter granted to Mrs Mary Dewey Reynolds to Cong Church Red Rock, Ia

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk

Apr 24th Mr and Mrs. B. C. Ward were elected delegates to the meeting of the Grinnell Association to be held at Grinnell, Apr 30th and May 1st - alternates to be selected by them if not able to attend. Letters were granted to Miss Margaret Bryce to Cong'l Church at Emmetsburg Iowa, and to G A Preston to First Cong'l Church at Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson - Clerk.

Wednesday May 1st 1895
At Prayer Meeting Letters were granted to Mr & Mrs C Van Sligt to 1st Cong Church Creston Iowa, also to Miss Annie M Burbank to 2d Cong Church Rockford Ills, and to Mr Harry R Houghton to 1st Cong Church Fenia Ills, also to William Folsom to Cong Church Eldora, Iowa -

Mrs A Y Rawson - Clerk.

Sunday, May 5th 1895
Communion after morning service. The following persons were rec'd on confession of faith, Mrs Nellie E Wheeler, Miss Jennie Wheeler, Robert S Dahlberg, Bessie L Dahlberg and Mary Childs. Miss Anna E Foster was received by letter from Cong Church of Riceville Ia - Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

In Memory of Mr. A. J. Rawson.

We, the members of Plymouth Congregational Church, at this, the first Sacramental service since his death, desire to place on the permanent records of the Church an expression of loving regard for our Brother, A. J. Rawson, and our common sorrow that the place which knew him so long must know him no more.

For thirty years he was in this fellowship and, at the time of his death, was our oldest male member, interested in and helpful to the varied work of the church which he loyally supported and whose services he dearly prized;

For the most of the above named time, the clerk of the church, careful, painstaking and efficient; (29 years, clerk)

For several years the Treasurer of the society, diligent and active in caring for its business interests and maintaining its honorable financial standing and good name;

Himself a business man honoring the name of Christian in his strenuous business life;

A generous and patient friend of young men, many of whom gratefully remember his wise counsel and ungrudging assistance;

A kindly, unostentatious and sympathetic helper of individuals and families under the stress of misfortune;

A cordial, prudent and cheerful counselor of his Pastor and

of any who looked to him for encouragement and advice;

For every reason a brother beloved.

We record our appreciation of his services, our affection for his memory, our pride in his example of promptness, industry, integrity and fidelity, our thankfulness for that considerate charity of his which "spoke as well of his neighbor" and our joy in the restful assurance of the faith in Christ in which he lived and by which he was supported in his decline.

To his family we testify our sympathy with them in their irreparable loss, which also is ours, and our gladness for them in the confident Christian hope with which they are comforted!

The above memorial was adopted by vote of the church at the communion service May 5th 1895.

A. L. Frisbie, Pastor.

Wednesday May 8th 1895 at prayer meeting
Mr E H Huntington was appointed Delegate to
State Association which meets May 21st at
Spencer, Anne D Merrill appointed Alternate.
Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday May 22d 1895, at Prayer Meeting.
Voted that W. B. Beatley represent this Church as delegate
in a Council called at Sevastopol May 28th at 2.30 PM
for the Installation of Rev Moulton as Pastor of the
Moriah Church at that place. B C Ward appointed
to act as Alternate.
The following persons were also elected Delegates to
Federation of Churches, Rev A L Frisbie, W B Beatley, G M Spencer
Dr Frances Carothers, Prof. A. W Angier, J M Graham,
J Edward Merchant, C L Dahlberg, C E Rawson,
Charles Pierce, F H Metcalf and Prof A W Angier
was recommended for office of Vice President.
Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.

June 5th 1895 Letter granted Mrs A E Hubbard to First Cong Ch Spencer. Ia
July 3d 1895. At Wednesday evening prayer meeting
it was voted to receive on their letters of recommendation,
Dr M. A. H. Jones - Mr & Mrs Walter L Church, Mrs & Mrs
P. G. C. Merrill, Mrs Lew C Smith, Mr & Mrs John M Zane
and Willie Zane, accordingly at Communion Service
July 7th 1895 the following persons were received by letter
as members of Plymouth Church.
Mr Walter & Mrs Lilla L Church from Cong Church. Tabor Ia
Mr & Mrs. P. G. C. Merrill from Grace Cong Church Stillwater Minn.
Dr M A H Jones from First M. E. Church Seymour. Iowa.
Mrs Lew C Smith from 1st M E Church, Des Moines. Iowa.
Mr John M Zane, Mrs Lizzie B Zane and Willie Zane from
First Presbyterian Church, Sac City, Iowa - also
Miss Florence A Zane by confession of faith -

Children baptized June 9th 1895 Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.
1 Harold Martin Finney — 4. Helen Elizabeth Campbell
2 Bevins Austin
3 Eastman Atkins Weaver. 5. John Merrill Hazen -
Mrs A J Rawson - Clerk

June 26th 1895. At Prayer Meeting - Letters were granted to Mrs Mary Chapin and Mrs Editth C Huntington to First Cong Church of Marshalltown Ia - also to Mrs Sherman Folsom (Miss Bolton) to any Cong Church of Chicago Ills.

Mrs. A. Y Rawson. Clerk.

July 3d 1895 - At Wednesday evening meeting a letter was granted to Mrs M. A. Rogers to the First Cong Church of Grinnell. Iowa.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Aug 18th 1895.

Baptised - Margaret, infant daughter of Wm A & Nellie M Fiske.

Sept 4th 1895. Received on confession of faith as a member of Plymouth Church Mr Henry M Porter and by letter from North Park Cong. Church Miss Zada Pugh.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Clerk.

Sept 18th Wednesday evening, Letters granted to Mr W H Ryan and Mrs Grace Fiske Ryan to First Cong Church Bloomington Ills. also to Mrs Clara Wehrman to any convenient Evangelical Church in Chicago. Ills.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

By a change of plans Mr & Mrs Ryan never presented their letters to church at Bloomington but in about one months from date of letters returned to Des Moines for permanent residence, consequently are not reported as having taken letters from Plymouth Church.

Mrs A Y Rawson, Clerk

The annual meeting of Plymouth Church was held in the parlor of the church Oct 28th 1895. After reading of the scripture and prayer, the hymn "Guide me Oh Thou Great Jehovah" was sung "and a few remarks made by Pastor.

Report of the church clerk was read by the Pastor as Mrs. A. Y. Rawson was not present. The treasurer's report given by Henry W Fleming was accepted.

The deacons report of work was given by Deacon Work.

Mr Metcalf, Pastor's Assistant gave a sketch of his work and at Dr Fiske's suggestion and by vote of the church was made Assistant Pastor.

Supt E. K. Huntington reported the condition of the Plymouth Sunday School. The Park Ave Sunday School was reported by Mr H. M. McFarland. The Grand Ave Sunday School was spoken for informally by Mr J. M. Graham. The Senior Y. P. S. C. E. was reported by its President, Mr Horace Campbell. The Junior Endeavor Society was represented by the leader, Miss Louise Daisy Huntington. Mrs W H McHenry gave a careful account of the work and condition of the Ladies Social Society. Mrs S. W. Hazard presented for the Woman's Missionary, an extended report. Miss Genevieve Otis reported much work done in many directions by the Plymouth Rock Missionary Society which is the Young Ladies' Missionary Society. Mrs J E Thurston reported for the King's Daughters.

The annual election of officers followed with the following result. Deacons, J M Graham, W G Work. Assistant Deacons, C L Dahlberg, S A Merrill. Deaconesses, Mrs. W. G. Work, Mrs. F. W. Pierce, Mrs. W. W. Lyons, Mrs. C. E. Rawson, Mrs S W Talcott. Clerk, Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Treas. Henry Fleming. It was a difficult task for the nominating committee to name one to take the place of A. Y. Rawson who had so long and faithfully filled the office of clerk for

the Plymouth Bap Church, having been elected to the office Jan 1st 1866 and served continuously until his death March 21st 1895.

We were pleased when Mrs Ramsey kindly consented to fill the place now so sadly vacant. We pray that we may answer as cheerfully as did our brother at our last Roll Call. With this hope we leave him to meet again "in the morning" when with glad hearts we, of Plymouth Church, who have fought the good fight, shall with other saints of God join in the song of redeeming love.

This testimonial was prepared by Mrs M P Turner for a Com suggestion of Mr Geo H Lewis and ordered spread on records of Church.

The business having been transacted, after a brief address by the Pastor the church adjourned.

Minutes as kept by Dr A. L Frisbie in absence of Clerk.

Total benevolences for year - $5488.29

Report of Clerk Oct 28th 1895.

Last year's report shows a membership of		606
Rec'd this year by letter	28	
By Confession of Faith	19	47
Total		653
Dismissed by letter	17	
Deaths	8	
Dropped by request	2	
	27	27
Present Membership		626
Females	400	
Males	226	
Net Gain in members	20	

Number of Adult Baptisms during year 7
" " Infant " " " 6

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Treasurer's Report - for year ending Nov. 1st 1895

Receipts

Cash from former Treasurer		$200.57	
Federation of Churches		15.	
Cong. Educational Society		64.28	
" Sunday School & Pub. Society		32 11	
Sunday School Fund		31 72	
American Board Commns Foreign Society		232.65	
Nebraska Sufferers		43.34	
American Missionary ~~Society~~		89 42	
Missionary Collections		43 07	
Communion Fund		104 14	
Ia Cong Home Missionary Society		398. 13	
Pastors asst Fund.		774	2075.43

Disbursements.

Federation of Churches	H O Moyer Treas	15.	
Cong Educational Society	E W Herrick	62 28	
Sunday School Fund	Everett Campbell	31.72	
American Board Commns. Foreign Missions		232 65	
Nebraska Sufferers	O L Browne	43.34	
American Missionary Assn	J E Roy	118 47	
Missionary Collections	ABCFM	45 65	
Ia Cong. Home Missionary Society		376.13	
Pastors Assistant Fund		791.	
Communion Fund			
Expense Delegate	Marshalltown	Mrs McFarland	2 35
" "	Womans Board Pon.	" Frisbie	13 60
" Record book	A J Rawson	(Ch Clerk)	6 50
" Ministerial Relief	J H Merrill		20
" Subscription Advance yrly cq		J M Otis	1 75
" Delegate		Mrs Frisbie	2
" "	State Assn	Dr Frisbie	5
" "	Natl Assn		25
" State Assn		J B Chase	27.86
" Mrs Otis	WBMA.		25
			1845 30
Cash on hand			183 13

2028.43

Cong Educational Society	3.00
" Sunday School & Publishing Society	32 11
American Missionary assn	53 42
Missionary Collection Fund	24 07
Communion Fund	42 50
Ia Congl Home Missionary Society	22 00
Pastors Assistant Fund	6 03
	183 13

H. W. Manning. Treas.

Sunday Nov 5th 1895 Communion

The following persons were received by letter. Mrs Emma K Maine, Mrs. C. M. Gammon, Miss Lulu Gammon, Mrs. L. V. Sibley. Mrs Anna Hogin, Earl Parker Knox. and.

On confession of faith - William H Closson.

Mrs. A. Y. Ransom. Clerk.

Nov 27th 1895. at prayer meeting the following letters were granted.

Dr & Mrs A G Field to Westminster Presbyterian Church Des Moines.

Addie Dudley to Cong Church, Hennepin Ills.

William A and Mrs Nellie M Fairhi to Park Ave Cong. Church Minneapolis Minn. also voted at same time to drop following names from membership by recommendation of officers of the church.

Mrs Eliza A Chase, Edwin F Bourne, J. T. Goodman Mrs H L Doty. Lillie M Cracken, Marie Antoinette Knabb. Emerson Hough, Florence E Whitaker, Mrs R M Guilford, Charles M Dickman, Walter J Murphy, Lee E Burdick, William W Baylor.

Mrs A Y Ransom Clerk

At a church meeting Dec 25th 1895. Henry Wemmi resigned his place as Treasurer of the church and H M McFarland was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs A Y Ransom. Clerk

Wednesday evening Jan 1st 1896. The following letters were granted.

Mrs Alice Olds to Cong Church, Gilman Iowa

Mr & Mrs Ezra S Smith to Presbyterian Church Potsdam N.Y.

Mrs Nellie Bentley Laird to Pres Church, Jefferson. Iowa.

C P Bagg, Harriet Bagg. Nellie Bagg and Sarah Bagg to Park Ave Cong Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

also voted to drop from membership. Mrs Anna R Weeks and Susie V Illsley.

Mrs A Y Ransom. Clerk

Jany 5th 1896. Communion service at church and following persons were received into membership by letter Miss Caroline M Sheldon from First Cong Ch Newton, Iowa - Chester A Fuller from First Cong Church Creston Iowa, Mrs Walter Barnard from Cong Ch Atlantic Ia Miss Carrie Egbert from Cong Church Atlantic Iowa. Harry K Meyers from Cong Church Bear Grove, Iowa.

Mrs A Y Ransom, Clerk

Total Benevolences for year 1895. $600.24. of this $777. was for Lyman Mission

Wednesday evening Jany 22d Letter granted to Mrs Rosa Wallinch Benn to Central Christian Ch Indianapolis Ind.

At same meeting a committee was appointed to select and purchase new hymn books for use in Sunday School and prayer meetings, said committee were Mr E.H. Huntington, Mr Dahlberg, Mr Work and Mrs Grace F Ryan -

Mrs A Y Ransom, Clerk

Feb 19th 1896 at Wednesday evening prayer meeting letters were granted to Mr & Mrs Miriam A Miller to First Cong Church, Clinton Mass -

Mrs A Y Ransom, Clerk

March 1st 1896 - Communion service - Letters received The following persons were received by letter - Miss Hope Thaine from Cong Church Elliott, Iowa. Mrs Sarah A Williams from Plymouth Cong Church S. Des Moines. Mrs Hannah Rodgers from Plymouth Church S. Des Moines. George S Moore and Mrs George S Moore from First Cong Church Beatrice Neb. Mr & Mrs A R Dempster, Miss Ethel Dempster, Miss Mabel Dempster, Miss Edna Dempster from First Cong Church Beatrice Neb. Miss Edna Cleveland from First Pres Church Norwalk Ohio -

By Confession Joseph Scott Ransom

Mrs A Y Ransom
Clerk

Apr 1st 1896 at prayer meeting a letter was granted to Miss Edna M Loomis to First Cong Church Marion Iowa. also at same time voted to drop Mrs J L Mason's name from record.

Mrs A Y Ransom, Clerk

April 15th Letter granted Miss May Ware to Leavitt St church, Chicago Ills.

Mrs A Y Ransom Clerk

Apr 22d 1896 At Prayer Meeting a letter was granted Miss Frances Dorothea Blanchard to College St church, Wheaton Ills.

Mrs A Y Ransom, Clerk

May 3d 1896. The following persons were received into church membership.

By Confession.

Beatrice Bowman.
Donald H Mc Farland.
Jay Dean Mc Farland.
Fanny Le Baron Kasson.
Mary Kasson.
Harry D Pelton.
Winifred E Dawson.
Miss Ella Crawford.
Henry M Helfer.
Frank K Cowles.
Harry K Cowles.
Mrs Charles E Allison.
Mary Harrison.
Ludlow J Merrill.
Edward D Merrill.
Grace L Leonard.

By Letter.

Mrs Frances Scofield &
Roy Scofield from
S Broadway Church
Denver Colorado
Mrs Howard J Clark
from Cong Ch Bear Grove Ia
Mrs Dr C H Ransom from
First Episcopal Church
Des Moines, Iowa.
William C Folsom from
First Cong Ch Eldora, Iowa.
Mrs Emma D Fleming from
Ch Maquoketa Iowa
Mrs L J Moseley from
Cong Church Atlantic Ia
Mr & Mrs Earl P Douglass &
Mrs Sophia Douglass Weaver
from Orthodox Cong Ch
Keokuk, Iowa.

Mrs A Y Ransom, Clerk

Wed Evening May 13th 1896. Letter granted Carl Parker Knox to Cong Church, Creston Iowa.

Mrs A Y Ransom, Clerk.

July 5th 1896. Communion service at church and the following persons were received into membership by letter Mr + Mrs C A Dodds from First Cong Church Beatrice Neb, Dr Wm Woodburn from First ME church of Spencer, Iowa. Mrs Estella Davis, Miss Neva Davis, Master Stewart Davis from Cong. Church, Miles Iowa. Fred T Briggs from First Cong Church, Geneva Neb. Roswell R Marsh from First Cong Church Corning, Iowa. and on confession of faith Mrs Ella M Woodburn and Eugene Roy Holland.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Clerk

Wednesday evening July 8th 1896 Letters granted to Mrs Mary E Dickeman, Miss Libbie B Dickeman and Miss Edith Dickeman to First Cong Church, Fort Scott, Kansas.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Clerk.

Plymouth Church Wednesday evening, Aug 12th 1896
Mr W G Work in Chair. Mr Metcalf Secretary.
Mr J M Otis moved that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to arrange for the fitting celebration of the 25th anniversary of Dr A L Frisbie's Pastorate in Plymouth Church. Remarks by Mr Otis, Mr Huntington, Mr Dahlberg, Mr S A Merrill, Mr Harris, Mrs Soules, Mrs Winden and Mrs McCord.
Carried, Adjourned.

P. H. Metcalf, Sec'y of Meeting

Chair appointed following Committee.
Hardy E Harris.
Col G L Godfrey
J. G. Chastine.
Mrs. M. P. Turner.
Mrs Fannie Browne.
Mrs. C. E. Rawson.

Sunday, Sept 6th 1896, Communion service at church and the following persons were received by letter to membership in Plymouth Church - Miss Ora L Swan from First Cong Church, Sioux City Iowa. Miss Florence A Wright from Central Presbyterian Church Des Moines Iowa - also at same time by confession of faith Miss Esther Jaquith.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening, Sept 23d 1896 at prayer meeting Mr & Mr Huntington and Miss Anna D Merrill with Mr and Mrs S A Merrill as alternates were appointed delegates to represent Plymouth Church at meeting of Grinnell Association to be held in Baxter Sept 29th & 30th.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday Evening Oct 21st at prayer meeting letters were voted, dismissing Mrs Mary Folsom, Miss Lucy Folsom and William Folsom to Presbyterian Church Rockwell City, Iowa -

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Friday Evening, Oct 2d 1896 the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of Dr A L Frisbie's Pastorate was celebrated in Plymouth Church by an Informal Reception in Church Parlors at 6.30 o'clock followed at 8 o'clock by Formal Exercises in auditorium of church. Program as follows -

Anthem by the Choir

Prayer - Rev. J. M. Chamberlin of Grinnell.

Address - "From the Church to the Pastor" - Geo. H. Lewis.

Address - "Cong Des Moines to Plymouth's Pastor" - Rev B. St John

Address - "Greeting from Plymouth Sisterhood" Mrs. K. C. Wilden.

Address - "From the Young People to the Pastor" Chas. E. Lynde.

Address - "Cong Iowa to Plymouth's Pastor" Rev T. C. Douglass.

Letter - "The College and the Pastor" Pres George A. Gates.

Read by P H Metcalf. Assistant Pastor -

Address "Fellowship - Local and Fraternal" H C Breeden D. D.

over

representing the Ministerial Association of Des Moines.
A Salutation - "Long Time Neighbors." Judge William Phillips.
General Response - Rev A L Frisbie D.D.
Hymn - "Blest Be The Tie". Benediction.
Some other features of the occasion were the
presentation to Dr Frisbie of an easy chair and a
gold headed cane - John E Clarey making the
presentation speech. and afterwards in a few
well chosen words Mrs J C Cummins in behalf of
the ladies of the society presented Mrs Frisbie
with two cases of silver (spoons, knives & forks) -
Mrs Frisbie responded in her usual happy manner.
Souvenirs of the occasion containing the programme
of the evening and fine pictures of Dr & Mrs Frisbie
and the Old Church and The Present Church were
given to each person present, also afterward sent to
absent members of the church.
This occasion was one of great interest and delight
to all attending -

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Sunday. Nov 1st Communion service at church and the following persons were received into membership by letter - Ralph A Pendfit from A P Church of Oskaloosa. Iowa. Miss Gertrude Pendfit from First Pres Church Seigourney. Iowa. Mr & Mrs C E Holloway from Cong Church. Mt Pleasant. Iowa. Mr & Mrs Eugene W Brooks from Cong Church. Tabor. Iowa.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Monday evening Nov 2d 1896 the Annual Meeting of church was held in lecture room of the church. This meeting was postponed one week on account of the annual meeting of W.B.M.I being held with ladies of Plymouth Church Oct 28-30.

Meeting opened with prayer by Dr Frisbi. Minutes of last annual meeting read by clerk and received. After a few remarks by the pastor annual report of clerk of church was read by Mrs A Y Rawson and accepted.

P H Metcalf, Assistant Pastor made report of the year's work in his department and at conclusion recommended that as many as possible of the church people attend Mrs Frisbi's Bible Class or Teacher's Meeting every week. In December H W Mumm, Church Treasurer, was obliged on account of state of his health to resign that position and F M Mc Farland was appointed to fill the vacancy and read report from that time. After some suggestions and corrections the Treas' report was accepted. Inquiries were made regarding the use of the money sent past year to American Board to constitute members of the church honorary members of A.B.C.F.M. Mr J M Estes moved and it was voted that Mr P H. Metcalf, Mr J M Graham, Mr H C Harris and Mr W G Work be made such honorary members. Mr E S Miller inquired what was signified by Deacon's robes and then was a little discussion of the matter. E H Huntington reported the condition of Plymouth

Sunday School. The Senior Y P S C E was reported by Miss Lizzie Morris and Mr Metcalf as in good working order and membership larger than at any previous time, 130 in number. Mr Metcalf also reported Sunbeam Missions Sunday School in a flourishing condition. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society was spoken for by its leader, Miss Louisa Huntington. Miss Louisa Bailey reported the Plymouth Circle of King's Daughters in working order. Mrs W W Pierce spoke of many calls made upon sick ones by the Deaconesses of the church. Mr Graham spoke for the Deacons and said as he was the ~~one~~ appointed by them to issue orders for money to relieve the sick reported to him, he would hereafter consult the Deaconess regarding such matters, as they professed themselves ready to take up that work.

Mr E S Miller, seconded by Mr J. E. Clarey made a motion to reconsider the acceptance of Treasurer's Report and that the Treasurer be instructed to make a report of the separate funds and that his report be audited by the deacons and placed on the records. Motion carried.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson reported the Woman's Missionary Society and Miss Genevieve Otis the Plymouth Rock Missionary Society. the wonderful record of the last was an average of $ 7.70 contributed per member to missionary work in different lines.

Mr Otis spoke of extending our church history and moved that Mr George H Lewis be asked to write up Plymouth Church History to date from 1879. Motion prevailed. The meeting then proceeded to election of officers and Mr Otis moved the rule of electing by ballot be suspended and the vote be made viva voce, which was done with the following result.

Deacons H C Harris and G W Spencer (2 yrs)
Assistant Deacons. C. L. Dahlberg and S. A. Merrill.
Clerk — Mrs. A. Y. Rawson.

Treasurer. H M McFarland.
Deaconess. Mrs W G Work. Mrs W W Price. Mrs W W Lyons.
Mrs C E Rawson. Mrs S. M. Talcott.
After a few earnest words from our Pastor the meeting was dismissed with the benediction.

Mrs A G Rawson. Clerk.

Clerk's Report.

Last year's report shows ——— 626 Members
Received by Letter - 42
" " Confession 20 ——— 62
688 "

Dismissed by Letter. 25
Deaths — 7
Dropped from Records
by vote of church. 20 52
Present Membership 636
Of the above, 53 Members are permanently absent.

Gain in numbers during year 10.

Number of Baptisms of Adults - 9
" " " " Infants - 3

Mrs. A. G. Rawson. Clerk.

Total Benevolences of church for year - ~~Seventy Dollars~~ 124.

Treasurer's Report.

Wednesday Evening Nov 11th 1896 Letter granted to Mrs Albert N Bliss to First Cong Church of Akron Ohio.
One was also granted in Nov to Dr H F Keables to 2d Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa.
At prayer meeting Nov 11th a committee consisting of Mr Metcalf, Mr Work and one other appointed at a previous meeting to consider the matter of a free singing school to be held in Plymouth Church reported favorably but recommended that a nominal sum be charged for the lessons - and it was voted that the committee be empowered to act in the matter and see that a singing school be put in operation.
Dr Frisbie read a letter from Mizpah Cong Church calling a Council, Nov 12th, to ordain Joseph C Williams pastor of that church at Sevastopol and asking that Plymouth church be represented by pastor and delegate - Mr Walter Barnard was appointed delegate to act with Dr Frisbie.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

At Wednesday evening prayer meeting Dec 2d the matter of changing the time of our annual church meeting was brought up for consideration and after some discussion it was voted that the by law which calls for annual meeting the last Monday in Oct be changed to read the Monday after first Sunday in January - Mr Otis asked that the chair appoint a committee of three to take up the work of extending church manual to present time. Dr Frisbie accordingly appointed Mr J M Graham, Mr E S Miller and Mr P H Metcalf such committee.
A letter was also granted Mrs Robertine Tone Sherman to First Cong Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Dec 30th 1896 letters were granted Mr + Mrs W M Norton and Stella C Norton to First Cong church of Oberlin. Ohio.

Mrs. A. Y. Ransom - Clerk.

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At Communion service Jan 3d 1897. the following persons were received into Plymouth church by letter.
Mrs R W Pittman from 1st Cong Church of Sioux City. Ia
Mrs Katherine Kinney from Cong Church, Marshalltown. Ia.
Mrs Miriam Woolsey Brooks from M.E. Church Mt Pleasant. Ia.
Ernest W Nicholson from First Cong Church Toulon. Ills.
Maud Craig from First M.E. Church, Sioux City. Ia
Mrs Edna Meek Walker from Cong Church, Atlantic Ia
Gilbert E Brooks from Cong Church, Tabor, Iowa.
Miss Jessie M Ritcher from Cong Church, Oneida. Ills.
Mrs T J Morgan from First Presbyterian Ch, Dallas. Texas
Neal Wells & Hazel Wightman by confession. Mrs A Y Ransom - Clerk.

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By revision of church roll, Jan 1st 1897 the membership of Plymouth Church was as follows -

Number of Males	240
" " Females	408
Total —	648
Non Resident Members	57.

Added by letter during past year	42
" " confession of faith —	20
Total Additions	62
Removed by letter during year	27
Deaths	8
Removed by revision of roll & otherwise —	4
Total Removals	39

Adults baptized during year - 8
Children baptized " " 3

Mrs. A. Y. Ransom. Clerk.

In accordance with a notice previously given a sent of second annual meeting was held Sunday Jan 4th 1897 in Plymouth Church.

Minutes of last meeting Nov 2d 1896 read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was then called for and read by the Treas W M Mc Farland. After some discussion Sd Merrill moved that Wm Mc Farland, with the Deacons, open a set of books commencing with the date of Wm Mc Farland's Election to the office of Treasurer and keep an account of the funds received by him from former Treasurer and of expenditures and disbursements since that time - This motion prevailed.

Dr Fiske called on Wm W G Work to report for the committee on a singing school in the church - Wm Work stated that a sub committee was appointed and if any members of that sub committee were present he should like to hear from them. Wm Metcalf being a member and present said the committee had a meeting and decided to recommend that such a class be organized and a nominal price charged each pupil for a course of twenty lessons, perhaps enough to purchase a book, and that the original committee be authorized to go on and organize such a school. A report of this meeting was made at a Wednesday evening prayer meeting and there the matter had been left until this time - Wm Work asked if the trustees would furnish a room heated and lighted for the school and it was decided that the room would be furnished. Wm Work then said he would call the committee together at first opportunity

Dr Fiske asked that the By Law concerning reception of members into the church be changed so that they may sometimes be received at other times than the regular sacramental service, when for any reason it seemed best to do so - It was voted to consider this subject at the prayer meeting one week from the next Wednesday evening.

Matter of church manual was discussed and a report of committee called for but there was no report ready -

Dr Tibbi requested the members of the church present to express themselves freely regarding the Vesper Service lately held at five o'clock Sabbath afternoon as compared with the evening service heretofore. The majority of those present expressed themselves in favor of the vesper service. It was consequently voted to continue the such vesper service for the present.

In consequence of the proposed change of time of annual church meeting it was voted that the term of office of the officers of the church which would otherwise expire Nov 1st 1897 be continued to Jany 1st 1898.

It was moved and seconded that the church members present express their wish that Mr P H Metcalf remain with us as Assistant Pastor to Jan 1898. The motion prevailed. Adjourned to first Monday after first Sunday in Jany 1898.

Mrs. A. J. Ransom. Clerk

Total benevolences of church for year $5580.70.
of this amount 75.66 was for Sunbeam Mission.

Jany 13th 1897 at Wednesday evening prayer meeting letter was granted to Mr Chas M Cooper to M E Church Sibley, Iowa. Matter of changing By Law announced to be considered at this time postponed. Mrs. A. J. Ransom. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Jan 20th letter granted to Mr John Roorvart to First Cong Church St Louis, Mo.
Mrs. A. J. Ransom. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Feb 10th 1897 at prayer meeting letter granted to Dr M. A. H. Jones to M. E. Church Dexter, Iowa.

Mrs. A. J. Ransom. Clerk.

March 7th 1897 - Communion Service. The following persons were received into membership by letter -
Mrs Helen B Cole from Cong Church, Corning, Iowa -
Mr G S Perry, Mrs G S Perry, Miss Maude Perry, Miss Lydia K Perry from Hoffa Park Congregational Church, Des Moines Iowa.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Clerk.

March 30th 1897 at prayer meeting it was voted to drop the name of Mrs Lew G Smith from church records, she having decided to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church this day -

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Clerk.

Wednesday evening Apr 21st Rev P K Metcalf and Mrs S. Frances Hazard were appointed delegates to meeting of Grinnell Association Apr 27-29 at Runnells.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson - Clerk.

May 2d 1897. Communion Service - The following persons were received into membership on Confession of Faith - Miss Flora Alice Nichols and Mr Jerome A Powers By Letter. Mr John E Rutter and Mrs Florence M Rutter

Mrs A Y Rawson
Clerk

At Prayer Meeting before State Association at Algona Tuesday + Wednesday, May 18th + 19th Mrs Wheeler was appointed delegate for Plymouth Church to attend that meeting and Miss Nellie Bentley delegate for Plymouth Sunday School -

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson Clerk.

Wednesday evening, May 9th 1897 at prayer meeting Letters were granted Mrs Lyntha J Stillwell and Mrs Mary M Franck to First Pres Church at Topeka Kansas and Mr S E Tucker to Coey Church to Ridgeway. Pa.

Mrs. A. J. Ransom. Clerk.

Wednesday evening June 23d 1897. Letters were granted Mr & Mrs Robert B Drysdale to Westminster Pres. Church Des Moines. Iowa.

Mrs A J Ransom. Clerk.

Children's Day June 13th 1897. Persis Fay Weaver and Gretchen Mc Cord were baptised.

July 4th 1897 Communion service at church and the following persons were received into membership on confession of faith. Miss Nellie J Moody. Mr & Mrs Nat Thompson and Miss Mabel E Lewis and by letter Mr James A Gray.

Mrs. A. J. Ransom. Clerk.

Wednesday evening July 7th 1897 letter was granted Mrs T J Morgan to St Paul's church Cedar Rapids. Iowa.

Mrs. A. J. Ransom. Clerk

Sunday July 11th Dr Frisbi read a notice of a council to be held during that week at Newton to ordain Mr Baumgardner that he might take the place of Rev Mr Hannah pastor at Newton whose church had granted him an extended vacation. Mr P H Metcalf was appointed delegate to council from Plymouth church.

Mrs A J Ransom. Clerk.

Sept 5th 1897. Communion service at church and the following persons were received into membership on confession of faith Mr + Mrs. R. A. Mount, Mr W F Stallings and Carrie Taylor - By letter. Mrs. Nancy A Savery from Woodward Ave Cong Church, Detroit Mich.
Mrs Emma Stallings and Miss Minnie White from Friends Church of this city. Miss Carle R Smith from M E Church Union City, Mich. Mrs. E. S. Phillips from First Cong Ch Wellsville N.Y. Miss Hattie A Phillips from First Presbyterian Church, Chicago. Mr + Mrs E M Sherman from First Cong Ch Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson, Clerk.

Weds evening, Sept 22d 1897. Dea J M Graham and Mrs Graham were appointed delegates to the semi annual of Grinnell Association at Knoxville, to be held at Knoxville Sept 28th 29th.
At the same time P H Metcalf was appointed delegate to represent Plymouth Church in an ordaining council to be held in Kellogg Sept 30th.

Mrs A J Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Oct 6th 1897 letters were granted Mr + Mrs. J. A. Hasmer to Highland Park Pres. Church Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson, Clerk.

Wednesday eve Nov 3d letters were voted to Mrs F W Loveless and Waite Loveless to join Presbyterian Ch of Potsdam N.Y.

Mrs A J Rawson - Clerk.

Nov 7th 1897- Communion service at Plymouth Church and the following persons were received into membership by letter.
Miss Anna J Davis from Delevan Ave Baptist Ch Buffalo. N.Y.
Miss Sarah A Loring from First Cong Church Le Mars. Iowa.
I K Wilson & Mrs Wilson from North Park Cong Ch Des Moines Ia.
Mary Deards from First Cong Church. Madison. Wis.
Mrs William Lear and Miss Mazie Lear from Cong Church Grinnell. Iowa.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.

Nov 17th 1897- At weekly meeting S A Merrill was appointed delegate to an ordaining council to be held in Knoxville Nov 22d 1897-

Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.

Wed evening Dec 1st letter granted Mrs Elias Dewey to the Rogers Park Cong'l Church of Chicago. Ills.

Mrs A J Rawson. Clerk.

At Prayer meeting Wed evening Dec 9th at Plymouth Ch it was voted to invite Mr P H Metcalf to remain with the church as Assistant Pastor through the year 1898.
It was also voted to refer the consideration of a method of providing his salary to a committee consisting of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Society and the Deacons of the church to report Dec 29th 1897.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson Clerk.

Dec 14th It was voted at the weekly prayer meeting to refer the matter of the annual meeting of the church, what form it should take and the providing for the same to the Deacons and Deaconesses as a committee.
Letters were granted to Mrs David Fiske Green to Central Church Galesburg. Ills, and to Harry L Meyers to the First Cong Church of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mrs A J Rawson. Clerk.

At prayer meeting the 2d Wednesday of Dec the pastor was authorized, by vote of the church, to procure a supply of Advance Almanacs.

Dec 22d - prayer meeting.
Committee appointed Dec 8th to report at this meeting a plan for raising Mr Metcalf's salary was able only to report progress through Dea Work.

Committee appointed Dec 15th To report plans for annual church meeting, Jan 3d. reported through Dea Work that the ladies of the sociable committee who would naturally prepare that week for a sociable on Friday night be asked to revise their plans and make provision for a supper for the church meeting for Monday evening Jany 3d 1898.

Mrs A J Rawson. Clerk.

At Communion Jany 2d 1898. the following persons were received into membership of Plymouth Church by letter Miss Katie Lear from Cong Church of Grinnell Iowa. Mrs Caroline C Burbank from Central Pres. Ch Des Moines Iowa. Mr John W Hallam, Mrs Della C Hallam, Henry N Hallam and Miss Mary C Darling from First Cong Church Dubuque, Iowa.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson Clerk

Annual Meeting.

Monday evening Jan 3d 1898 a large delegation of the members of Plymouth Church assembled in its parlors for a sort of family reunion and the annual church meeting.

At the appointed time all united in singing the long metre doxology and Dr Frisbi made a few remarks in his usual happy manner regarding this family meeting and returned thanks for the blessings of the year; a bountiful supper was then served by a committee of ladies and gentlemen — After all had partaken of the viands prepared Dr Frisbi called the meeting to order and the reports of officers and departments of work were called for. Minutes of last annual meeting were read by clerk, Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Mr H H McFarland Treas reported benevolences and finances of the church. which was received and accepted.

Mr E H Huntington spoke of the Sunday School and said the number joining the church from the school during the year just passed was twenty one. Mr J. Witmer S. S. Secretary and Miss Dempster Treas gave reports of school as regards membership and finances.

Miss Mamie Crane S. S. Librarian gave a careful report of the library and its condition, saying there was great need of new books and mentioned a gift of one hundred dollars from Father Rollins to the school, which sum was drawing eight percent interest. Annual report of church Clerk was then read and adopted.

Mrs. E. H. Carter Sec gave a report of the Ladies' Aid Society of Plymouth church and told of the thorough cleaning given the church building "upstairs and and down" during past summer. The Senior Y. P. S. C. E. was represented by its Secretary Miss Caroline Hubbard who gave an interesting account of its work in the different departments.

Miss Lorimer, Director of Junior Endeavor Society gave a report of the work of its members in various directions.
Mrs Frisbie spoke of the Woman's Missionary Society - she reported twelve regular meetings held during the year, largest attendance at any one of these meetings forty five or fifty and smallest twenty. She also spoke of the special meeting at Easter and the Thank Offering one.
Mrs Bowen Treas. of Missionary Society gave a report of contributions and expenses.
Miss Anna Merrill reported for Plymouth Rock Missionary Society, the young Ladies' society and Mrs. A. B. Chadwick for the Plymouth Circle of King's Daughters.
Dr Frisbie called on Mrs S A Merrill to give some account of the Mothers' Class - she told in an informal way of the little meetings of Mothers once a month in the church parlors, which had lately been merged into Plymouth Home Circle to meet once in two weeks at different residences. Dr Frisbie spoke of the Sunday School at Greenwood Park in which several members of the church were interested and asked Mr J Olmstead if he could tell anything about it - He said he had been there twice and only knew the school numbered about one hundred members.
Miss Crane reported the amounts contributed by the Sunday School classes individually to various objects - a very satisfactory report.
Mr E. P. Fleming then said he wished to speak a word in this family meeting, regarding the report of the destitute condition of the library, saying that in all the time he had been here he had never contributed a penny to the Sunday School and that the Librarian had told him if she had one hundred dollars she could put the library in

Annual Repent. continued.

good condition and he wished to say then he would be one of four to raise the specified amount.
Here Dr Frisbi remarked that if any others in the big boys class wanted to speak we would be glad to hear from them. Mr W W Lyons said he would give ten dollars toward the library fund. Mr Olmstead repented twenty dollars for the corner of the room where he was sitting. W H Langan five dollars. Dr W P Turner five dollars, Geo H Lewis five dollars, E P Douglass five dollars, J. H. Merrill five dollars, Annie Merrill five dollars, J. R. Rollins ten dollars H. C. Harris five dollars thus making up the sum required for use of library.
Mrs Frisbi then spoke of some of the different outside objects to which Plymouth church contributed such as Sunbeam Mission, The Children's Home and others, and asked that we might hear from the Evangelical Alliance, accordingly Mrs H. C. Wrinder gave a repent of this, which she calls neighborly work.
Mr P H Metcalf, Assistant Pastor being called upon by Dr Frisbi gave a brief repent of his work, said he had only been with us ten months, having been absent some weeks on account of the illness of his Father. In the ten months he had made 1218 calls, 480 of them at the homes of different families of church and congregation and the remainder on young men, had conducted three funerals and sung at seventeen, had attended Sunbeam Mission meetings 34 times and given the gospel talk them 3 times, had conducted Bible Classes week days 44 Times, sung at Entertainments for schools & churches 27 times, preached at Plymouth Church once, at Home for the Aged twice, at Benedict Home twice and at Emmiah Church once & spent one week camping up the river with 15 boys of his neighborhood at Roadside Settlement. All this, with his work as Minister of church choir

teacher of a class in Sunday School and Asst Supt of Junior Endeavor society and many other items of Christian service show him to have been a very busy man and a great help and comfort to our Pastor.

Dr Frisbie then as Chairman of the meeting said the election of officers was next in order and Mr Geo H Lewis moved we suspend rules and elect them viva voce, which business was then taken up and the following persons elected as officers of the church for year 1898.

Clerk. Mrs. A. G. Rawson.
Treas. Mr Charles Pierce.
Deacons { Mr S. A. Merrill.
Mr J. E. Mershon.
1st Deacons { Mr J. M. Galusha.
Mr A. R. Dempster.
Deaconess Mrs. W. W. Price.
Mrs. S. F. Hazard. ~~Mrs Frank Rose.~~
Mrs. B. F. Elbert.
Mrs. M. P. Turner.

Dr Frisbie called attention to the special meetings to be held in the church during the following week of prayer - in which Rev Mr Hazard was asked assist him.

He also spoke of Plymouth church and the pleasant year we had enjoyed and the harmony which had prevailed among its members - but said he wished we might have more people in the church and many new faces in the congregation and urged a good record regarding attention to strangers in coming year saying "please consider people who come into the church services as introduced and speak with them". He also spoke very earnestly of his wish that many of our young people would come into membership of Plymouth Church and expressed his great desire for its

Annual Meeting continued.

usefulness in the community, also mentioned the vesper service and invited the people to come in greater numbers as it was a pleasant service.
"The family" then sang a verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" and Dr Fishi pronounced the benediction.
Adjourned.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Church for year ending Dec 31st 1897.

Last year's report shows as number of church members 648.

Recd by letter during the year	—	32
" on confession of faith	____	12
		692.
Dismissed by letter	____	16. 16
Deaths	____	5
Dropped from roll	____	1
		670.

Total present membership shows

Males	____	244
Females	____	426
Total		670.

Of these 68 are non resident members.
Number of adult baptisms during year 7
" " infant " " " 2
Names of those taken from us by death during year.
Mr P. B. Durley Feb 24th 1897.
Miss Bessie Warfield May 23d "
Mrs. Evan Begun — Sept 19th "
Mrs. C. E. Hutchins Oct 9th "
Miss Anna J Davis. Nov 25th "

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Total Benevolences of Plymouth Church for year 1897. $4566. 20. of this $920.36 was for Sunbeam Mission.

Report of H. M. McFarland Treas of Plymouth Church
for year ending Dec 31st 1897.

Long Education Society

Cash on hand Jan 1st 1897 —		$2.00
Amt collected Jan 31st "		$44.05
		46.05
Amt paid C. R. Bliss March 6th/97		46.05

Missionary Prayer Meeting Collection.

Amt on hand Jan 1st 1897 —		$19.31
" collected during the year.		$29.71
		$49.02
Amt paid F H Wiggin Jan 23d/97		19.31
" " " " April 23d "		12.24
		31.55

Balance on hand — $17.47

Communion Fund.

Amt on hand Jan 1st 1897 —		$27.10
" collected during year —		$93.63
		120.73
8 Pd Mrs Otis for Advance for Y.M.C.A.		$1.75
May 26 Pd Harris Emery Co by Deacons order.		3.88
Oct 15th Pd J. M. Graham —		4.50
Dec 16th Pd Mrs Randall		5.00
" 26 " Ministerial Assn		20.00
Jan 17 " J B Egan State Assn		25.92
May 10 " Mrs Randall —		5.00
" 4 " " "		5.00
Sept 11 " " "		5.00
Oct 15 " " "		5.00
Nov 6 " Miss Bentley		8.35
" 8 " Mrs Randall		5.00
" 15 " Mrs A E Clark		6.40
Dec 6 " Mrs Randall		5.00
" " Dr Trisbee for Almanacs	2.00	
	$107.80	$129.03
Amt on hand		$30.40

Treas' Rept. continued.

Brot Forward $30.40

A. B. C. F. M.

Amt on hand Jany 1st 1897 — $3.60
" collected March 21st " 181.56
184.56

Amt paid F H Wiggin Apl 23d/97. 184.56

Cong. Church Building Society.

Amt on hand Jan 1st 1897 — 5.00
" collected Dec 27th 1896 75.68
" " " 19th 1897 47.35
$128.03

Amt paid C H Tainter Jan 23d/97 80.68
" " " " " Dec 30th " 47.35
128.03

A. M. A.

Amt collected Oct 31st/97 101.89
" pd Rev J E Roy Nov 24th/97 101.89

I. C. H. M. S.

Collection Nov 29th 1896 256.95
" " 28th 1897 172.00
428.95

Amt pd J. H. Merrill, Treas, Dec 28/97. 135.00
" " " " " July 2d " 53.50
" " " " " April 21st " 68.45
" " " " " Dec 12th 150.00
" " " " " Dec 28th 22.00
$428.95

Plymouth Sunday School.

Collection Dec 2d 1896. $19.05
" Sept 26th 1897. 21.12
40.17

Paid E H Huntington Jan 2d/97 $19.05
" " " " Oct 4th " 21.12
$40.17

Treas Rpt. continued.

Brot Forward ——————— $30.40

Anti Saloon League -

Collected Feb 14th 1897 —— $5.75

Pd Howard Russell Feb 15th /97 $5.75

Mrs Sackari

Collection Apr 25th 1897 - $10.10

Pd Mrs Sackari Apr 25th " $10.10

Emily C Wheeler.

Collection May 2d 1897 - $21.75

Pd Dr Frisbi May 25th " — 21.75

Sunbeam Mission.

Collection Aug 4th 1897 —— 4.81

" Nov 15th Mrs Mc Farland's class 52.90

" Dec 19 - Mr Brooks' class 12.75

" " 29 Mr Dahlberg — .50

$70.96

Pd Asst To F L Cramer, Supt - $70.96

Salvation Army -

Collection Nov 7th 1897 —— 4.01

Paid to Mrs Cox Nov 7th /97 4.01

P. H. Metcalf, Asst Pastr.

Asst on hand Jan 1st 1897 —— $24.20

" Collected during year - $67.75

$91.91

" Paid Mr Metcalf —— 768.00

$123.95

154.35

Cash on hand to balance - $154.35

H. M. Mc Farland, Treas.

Total Asst paid Sunbeam Mission for year 1897
by Plymouth Church & society — $883.85

Wed evening Feb 9th 1898 Dr Frisbi read a letter from L Campbell Clerk of Cong Church at Ankeny asking Plymouth Church to be present by Pastor + Delegate at a council there on Feb 15th to consider the formation of a Cong Church at Ankeny and if so formed to assist in appropriate services upon the occasion.
Accordingly Mr P. H. Metcalf was appointed as such delegate to attend this council with Dr Frisbi.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk

Feb 23d 1898. Letters were granted D. H Harris + wife to First Pres Church of Chemung N.Y.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Clerk.

Wednesday evening March 2d 1898. Letters were granted to Mrs Lydia Roth to Pres Church South Des Moines. Mrs Lilian Goodwin to First Cong Church Cedar Falls. Iowa. and Mrs A. S. Dennis to Trinity Cong. Ch. Cleveland Ohio.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

March 6th 1898 at Communion Service, received by letter from Pilgrim Cong Church Des Moines. Iowa.
Mr Charles H Dilworth
Mrs Emma Dilworth
Miss Bertha Dilworth
By confession of faith.
Mrs Bertha M Merritt
Miss Genevieve Perkins.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

March 23d 1898 voted letter of dismission to Miss Maud Craig to First Cong. Church Springfield Ills.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

April 3d 1898 Letters of dismission were voted to Mrs Mary Bacon to First Cong Church Los Angelos Calif and to Miss Charlotte McRae to Pres Church Mt Ayr. Iowa.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wed evening Apr 20th 1898 Mr Metcalf and Mrs McFarland were appointed delegates to the meeting of Grinnell Association at Valley Junction Tuesday + Wednesday April 25+26th

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

May 11th 1898. Letters of dismissing granted Mrs Samuel Webb and Miss Edna Webb to University Place Church of Christ and to Chester Fuller to Cong Church Norfolk Neb. Mr Geo Spencer appointed delegate to State Association at Hampton Iowa. Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wed evening May 18th 1898 Letters of dismissing were granted to Mr & Mrs W B Bentley. Mrs Mary Bentley Miss Belle L Bentley and Mr & Mrs I K Wilson to Greenwood Park Church. Des Moines. Iowa.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wed evening June 1st 1898 Letters were granted Mr and Mrs J. T. Long to Greenwood Park Church Des Moines Iowa - The same evening Mr P H Metcalf's resignation of his place as Assistant Pastor of Plymouth Church was read and considered as announced one week previous - voted with great regret to accept his resignation and release him. He goes to South Bend Indiana to act as Secretary of Y. M. C. A. there.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson - Clerk.

The following resolution was read by Mr J E Mershon and ordered spread upon the records of Plymouth Church.

For five years Plymouth Church has been fortunate in having as an Assistant to its Pastor our beloved brother P. H. Metcalf.

After these years of work together Pastor and people, young and old, Deacons and Trustees, can all heartily unite in expressing their gratitude to him for his faithful & loving service in all the departments of our church work. We have been delighted with his voice as he led us in worshipful singing -

We have been stimulated by his words of enthusiasm, calling us to high endeavor -

We have rejoiced that our children and young people have had such an example of and association

with a pure and manly character, a wholesome and happy christian life. We shall never know the value this has been to them.

And now there has come to him a call to another field of labor and it devolves upon us to say whether we will insist on our claim upon him for the balance of the year or yield to the claims of others.

In view of the fact that we can give no definite assurance of what we shall be able to do after this year it is but fair to Mr Metcalf that we release him from engagement with us as he has requested.

We do this deeply regretting the necessity of any change in the relations which have been so pleasant, so helpful, and sincerely wish there might have been a continuation of these relations indefinitely.

We heartily commend him to those who will be so fortunate as to be associated with him in his new work, and we shall follow him with our love and prayers that he may ever attain the highest success in the best things.

S. A. Merrill } Deacons.
J. E. Mershon }

Des Moines June 1st /98.

Wednesday evening, June 8th 1898. Mr P H Metcalf was married in Minneapolis, Minn. To Miss Rena Goldsbury and Dr Frisbie sent a telegram of congratulation to Mr & Mrs Metcalf, on behalf of Plymouth Church prayer meeting; to be delivered to him just after the marriage ceremony.

A letter of dismission was granted to Mrs A C Buxton to Cong Church Middletown Springs, Vermont.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Sunday June 12th, Mr S A Merrill handed me the following letter which, had it come into my hands earlier would have been recorded in its proper place before the above resolution. I copy it here as a matter of church history. Mrs. A. Y. Rawson.

To the Pastor and Deacons and People of Plymouth Church.
Dearly Beloved.

With a feeling of sorrow and regret that is too deep for words I find myself obliged to ask you to release me from the pleasant relations which have been ours for the past five years. After prayerful consideration, and consultation with friends both inside and outside the church it has seemed wise and best for me to accept a call which has come to me to take charge of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association at South Bend, Indiana, as General Secretary.
Accordingly I ask you to release me - after the first Sunday in June 1898. I expect to enter upon my work at South Bend on the 1st of July.
I cannot begin to thank you all for your goodness and forbearance and helpfulness to me but my heart is full of love and gratitude and I shall not forget - These five years have been the happiest of my life - May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Gratefully Yours
Paul Harlan Metcalf.

Roadside Settlement.
Des Moines May 21st 1898.

Children's Day, June 5th 1898, the following children were baptised - Miriam Elizabeth Booth, Elizabeth Blair Rathrop, Mabel Elizabeth Cook, Helen Maud Cook,, Helen Estelle Hazen and Sarah Grace Hazen and Philip Webster Sowers.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson.
Clerk.

Wednesday evening ~~June~~ 15th 1898 at prayer meeting a letter of dismission was granted Mrs Mary Moffat Browning to Highland Park Pres. Church Des Moines Iowa -

Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk

Wednesday evening July 6th Letters granted to
Miss Mary Roberts to Plymouth Cong Ch Oskaloosa Ia
Mr + Mrs Walter Scruton to First Cong Ch Newton Ia
Mrs Mary Simpson Hunnell to Greenwood Ch Des Moines
Mrs A J Rawson Clerk.

At Communion Service July 3d the following persons were admitted to the Church by Letter.
Mr + Mrs Benjamin Aplin from Cong Ch Hamilton Mo
Miss Percy Marsh from 1st Pres Church Corning. Iowa.
Mrs A J Rawson. Clerk

Wednesday eve, July 27th Letters were granted as follows.
Mr C. E. Hutchins to First Pres Church, Carson, Iowa and
Miss Ethel Carpenter to Cong Church, Mason City. Iowa.
Mrs. A. J. Rawson, Clerk.

Wednesday evening at prayer meeting Aug 3d 1898 letter was granted to Miss Minnie White to Friends' Church Lynnville. Iowa -

Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday Evening, Aug 24th 1898. Letters were granted to Mrs Sands and Edna Sands, Mrs Nellie Whitman Taylor, Mrs S J Mageley and Edward Long, to Cong Church San Diego, Calif - to Cong Ch Chicago Ills ~~to Cong Ch Atlantic Ia~~ and to Greenwood Church Des Moines - The church also voted for a petition against canteens in army camps to be signed by Pastor and forwarded to proper authority.

Mrs A J Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Sept 14th at prayer meeting the church voted to recommend Mr Frank L Pearce as a candidate for ordination by Grinnell Association at their annual meeting in Newberg Sept 27th. Dr Frisbie also appointed a committee of three to nominate delegates to the association.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson - Clerk.

Wednesday evening Sept 21st 1898 the committee on nominations appointed the week previous, reported through their chairman, Mr E H Huntington, the names of Mr J. H Merrill and Miss Jennie Otis as delegates to meeting of Grinnell Association to be held in Newberg, Sept 27th & 28th, they also voted to give Mr Merrill power to act for the church in a Council to be held there at that time.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson Clerk.

Wednesday evening Oct 19th Letters were granted Mr + Mrs J G Olmstead to Greenwood Church Des Moines Ia.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.

Sunday Oct 2d 1898 Letters were granted Paul Marian Metcalf to Presbyterian Church South Bend, Ind, and Mrs Isabel Ward to Pres Church Clarinda Iowa.

Mrs A J Rawson - Clerk.

Wednesday Evening. Oct 26th 1898. Letters were granted Mr & Mrs L P Hawes to Cong Church in Farmhamville Ia and one to Miss Sue M Lombard to Cong Church in North Yakima, Washington.

Mrs. A. J. Rawson. Clerk.

At Communion Service at Plymouth Cong Church Nov 6th 1898 the following persons were received into membership - Emma Cooke from First Pres Church of Indianola Ia - Miss Helen A Robbins from Broadway Presby Church, Rock Island Ills. Mrs Mary A Porter from Presby Church, Titusville Pa. Miss Emma L Stratford from Cleinton Ave Cong Church Brooklyn N.Y.

Mrs. A. G. Ransom, Clerk

Wednesday evening Nov 23 at prayer meeting a letter was granted Mr & Mr Lynch to any church in North S. Dakota which he may elect to join -

Mrs. A. G. Ransom, Clerk

Wednesday evening, Nov 30th Letters granted to Mr & Mrs G M Spencer to Cong Church, Hampton, Iowa.

Mrs A. G. Ransom Clerk

Wednesday evening Dec 7 at prayer meeting Dr Frisbie read a letter announcing a Council at Greenwood Church Des Moines and appointed as Delegates to such meeting Mr J H Merrill and Mr Dempster alternate. The new church at Greenwood is to be dedicated Monday evening Dec 12th and Dr Frisbie to preach the sermon.

Mrs A G Ransom, Clerk.

Sunday, Dec 11th at Plymouth Church the following persons were received into membership, Carlie Hargrave by letter from Pilgrim Church New York City and Miss Mary Booth from Cong Church, Lewis, Iowa, and on confession of faith Miss Evelyn Foote, Miss Tillie Booth and Miss Gertrude Booth.

Mrs A G Ransom, Clerk.

Wednesday evening Dec 28th 1898 at prayer meeting Letters were granted Mr & Mrs John S Lord to Cong Church of Ogden, Iowa.

Mrs. A. G. Ransom - Clerk.

At Communion Jan 1st 1899 Miss Florence Lear was received as a member of Plymouth Church on Confession of Faith -

Mrs. A. G. Ransom Clerk

Annual Meeting.

Monday evening Jany 2d 1899 the annual meeting of Plymouth church was held in church parlor. After a bountiful supper to which between two and three hundred of its members sat down at the tables together, while several of the younger ladies and gentlemen served, Dr Frisbie called the meeting to order and made a few remarks concerning this pleasant way of holding an annual church meeting, such an improvement on the old one when ten or a dozen gentlemen met in this same room to listen to reports, elect officers and transact any necessary business, this was truly "a most excellent way." He said further that we had been in the habit for many years of seeing him as Pastor of this church but it was not probable he should preside at another first of January meeting as sole Pastor and bade us be ready to give a new man a most hearty welcome and look forward to efficient work as a church the coming year. He then asked if there were any letters from absent members, & remarking that he had one proceeded to read a letter from Mrs Frisbie who was absent in the East on account of the recent death of her Mother. She sent cordial greetings for the occasion of the ~~coming~~ and expressed regret that she could not be present with the large family at its annual reunion.

The minutes of last annual meeting and report of church clerk for past year came first in order of business and were here read and accepted.

Mr Charles Pierce, Treasurer, gave report of finances of the church which was also approved. Report of Deacons was then called for but there was no response. Mrs W W Pierce gave an account of the work of the Deaconess. (spoke of that branch of church work Sunday School, saying we missed Mr Metcalf very much as Christian friend and as teacher of a class of young men and

mentioned the plan for starting a Home Department of the Sunday School the coming year.
Mrs Harry Lewis, Secretary, and Mr Edgar Hannah, Treas reported attendance and finances of the school.
Miss Mamie Crane ~~S.S. Librarian~~ Librarian reported the library in good condition, a good number of nice books having been purchased with the $105 raised at last year's annual meeting by voluntary gifts from several individuals.
In the absence of Mrs Frisbie, Prest of the Women's Missionary Society, the secretary, Mrs A Y Ramsay, gave an account of the meetings and work of that society, mentioning briefly the progress and needs of foreign missionary work. Mrs Edmund Brown Treas reported contributions of society for past year.
$ 7 18, 24 Miss Jennie Otis spoke for Young Ladies' Missionary Society and reported total amount of contributions $276.79. Mr Neal Wells, Treasurer of Y.P.S.C.E gave amount of its benevolences as $111.26. Dr Frisbie called for a report of the Junior Y.P.S.C.E. But there was no response.
Mrs Chadwick spoke informally of the work of Plymouth Circle of Kings' Daughters and Mrs Winden of that of the Evangelical Alliance who have had charge of the Mothers' Meetings at Sunbeam Mission during past year. Mrs Otis mentioned some cottage meetings held by the ladies of the Alliance. Mrs Peirce, President of Plymouth Home Circle, reported many pleasant meetings at different residences when the ladies carry their sewing and spend a social time without any refreshments and added "it is a good place to get acquainted".
Mrs Dr Carter, Secretary reported for Ladies Aid Society whose work is principally to take charge of the church sociables during winter months.
The total income was $395 of which sale of '76 Cook Book was $22. Sixty dollars had been expended

for flowers for auditorium on Sundays.
The election of officers was then taken up with result as follows -

Clerk - Mrs. A. Y. Rawson
Treasurer. Mr Charles A Prince
Deacons. Mr E. S. Miller and Mr H C Harris.
elected for Two years.

Deaconesses - Mrs. W. W. Prince.
Mrs. M. P. Turner.
Mrs. Frank Vose.
Mrs. B. F. Elbert.
Mrs W H Langan.

Asst Deacons { Mr J. M. Galusha
Mr A. R. Dempster. }

Mr E. S. Miller stated that he noticed in report of Treasurer that the Testaments purchased for the soldiers had never been wholly paid for, and he moved, seconded by Mr J M Graham that the balance due Mr E H Huntington for these books be paid out of church treasury - Carried. Dr Fiske then said a good word for Plymouth Church in that it had gained very much in the way of benevolences during recent years.

All then joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds" and the Benediction was pronounced by the Pastor.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Church
for year ending Dec 31st 1898.

Last years report shows total number of
members of church - 670

Rec'd by Letter during year - 22
Rec'd on Confession of Faith — 12
704

Dismissed by Letter — 45
Deaths during year — 10
Dropped — 1
Total present membership - 648

Males — 237
Females — 411

Number of Adult Baptisms - 6
Number of Infant Baptisms — 7

Mrs. A. J. Ramsay Clerk.

Names of those who died during year.

Mrs. William Collard.
Mrs. J. B. Hatch.
Mrs. Margaret Jones.
Mrs Sarah Lucas.
Raleigh Ward.
Alfred Plummer.
Mrs. B. C. Ward.
Mrs. Nancy Savery.
Miss Katie Lear.
Mrs. C. S. Crosby.

Church Treasurer's Report. Jan 4th/98 to Jan 2d/99.

Receipts.

Bal on hand Jan 4th 1898 from former Treas.	107.53
Rec'd from Pledges for P K Metcalf's Salary	350.30
Loan from S A Merrill for P. K. M's salary	100.00
Collection for Miss Patterson	5.00
" " Y. M. C. A.	78.50
" " Testaments for Soldiers at Camp McK	5.00
" " Salvation Army	25.47
" " Organ for church at Moorland	25.00
" " Expense of State Printing	26.88
" " Plymouth Sunday School	19.82
" " Cong Church Building Society	57.98
" " Cong Educational Society	246.55
" " American Miss Association	134.50
" " Iowa Cong Home Miss Society	275.03
" " " A. B. C. F. M.	110.15
" at Miss Prayer Meetings each month.	28.37
" Communion Sabbaths	85.69
Total Receipts.	1881.77
Disbursements.	1870.47
Balance on hand Jan 2d 1899	11.30

Chas A. Peirce, Treas.

over

Disbursements

Paid	F H Metcalf (Salary)		579.54
"	Miss Cox, Commission for collecting		
	$324.00 F H M's salary 1897	3%	9.72
"	Miss Cox, commission on pledges on		
	F H M's salary 1898. 3% on $699.50		20.99
"	S A Merrill, Loan for F H M's salary		100.00
"	Mrs J M Otis for "Advance" for church families		3.50
"	" " " " " " " " " " Y.M.C.A.		1.75
"	E E Adams - Printing Programs		3.25
"	Dr A L Frisbie - Delegate. Ex to Hampton		2.00
"	Miss Otis " " " Newbury		3.60
"	Mrs E E Hubbard " " " Kansas City		8.90
"	Mrs W W Pierce. Flowers for Mrs Hatch's funeral		1.75
"	F H Merrill. Treas for Ministerial Relief Fund.		20.00
"	Mrs Kendall		60.00
"	Mrs Patterson -		5.00
"	Maj Blanche Cox for Salvation Army		25.47
"	J B Chase Treas for State Printing		26.88
"	Dr E E Weber, organ for church at Moreland		25.00
"	G. L. Barker Sec of Y.M.C.A.		78.50
"	" " " " Testaments for Soldiers		5.00
"	Miss Mabel Dempster Treas. for Plymouth		S.S. 19.82
"	R S Clifton Sec for Coop Education Soc		246.55
"	F A Wiggins Treas A.B.C.F.M.		110.15
"	" " " " Monthly Miss Col		45.84
"	Dr J E Roy " A M A		134.50
"	C H Taintor Sec Coop Ch Building Soc		57.98
"	F H Merrill Sec S.C.H.M.S.		274.78
	Total Disbursements -		1870.47
	Balance on hand Com Fund	11.05	
	S.C.H.M.S.	.25	11.30
			1881.77

Chas A. Pierce. Treas —

Wednesday Jan 11th 1899 a letter was granted Miss Lucy Millen dismissing her to Jefferson Park Church Chicago Ills.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wed Evening. Feb 3d Letter of Dismission granted Miss Mary E Perkins to Cong'l Church of Shenandoah Ia.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wed Eve Feby 22d Letter of Dismission granted Mrs Jessie Ritchie De Ford to First Pres Ch Cedar Rapids Ia.

Mrs A Y R. Clerk.

At Communion Service March 5th the following persons were received by letter Mrs Emma L Lewis (Geo K) from First United Pres Church, Des Moines, Iowa.
Mr Frank L Morgan, Mrs Allela Morgan, Miss Elizabeth Morgan, Everett Frank Morgan and Lenice Butler Morgan from Cong Church of Perry. Iowa.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

March 15th Letters of Dismission granted Mr & Mrs John E Clancy to Cong Church Great Barrington. Mass.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Note.

In my absence several church meetings were held and minutes of those meetings did not come into my hands for record until some time after my return which will explain their being dated earlier than several of the items above recorded.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Church meeting Feb 1st 1899. pursuant to call Sunday previous - J E Merchon in chair.
Meeting called to order at 8.30 P M - Question before meeting - how best to provide for future pastorate of Plymouth Church. Moved and seconded. that a committee be appointed of the Deacons and Trustees and eight members of the church to consider the question before the meeting - Carried.
Moved that Chairman appoint a committee of three as a nominating committee to nominate in accordance with above motion - seconded & carried. Chair appointed Mr H C Harris, Mr S A Merrill, Miss Genevive Otis and Mr Huntington E H.
There were nominated by above committee, Mr Jenny Mr Work, Mrs Prince, Mrs Winden, Mr Hargrave Mr Pease, Mrs Getchell and Mrs Otis.
Moved and seconded that report of committee be adopted - Carried. Moved and seconded that Mr Harris be considered chairman of above committee and that it meet at his call - Carried.
Wednesday evening, Feb 8th 1899 at 7.30 P M was set for time of next meeting - Adjourned.

Hervey Porter, Clerk pro tem.

Wednesday evening Feb 8th 1899 - 7.30 P M.
Adjourned meeting pursuant to adjournment Feb 1st. J E Merchon in chair - Moved and seconded that meeting be adjourned to Wednesday evening Feb 15th 1899 at 7.30 P M and that particular notice of said adjourned meeting be given Sunday Feby 12th from the pulpit. Carried - adjourned -

Hervey Porter Clerk pro tem.

A meeting of Plymouth Church was called Feb 15th 1899 in church to consider the resignation of Dr A L Frisbie. Dr Frisbie opened the meeting & spoke of the object of the meeting and then retired.
J E Merriam took the chair and C S Perry was appointed secretary. A general discussion took place. Mrs Pierce, Mr Harris, Mr Work, Mrs Winden, Mr Merrill Mr Huntington and others spoke in favor of retaining Dr Frisbie either as Pastor or Pastor Emeritus.
Mr Hargrave representing the young people also spoke in favor of retaining Dr Frisbie as Pastor.
The committee appointed at former meeting to consider the resignation of Dr A L Frisbie and the advisability of calling a new pastor then presented their report as follows. Committee Meeting at church parlors Feb 7. 1899. Members of committee present Chairman Harris, Messrs Rollins, Miller, Lawson, Dempster, Hargrave, Work, Merrill, Merriam, Pease, Jenny + Mesdames Winden, Otis and Pierce. J E Merriam was elected Secretary. Moved by W G Work that this committee report at the church meeting that two plans have been proposed and discussed by members of this committee with many of the church members.
1st That an assistant be procured to help Dr Frisbie, and 2nd That Dr Frisbie be elected Pastor Emeritus to cooperate in all possible ways with a new pastor to be called. That after full consideration the committee unanimously recommend the second plan. This motion was carried.
Motion carried that J E Merriam report this action of the committee, and after an explanation of the position of the committee, call upon some other members of the committee to make further explanation.
Motion carried that we recommend that the church meeting vote by ballot. The meeting adjourned.
H L Harris Chairman. J E Merriam Secretary.
After this report had been considered a resolution was

presented as follows - Whereas, our Pastor, Dr A L Frisbie has expressed to the officers of the Church his desire to be relieved of the greater part of the burden and responsibility of the Church work, and has asked that another man be called to take up the responsibility there laid down and carry forward the work of the church, therefore be it
Resolved; that in recognition of the long & faithful ministration of Dr Frisbie as Pastor of Plymouth Church and in response to the wish of the church and society to keep him with us to the end of his days, we hereby elect him Pastor Emeritus to take effect whenever a new Pastor is secured and we recommend to the Trustees of this society that his salary be one thousand dollars a year as long as he stays with us - The report was adopted and the resolution voted on by ballot. Number of votes cast was 15-3. Yeas 141 - Nays. 12. and the resolution was declared carried.
Mr Geo H Lewis presented the following resolutions expressing the high esteem and appreciation with which Dr Frisbie is regarded as our Pastor.
Whereas our beloved pastor, Rev. A L Frisbie D.D. has announced that he no longer feels able to carry the full burden of the Church and Parish without efficient assistance,
Therefore, we the officers and members of Plymouth Cong Church desiring to express our profound appreciation of the long and faithful labors of Dr Frisbie, do hereby Resolve 1st! That we sincerely and deeply regret the retirement of Dr Frisbie from the active pastorate of this church over which he has watched with fatherly love and care for twenty eight years, and which he has served with great ability and faithfulness during all this period.
2nd That we shall ever cherish in tender & grateful remembrance the kind and loving ministrations to us

as individuals of our beloved pastor, who has been in joy & sorrow, in prosperity & adversity, a good and true friend and a faithful Christian teacher, and shall always hold him in the highest esteem and honor. For his inestimable services in building up this and other churches of our denomination in this city and throughout the state, especially in connection with the Iowa Congregational Home Missionary Society.

3d That in taking the position of Pastor Emeritus it is our hope and earnest wish that his active connection with the church and its services shall not cease but that we may see his face and hear his familiar voice frequently in the pulpit as well as in other forms of church work.

The sentiments of these resolutions were heartily endorsed by those present and the church clerk instructed to spread them upon records of the church. They were also printed in "the Des Moines Register" of Feb 16th 1899.

Moved by Mr E H Huntington that the chair appoint a committee to nominate a committee to look up a new pastor - carried -

The chair then appointed Mr E.H. Huntington, Mr Geo H. Lewis, Mr Pierce, Mrs J. M. Otis, Mr H. M. Mc Farland as such nominating committee.

The committee retired and later reported the names of E. S. Miller, S. M. Langan, S. A. Merrill, Mrs H. G. Winslow, W. G. Work, Hardy & Harris, Mrs F. A. Percival, J E Mershon, Mrs Frank Forse, and H. M. Mc Farland as a committee to look up a new pastor - the report was adopted -

Meeting adjourned -

E. S. Perry Sec pro tem.

Wednesday evening March 27th 1899 after prayer meeting Dr Freshi called upon a committe on pastoral supply to report progress. Bro S A Merrill chairman of the committee said they had considered three candidates and several other names had been presented them for consideration but the committe felt it was necessary to put a limit somewhere to the number of persons it might bepre the church. He then called on Bro Work, another member of the committe, who said the three persons especially considered by them were Dr Fox of Chicago, Dr Saigent of St Louis and Rev Mr Waters of Evanston - Two of these had spoken in Plymouth Church and a sub committe of three, Bro E S Miller, Bro W G Work and Bro J M Langan had been to Evanston and heard Bro Waters preach. Bro Merrill said the committe wished to know if the church were ready to extend a call to either of them or did the members wish the committee to keep on with their work and bring forward more names for consideration Bro Miller said upon our point the committee were divided, some of them thought best to decide at once in the matter without further candidating, the rest wished to hear others before coming to any definite decision. After some further discussion Bro W H Langan moved, seconded by Bro E S Miller that the committee be instructed to bring further candidates before the church to be heard in the pulpit - Carried -

Then Bro Rawson brought up the matter of work going on Sunday on a block being built on Sixth & Walnut Sts and suggested the appointment of a committee from Plymouth Church to consider the subject and secure a cessation of such work on the Sabbath. Bro Lewis moved, seconded by Bro Langan that the Pastor & deacons of the church act as such committee - Carried - Adjourned.

Wm. A. Y. Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening April 19th Mr and Mrs McFarland were appointed diligates to meeting of Grinnell Ass'n to be held the next Tuesday and Wednesday at Oskaloosa Iowa.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Apr 26th at prayer meeting Letter voted to Miss Charlotte Faucher to First Cong' Church of Omaha Neb.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening May 3d 1899 Letters granted Mr & Mrs C. E Dodd to First Pres Church of Joliet Ills.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson Clerk.

Sunday May 7th 1899 Communion service at church. The following persons were received into church by letter Thomas Frank Brinsmaid from First Cong Church Topeka, Kan Lyman B Kirkpatrick from Edwards Cong Church Davenport Iowa Mrs Florence Kirkpatrick " " " " "

Miss Ethel Carpenter from First Cong Church Mason City Ia Mr & Mrs C C Otis, Harrison Grey Otis, & Florence Otis from First Cong' Church of Charles City, Iowa.

Mrs A Y Rawson. Clerk.

Wednesday evening May 10th 1899 a meeting of the members of Plymouth Church was called to consider the matter of calling a pastor for the church. Dr A L Frisbie presided and called for a report of the committee appointed Feb 15th 1899, who presented the following report, which Mr S A Merrill stated was unanimous as far as the committee was concerned.

To Plymouth Congregational Church Des Moines, Iowa.

The committee appointed by you Feb 15th 1899, for the purpose of bringing before you a minister with a view of calling him to become the pastor of this church, beg leave to present the following report.

This committee has had brought to its attention quite a number of men, each one of whom was thought available and well fitted to become the pastor of this church. We have had correspondence regarding a number of these men who have received most hearty endorsement, and several of them have addressed you from the pulpit.

After having made careful inquiry by correspondence and having received from many sources the most cordial commendation of the character, ability and work of the Rev Francis J Van Horn, of Beverly Mass; having also heard him speak from the pulpit on two Sabbaths and having met him personally during his visit with us, and having talked with many members of the church and congregation until we feel sure that the thought of the people is heartily favorable to Mr Van Horn; this committee now unanimously recommend to this church that a call be extended To the Rev Francis J Van Horn to become its pastor.

Your committee further recommend that the society of this church be asked to unite with the church in this call; that the salary of Mr Van Horn be $2500. yearly; that an appropriation of $200 be made toward paying his expenses in moving his family here and that the pastorate begin as early in September as is convenient for Mr Van Horn.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee
- L. A. Merrill
- W. G. Work
- E. L. Miller
- H. C. Harris
- J. E. Mershon
- H. M. McFarland
- Mrs. F. W. Rose
- Mrs. H. C. Winder
- Mrs. F. A. Percival
- F. M. Langan.

Mr Geo H Lewis moved that the report of the committee be adopted and that a call be extended to Rev Francis Van Horn to become pastor of Plymouth Church.

It was also moved that the rules be suspended requiring a vote by ballot and a rising vote taken, which was accordingly done and those present voted unanimously

to call Mr Van Horn to the pastorate of Plymouth Church.
(116 votes). Mr Lewis then moved, seconded by
that the chairman of the committee, mentioned above,
Mr I A Merrill, be instructed to extend this call
to Rev Francis J Van Horn. Carried. It was suggested
that two others be associated with him in this duty.
Dr Fiske appointed Mr H E Harris and Mr W H
Langan as such associates.
Mr Eugene W Brooks was appointed delegate to the
meeting of State Association at Atlantic May 17th - 21st
and Mr Walter Barnard alternate.
Mr Elliott I Miller spoke of the fact that the church
had one very bad habit of which he wished to speak.
It was this - that the notices to be given out Sundays
are often brought to the pastor at a very late hour and
prove an interruption to the services. It was accordingly
voted that when necessary such belated notices be handed
to the ushers and presented by them to the pastor
at the time of taking up contribution - Adjourned.

Mrs A G Ransom - Clerk.

Copy of Call to Rev. F. J. Van Horn.

Plymouth Congregational Church and Society of Des
Moines, Iowa, to the Reverend Francis J Van Horn
of Beverly Massachusetts, Greeting.

The undersigned,
who were appointed a committee from the above named
church and society for that purpose, have the privilege
and pleasure of advising you that at a regularly called
meeting of Plymouth Cong. Church and Society held May
9th 1899, you were by a unanimous vote of the church
elected its pastor at a salary of $2500 per annum, with
an allowance of $200 toward the expense of your removal
to this city. The term of your pastorate to begin as early in
September 1899 as is convenient to you -
At a meeting of the society held immediately after the
above action of the church, the same was ratified by the

society unanimously, and the Board of Trustees authorized and instructed to carry out the necessary arrangements for the payment of your salary and expenses.
Permit us to add as individuals as well as in our official capacity that we extend this call to you with great cordiality and with the unanimous wish that your pastorate may be a blessing to us as individuals and to the church and to this city as well as to yourself and family. We shall hope to receive as prompt a reply to this letter as may be consistent with your convenience, and the reply may be addressed to L A Merrill Esq Chairman of the Church Committee.

We are with very great respect,

Your brothers in Christ

(sgd) L. A. Merrill.
H. C. Harris
W. H. Langan
Committee of the Church
George H. Lewis.
W. A. Work.
J. M. Grahame
Committee of the Society.

Des Moines May 11th 1899.

Copy of Rev Van Horn's Reply.

Dear Bro Merrill:

I enclose herewith the acceptance of the call sent me by Mr Lewis, and I am glad, not only of the unanimity of the call, but also that the way has become so clear to its acceptance. One clause may need explanation. I do not feel quite like availing myself of the full liberty granted in the call as to time of commencing service. It has been a cherished plan of mine for a long time to attend the meeting of the International Congregational Council in Boston in Sept. But I find it does not come till Sept 20-27; so that if I stay for that I could not be with you till Oct 1;

now, if Plymouth Church feels that it would pay to have a representative there who would come fresh from the inspiration of that great meeting, there I shall be happy to stay. But if it is felt that there should not be so long delay, then I am at your bidding and will come as suggested the first or second Sunday in Sept., the Lord willing.
Perhaps you will talk this over in committee or in prayer meeting and let me know what is your judgment and wish in the matter. Hoping for great things in our mutual service, I am

Sincerely
F. J. Van Horn.

Beverly Mass. May 17th 1899.

Copy of Resolutions sent with letter from Clerk of Dane St Cong Church, Beverly Mass to Clerk of Plymouth Cong Church, Des Moines Iowa -

Whereas our Pastor Rev Francis J Van Horn has tendered his resignation of the pastoral office, and the same has been accepted by this church and the ecclesiastical society connected therewith; and
Whereas this church and society wish to place on record some testimonial of his character as a Christian minister, and the value and enthusiasm of his work among us during the last four years; therefore
Resolved. That we realize the circumstances and condition of health which caused our Pastor to resign his office, and regret that the severity of a New England climate has compelled him to sever the ties which have united us as Pastor and People.
Resolved. That we fully appreciate the progressive ideas which have characterized his pastorate, as shown by the many successful changes in church and society administration, his unusual ability as a preacher, the worth of his character as a man and citizen, his spirituality and desire to lead his people into a deeper religious life, the remarkable resources at his command for giving

variety and interest to all the services, yet always with the gospel of Christ as its centre and aim.
Resolved That our congratulations are hereby extended to our sister church in the West that his services have been secured, and that we shall watch with interest the result of the union so soon to be consummated.
Resolved - That these resolutions be entered in full upon the records of the church and society, and a copy of the same be sent to Mr Van Horn and to Plymouth church Des Moines, Iowa.

Wednesday evening May 17th 1899 a letter of dismission was granted Miss Helen Robbins from Plymouth Church to Cong church, Marshalltown, Iowa. also one to John S Emery to such church as he may elect to join.
The church in Stuart Ia asked that the delegate of Plymouth Cong Church to meeting of State Ass'n at Atlantic May 17-21 be commissioned to act as a delegate to a council called by Cong Church of that town for the purpose of dismissing Rev Glen Taylor from the pastorate of that church. The Council will be held at Atlantic Friday May 19 and Mr Eugene Brooks was instructed to act as the delegate from Plymouth Church as requested.

Wednesday evening at prayer meeting May 24th 1899 after the reading of the letter of Rev Francis Van Horn (of which a copy will be found on previous page of this book) Mr Lewis moved that the clerk write Mr Van Horn he would be expected to enter upon the duties of his pastorate with Plymouth church as early in October as convenient after attending meeting of International Council in Boston Sept 20 - 27, & suggested that Dr Gridley also attend that meeting - It was so voted and the clerk wrote Mr Van Horn to that effect.

Mrs A L Lawson, Clerk -

Children's Day June. 1899. for children baptised see page 46 of Baptisms in Church Register Book. Mrs A Y R. Clerk.

Wednesday evening June 21st at prayer meeting letters of dismission were voted to Mr & Mrs E W Peck and Fred B Harrington to Plymouth Church Minneapolis Minn

Mrs A Y Rawson - Clerk

Wed evening June 28 at prayer meeting a letter was granted Miss Mabel E Smith to Cong Church Gilman Iowa.

Mrs A Y Rawson Clerk

July 2d 1899 at communion service the following persons were received into Plymouth church by letter Mrs Mary A Kennedy from Cong Church of Dunlap, Iowa and Mrs Ella B Dodge from Cong Church of Eldora, Iowa.

Mrs A Y Rawson - Clerk.

Wednesday evening July 26th at prayer meeting Mr E H Huntington was appointed delegate to a council to be held in Pilgrim Cong Church Des Moines Iowa for the purpose of dismissing Rev Clinton Douglass from the pastorate of that church. The council to be held Thursday July 27th 1899.

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson, Clerk.

Sept 3d 1899 at Communion service at Plymouth Church the following persons were received into its membership - By Confession, John Wesley Jones and Mrs Luella E Ryan - By letter Dr Granville Ryan from M. E. Church Colfax, Iowa - Mrs L L Zollinger and Miss Myrtle Thumpler from Cong Church of Newton, Iowa -

Mrs. A. Y. Rawson Clerk.

Wednesday evening, Sept 13th letters were granted Mrs Sarah Williams to Pres Church of Rock Island, Ills, Miss Cora Swan to Cong Church of Grand Rapids, Mich Mrs R Y Craig and Miss Sadie Skinner to South Cong Church, Chicago Ills - Dr Smith appointed Mr Mount, Mr Huntington and Mr McFarland a nominating committee to nominate two delegates to State Annual Meeting of Home Miss'n at Ankeny Sept 26 + 27.

Mrs A Y Rawson - Clerk.

Sept 17th 1899. Dr A L Frisbi preached from the text. "My love be with you all in Christ Jesus". 1 Cor 16. 24
This Sabbath closed his active pastorate in Plymouth Church as announced in the papers that morning, "Glances over over twenty eight years; past, present and future; not farewell, but forward". After the evening service he left for the East to attend the International Council at Boston to which he had been appointed delegate for the state of Iowa - also the meeting of the American Board at Providence R. I. early in October.
The service in the morning mentioned above was most tender and impressive, many in the large audience being moved to tears by the memories which the occasion brought to their minds of the loving ministrations of their beloved pastor and his wife in the years gone by.

Mrs. A. L. Ramsay. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Sept 20th at prayer meeting the committee on examination appointed one week previous, reported the names of Mr & Mrs F. A Merrill as delegates from Plymouth Church to meeting of Grinnell Association at Cenkeny Sept 26 & 27.

Mrs. A. L. Ramsay. Clerk.

Wednesday evening Oct 18 1899 at prayer meeting. C W Reed was granted letter to Union Congl. Church of Boston Mass.

Mrs A L Ramsay Clk

Nov 5 1899 At communion service the following persons were admitted to membership Rev Francis J Van Horn & Amy R Van Horn from Dane Street Congl. Church of Beverly Mass; Mrs Mrs W A. Wagner from Congl Church Shenandoah Ia, Mrs Amelia E Deards from 1st Congl Church Madison Wis; Mrs Adah H Simonse, 1st M. E. Church Des Moines, Mrs C E Meyers from Congl Church Atlantic, Miss Laura R Moulton from Congl Church Grinnell Mrs C D Sprague from Congl Church Galesburg. Ill

Wednesday evening Oct 11th 1899 at prayer meeting letter was granted Earl D Smith to Westminster Pres. Church Mpls Minn. also one to Miss Minnie Sherman to Kenwood Evangelical Church Chicago.

Wednesday evening Nov 8 1899 at prayer meeting Miss Emma J Stratford was granted letter to Congl Church of De Kalb Ill.

In answer to a letter issued by the church a council convened in the church parlors Thursday afternoon at 3³⁰ Dec 14 1899. to advise with us relative to the installation of Rev. Francis J Van Horn. The following churches were represented, Ames Atlantic, Burlington, DesMoines Pilgrim, North Park and Greenwood Dubuque, Galesburg Ill, Grinnell, Mitchellville, Oskaloosa Perry & Valley Junction. Dr A L Frisbie & E H Huntington represented Plymouth Church.

Dr E S Hill of Atlantic was chosen Moderator & H Reed Douglas of Ames Scribe. The records of Plymouth Church & society having been read showing the action of the bodies in extending a call to Mr Van Horn to the pastorate of the church, together with his acceptance of the call, the examination of the candidate was begun. Mr Van Horn read a somewhat extended statement of his belief and experience and submitted testimonial of his ordination. After questions, the council considered the statements which had been made & unanimously voted to sustain the examination & proceed to the public exercises of installation in the evening.

At 7³⁰ PM Council reassembled for the public service The Scribe read the record of proceedings: Rev John Cowin of the North Park Church DesMoines offered an invocation & read the Scriptures. Dr C R Vincent of Galesburg Ill preached the sermon. Dr F E. Hopkins of Dubuque offered the installing prayer. Secy H. Douglas gave the Right Hand of Fellowship address. Rev A L Frisbie delivered the charge to the pastor. Dr E M Vittum of Grinnell gave the address to the people and Dr A B Marshall of the Central Presbyterian Church of Des Moines welcomed Mr Van Horn to the city, speaking in behalf of the Associated Pastors of the city. The benediction was pronounced by the pastor and the council adjourned sine die.

Miss Ayl Rawson Clerk

Wednesday evening Jan 3 1900 at prayer meeting it was voted to set aside the bylaw regarding date of annual meeting + to hold it on Tuesday evening instead of Monday at the request of the ladies preparing the supper.
Was voted to refer matter regarding absent members to a committee of the pastors + deacons to report to the church.

Mrs A J Rawson Secy.

Tuesday evening Jany 9th 1900 the annual church meeting of Plymouth Church was held in the church parlors, over 300 members sitting down at tables to a bountiful supper prepared by a committee of 30 ladies.
After supper Dr Priobie offered prayer + Mr Van Horn, the pastor, called for a report of Church Clerk, which was given by Mrs A J Rawson. it was approved + ordered spread upon the record. Mrs Chas Pierce Treasurer reported expenses and finances of the church. this report was accepted + put on file.
Mr Van Horn asked if trustees had any word for the meeting but no one responded. Report of Sunday School was given by Mr Earl Marsh asst Secy. Miss Dempster reported the condition of Sunday School Library.
Report of Senior Y P S C E. was given by Miss Minnie Mease, said that they had 50 working members + a good many others whom she called affiliated members. Mr Neal Wells Treas reported on finances of society + Miss Maud Perry Ex Pres of Society gave gave a written report on the work of the society.
Miss Mabel Bowen gave a very encouraging report of the Junior Endeavor Society, composed of lively + earnest boys and girls, she also gave the Treasurers report.
Mrs A J Rawson Secy of Woman's Missionary Society reported the work and meetings of that society + Mrs Tinsley Treas. gave amount of contributions + etc.
Mrs W H Mc Henry Secy of Ladies Aid Society reported the church sociables + receptions + gave a list of the new officers of the society. she also read the report of Mrs C H. Getchell Treas. $30.15 was given as the income of society, expenses were $14.11 + balance in treasury as $16.04.

Miss Louise Huntington reported for the Plymouth Rock Missionary society saying the attendance had increased during the year. she also told of the different subjects & objects taken up at the meetings. Miss Otis Treasurer gave account of receipts & expenditures of the society.
Mrs O J Elbert spoke for Plymouth Home Circle, saying this society was not engaged in any benevolent work or work for self improvement but meet together to form friendships & acquaintances & to talk together of things in which they were mutually interested. Miss Stone Treas. reported her part work.
Mrs A B Shadwick reported The Plymouth Circle of Kings Daughters in their work among the poor & sick.
Mr Van Horn then said we had heard the report of 5 different societies among the women of the church & that he would put the vote in a somewhat different form & asked every man who wished to say "God bless you" to hold up both hands. A unanimous vote was ~~given~~.
A report of the committee on nominations elected early in the evening was then called for & Mr. W H Langan chairman reported, as follows. The report of committee was then accepted & Mr Lewis moved that we suspend the rules requiring vote by ballot & proceed to the election of following persons by viva voce:

Clerk	Mrs A J Tawson
Treasurer	Edgar Harrah
Deacons	S A. Merrill
	J. Edw. Mershon
Asst Deacons	A R Dempster
	J M Galusha
Deaconesses	Mrs N W Pierce
	Mrs Frank Voorse
	Mrs A R Dempster
	Mrs A P Parker
	Mrs H B Hedge

Motion prevailed

Dr Tibbits spoke of retiring Treasurer and bespoke for our new one his assistance in every possible way.

Mr Van Horn asked of there was any new business to come before the church at this time & said that the organization which at present has the Calvary Tabernacle in charge wish to give it into the hands of Plymouth Church free of debt if they will continue to carry on Christian work in it. Mr Miller said Mr Risser proposed to give the property and the work into our hands to carry on. Mr Lewis moved & it was seconded that a committee of 7 including the pastor be appointed by the chair to take the matter in charge. Mr Van Horn said he would look the matter up & report & he then spoke of the hour for our Wednesday evening prayer meeting & Mr Miller moved that for the winter & early spring that the hour be changed from 7^{45} to 7^{30} Carried.

Mr Van Horn said he wished to speak of the hour for commencing church service on Sunday morning. After a little discussion the hour was left the same as heretofore 10^{30} AM.

Mr Van Horn then spoke of the number of collections for our Sunday School & different benevolent societies & presented a schedule of collections which he had prepared at some previous time, after some discussion Sd Merrill moved that this matter be referred to the deacons & trustees. Carried.

Mr Van Horn said he had a word to say to the ears and the hearts of this people, that he believed in pushing the work of the church & in advertising, said some cards would be put into their hands on going out & said that he wanted $100 to put into printers ink - said he thought it might be raised by the offering Sunday evenings. Mr Miller moved & W W Lyons seconded that a collection be taken up at Sunday evening service & the amount be handed over to the Treas. to be paid out on orders signed by pastor. Mr Adams said he would donate $25.00 worth of printing. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds" & prayer by pastor meeting adjourned.

Mrs A J Rawson Clerk

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Congl Church
for year ending Dec 31 1899.

Total Membership at commencement of year 648
Rcd by confession during year 3
" " letter " " " 28 31 Total accessions
679

Dismissed by letter during the year 23
Deaths during the year 10 33 Total removals
Total Membership Jan 1st 1900 646

Male members 239
Female " 407
646

Adult Baptisms during year 1
Children baptised " " 3
Non resident members 69.

Deaths during year
Mrs Maria Horning
Mrs Hasula Bonnelle
Mr Harvey Wilkinson
Mrs A Smart
Mrs Rachel Russell
Mrs Phebe E Watson
Mrs S B Dodge
Mrs M B Talcott
Dr M P Turner
Mrs Regina Rubleman

Report of Chas N Pierce Treas of Plymouth Congl Church for year 1899

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan 1 1899	11.30
Collection for Cong Church Bldg Society	67 54
" " Ia Cong Home Miss "	204 76
" " Cong Education "	72 57
" " Am Board Com For. Miss	199 62
Personal contributions for " " "	105
Collection for Amer. Miss. Assn	79 67
" " Ministerial Relief Fund	186. 25
" " Plymouth Cong Sunday School	20 34
" " Christmas Entertainment " "	27 00
" " W C T U.	4 38
Expense of circulating Anti Saloon Petitions	60 02
Collection of Thanksgiving Day Union Service	36. 69
" at Monthly Miss. Prayer meetings	21 25
" on Communion Sabbaths	92 98

Disbursements

To Mrs J M Otis for Advance for YWCA	150
" " " " " Miss Childs	135
Mrs F W Vose delegate Ex to WBM Oct 98	446
Miss Genevie Otis " " " Grinnell Assn	384
Dr Tristie " " " "	150
J B Chase Treas State Assn Printing	29 16
Mrs Durant on Deacon's order	4 50
Mr W W Pierce Delegate Ex WBM 3 Oct 99	5 50
J H Merrill Treas Ministerial Relief Fund	20.
Miss Mabel Dempster Jr Sunday School	47 34
Mrs E D Chase Treas Childrens Home	13 23
W H Slingerland Supt Dr " "	11 73
Frank Garner " Sunbeam Mission	11 73
Miss Phillips for W C T U.	4 38
Rev A B Marshall Jr. Anti Saloon Com.	60 02
Dr C H Jacinto Secy Church Bldg Society	67 04
J H Merrill Jr Ia Congl Home Miss "	205. 01
Rev Thos Clifton Secy Congl Education "	12 57
" F H Wiggin Jr A B C F M	32 587
" J O Boyd Jr a m a.	19 67
" S B Forbes " Ministerial Relief Fund	186 25
Balance on hand Jan 8th 1900	

Wednesday evening Jany 17 1900 at prayer meeting the following resolution was adopted, that our church voted to recommend & heartily enter into the proposed series of meetings under Dr Marshall from Feb 21st to March 14th.

Mrs A J Rawson Clerk

Wednesday evening Feb 14 1900 a letter was granted Mrs A D Crain to First Cong'l Church of Grand Rapids Michigan.

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Sunday March 4th 1900 at communion service the following persons were received into membership by confession Mr W A. Applegate, by letter Mrs W A. Applegate from Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Maxwell Ia. Miss Loise M Shaw from First Presb. Church of Utica N.Y. & H H Connor from First M E Church of Des Moines Ia

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At prayer meeting March 31 1900 a letter was granted Mrs Mary H S Ray to Central Cong'l Church of Phila. Penn.

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Sunday March 25 1900 at church today following persons were admitted to membership. On confession of faith Allen Rich, Clive Powers, Mrs Emma S Jones & Miss Maysie Jones, Hattie Lymenstall, Constance Guernsey, Fayette Monarch, Helene Nightman, Anna Kilmer, Maud Humbert, Bennie Steward, Bilton Dawson & Ruth Lee Thompson. By letter Mrs E M Steward from First Cong'l Church of Stuart, Miss Lizzie B Mason from First Cong'l Church of Sioux City & Geo Hanger from Cong'l Church Merolon Ia.

At prayer meeting April 18th 1900 Mr B C Ward & Mrs W M Pierce were appointed delegate from Plymouth Church to meeting of Grinnell Assn to be held at North Park Cong'l Church on April 24 1900

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June 1900 - Neal Wells appointed Clerk pro tem. Mr Ellis moved and Mr Buckingham seconded motion that the rules be suspended and letter be granted Mrs. Shirley S. Clark and Mrs. Florence Clarke Inkwood to Plymouth Cong. Church Brooklyn.

Miss Millet Moody dropped from & joining the Episcopal Church.

The following were elected to be received into membership in Sunday.

By Letter.

Mrs S. Marsh.
Edna Marsh
Elizabeth Dudgeon
Catherine Potts
Edward Potts
Arnold Clarkson
Percy Clarkson

} Cong.

Mr B Clarkson
Mrs. Mrs B. Clarkson
Mr. J.S. Reid from St. Pauls Episcopal Church D.M.

} Dyke Kansas.

Neal Wells
Clerk pro tem
Plym C.H.R.

Sept. 1900. At the regular prayer-meeting Mrs. C.H. Rawson was appointed Clerk of Plymouth Cong. Church.

Between the last-two meetings occurred the death of Mrs A.J. Rawson one of the most faithful and most valued loved members of our church and at the time of her decease Clerk of the Church. The wife of her oldest son was elected Clerk in her stead

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Aims the Plans. report and the
Intentions that the work has

gone on quietly and hopefully
during the year.
Mabel Boden reported for the
Junior work a total membership
of 30 children & whom had
joined the church. On the
running expenses the daily
receipts had been $4.37. Mrs Hutchins
$2.96 - Bal. $1.41.
For missionary work receipts were $5.60
Expenditures $1.
Bal $4.60
Work of the Woman's Miss. Society
was reported by Mrs. Gunsley - the
Treas. audit by Mrs. Prentice.
$742.32 had been raised for
the various branches of Miss. work.
Mrs. Prentice reported three meetings
held during the year with an
average attendance of three
more than last year - the
number varying from
25 to 60. Calendars for the
coming year were already in
the hands of the ladies.
Mrs. Prentice also said the time
has come when Missionary work
should not be carried on by the
women alone but by the whole
church. Every thing pointing to this
that end. Success dependent upon
our fullness of organization and
minute detail.
Report was accepted and placed on
file.
Plymouth Rock Miss. Society was reported
~~reported~~ as having a membership

246. During the year 350.15 Lead from special for Missionary work. A cordial invitation was extended to all to attend a social meeting in the church early in February. Mrs. Chadwick reported for the Dorcas Circle - Regular meetings held every second and fourth Friday. The membership has made use of honorary embroidering and working patterns. Rest and work rooms had been fitted up in the back of the church.

Mrs. Fuchs gave an informal report of Plymouth Union Circle. The Aid of the gathering was to secure carpet for the supper room. No refreshments served. Excellent plan for strangers. The next meeting at Mr. Fuchs'

Mrs Hurll gave Dues report for Ladies Aid Society. Receipts for year $ 658.14
Disbursements 280.66
Bal 377.48

In the absence of the Secretary it was reported that a new constitution had recently been adopted changing the time of electing officers from fall to spring. Flowers had been provided for Sunday services. Report accepted. Then followed the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Church - clerk. Mrs. C. H. Rawson
Treas - Edgar Harris.
Trustees { Mrs. E. S. Miller
" D. L. Hurd.
Mr. A. R. Reynolds
Mr. J. M. Galentine.

The Committees were re-elected.

Mrs P. N. Penn.
" Frank Rake.
" A P. Dumphlin.
" A E. Parker
" F. B Hedges.

Mr. Lewis spoke a word in behalf of the poor down-trodden men, who were doing something along Sunday lines. Mr. Van Horn spoke of the work of prayer asking as many as possible to be present.

Mr. Van Horn also made suggestions concerning the work of the church year. There were seconded by Dr. Fisher

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. C. H. Runyon - clerk.

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Cong.
Church for year 1900.

Total Membership at Beginning of Year 646.

Received by Confession	38	
" " Letter	61	
Total Accessions	99	99
		745

Dismissed by Letter during year 27
" Deaths " " 10
" Dropped 9
Total Removals 40
Total Membership Jan 8 - 1901 705

Male Members
Female "

Adult Baptisms	2	
Children Baptized.	5	7
Absent- Members		73.

Deaths during Year.
Mrs Cyt Ramsey
Mr. Robt. L. Clark.
Mrs. Delia Ritchey.
Mrs. Belle A Sewell.
Mrs. Mattie J. Elliott.
Mrs Luella Ryan.
F. L Jaynes.
Mrs. Ary. Ramsey
Mrs. Anna Clopton.
Mr. Clay Johns.

Annual Report of Edgar Hamlin Treas-
Plymouth Circuit Church

Bill on Hand Jan. 8. 1900	32.72	
Col. Community Service	70.96	
" C.E. B.S.	54.85	
" J C & M.S.	130.31	
2 " C.E. S.	47.00	
" C.E. S.	142.80	
2 " Ab. C.E.M	59.50	
" Annual	36.00	
" Ministerial Relief Fund	42.15	
" Plymouth S.S.	150.00	
" Yth's C.E.	68.50	
" Famine-Relief Fund	5.00	
" Ecumenical Council	27.00	
" Circuit S.S. and C.E.	14.80	
a Little Family	50.20	
Dr. Marshall	200.00	1136.39
collected and pledges & Annuities C.		

Disbursements:

By J. H. Merrill-Treas. J C & M.S.	20.00
Wm. J. M. Ellis for Address	4.50
J. J. Fry (Church Del. - S.S.	5.10
Del. A.S. Fyfe	4.85
Wm. E. Randall for Order	5.00
Circuit S.S. and Cir. S.S.	2.00
Wm. Ellis Del. St-Assn	2.10
Wm. A. Fyfe - Del. W.B.M.S.	10.00
J. D. Wells Bro - Printing	6.50
Wm. Jas. Ellis - Del. W.B.M.S.	1.40
C.E. Union Fr. C.E. B.S.	54.85
Yth's C.E.	150.00
Famine Relief Fund	60.50
C.E. Printing Co. Bill	8.50
Ecumenical Expenses	5.00
J. H. Merrill J C & M S	130.31
Plymouth S.S.	42.15
City Education S.	47.00
Circuit S. & Cir S.S.	27.00
Ab. C.E.M.	142.90
a Little Family	14.80
Wm. A.	59.50
Ministerial Relief Fund	36.00
Dr. Marshall	50.20
Stall Assn	25.84
Collection Annt & Asst Claims	200.00
	1120.03
Jan. 1, 01. Bal Cash on Hand	16.36
	1136.39

1901- March 6- At prayer-meeting letters were granted to Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Bartholomew, to the First Cong. church of Peoria, Ill.

Mar. 20. At prayer-meeting letter was granted to Allen Rich to Cong. Evangelical Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

Apr. 3. Letter was granted to Carl G. Purvis to University Church of Christ- Des Moines.

Apr. 16 At prayer-meeting Mr. B. C. Hall was appointed delegate to Grinnell Assn at Baxter- Apr. 30.

May 1- At prayer-meeting it was voted to receive into membership Mr. and Mrs. Claude Porter, Frank Jaquith, Miss Bertha M. Barbour, Winifred Wheeler, Edna Thompson ~~by letter~~ ~~by vote~~ on confession of faith & A. R. Turner, and Mrs. E. E. Mack.

May 15. At prayer-meeting Mr. C. B. Atkins was appointed delegate- with Dr. A. L. Fristoe alternate- to the State Association to be held at Burlington. Delegates were instructed to invite State Assn to Des Moines in 1902 and National Council in 1904.

June 2. In church- Dr. Fristoe and Mr. Barbour were appointed to attend a council at Grinnell regarding Dr. Herron.

June 5. In prayer- meeting a letter was voted to Mrs G. McPherson.

July 31 Letter was granted to D. H. Evans & Petersburg, Minn.

Apr. 23 Letter was granted to Mrs. Edna Mack Palmer.

Sept 26.- Mrs. McFarland and Miss Otis were appointed delegates to the Grinnell Assn Thursday, Sept. 25 & 26.

Oct. 2. Letters were granted to Mrs. Florence M. Butler
& ~~Lovell~~ Perrin and Mrs. Anna C. Bekeart
Severally.

Oct. 22 Letters were granted to Mr. & Mrs. Adams
& Plymouth Cong. Church - Church.
The following ushers were appointed -
Mr. Bates,
C. A. Cole.
J. F. Burns.
Jay Town.
Dale McFarland,
Edgar Handel.

Annual Meeting Jany 3, 1902.
After a bountiful supper served to 400 people in the parlors the members and friends of Plymouth Church adjourned to the Auditorium for business
Mr. Van Horn called the meeting to order. All joined in singing Coronation followed by prayer by D. Frothingham.
Motion was made by D. Frothingham and seconded by Mr. Clark that the chair appoint a Nominating Com.
The following com. was appointed -
Mr. Huntington,
Mr. J S Clark.
Mrs. Ch Dawson.
It was stated that the Woman's Missionary Society comprised all the members of the church. The report of the organization was to have been filed and up to date concerning missions. The amount of money given to the various fields was $469. Besides this gifts amounting to $153 had been sent making a total of $650.
The reports from the various societies were summarized and given by Mr. Van Horn. It was moved that these reports be heartily approved - accepted and placed on file. Report of church clerk was read, accepted & placed on file.
The Nom. Com. made the following nominations -

For Deacons { 3 yr. Crowell
3 - Edw. Mushrm.

Asst Clerk { A. R. Dempster
J. M. Galusha.

Assistant Clerks { Geo. E. Brill.
Charles E. Lynde.
Clerk & Church - Mrs. C.H. Lennon.
Treasurer - Mr Edgar Hannah.

Mrs. H.H. Purrington
Stewards { " Frank Foss
" A.R. Dunphee
" A.C. Parker
" N.B Hodgdon.

The recommendations were accepted the names given elected.
It was moved by Mr. Nutter that a notice of the proposed changes in the bylaws be given and that a vote be taken in three weeks.
- moved that the bylaws be changed so that two dances be elected each year for a term of three years.
Mr. Fuchi then took charge of the meeting - the remainder of the time being given to reminiscences from the history of Plymouth Church.
Plymouth Church was organized Dec. 6 1857 with a membership of ten.
Meetings were held first in Wells Hall in Central Avenue. In 1863 meetings were held in the little church on the lot just east of the present building.
There were three pastors & Henry a short time. - Mr. Fuchi came in 1871 planning Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. McDonald ~~Immediately~~ Building in new church was begun at annual meeting in 1874. Jan. 1875 resolutions to build the church was passed. March 14

1877 - the church was dedicated - the total cost $37000 - the membership 250.

May 30, 1877 - the bell arrived and was hung. In 1886 the Sunday School,

In 1882 the parish celebrated the organization of the church was celebrated and in 1896 the parish celebrated the 20th anniversary.

May 2 1900 a resolution to build a new church was passed. Dec. 28, 1900 authority to build was given - the new church to be dedicated May 20 1902.

Mr. J.R. Merrill & Mr. J.R. Adams the surviving members of the first Building Com.

Mrs. Clancy Mrs. Fearn and Mr. Ellis came from the church was in the town of 400 + Episcopalians. Other early members were remembered. Mrs. Mrs Fleming and Mrs. Hall- the ladies from the Pilgrim Church help supply Sabbath services. Mr. J.B. Adams from the Union church spoke a few words.

Meeting adjourned,
Mrs. C.A. Ramsden Clerk.

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Congl Church.
for year ending Dec 31, 1901

Total membership at commencement of year -
Rec'd by Confession 34
" " Letter 74

dismissed by letter during the year 20
deaths during the year 9

Total membership Jan 1. 1902.

Male Members 263. Female Members 487

Adult Baptisms during year 5
Infant Baptisms .. 8
Absent members 70.

deaths during year —

Mr. John Rutter. Mrs. Gammon McMullin.
Mrs. Douglass. Mr. Hunger.
Mrs. O. F. Johnson.
Mrs. Abbotts
Mrs. E. A. Cooper.
Mr. Mills.
Mrs. Ein. Clem

Report of Treasurer
Plymouth Cong Church,
Edgar E. Harrah Tr.

Receipts.

Bal. on Hand Jan. 1, 1901.	16.36
Coll. Communion Sabbaths	86.62
" C. C. B. S.	37.62
" C. C. H. M. S.	160.20
" C. E. B. C. F. M.	16.90
" C. E. B. C. F. M.	228.35
" C. M. C.	31.60
" M. R. F.	23.90
" Plymouth S. S.	31.35
" C. S. & P. S.	16.62
" Salvation Army	7.16
" D. M. Children's Home.	4.69
" S. S. Assn.	11.48
" Associated Charities	14.35
	$816.43

Wednesday evening - March 12th 1902
Moved by Mr. Meister that a general invitation be extended to the members of the Cong'l churches of the State-
Motion Carried
Moved that the pastor and deacons constitute a committee to nominate a general committee to make necessary arrangements for entertainment of the State Assn - this nominating com. to report at the morning session - March 16th. Carried.
Moved that the pastor appoint a committee to consider the advisability of procuring new hymn books for the Auditorium and to report at the morning session March 16th.
Mr. Van Horn appointed the following.
Mr. B.A- Merrill,
Mr. R. M. Mount.
Mr. C.H. Atkins
Mrs. M. Hutchins
Mrs. Asa. Cowles

Sunday - March 16th. 1902.
The committee appointed the previous Wed. to nominate a general com. of arrangements for the meeting of the State Assn - May 20-24 - reported the following names.
Col. E.G. Pratt - Chairman
Mrs. H.B. Hedges Vice-chairman
Mr. L.J. Kasson.
Mrs - J.J. Jones.
Mrs - A.L. Spencer
This report was adopted by vote of congregation
The committee on hymn-books deferred their report to next week.

May 21-1902 No regular prayer-meeting
because of meeting of Assn.
May 22nd Dedication of new church.

July 2-1902 Moved and carried that
prayer-meeting for the next
two weeks be omitted because
of Chautauqua.

Sept. 16-1902 Letter granted to Sophia L. Gault
to Pres. Church of Immanuel Calif.
Wm. Van Horn and Mr. Geo. H. Lewis
were appointed delegates to Council
Assn at Tacoma.

Sept. 28-1902 Letter was granted Rev. and
Mrs. H. H. Dumm to the Plymouth Congregational
Church of Denver Col. and to
Mrs. Miriam Wilson Brooks Bryant to
the Plymouth Congl Church of Cedar Falls,
Iowa.

Sept. 26.-1902 A business-meeting of the
church was called for a few minutes
after the Annual meeting of the society
in the Church Parlors. The object of the
meeting to act upon Mr. Van Horn's resignation.
Dr. Frost had charge of the business
and opened the meeting with prayer.
Mr. Van Horn's letter of resignation was
read by the clerk of the church and
upon the motion the object was accepted
with sincere regrets.
It was moved by Mr. Lewis that
a committee of three be appointed

to confer with Mr. Parkhurst concerning the calling of a council of dismission to terminate his pastorate in accordance with established Congregational usages. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Atkins, Mr. Elliott were made this committee.

It was voted by Mr. Lewis that a committee be appointed to take steps toward securing a new pastor. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Sq. Merrill - Mr. E.H. Hamlin
Dr. Frost, Mr. H.K. Sawyer
Mr. Geo. H. Lewis, Mr. C.H. Rawson.
Mr. Avery Gray were appointed this committee.

Meeting adjourned
Mr. C.H. Rawson
Clerk.

Copy of Mr Parkhurst's letter of resignation.

To the Plymouth Congregational Church,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Friends, -

I tender to you herewith my resignation of the pastorate of this church, that I may accept the call of the Old South Church, Worcester, Mass. - this act to take effect Sunday October Eighth, next. I pray you to accept this resignation and to join with me in calling a mutual council of dismission to terminate this pastorate in accordance with established Congregational usages.

I cannot take this step without

without receiving some fuller expression of the very real grief which comes with the breaking of tender and sacred ties. Four short years have been times of delightful service together, times that have called for mutual forbearance and sacrifice; times, too, of blessed rejoicing together as our plans and prayers and labors have united their consummation, - when we have said recently "What hath God wrought!"

I should be remiss, too, if this letter did not record a hearty appreciation of your kindness and forbearance in my shortcomings. Many things have been left undone which a better man would have found time and strength to do. Doubtless also, mistakes have been made, many judgments formed hastily and unwise words spoken; but you have caught at the spirit of the minister rather than the letter of its accomplishment. - you have been charitable, and I trust forgiving: for this I thank you. And I congratulate you: - not alone for what has been done, but even more for the splendid possibilities of the future. Plymouth Church must greet the National Council of 1904 with a thousand mentors; with a record to guide at home and abroad surpassing the noble story of the past: with a spirit and courage that shall be in itself an inspiration.

To achieve all this - and more - is needed only faith, a faith that shall

show itself by faithful, loyal, hard work, - this, even more than the wise, strong leader shows God is ready to send you.

And lastly, we, (and it should have been "we" all along) we beg you to remember us and pray for us in the new work, - remembering that the field is one, even as "we all are one in Christ Jesus."

Yours in the common love and service of the Master

(Signed) F. J. Hamilton.

Plymouth Study, Des Moines,
September 20th, 1902.

Mrs. C. H. Runton, Clerk

Oct. 1st 1902 At prayermeeting the following members were added to the committee on Pastoral Supply.-
Mr. E. S. Mills
Mr J. H. Merchant
Mrs F. G. Pennell
Mr. A. B. Cummins.
Mr. A. R. Dempster.

Oct 5th 1902 At church Mr. Salisbury was appointed delegate to the Council of Churches to be held the following Monday.

at prayer-meeting

Oct. 8-1902 Reports were heard from Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Lewis - who had been delegates to the Grinnell Assn at Tiffin.
It was moved and carried that at the prayer-meeting Oct. 15 Mr. Lewis read the paper which he had prepared for the Assn.

Oct. 10-1902 At the farewell social for Mr. Van Horn the resolutions prepared by the committee and read by Mr. Lewis were accepted and ordered put on file.

Memorial & Regret

of

Plymouth Congregational Church

Des Moines, Iowa,

Upon the resignation of Rev. F. J. Van Horn

As Pastor of that Church.

When in the Providence of God it seems wisest and best that the relation of a pastor to his people should terminate, there is always deep sorrow as in the rendering of all near and dear human ties. And this is the more intensified if the ties between the pastor and his people have been especially intimate and helpful.

Plymouth Cong'l Church is now called to such a separation, and we desire to express our profound regret that our loved and honored pastor, Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, has felt it his duty to dissolve ~~this~~ connection with this Church, and accept the call of the old South Church, Worcester

Mass. to take up the larger work and broader field of usefulness as the pastor of that great church.

Under Mr. Van Horn able and courageous leadership, our church has been inspired to arise and build a commodious and beautiful temple for the worship of God, and the membership of the church has been greatly increased. Meetings were held prior to the completion of the new church in the Opera House and Auditorium which were unequaled in interest and unsurpassed in attendance, often crowding three-thousand a more at the Sabbath evening services for many weeks together. Not was Mr. Van Horn's labors successful only in building up the externals of the church, but he has striven with great earnestness and faithfulness to impress upon his hearers the beauty of the life of Christ Jesus, what constitutes he is, and to build up a glorious temple to Christ in the heart and soul of every worshiper. We desire to express our sincere appreciation of Mr. Van Horn's services to this church, and our warm gratitude for the spiritual blessings which have come to each member through his ministry. Nor less is our appreciation of the great womanly graces shining in the life of Mrs. Van Horn, and the mental gifts qualifying her to wield to be a leader in all the work

of the ladies of the church.

While we part with them with deep sorrow, we commend them to the affections and the helpful co-operation of all the members of the church where they are located & later and we earnestly pray that the blessing of God may attend them in their new field and that through them many come to the Old South Church a large increase in numbers and influence and a great upbuilding in all the graces of the Christian life.

The committee ask that this memorial of our esteem and regard for Mr. and Mrs. Carlton may be spread upon the records of this church, and that a copy may be given to them and a copy be sent to the clerk of the Old South church.

(Signed) Geo. H. Lewis
J. G. Rounds.
Wm. Brown
} Committee.

The above memorial & report was adopted unanimously at a meeting held Oct. 10, 1902.

Wm. Cy. Runyon —
Clerk.

Plymouth Cong'l Church.
Des Moines, Iowa, Oct 6, 1902

The Council called to terminate the relationship of Rev. F. Francis D. Fulton as pastor of Plymouth Cong'l Church met pursuant to call at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

The letter missive was read by Rev. E. M. Pattison D.D. Prayer was offered by Rev. B.E. Baumgartner.

Rev. D.D. Douglas, D.D. was elected moderator. Rev. Charles N. Seccomb was elected scribe.

Upon roll call the following members of the Council were found present.

North Park Congregational Church.
Rev. John Cumi - Pastor.

Pilgrim Cong'l Church.
Rev. J. B. Lacy - Pastor

Grace Cong'l Church
Rev. F. G. Beardsley - Pastor.

German Cong'l Church.
Rev. J. N. Kramer Pastor
Mr. William Koch - delegate.

Valley Junction Cong'l Church
Rev. B. C. Baumgartner Pastor
Grace Cong'l Church - Rev. Edw. Pattison D.D. Pastor.

Ames Cong'l Church -
Rev. Charles N. Seccomb - Pastor.
Mrs. Martha F. Pelton - delegate.

Altoona Cong'l Church
Rev. P. A. Johnson, Pastor.

Cedar Falls Cong'l Church
Rev. J. L. Gunden - Pastor
also F. L. Douglas D.D.

Upon motion Dr. Edw. Pattison was appointed committee to

resolutions.

Mrs. C. Ranton representing Plymouth church, then read the resignation which Rev. Francis J. Hanlon had presented to the church.

Mrs. Ranton also read the records of the business meeting of the church at which the resignation was accepted and the vote taken to call this council.

Mr. C. L. Dahlberg also representing Plymouth church, presented the following statement:

"As delegate from Plymouth church to this council, I wish to say that while the records of the church show the action taken by us, they do not show the regret with which this action was taken, nor the sorrow felt at parting with our beloved pastor after his forty years with us & his three years, 1926 life walk and work here & such as to not only endear him to the members of Plymouth, but to all who had the pleasure of meeting and learning him. Our reasons like this are unable for the power to express in words this feeling of the heart, but if our hearts the pastor no words could more eloquently & effectively commend our pastor's work than is true & already commended by the sincere & audience that has greeted him day after day and night after night, and the

beautiful structure we occupy will stand as a lasting monument to his work should among us. Resolved that we regret and sorrow at parting, & must and do agree that opportunity is a target field has come & him, and in fact- nesses and prayer for his success will follow him in his new work.

(Signed) C. L. Mallory.
Delegate from Plymouth.

The pastor of Plymouth Church made a statement expressing regret at the removal of his ~~wife~~ family & that God was calling him to a larger field.

It was moved and carried that we find the procedings of the church and pastor to be orderly and that we sanction the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

The following resolution presented by the committee was adopted;

Resolved, That this council, in ecclesiastic to the dismission of Rev. F. J. Van Horn from the pastorate of the Plymouth Cong'l Church, does hereby express a profound regret that a relation so happy and harmonious and so fruitful in good works should be closed at this time.

Resolved. That we recognize the importance and far-reaching work of Brother Van Horn as shown from the highest motives,-

that his charming personality, his consecrated life, his effective preaching, his faithful pastoral service his genial spirit and unflinching courage have enabled him to perform a service for this church during the last three years, for which we are deeply thankful. The increase in membership and congregations, the erection of this noble structure as a house of worship, the aid given to other churches in this work, the efficient interest shown by brethren and sisters in many good causes lead us to put on record our conviction that his removal from our midst is a calamity not only to the friends of his own family, but to the whole community as a loss to Plymouth as a town richly endowed and favored.

Resolved, That the past history of Plymouth Church gives us full confidence that it will meet the present situation with wisdom and courage, and go on with its work, taking no backward step, but enlarging its usefulness in the years immediately before it.

The minutes of the council were read and approved and the secretary was instructed to engross them & copies for Plymouth Church, one for Rollin Burton, and one for the records of Ground Association.

Upon motion the council adjourned.

(Signed) J. O. Dyer - Moderator
Charles H. Seccomb - Scribe.

Nov. 12. 1902 At prayer- meeting letters were granted to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meade to the North Park Congl church.

Dec. 3- 1902 At prayer- meeting letters were granted to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hamilton to the Old South Church of Boston Mass.

Dec. 17- 1902 At prayer- meeting letters were granted to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holden to join church of Atlanta Georgia and Mrs. Laura Dunn to the First Congl church of Altoona Pa.

It was also voted that all to whom letters had been granted up to Jan. 1, 1903 should be considered as finally dismissed.

Dec- 3- 1902 The following members of Plymouth church were dropped Dec. 3, 1902.

Frank Burridge- Alfred Shaw.
Mrs. Ellen Dougherty- Grace Delany.
Mrs. Frances Hall- Mrs. J. L. Landphere-
Mrs Bateman Ireland-
James Mc Guyn-
Clarence Floyd-
B. F. Bleuf-
Mrs- Rich
John C. Humphrey
Mrs- Fanny Davis.
Nellie Brown
Mrs Dickerson
Mrs- Mae Dickerson.
Virgil Newell.

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Congl Church
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Received by confession = 31
" by re-affirmation = 2
" by letter - 44
" restored - 77

dismissed by letter - 52
deaths during year - 5
dropped from roll - 17. 74

Total present membership - 753
Males - 264
Females - 489

Non-resident members. 114
Adult Baptisms - 15
Infant Baptisms - 10

Names of those having died during
the year -
Mr. Frank Allen -
Mr. Joseph Cannon -
Mrs. N. M. McFarland -
Mr. J. Y. Harvey -
Mrs. Margaret Burnet.

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Plymouth Congl Church.
Edgar E. Andrade — Pr.

Receipts

		$
Cash on Hand	Jan. 1, 1902	10.76
Offering Communion Sabbaths		98.18
" A.B.C.F.M.		188.10
" C.C.B.S.		38.50
" C.E.		26.00
" A.M.A.		78.33
" C.S.S. + P.S.		36.16
" J.C.H.M.S.		87.03
" Ch Relief Ministerial Fund		28.50
Expenses State Assn Meeting		49.11
" Ida Morris Children Home		24.48
" Ministerial Relief Fund		25.04
" Plymouth S.S.		15.28
" Flowers in Room.		28.50
Sale Church Property		10.85
		$704.82

Disbursements.

	$
A.B.C.F.M.	188.10
C.C.B.S.	38.50
C.E.	26.00
A.M.A.	78.33
C.S.S. + P.S.	36.16
Ministerial Relief Fund	46.04
J.C.H.M.S.	87.03
Ida Children Home	24.48
Expenses Delegate Etc.	26.25
Plymouth S.S.	129.75
F.D. Morgan, Supply Dues -	15.28
Dec. 31 - Cash on Hand	28.50
	16.40
	$704.82

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
January 9, 1903.
Dr. Frisbee opened the meeting with prayer.
Minutes of last meeting were read.
Edgar Howard - Treasurer read his report.
Moved that the Clerk's report be accepted
and approved and that the report of the
Treasurer be accepted and referred to
a financial Com.
Report of the Clerk was read and
received.
Mr. C. S. Miller spoke for the deacons.
Work of the deacons was not satisfactory. They had
tried to do more but had not succeeded
nor had it been easy. The work of the
deacons had been to care for the communion
service - and also look after prayer meeting
during absence of pastor. They held no
authority to do work in a religious line.
There were no women among the deacons and
much of the work came exclusively on them.
The prayer-meetings were not large nor
representative enough to transact business.
The matter of a committee or committees
to do work among young men might
to be thought about and looked into
Miss Mary Fox read the report of
the Secretary and Treasurer of the
Plymouth Rock Missionary Society.
This society had held 12 meetings during
the year with an average attendance
of 12. The largest attendance 26 the
smallest 6. Three programs or
two missionaries were given.
Two foreign missionaries had address
the society and six other foreign missionary
meetings held. One home meeting

Mrs. Thomas Manning Treasurer was called

Receipts for year	—	—	$260.67
Expenditures	—	—	260.17
		Bal-	$ .50

Mrs. Tinsley gave the Treasurers report for the Women's Missionary Society.

Expenditures for Foreign Missions	$307.46
J. C. A. - M. S.	194.71
A. M. A.	89.10
Bands for Talladega	103.00
	$694.27

Mrs. Tinsley said every one who contributes was considered a member of the Society. Books show 85 regular contributors. Mrs. Fridig spoke of the plan of Study for the past year - the Christ; and this year another series of six lessons concerning India would be considered. The largest attendance had been in Sept - 125: Smallest in June. Average 50. Number of Ladies assisting 55: Each woman who was a member of church a member of the Society. Papers read then were of as much interest as the usual Club meeting

Mrs. McElroy gave a summary of the work of the Ladies Aid Society. The year had been one of work and activity in account of new building. Reception was held at the parsonage of the church - then a social. Members of Ladies Aid Assn and delegates ~~entertained~~ served with lunches for two days and a recital supper. In the full regular meals were held. during the holidays a banquet was served to the Home college Alumni and in two years

day 1000 meals were served to the
Welsh people.
The ladies had pledged $5000 towards
church debt. Had received from
meals $3980. From August 4th
Mrs. Caufield gave plenty report to
Lords record and expended New Years Day.

Receipts	231.95
	2.65
	234.60
Expenses	97.32
Bal	137.28
Cash	2.
Bal	139.28.

Mrs. Evans stated that $1000 of the $5000
had been raised.
Walter Hannah gave the Treasurers
Report for Plymouth C. E. Society
First Ch reports & Missionary Com.

Jan 1.	Bal on hand	16.30
Rec'd of		56.06
	Total	$72.36
Disbursements		$72.36.

For Plymouth Ch. Society.

Bal on hand Jan 1, 1902		3.79
Rec'd from pledges		27.90
Total		31.69
Expenditures		30.87
Jan 1, 1903	Bal	$ .82

Edgar Hannah Secy of the S.S. reports
as follows.
Past year has been successful in many
respects. Beginning of the year school
was conducted in Public Library room.
Every Sun. S.S. + church for 10 Sundays
the average attendance was 233. The
largest 318 the smallest 182

March 23 school was held in the first
time in the Auditorium with an
~~average~~ attendance of 242. For 7 Sundays
the average attendance was 214.
Thanks are due Mr. Ward and Mr. Hanton
for the success achieved.
May 11 the school entered the new
church - attendance 382 - the largest
during the year. The average attendance
for 1902 was 286 persons - which does
them 1900 + 1901.
The number of pupils uniting with the
church in 1900 was 20 - in 1901 17
and in 1902
In September Mr. Ward resigned
as superintendent and Mr. Hanton
was elected his successor.
* In the absence of Mr. Hemphill Chairman
Mr. B. C. Ward gave the report of the
Nom. Com.

Clerk - Mrs - Cy. Ransom.
Treas - Edgar Hanton.
Deacons { Mr. E. S. Mills
Mr. N. M. McFarland.
Deaconesses { Mrs. A. L. Fritch
Miss Lizzie Morris.
Mrs. S. E. Mann.
" Alice. Carter.
" Mary Gray.

Mrs Mrs. C. A Lynde
Mrs. Black.

Upon motion these offices were elected
for the ensuing year.
It was moved that the deacons
be appointed to take steps as soon as possible
nominating a Prudential Com.
The following persons were appointed
a committee to take the place

of a committee appointed several years ago to attend to the revision of the by-laws and the keeping of the history of Plymouth Church down to the present time- that is to make a manual.

Mr. Fen-A. Lewis
Mr. Bullen
Mrs. C. Ransom

ably & which has added to this Com. as historian.

Mr. Ellis made the following resolution:

Resolved that the trustees consult with the pastor & pastor emeritus regarding the election of life members and honorary members to the Quarterly Board.

This resolution was accepted.

Report of Treas. for Plymouth S.S.

Balance from '01	$ 3 / 9.12
Receipts	362.40
Total	671.52
Disbursements	581.45
Bal	$ 90.07

(Continued)

June 7, 1903.
At prayer-meeting
Upon motion by Mr. Bard that a
Nom. Com. be appointed to report
at the Annual Meeting Friday night-
Pr. Smith appointed the following-
Mr. A.R. Hemphill.
" R.C. Byrd
. Chas. Lynde.
Mrs. Cowles
Mrs Otis.
It was decided for the future to
hold meetings in the church
parlor.

Jan. 14, 1903- Prayer-meeting.
Letters of dismission were granted to
J.P. Jones & the Knipley M.E. Church & Cumberland
Mr. and Mrs. Kate Cook & Clifton Heights
Pres. Church & Dan Morris.

Jan. 28, 1903- Prayer-meeting.
Letter was granted to Anna Lauer-Ballaufer
to Euclid Pres. church.
At her own request the name of
Mrs Mary Wilkinson was dropped from
the church rolls.

Apr. 14.- Prayer-meeting.
Delegate to the Grinnell Assn
appointed.

Apr. 22, 1903.- Prayer-meeting
Upon motion Mrs Shaw and made
delegate to Grinnell Assn, meeting
the following week.
Moved and carried that M.E.S. Mills

to appointed delegate to the State Assn
to meet at Corbin May 18 + 19.
Moved and carried that the
matter of dropping Mr. and Mrs.
H. R. Burke be left to Dr. Fritts.
It was then unanimously decided
a reception be tendered Mr + Mrs. Hodgen
in the parlors of the church.
Moved and carried that arrangements
for this reception be left to the
Pastoral Supply Com.
Moved and carried that the
prayer-meeting Apr. 30 be
adjourned to Tuesday Evening.

dmitted

March 25 - 1903. Pastor & Church.
Meeting the church was called
to consider the question of
extending a call to Rev. Frank H. Hodgen.
Dr. Fritts opened meeting with
prayer - then state stock.
Mr. S. A. Merrill - chairman
of the Pulpit Supply Com.
Read their report { Report in next page }
Report accepting the report
Mr. Hodgen visiting Mr. need of
part a full statement regarding
the finances.
Mr. Hodgen was called in
would be necessary to raise
750. It was asked that an effort
be made to raise the amount
that night. This effort resulted
in $850
Mr. Lewis made a motion seconded
by Mr. Hodge that an informal
ballot be taken extending a call

to Mr. Hodgdon - Motion was amended to make formal call instead of informal. Motion prevailed.

Result of formal ballot was as follows.

95 in favor
1 against
1 blank

It was ordered that the Chair appoint a committee of one to wait upon the presbytery of the trinity. Mr. Ward was appointed.

Dr. Fiske + Mr. Merrill were appointed to inform Mr. Hodgdon of the action taken.

Meeting dissolved into a meeting of the trinity. — —

It is the opinion of the Committee that in view of all the facts it would be best to extend a call to the Rev. Frank M. Hodgdon to become the pastor of this church.

Upon

The Committee therefore recommends:

That the church extend a call to the Rev. Frank M. Hodgdon to become its pastor - the pastorate to begin May 1, 1903.

That the salary of Mr. Hodgdon be $3000 a year and that an additional sum of $250.00 be granted him for moving expenses.

That the use of the parsonage be given him free of rent, with the privilege of renting the same to other tenants, the proceeds to

apply in the rent of a home for himself in another part of the city.
That he be given leave of absence for six weeks vacation each year with the privilege of supplying the pulpit his work in addition."

Mr. Hodgdon's reply to Dr. Fiske.
Copy of Letter of Acceptance of
Rev. Frank W. Hodgdon,
Orange New Jersey
March 28, 1903.

To the Rev. A. L. Fiske D.D.
Com. of Plymouth Society,
and S. A. Burrill
Com. of Plymouth Church.
Dear Brethren:-

The invitation of Plymouth Church and Society, signed by yourselves, to become its pastor and teacher is before me. I am convinced that the invitation is from the heart of a real church of Jesus Christ and so therefore the frank expression of christian sincerity. In this faith then I say from my heart I will be your pastor and teacher. I will come to you for the first Sunday in May - and to stay as long as both shall continue to know such strength as God gives me shall be yours.

I think I see in Plymouth Church a great engine of christian strength, social, financial, intellectual and spiritual.

The duty of the pastor I am sure will be neither to drive nor to pull; but simply to guide as God gives him mind and wisdom, this church & grow as it gives me to fill up the Kingdom of God - in city - state and nation. I expect to make and not for a selfish purpose that would take me from the works work - but I expect to work and through the church & pastor of a God-making Church.

I am then, with courage and confident expectation, accepting as I understand it the pastorate of a church that lives "not to be ministered unto but to minister" and so to have a long and glorious life because it seeks it not but finds it more and more abundantly as it loses itself in the service of man and God.

Thanking God for the Pentecost that has brought us together I am, cordially, your pastor in spirit as soon I shall be in deed.

Frank W. Hodgdon.

May 1903.
At a meeting of the church there was discussion concerning an invitation to the Evangelical Synod of the Northwest to meet with us at the time of the National Council in 1904. Carried.
Delegates to the State Assn at Cullen were appointed,
Rev. and Mrs. Fuchs
Mr. C.S. Mills -
Mr. Hedgdon.

May 27 - 1903.
Letters were granted dismissing
Mr. & Mrs. S. Nimyan
Elizabeth "
Ernest " to the Park Evangl Church - St. Paul, Minn.
Also a letter to Mrs. Felmis to any church.

June 3, 1903.
Letter was granted to Mrs. Otto Bruch to the Plymouth Congl church of Aberdeen S. D.

July 22, 1903.
Letter of dismission was granted to Louis K. Schmidt to any Evangelical church.

July 29, 1903.
Letter of dismission was granted to Chas Brown to the First Cong'l church of Shelburne Falls, Mass. and to Ruth E. Lawyer to the Presbyterian church of Ashland, Oregon.

Aug. 5, 1903.
Letter of dismission was granted to Ruby D. Ward to the First Pres. church of Oklahoma City and to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilke to First Cong'l church of Los Angeles, Calif.

Sept. 2, 1903.
It was voted the following be received into the church the following Sunday —
By Letter —
Frank Wilson.
Samuel L. Ryland.
Herbert G. Grove.
Elizabeth L. Church.
the surname
Alice E. Burton.
Letter of dismission was granted to Lloyd Hagen — to the First church of Christ of Middlebury, Conn.

Sept. 16, 1903.
Letter of dismission was granted to Clara M. Hearn to the South church, Meriden, Mass.

June 10, 1903.

At a meeting of the church called immediately after a meeting of the society - it was moved that Plymouth Church ratify the action of the society relative to the following matters.

Motion was made by Mr. Lewis seconded by Mr. Page that the trustees of the ~~Society~~ Plymouth Congregational church be authorized and are empowered to borrow $20,000 and mortgage the Church property excepting the parsonage and the ground connected therewith to the Congregational Church Building Society of New York, in ten years at 3% interest, with such terms of payment as can be obtained with the money to pay off the present mortgage debt. This motion carried by unanimous vote.

Moved by Henry H. Lewis and seconded by B.C. Ward that the trustees of the society be authorized and are empowered to borrow not to exceed $8,500 by executing a mortgage upon the parsonage and the ground connected therewith, and by pledging the present building fund pledges, getting the best terms & interest and times of payment possible. Carried

The pastor stated that a Council had been called at Plymouth

church - June 16, 10 o'clock a.m.
to take action regarding the
resignation of the minister at
Hamilton. Wm. E. S. Smith was
appointed delegate to this
Council.

It was moved that upon calling
into session with the church
the following be elected.

Chris Hawley.
Lillian Gurney.
Lucelle Jaynes.
Jessie Judges.

Wm. Ch. Rawson Cy.

Oct. 28, 1903.

It was moved that the following
be elected with the church the
following Sunday-
Delegates - J. G. R. Hamilton.
By alternate - G. A. Parker,
Henry P. Hardy.
C. D. Perry.
Wm. E. Parker
Wm Ella Parker

Wm M. Lewis-stone Lillie Lash
here last - was read in.

It was moved that an
application be excluded to
the Educational Society of the
Congregational Church - to be
represented in the purpose
of the Nat. Council 1904.

It was moved and carried
that the pastor memorial in
the church Hamilton Township
be added of sermons and minutes
in the Library.

Wm Ch. Rawson Cy

Lillian was appointed Assistant Cy.
Regular meeting of the
Church, held, church
Evening. Nothing.
Sunday. Usual order.

Nov. 18, 1903.
At a meeting of the church held this evening Bro. E. S. Willey, Sr. Hill and Bro. Merrill were appointed a committee to take arrangements for the services, and send out invitations to the installation of our pastor Mr. Frank Fr. Hopkins.

Mrs. C. M. Ranton, Clerk

Dec. 3, 1903.
Ellis was granted dismissing Br. Arthur Ebern to the Cong'l Ch. at Faribault, Minn.
Mrs C. M. Kuhn to the church in Minneapolis, Minn.
Adele Alexander to the Pres. Church

Mrs. C. M. Ranton
Clerk.

Dec. 15, 1903.
In answer to a letter issued by the church - a Council convened in the church parlors Tuesday at three o'clock. The following churches and officers were represented -
Congregational
Pilgrim - Cong'l Church - Rev Mr. Mills
North Park " " "
Fremont " " - "
Ames - Berry - Fremont -
Nevada - Valley Junction - Atlantic
German Cong'l church Rev Mr. Pastor elect.
Absent by Br. Nehemiah Boynton
Sioux City - First Cong'l Church.

G. T. O. Boyle was appointed moderator and M. Smith & Newton - Scribe.

The records & Plymouth church was read showing the action of the Council relating to the pastorate together with his acceptance of the call. The examination & the candidate was begun. M. Boyden offered for inspection a copy & the decision & the Quincy church regarding his dismissal and a letter of membership in Plymouth church. & M. Boyden then presented in a paper a statement & the fundamentals & his belief. After which questions upon various points of belief were asked by members of the Council.

The Council then retired to examination and to proceed to the public exercises & installation in the evening

After a banquet served in the church by the ladies and toasts from various ministers — at half past seven the Council reassembled for the public service.

After the singing of Anthem The Scripture was read the records & the meeting and the following program was carried out —

Anthem — "We Praise Thee O God" - Choir
Invocation — Rev. F. G. Beardsley
Hymn — All Saints Rev.
Scripture Lesson - Rev. J. B Lacy.
Sermon — The Rev. Heinrich Boynton.
Prayer & Installation — Dr. Parkin

Solo - Mrs. Fannie Wilkins-Ryan,
Charge to the Minister - Rev. C. M. Hittum
Right Hand of Fellowship. - Rev. John Comin
Anthem - "Make us Thine, Eternally
Charge to the Church - The Rev. F. Newell White
Hymn — Silent Night.
Benediction - Morning Hymnity Church.
Organ Postlude. Council adjourned
without Day.

Mrs. C. A. Rawson -
Clerk.

Report of Treas. of Plymouth Cong'l church for year 1902.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1902.		$ 10.76
Offering Communion Sabbaths		98.18
"	A. B. C. F. M.	188.10
"	C. C. B. S.	38.00
"	C. E. S.	26.00
"	A. M. A.	43.33
"	C. S. S. + P. S.	36.16
"	A. C. F. M. S.	87.03
"	for Relief of Isle Martinique	28.50
"	" Expenses State Asso Meeting	49.11
"	" D. M. Home for Friendless Children	24.48
"	" Ministers Relief Fund	25.04
"	" Plymouth Sunday School	15.28
"	Stamps in Pennsylvania	23.50
Sale of church Souvenirs		10.85
		$ 704.82

Disbursements.

A. B. C. F. M.	188.10
C. C. B. S.	38.00
C. E. Society	26.00
American Miss. Assn	43 33
Cong'l S. School + Pub. Society	36.16
Ministerial Relief Fund	25.04
Home Cong'l + Home Miss. Society	87.03
D. M. Work for Friendless Children	24.48
Penna State Assn	26.25
Expenses Delegates &c.	29.75
Plymouth S. S.	15.28
F. F. Mayan Society Treas.	28.50
Dec 31 - Cash on Hand	16.40
	704.82.

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Congregational Church of Bass Rivers, Mass. for year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

Total membership at beginning of year		753
Received by Letter	-	47
Received by Confession	-	13
Total accessions	-	60.
Dismissed by Letter	-	32
" Deaths	-	7
" Dropped	-	3
Total Dismissions	-	42
Total Membership - Jan. 1 - 1904 -		771
Males		268
Females		503
Total Gain in Membership		18.
Adult Baptisms	-	6
Infant Baptisms	-	2
Non-resident Members	-	126

Deaths during year -
Mrs. C. H. Gledhill
Frank M. Farland.
Mrs. M. L. Roberts
Mrs. A. C. Dean.
Mrs. Mary Barnum.
Miss Isabella Buckmaster.
Mrs. D. M. Lanyan.

Church Parlors. Jan. 6, 1904.

It was moved and carried that a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, be appointed, and that this committee report at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Fuchs - S. A. Merrill and Mr. Cooke were appointed

Mrs. C. H. Ramsey - Clerk.

Report of Treasurer of Plymouth Church for 1903.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903		$ 16.40
Offering Communion Sundays		70.53
"	A.B.C.M.	129.52
"	C.C.B.S.	29.17
"	C.E.S.	14.77
"	A.M.A.	49.65
"	C.S.S. & P.S.	35.82
"	S.C.H.M.S.	213.43
"	Mrs. Morris Home for Friendless Children	4.86
"	Pilgrim Church	35.10
"	Plymouth S.S.	20.70
"	Anti-Saloon League	176.00
		$ 801.89

Disbursements. -

A.B.C.F.M.	$ 129.52
C.C.B.S.	29.17
C.E.S.	14.77
A.M.A.	49.65
C.S.S. & P.S.	35.82
S.C.H.M.S.	213.43
Plymouth S.S.	20.70
Mrs. Morris Home for Friendless Children	4.86
Pilgrim Church	35.10
S. Hall Asso	26.36
Expenses delegate Eli	22.64
Ministerial Relief Fund	20.00
S. Anti-Saloon League	176.00
Dec. 31 - 1903 - Cash on Hand	23.93
	$ 801.89

Edgar Hamlin

Treas

Jan. 8, 1904.

The annual meeting of the church was held in the dining-room immediately following the supper.

Mr. Bodyden opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The clerk of the church offered a report.

Preceding page

The report of the deacons followed. Moved and carried that report be received and approved.

Mr. Orr called upon a report for the deacons. The deacons had met and performed many duties. At a recent meeting two important things had been discussed ---.

That a church directory be printed with no advertisements.

That the old system of returning pew deacons each year be dispensed with - and that three retire every year - the first deacons serving two years will not be eligible for a year.

Report received and placed on file.

On the absence of Mr. Fuchs Mrs. Gray reported the deaconess had made 200 calls. Report accepted and commended.

Mrs. McElroy reported that the yearly report of the Sunday-School had been received. Filed it with your secretary.

Mrs. Meeks had left with your secretary.

Would be printed in the calendar.

She said - the regular services had been served and one calling done. 1200 called. Report accepted and commended.

Mrs. McElroy reported that the yearly report of the Sunday-School had been received. Filed it with your secretary.

to the fund. Report accepted and commended.

For the women's Miss. Society Mrs. Tinsley Hutson gave the following report.

Receipts during year	478.99
Paid to W.B.M.I.	295.99
" " S.C.W.M.S.	142.30
" " A.M.A.	32.67
Bal in Hand	8.03

Every member is considered a contributor. There were 103 contributions during the year. Dr. Fristoe & wife have made a member.

Mrs. McHenry in the absence of Mrs. Fristoe gave a few facts concerning the work the past year. "Lux Christi" a study of India had been used. This text-book was used by women all over the U.S. Our meeting had been devoted to Home Missions and one meeting to the A.M.A.

The largest attendance - 82 - was in Sept. 60 at the April meeting. Total attendance 478. Average 42. 60 different ones had taken part in the meetings. Thanks were due Mrs. Fristoe who for thirty years had been the leader.

No report from the Home Circle.

Miss Fox gave the report for Olympus Park Miss. Society.

This society meets the second Sat. in each month at 3 P.M.

There have been two special meetings during the year. At the Feb. meeting two Chinese girls who are studying in Indianola - gave talks - dressed in native costume. At the Annual meeting Mrs. Gumwood who was born in India

lectured on the people and customs
of India.
The following is a summary of
the financial report.

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Receipts	259.79
Expenditures	250.70
Bal	.09

Mrs. Newton reported for the Sunday
School.— The average attendance
for the year had been 225. Twelve
months had been added to the
Knowledge of Bible Study. There
had been 30 visitors including
the teachers. Best work done by
any class had been done by primary
Department under Mrs. Burks.
Several other classes should be commended
Mrs. Fuston had taken up Conducting
Studies in the Life of Christ.
Mr. Hodgden had given a course of lectures
for the teachers. Mr. Newton made a
plea for the S.S. and officers of the
Bible class to be organized for Wed. night
and also a proposed business men's
class during the S.S. hour.
The financial report for the S.S. was
as follows.

Bal from 1902	92.44
Receipts during year	259.78
Expenditures	284.95
Bills unpaid	23.62
Bal in year	44.25

Edgar Hendrix gave the financial
report for the C.E. society.

Bal on hand	.82
Receipts	29.96
Expenditures	30.78

no bal.

Summary of Missionary report of the society.

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Receipts from pledges	50.75
Expenditures	50.75

Bal —

It was moved that these reports be accepted and approved.
Dr. Fritts gave the report of the nom. committee. Before receiving the report a motion was made and carried that the rule requiring the election by ballot be suspended - the list be read and the persons be received viva voce.

Clerk - Mrs. C. A. Ramsey.
Treas - Edgar Daniels.

Deacons - Shirley
" Mrs. G. H. Hill.
Sunday { Geo. E. Bell
Sch'p { A. N. Coles
J. M. Galentine.

Assistant Deacons - -
Cr. Banks - Chas. E. Lynde.
Deaconesses - Mrs. A. L. Fritts
Mrs. Ann. Coles.
" S. N. Maine.
" Henry Gray.
" G. W. Hill. with the recommendation that two more be added to both Deacons and that they be Mrs. C. E. Lynde - Mrs. Black.
It was moved and carried the report be accepted.
It was moved and carried that the same be elected.

The report of the committee appointed to revise the by-laws and to bring the existing of the church up to date. Mr. Lewis chairman of the committee said that report could not be acted upon at this meeting. A motion was made and carried that the report be referred to the church and pastor committee.

Some nothing had been done regarding the resolution passed a year ago - covering left and knowing members of the Reformed Church to donation fund - this resolution was carried to be taken up.

Under new business Mr. Hagedorn brought up two items.

First - a new directory. It was that in order to be in keeping with the dignity of Plymouth Church. the new directory should be without advertisements.

A motion was made and carried that a directory without advertisements be printed and that the church be responsible for ~~the money~~ Mr. Reilly and Mrs Klein were asked to take up collection in the pews at the close of the meeting.

The second item of business was that of a new typewriter. There was much of a discussion regarding it. This was finally over after the report in the past ten years was given showing a decided rise

business. At the suggestion of Mr. Hodgdon that committee to look after the parsonage be at least the Parsonage Committee and the A.M.A. a motion was made and carried that the Lot Pastor be authorized to appoint such committees and at the proper time minister thereto.

The Church clerk was the chairman of the S.S. Com from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. Various matters why such a change should be made were read and a motion was made and carried that the question of the change of the S.S. hour be referred - but power to act - to the Standing Committee of the Church and the Supt of the Sunday School.

Mr. Brady gave a short report of his work in a little meeting in South Lee Mass. A Sabbath school and weekly meetings were held. A field for larger service and more workers.

Mr. Frisbie spoke of the work for the past year - new search for and finding of a new minister good of the pulpit harmony between the two ministers.

It was glad Mr. Hodgdon had new ideas - enemy as he has so recently from the schools of new thought.

It hoped he and wishes to run with the other stamps a larger spirit of consecration pervading the church.

Mrs. Hodgdon of the hospital made full & interesting and like current events that if Plymouth Church could but believe that the genius & Christianity is loving ourself in the work & Christ - the financial question would take care of themselves. We must see no nothing and put no full thought into it.

Mr. Fuller presented the resolutions and the meeting adjourned

Mrs. C. H. Ramsey. Clerk.

Jan 13 - Prayer-meeting.
Called & dismissed was granted to Mrs. Malone to Church & Lexington, Mass.

March 16, 1904. Church Parlors.
An adjourned meeting & the church to hear the report & the committee on revision & the By-Laws and for the election of deacons was held at the time & the regular prayer-meeting meeting was opened with prayer.
Before giving the report & the committee Mr. Lewis asked that his matter be attended to. In looking over the records no notice & Mrs. A. Ramsey was found. Such notice should have been prepared. It was moved and carried that this expression be entered upon

the records as of the date of the prayer-meeting next following the death.

It was moved and carried that the clerk be asked to prepare a full account of the dedicatory services and to enter such account upon the records upon date of such services.

Mr. Lewis chairman of the committee on the revision of the by-laws presented the by-laws with additions and changes.

A motion was made that the report of the committee be accepted and that the by-laws as read be adopted by the church. Carried. ----------

As a result of an informal ballot Mr. Brooks and Mr. Lynde were nominated for ~~[illegible]~~ Deacons. A motion was made that the rules be suspended and the clerk instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Brooks and Mr. Lynde as deacons - Mr. Brooks to serve until the next annual meeting, Mr. Lynde until a year from the next annual meeting.

The election for assistant deacons and re deacons followed.

After an informal ballot it was moved and the motion carried that the rules be suspended and the clerk be instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Jenney and Mr. Perry for assistant deacons

Upon motion a formal ballot was
taken for the third assistant deacon
and for the deaconess.
Mr. Hazard and Mrs Hemphill
were elected.
Upon motion Mrs Hemphill's resignation
was accepted and the clerk was
instructed to cast the ballot for
Mrs Louisa Bailey for deaconess.
It was moved that the rules
be suspended and the clerk
instructed to cast the ballot
for Mr. Barnard as the fourth
assistant deacon. Motion carried.
Mr. Hodgdon pronounced the
benediction.

Meeting adjourned,
Wm. C. Rauen - clerk.

By-laws of Plymouth Church.

I.

-Officers-

I. The officers of the church shall be - a Pastor or Pastors, eight Deacons, four assistant-Deacons, eight Deaconesses, a Clerk and a Treasurer.

The Pastor and Deacons shall constitute a standing committee for consultation, and to watch over the order of the church, and devise and suggest means for promoting its welfare, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them.

When at any time the church shall be without a Pastor, a committee on

Pastoral Supply may be elected at any church meeting, notice thereof being given at least one week prior to the meeting.
This committee may be of such number as the Church shall determine.

2. — It shall be the duty of the Pastor to watch over the spiritual interests of the church, preach the Gospel, administer the ordinances, take charge of religious services and assemblies, unless provision has been made otherwise, and in general to exercise a care for the furtherance of the truth and the salvation of souls.

3. — It shall be the duty of the Deacons to assist the Minister in the administration of the Lord's supper, and in his pastoral duties, and to make provision for the pulpit in case of the absence or disability of the Pastor and his failure to provide a supply for the same. It shall also be their duty to ~~arbitrate~~ to, heal differences, prevent or remove scandals and offenses, to render counsel, comfort and aid to the distressed, afflicted, the sick and the indigent; to disburse the private charities of the church, and to take up contributions, keep a record of their object and amount, pay them over to the Treasurer — those of them designed for church uses to be held subject to their order.

They shall also audit the annual report of the Treasurer, and upon approval by them and presentation at the church meeting it shall be entered upon the records of the church.

- It shall be the duty of the assistant deacons to aid the Deacons in their

regular duties when requested so to do, and when necessary to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

- It shall be the duty of the Deaconess to assist the deacons in the care of the sick, and in distributing the private charities of the church to those who are in need, especially among the female members of the church.

- It shall also be their duty to call in person upon the members of the church, or strangers who may attend our church services, or to provide for calling upon such families, by obtaining the assistance and co-operation of other members of the church.

Whenever it shall seem best to the Standing Committee, the Assistant deacons and Deaconesses may be called to meet with said committee in any matter of importance or difficulty connected with the church.

4—— It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a record of the business meetings of the church. He shall keep a file of its public papers, as also of its Covenant, Articles of Faith, and Rules, together with a list of its members and the time of their admission, dismission or death, as far as ascertainable, as also the baptism of adults and infants. It shall be his duty, subject to the direction of the church, to issue church letters and certificates of admission and recommendation, and, in general, to be the organ of correspondence of the church, unless in cases otherwise provided for.

It shall make a statistical report yearly to the church, of its membership, additions by profession and letter, removals and dismissions, deaths and baptisms.

It shall also be the duty of the Clerk to send a written notice of election, to every officer elected, with a written or printed copy of his duties as prescribed herein.

5— It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep the moneys of the church, subject to its order; to receive the contributions of the church for public and private charities, and pay them over to those authorized to receive them, whose orders and receipts shall be his vouchers. It shall present his report properly audited by the Deacons at the annual meeting.

It shall also be the duty of the Treasurer when sending contributions to the Missionary Societies of the church, to see that the Pastor of the church or any other minister who is a member of the church is made an honorary member of such societies so far as the contribution will permit. If all the said ministers shall already be honorary members, then the contributions shall be applied to constitute one or more of the deacons honorary members, commencing with the deacon senior deacon.

II.

Meetings.

1— An annual meeting shall be held on the first Friday evening after the first Sunday in January of each year, at which meeting one-half of the deacons

the assistant deacons, the deaconesses, the Clerk and the Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot. By unanimous consent, the provision requiring a vote by ballot may be suspended, and any or all of these offices may be elected viva voce.

—The deacons shall hold their offices for two years and shall not be eligible for election for more than two terms in succession. The other officers enumerated in this paragraph, shall hold their respective offices for one year or until their successors are elected.

—In case of a vacancy in the office of deacon, one or more deacons may be elected to fill such vacancies; the time for which they shall serve, to be such that no-half of the deacons shall be elected each year, so far as possible.

—In all business meetings the Pastor shall be Chairman, or in his absence, one of the deacons. Notice of all business-meetings of the Church shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath next preceding the day of holding the same; and all such meetings shall be opened with prayer. Fifteen members shall be necessary at all business-meetings to constitute a quorum.

2—— Special meetings for business may be called at the discretion of the Pastor or Standing Committee, and shall be called upon the written request of any three members of the church, or God Standing, stating definitely the object of the meeting.

—There shall be a meeting for prayer and conference upon such evening of the week as the church may appoint.

III

Admission of Members.

1— Satisfactory evidence of Christian character and public assent to the Confession of Faith and Covenant are the conditions of membership in this church. Applicants for admission upon profession of faith are to be examined by the Standing Committee at meetings held for that purpose.

Except in special cases, which shall be determined by the church, the names of applicants whose examination is satisfactory shall be propounded to the church at least one week before their admission, that objections may be offered, if any exist. Those who are received by profession, as well as by letter, shall be admitted in the presence of the congregation at any regular Sabbath service.

2— Persons may be received by letter from other churches by having their letters presented at a meeting of the church at least one week before the time of taking the vote upon their admission, assenting to the Articles of Faith and entering into covenant with this church.

Informal cases subject to the special action of the church.

3— Letters of commendation from the churches will not be considered valid more than one year after date. Such letters to be regarded as informal.

IV.

Dismission of Members.

1- Members of this church may be dismissed, to join any other evangelical church, by vote of the church at any public meeting, the application being presented, in ordinary cases, at a previous meeting. No letter of commendation given by this church shall be valid for more than one year.

2— Members of this church who remove their residence from this place, are expected to transfer their relations to some evangelical church (if there be one) where they reside, within one year after their removal from us. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to see that absentees are reminded of this provision, if it is not complied with.

3— All members residing away from this church for more than three years without taking letters of dismission, will be separated from the church, unless some sufficient reason for the neglect shall be known.

4— If any member of this church wishes to unite with any other Christian church that rejects our communion, or denies our existence as a church, and cannot be dissuaded, we are not able consistently with our principles of open communion, to give a letter of dismission and commendation in the usual form; but will give a certificate of regular standing, and record his or her dismission, which shall take effect as in other cases, when the person is received by another church. Cases of

persons coming from such churches and all cases not provided for in the foregoing rules, shall be presented by the Standing Committee, with their recommendation, and decided by vote of the church.

V.

Discipline.

1— The general principles to be followed in all cases of discipline are given in the word of God, Matt. XVIII chap. 1 Cor. V 1-7; 2 Cor. II 6-11, which shall be the rule for this church, without further specification.

VI

Sunday School.

1— There shall be a Sunday School connected with this church, to the interest and success of which it shall be regarded as the duty of every member of the church to contribute of personal interest, labor, attendance, & money, as the wants of the school require, and may be consistent with other Christian duties. The government of the church will leave with the Sunday School.

VII

Ordinances.

1— The Lord's Supper shall be administered regularly on the first Sabbath in January, March, May, July, September and November. A meeting preparatory shall be held upon some day of the preceding week. A collection is to be taken up at communion for

the following objects:

1- To defray the expenses of the table;
2- For relief of indigent or sick members;
3- To defray the expenses of Pastor and delegates in attending ecclesiastical meetings and for any other expense as ordered by the Church.

2— Baptism is to be administered, in cases of adults at the time of their public profession of faith, unless they have been baptized in childhood. The children of the church may be presented for baptism at the Lord's Supper. The time and place of special cases to be left to the discretion of the Pastor. Parents presenting their children for baptism will hand to the Pastor-in writing, their own names, and the full name of each child, with the date of its birth, that the same may be entered on the records of the church.

It is required of parents who bring their children to be baptized, that they instruct them faithfully in the principles and duties of the Christian religion, giving them line upon line, precept upon precept, teaching them the Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer, and setting before them an example of piety.

Children are entitled to baptism if either parent is a member of the Christian church, and is fully purposed by Divine Grace, to bring them up pirously.

VIII.

Miscellaneous.

1— All members of this church shall have an equal voice in the choice of its officers, in the exercise of its discipline and in all matters that concern the church.

2— Pastors shall be invited to settle over this church by a call from the church, usually seconded by a call from the Society. The salary and manner of raising the same to be fixed by vote of the church and Society. In all matters relating to the calling of a Pastor, or his re-engagement from year to year, the church shall take action separately from the Society. For this purpose a meeting of the church shall be held, on or before the meeting of the Society to consider the same business, and the action of the church shall be stated to the Society, and their concurrence thereon requested; in case of disagreement between church and Society the action of the church shall be final.

3— Services of installation shall be performed by an Ecclesiastical Council, summoned for the purpose by letter missive from the church.

4— Difficulties between Pastor and church shall be referred to a mutual Council, whose first decision shall be binding.

5— The transaction of business shall always be in order at the weekly evening prayer-meeting, provided that in all cases where notice shall be required by these

by-laws or in which business of a specially important character is presented for the first time, previous notice from the pulpit shall be given before final action is taken.

6— These rules may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular annual meeting, or at any meeting called for that purpose, provided that public notice of the latter be given one Sabbath previously, stating the purpose for which the meeting is called, and provided that not less than a quorum of members be present.

March 18, 1904.

A meeting of the church and society was held in the church parlors after the mid. Pr. Hodgdon opened with prayer and spoke most earnestly and enthusiastically about Congregationalism and the National Council, which with the small exception had been invited by Plymouth church to meet in the Rooms in Chicago. Because of the size and length of the meeting expenditure must be begun early. Mr. Elliott moved that an Executive Committee be appointed. Motion was carried.

Mr. Miller moved that the Pastor be appointed the Executive Committee; —

Mr. Hodgdon, — Dr. Frisbie, — Mrs. Frisbie, — Mrs. McHenry, Mr. C.A. Ramsay, — Mr. L.A. Merrill, — Mr. G.H. Lewis Mr. J.B. Mann Jr. — Mr. James Gray. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. C.A. Ramsay — clerk.

March 30, 1904- Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted dismissing
Mr + Mrs. R. H. Lyman and Miss Elizabeth Lyman
to the First Congregational Church of
Los Angeles, Calif.

April 13, 1904- Prayer- meeting.
Dr. Fricke and Mr. Hodgdon were
sent in response to a call from
Belle Plaine to attend the installation
of Rev. J. Lloyd.

April 27- Prayer- meeting.
Letters were granted dismissing
Mr + Mrs. W. R. Halpin to the
1st Congl church of Pinckney Mich -
Mrs. Edith M. Parmer to the
Presbyterian church of Jefferson Iowa -
Mr. J. P. Crum and Mrs. Maude Crum -
Howell to the Presbyterian church
of Kirkville, Iowa.

May 4, 1904- Prayer- meeting.
Mr. Hamlingham was chosen delegate
to the State Association, meeting
at Manchester, May 17-20.

July 20, 1904. Prayer- meeting.
at the suggestion of our pastor
It was moved by Mr. Lewis and seconded
by Mr. Hamlingham that the mid- week
prayer- meeting be suspended until
September and that the pastor and
one of the deacons be authorized to issue
any letters of dismissal that may
be requested. Carried.

Sept. 7, 1904.
At the regular prayer-meeting upon motion by Mrs. Rulon the following persons were dropped from the church roll.

✓ Mrs. Susie B. Walker.
✓ Mrs. Mary Childs
✓ William Clotts
✓ Mrs. Maria Cochrane
✓ Mrs. Spicer (Mrs. Eubanks)
✓ Nellie Godfrey
✓ B. B. Apling
✓ Mrs. B. B. Apling
✓ Harvey Jewett.
✓ Mrs. Lulu Yamum Burch
✓ Mrs. Annie Emery-Burgess
✓ Mrs. Grace Williams Dean.
✓ Mrs. Carrie Hornish

} Absent several years with out any effort on their part.

Sept. 14, 1904.
At the regular prayer-meeting Mrs. A. L. Frisbie and Miss Jennie Davis were appointed delegates to the meeting of the Annual Conference at Petaluma - Sept. 21-
Q. Frisbie was chosen to represent Olympic church at the ordination

It was moved and carried that Mr. Kustom convey to Mr. & Mrs. Botts and family the Olympic church sincere regrets for their departure and best wishes for the future in their new home and that the Pastor write to the pastor of the church in San José.

Dec. 9/- Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted to Mrs. Laura R. Reynolds, Eliz. Hall R. Miller and Dr. S. Blanche Reynolds to First Cong'l Ch. Port Huron Mich.

A motion was made and carried that the prayer-meeting Dec. 28, be held at the Dr. and Mrs. Frisbie.

The following persons were named as a Committee to prepare the Year Book of the church for the ensuing year - the report to be handed in at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Lynde - Mrs. Conley - Mr. Ellen Miller - Mr. Graham - . Mrs. Frisbie

It was moved and carried that Plymouth church enter into the Union churches in the Evangelistic services - the way to be decided upon by the pastor and deacons and this committee to report at the prayermeeting this following week.

Emma Raymond,

Dec. 28, 1904.
Prayer meeting with Dr. and Mrs. Frisbie.
A motion was made and carried that the recommendations made by the deacons be adopted and that evening prayer meetings be held in various parts of the city during the months of Jan. and Feb.

Emma Raymond - clerk.

Annual Meeting - Jan. 6 - 1905.
Immediately following the church supper the annual meeting of the church was held in the church parlors. Mr Hayden opened the meeting with prayer.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
The report of the clerk was read and accepted.
The report of the treasurer was given. Dr. Hill - for the Auditing Committee - reported that the books of the treasurer had been examined and found to be correct.
Mr Elliott Miller spoke briefly for the deacons. - It had been a harder year than usual - perhaps the worst year of the church. The work had been efficient - the increase in membership small - and the time was at hand to look to the inside and to get hold of the members for our own families for the church. The church during had been painted - but the basement for the Sunday School had not been changed.
Mr Miller suggested that - the assistant deacons be done away with and recommended that they be made full deacons full deacons wished. It was moved and carried that this report be accepted.
Mrs. Frisbie suggested the upon of

of the deaconesses be passed over until another year.
Mrs. McIlvery reported for the Woman's Aid Society. Not much catering had been done during the year - Regular meals had been held and much served during the annual Council.
The financial report was as follows--

On hand	$79.50
Receipts from meals	$486.73
Banquets	127.77
Cook-books	24.50
Total Receipts	$1319.24
Disbursements	1274.57
Bal	$44.67

The pledge of $500 toward the debt of the church had been reduced to $300. The receipts from Dona Gillyn Banquet will partly swell the sum in the treasury to $65.00.
The ladies had also voted $8.50 a year to pay for an anthem to Mr. Hayden. Mrs. Lynde had been secured for these services. The report was received and adopted.
It was reported for the Plymouth Home Circle that 15 meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 12. $79.00 had been gained from the sale of various articles - in addition to the $14.20 in the bank.
It was moved and carried that this report be accepted.
Mrs. Paisley gave the financial report for the Women's Miss. Society. There had been 105 paid members.

Receipts for the year $34.99
Total expenditures $31.22
& Farris had been sent to Talladega the
cost of which would bring the receipts
up to $746.42.

It was moved and carried that
this report be accepted. Mrs. Cowles.
regularly & the Primary Mrs. Greely
reported 12 meetings during the year -
Mrs. Pugh presiding. Sixty nine
had taken part - 50 in the program
and 19 in the Study. The Study
for the year had been "Rex Christi" a
Study of China. The average attendance
had been 42. Report was accepted.
Mrs. Pugh - so many gems presented -
spoke briefly of the gifts.

Mrs Merrill for the Plymouth
Rock Miss. Greely reported 12
meetings with an average attendance
of last set of 97 members.
Receipts for the year 263.98
Disbursements 263.98.
Mrs. Gurney reported for the Sunday
School.
Number of teachers 28.
" classes 25.
Average attendance 205.
Boyhood " 31
Girlhood " 113
Average collection 5.38
Boyhood " 30.16
Girlhood " 2.34
Receipts for year 365.08
Disbursements 320.06
Bal $45.02
Report was accepted.

Mrs Banks reported 50 children in the primary department - 3 visitors
Secretary and the average collection 40¢ per Sunday.
The report for the C. E. society was given by Julia Hill.
There had been 52 prayer meetings with an average attendance of 38.
Topic led by - Callo made 50.
Members had increased from 43 to 54. Active members from 30 to 42.
Lantern Missions had been helped systematically.
The report was accepted.
The treasurer report for the C. E. society was as follows -

Receipts - $3.15
Disbursements - $3.03.
Bal $10.12. Receipts from Active contributions.
Missionary Fund - Receipts $49.18
Disbursements - $45.06
Bal $4.13.

$59.62 has been raised in the pledges of $800 for the ensuing year.
Mrs. Payne reported for the Junior Endeavor. The organization was effected March 5-1904. Meetings are held every Sunday until middle of June and mid winter meetings every other Saturday afternoon.
The enrollment had been 50 - between the ages of 7 and 14. The average attendance 20.
Mite collection for the year $3.33
Six had been received in attendance

The motto for the year "In Christ and the Church". The report was accepted.

The report of the Nom. Committee was called for. It was moved by Mr. Miller that the by-laws be amended - striking out the word - "assistant-deacons" and making the number of deacons 16. Motion was carried.

The following were nominated -

Clerk - Mrs. C. H. Rawson.
Trust - H. H. Barnard.
Deacons for 2 years ---
Mr. H. M. McFarland. A. S. Root
" W. Hill
" E. H. Burke
" D. H. Jenney.
" W. A. Snyder
" F. H. Forbes T. E. Savage
" C. H. Pierce Wm Yonkers
" L. J. Keeler.

Deacons for 1 year.
Mrs. A. H. Cooke. } Sheldon.
" C. E. Lynde }
" J. M. Fullerton
" C. L. Dalleboy.
" Isaac Campbell.
" L. H. Hudyn.
" G. Wilbury.
" A. M. Andrus.

Deaconesses -
Mrs. Wm Blacke. Mrs Henry Gray.
" F. W. Chase Miss Lilla Bailey
" H. H. Tinsley Miss Annie Merrill.
" F. Trumbull
" G. H. Hill

It was moved that the report be accepted and that the by-laws be suspended and the clerk instructed to cast the ballot for the election of the proposed names. Carried.

It was moved and carried that the election of the two lay members to the C. B. S. and three lay members to the A. B. C. F. M. be left to Dr. Frohi and the ast-going treasurer.

At the ending of the business session of the annual conference- right from the heart. His busy ministry in the towns had been wonderfully happy. He agreed in the morning exploiting and the making together for the building up of God's kingdom. The work had been largely external and there was more work to do. We should let no dignity grow and no influence hinder through the deepening of the spiritual life. We need a stronger and deeper spiritual life. Because the world today is thirsty there is a call to make us church more and more spiritual and genuine Let the word be true and let us realized Let God's presence minister to our enthusiasm and ministry.

The transient spirit manifest is encouraging.

Epworth had increased 41%
Brantford " " 60.2%

The service of worship has been short and helpful and through co-operation of the people may be more helpful. The S.S. school took its most hopeful - The spirit of the prayer-meeting beautiful - though the numbers are small -

There is a great opportunity to minister to sinners and because one has needed to assist - Mrs. Lynde has chosen to take up the work. 250 calls had been made - an average of 80 per week.

The church needs the support of every one. We should plead together to make the church what it ought. Let every one return as a member and minister. Let us give our work and go on with God's help with another year.

It is beautiful to look back and Dr. Pushi just as on and future.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Pushi

meeting adjourned,

Carrie Runyan

Clerk.

Report of the Clerk of the church for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

Received by letter	45.
" by confession	18.
" by restoration	68.
Dismissed by letter	35.
Dropped from church roll	13.
Deaths during year	12.
Total removals	60.
Total present membership	774.
Males -	271.
Females -	503.
Non-resident members -	129.
Number of families represented in church	520.
Adult Baptisms	12
Infant "	7.

Names of those leaving and during the year.

Mrs. Ella Hatch.
Mr. Elsworth.
Minnie Fowler.
Nellie Dalton.
Mrs. Martin Butts.
Mrs Collard.
Mrs. Harvey Wilkinson
Mrs. Baird.
Mr. J. H. Merrill.
Mr. A. J. Gray
Mrs. Robert Funkhouser.
Mrs. Athi Southern.

Report of the Treasurer of Plymouth Church
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

Balance Jan. 1, 1904 -	$ 23.93
Receipts during 1904 -	1011.69
Total	- $ 1035.62

Disbursements.

A.B.C.F.M.	$ 180.81
C.C.B.S.	100.
A.M.A.	120.86
C.S.S. & Pub. Soc.	26.22
S.E.H.M.S.	276.36
Plymouth S.S.	52.92
Miscellaneous Cong. Church	21.82
Delegates Expenses Ills -	16.07
Ministerial Relief Fund -	47.14
Iowa Anti-Saloon League -	98.80
	$ 1033.00
Relief	.62
Bal on hand	$ 1033.62
	1033.62
Bal on Hand	$ .00
Collection Jan 1, 1905	$ 17.34
Turned in to S.S. Benevolences.	17.96

(Signed) Edgar Hinds - Treas.

Feb-1, 1905.

Mr. Chas Lanning reigned - his position as deacon - Mr. J.E. Sawyer was elected to fill his place.

Two deaconesses were added to the number - Mrs. J.E. Jones & Mrs. B. Hodges - Mrs. Bill Chase and Mrs. A.N. Eccles.

Mr. Everett Campbell was granted a letter to the Clyde Congregational church of Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Fuson and Mr. Hodgdon were elected delegates to the council of installation of Rev. Geo. Luckii Cady D.D. as pastor of First Congregational church of Montrose, Iowa.

Signed (Mrs. E. Lynde).

Prayer-meeting - March 1 1905.
By vote of the church the following persons were accepted to be received into membership on confession of faith at the next of March.
Hazel C. Klein.
Lurga Ethel Klein.
Ned C. Klein.
Charles F. Brunnenstein.
Helen Mae Peck.
James Ray Capps.
Clyde E. Wells.
Bird F. Gunnard.
Clark Sims.
The recommendation of the deacons the church met & received the following persons on confession of faith. At the next of March.
Robert L. Spencer.
Kathleen Spencer.
Nellie Klein.
Lucy C. Reynolds.
Lelia M. Lankford.
Ida Wells.
Harry B. Kirkland.
Edna Tillini.
The church also voted to receive the following by letter--
Mrs. Nellie C. Hedy.
Mr. Nathaniel Spencer.
Mrs. " " "
Mr. George Cassidy.
Mrs. " "
Miss Ora " .
Miss Ora M. Simms.
Mrs. Susan A. Russell

Mr. L. H. Needham
Mrs. " " "
Mr. Benj. C. Slitzer
Mrs. " " "
Mrs. Mary E. Grant.
Miss Fannie Wren.
Mrs. E. M. Carpenter.
Miss Hazel E. Cook.
Miss Helen M. Cook.
Mr. Kellogg Allen.
Mr. Ralph A. Allen.
Mrs. E. B. Dillon
Mr. Wayne E. Lemley.
Mr. Neil H. Lemley.
Mr. Ira E. Lemley.
Mr. J. O. Wells. Miss C. E. Lynde
Clerk pro tem.

Prayer meeting March 8. 1905.
By vote of the church the following
letters were granted
Harry E. Plummer to the Presbyterian
Church of New York City.
Maud C. Thurber to the
Congregational Church of Grand Rapids
Corrie Ramon. Clerk.

Prayer meeting. April 19 1905.
By vote of the church the following
letters were granted.
M. L. Leonard.
Mrs. M. L. Leonard.
Hans S. Lemmen — to the
First Christ Church of Washington, D.C.

Prayer meeting May 3 1905.
Upon the recommendation of the deacons it was voted by this church to receive the following persons in confession of faith

Mrs. Blanche Clouse.
" Augie Cummins
" Gladys Foster
" Anna Payne.
" Jessie E. Royal.
" Mabel Sibrell.
" Glen Smallwood.
Mrs. Clayton A. Webb.

It was voted to receive the following persons by letter.

Mr. Edwin H. Barker
Mrs Edna M. Barker.
Mrs Lillian G. Barker.
Mr. Edwin C. Buckley.
Mrs. " " Buckley.
Mr. Sidney Cobb.
Mrs. Claude H. (S.A.) Cobb.
Mr. Jennie M. Townsend.
Mrs Edna L. Davis
Mr. Joseph S. Payne.
Mrs. Joseph S. Payne.
Mr. James E. Reynolds.
Mrs Edna H. (L.E.) Reynolds.
Mr. Robert H. Rundell.
Mr. Frederick H. Strathman.
Mrs Alma Thomas
Mrs Ella Thomas.

Carrie Rawson Clerk.

May 7, 1905.

At a called meeting the church voted to receive Mrs. J. B. Runyon in confession of faith - as recommended by the deacons.

Prayer-meeting. May 17, 1905.
It was voted by the church
to send Mr. Ellis Mills, as delegate to
Council Assn at Simi City
Mr. Reed was appointed alternate.
Canoga Avenue-Ch.

Prayer-meeting - May 31, 1905.
It was voted by the church to
recall Bro. Reed Canoga-Avenue
with the church by reaffirmation.
Canoga Avenue Ch.

Prayer-meeting - June 14, 1905.
The church voted to grant a
letter to Thurber F. Moon to
the Plymouth Congl church of
Pasadena Mass.
Canoga Avenue-Ch.

Prayer-meeting. July 19, 1905.
It was voted by the church to
suspend the weekly prayermeeting
until the first of September
beginning with July 26.
Canoga Avenue, Ch.

Prayer-meeting July 19, 1905.
Letters were granted to
Miss Emma J. Bellamy viz
Miss Henrietta L. Bellamy viz
to the First Unitarian Church
of Los Angeles.
Letter issued by Parker Emerson.

Sunday morning - Aug. 6, 1905.
Mr. + Mrs. J. L. Rex were dismissed and recommended to the First Engl Church of Waterloo, Iowa.

Sunday-evening. Aug. 20, 1905.
A letter was read to Hymn E. Eppenich- dismissing her from Plymouth church and recommending her to the Engl Church of York, Nebraska.

Report of the Committee appointed by Plymouth Congl church to build a house for Fritz Westphal.
On the night of July 7th an intelligent looking German Fritz Westphal while walking quietly home after a social call on a young lady friend at about 10 P.M. on a lonely unfrequented road was suddenly attacked by two highwaymen, who covered by his gun & pistol & demanded instantly that he surrender his money and valuables, this on the ground upon which he had just called. After fighting for life for a vigorous effort to rally from his terrible wounds, they proved too severe for recovery and he died on Friday following.
This shocking and disgraceful occurrence is of serious interest to

every good citizen as no one can feel safe if things of this dreadful character are at large in this city. It is especial incumbent upon the members of Plymouth Congregational Church to which he belonged, and the undersigned who were appointed a committee by mutual consent of their church - to use such means and exert such influence as may be in their power — deem to report the following resolutions.

1st. The dastardly and fiendish crime of the murder of Fiske Westbrook - we call the town and upon all of the good people and should arise all the law-abiding inhabitants of the city to aid and assist in efforts to apprehend these assassins and all other criminals who disregard and defy the law and its officers. That from all many killings and dangerous outlaws in the city - is shown by this horrible occurrence and by the numerous burglaries which are taking place nightly

2nd. We demand of our executive officers both of the city and county, that - they put forth the most earnest and strong efforts in their power to apprehend these persons and all other law-breakers who disregard life and the rights of property in their quest for murderers.

3rd. We respectfully tender to the family and friends of Mr. Worthington our sincere and profound sympathy in their great sorrow, which has fallen upon them without fault of the brethren or of his family, but purely from the fatality and chance of unknown killing.

The Elder Church Church also at the peace and safety of the entire community and the whole city mourns with them the death of this noble pioneering and Christian gentleman.

(Signed) L. J. Lyons.
W. H. Lyons - Committee.
A. R. Campbell.
Lewis H. Lewis

Prayer-meeting - Sept 13- 1905

By will of the church Mr. and Mrs. Brady were appointed delegates to the Quarterly Conference held at Ankeny - Sept. 19 & 20, and were requested to kindly take a report.

Emma Runyon - Clerk.

Prayer-meeting - Oct. 11/905

The following letters of dismission were granted - Mrs. Hallam - Roy and Hardy Hallam - Miss Darling - Mrs. Betty Robins-Russell - all to the Plymouth Congl church of Minneapolis Minn.

Prayer-meeting Oct. 18, 1905.
A Ladies Aid Society granted dismissing
Mr & Mrs. Waldo Campbell to the
Congl. church of Minneapolis
Minn. — Mrs. C. O. Perkins to any
church. — Mrs. Mc Leary and
Barbara Mc Leary to First Congl
church of St. Thomas, Ontario — and
Mr. & Mrs. A. Pushee to the Westminster
Congl church of Spokane, Wash.

Currie Rawson - clerk.

Early in November letters were
granted to Eugene N. Lyman
to Broadway Tabernacle - New York city -
Alice B. Chaffee to the First Congl
church of Los Angeles, Calif. and
G. Katharine Arnold to the same
church.

Currie Rawson - clerk.

Prayer-meeting Dec. 13, 1905.
Letters & dismissions were granted
Mr & Mrs. Appelquist to the First Congl
church of New Ulm - Minn.

Currie Rawson - clerk.

Prayer meeting - Dec - 27, 1905 -
The following committee was appointed
to nominate the Officers and Deacons
of the church for the year 1906. -
Mr. H. B. Tredyn -
Mr. S. A. Merrill -
Miss Elizabeth Morris.

Currie Rawson. clerk.

Prayer-meeting, Jan. 3, 1906.
Letters were granted to Mrs. Elizabeth Clark - Acket & the Congregational church of Blair - Nebraska - and to Mr & Mrs. Reed to the Cong'l church of Ames, Iowa.
The name of Mrs. L. L. Floyd was dropped from the roll - at her own request.

Carrie Rawson - Clerk.

Prayer-meeting. Jan. 10, 1906.
A letter was granted to Mr & Mrs Chas Clemens dismissing [illegible] to the First Methodist church of Los Vegas, New Mexico.

Carrie Rawson - Clerk.

Jan. 12, 1906.
Minutes of Annual Meeting of Plymouth Congregational Church.
Following the church service the members of this church gathered in the church parlors for the annual meeting.
Mr. Boyden called the meeting to order and Dr. Frothi led in prayer.
Minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and approved.
The clerk of this church read the following report:

Report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

Total number of members Jan. 1, 1905	-	774.
Number added by letter	-	- 73.
" " on confession	-	- 37.
" " by re-affirmation	-	- 1.
Total number accessions	-	- 111.

Removals by death — 5
" " letter — 32
" dropped — 1
Total number of removals — 38

Number male members Jan. 1, 1906 — 305
" female " " " " 542.
Total " " " " 847.

Number of adult baptized 26
" " infant " 5.

Number of non-resident members. —
" " honorary " paid —

Names of those who have died during year —
Wm. Hartley.
Mr. Allis.
Mrs. Elizabeth McClelland.
Frederick Westbrook.
Mrs. Sarah Rollins.

Mrs. Ch. Raymond. Clerk.

A motion was made and carried that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Mr. H. H. Barnard presented the annual report of the Treasurer, and statement of the Auditors. The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Treasurer's Annual Report.
Plymouth Cong'l Church.
For the year 1905.

Received from Edgar Hunt-former Treas. -	$ 17.96
" " Sundry Collections & pledges -	1284.90
Total receipts for the year. -	$ 1302.86

Disbursements.

A. B. C. F. M. -	263.68
I. C. H. M. S. -	302.80
Ministerial Relief Fund.	30.63
Cong'l S. S. & Pub. Society -	26.57
Cong'l Ed. Society - For Dana College - Grinnell - Received $119. Cash ($20) and Pledges ($8) in hand ($3) }	57.00
A. M. A.	54.92
C. C. B. S. -	62.43
Plymouth Cong'l S. S. -	48.87
Associated Charities - Des Moines	182.93
Des Moines Home for Friendless Children	18.68
Union Cong'l Church - Des Moines	113.05
Deacons Fund	98.45
Total Disbursements	$ 1279.01
Balance in hand (in Deacons fund)	23.85

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) H. H. Barnard
Treasurer.

Statement of Deacons Fund -
To accompany Report of Treasurer of
Plymouth Cong'l church for the year ending Dec. 31. 1905.

Balance from former Treasurer -	$ 17.96
Collections during the year -	104.84
Total receipts -	$ 122.80

Des Moines.

Advance for Y.M.C.A.	$ 1.50
Iowa State Association (dues for 1904)	26.98
Rev. J.H. Bodgdon, as delegate	
To Cincinnati, Nov. 22, 1904	15.80
To Washington. Jan. 21, 1905	11.45
Miss Allis as delegate to Grinnell Assn, Feby	2.04
Mr. Bodgdon " "	2.04
Mrs. Bodgdon " "	2.04
Miss Blevins, A.M.A. Speaker, May 3rd	8.85
Mr. Bodgdon-delegate to State Assn-Jany	12.75
Mrs. Marlatt, Collection for Oct. 4th	8.00
Oct 3rd, Stamps to mail notices	
& Special Collection to Members Church	7.00
Total Disbursements	98.45
Balance on Hand	29.85.

Mr. C. L. Dahlberg gave the report for the Deacons -

Des Moines, Iowa. Jan. 12, 1906.

During the past year, the deacons have had numerous consultations with the pastor and with each other, with a view to promoting the welfare of the church and Sunday School, and to transact such business as was presented to them at their meetings. During the past four months of 1905, seven of these meetings have been held on Sunday, we have spoken to the brethren in the morning service, in the church parlor.

These meetings have been presided over by A.P. Cook and C.L. Dahlberg has acted as secretary. Questions of interest and importance to the church were discussed, the pastor at times being present. After each meeting

a copy of the minutes was mailed to the pastor and in some instances to the absent members. These meetings have been found to be beneficial to ourselves and to the work at large - in many ways.

The deacons have taken the collections regularly Sunday mornings and evenings, throughout the year, and have also assisted the pastor in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Through courtesy of Treasurer Barnard, we have a full and itemized statement of the deacons' fund for the year, giving receipts, disbursements and balance. The items we omit here as they have been given by Mr. Barnard. By this report we find in hand Jan. 1, 1906 - $77.96

Collections during year 104.34

Total 182.30

Amount expended during year - 98.45

Balance in hand - $ 23.85

There was known an unpaid bill, for of the State Assn - of $ 27.09 which was not paid because of lack of sufficient funds. On last Sunday the collection amounted to $ 20.71 which together with the $ 23.00 in hand made a total of $ 44.56 and the Treasurer has drawn a check for the amount of said bill - $ 27.09 which leaves a balance today of $ 17.47.

To Dr. Hill has fallen the task of taking charge of the envelopes which contain money pledged for the support of the church. Also of the open collections on Sunday mornings and evenings, and the turning of such funds over

to the Treasurer of the Society on Monday morning, and also turning over Money taken and pledged given as special collections to Mrs. H. A. Barnard, Treasurer of Plymouth church, all of which has been faithfully performed.

On the year ending last September, Mrs. G. H. Pike has taken charge of and looked after the supply of linen for communion service system which until Mrs. L. J. Mason has taken up the work.

The work of looking after the preparation of the communion service has been performed as usual by the Adelphi Club faithfulness. The work of these good women deserves the thanks of the church as well as of the deacons.

We must to especially commend Mr. A. H. Cowles, for his faithful and untiring work as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, being always at his post of duty ready that a sufficient number of deacons was present for each service and patiently and courteously directing the work.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) C. L. Salisbury - Secy.

After a considerable the report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. C. E. Lynde gave the report of the Parish work as follows.

Report of the Parish Supt. For year 1905.

The Parish Supt. has spent the morning of each Sunday, at the church. A card catalogue of the church membership was

prepaid. also an indexed book in which the names of new members and changes of this enrigalini were recorded.

The ladies of the church were asked to make about one thousand calls. The response to these requests has been beautiful and inspiring.

Of this seven hundred calls made by the Parish Supt. less than six hundred have been returned.

Cards have been prepared to place in the hands of the ladies, for words of their calling and they ladies are asked to call in each change.

The Financial Statement of the parish year was one audited with of this department.

A Kindergarten has been instituted during the time of the morning service. Miss Louise Whittington has kindly taken charge of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Burton Stevens Lynde.

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted and approved and placed on file.

Mr. Brady offered the report for Plymouth S.S. as follows;

Report for Plymouth Sunday School for 1905.

Average attendance per Sunday.	244
Increase on 1904.	20%
Total enrollment since July 1, 1905.	540
Number on Home Department.	25
Number on cradle roll.	60
Total enrollment all departments	625
Increase in enrollment on 1904, approximately	236 or 78%

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1905	$ 5.73
Receipts S.S. Contributions	401.14
Receipts other sources	53.93
Receipts Xmas entertainment - apportionment	60.00
Total receipts for the year	$ 515.07
" " " 1904	308.02
Gain in receipts on 1904 -	$ 207.05 or 67%.

Disbursements.

Distributed from Xmas fund	$ 60.00
All other disbursements	437.29
Total disbursements - 1905 -	$ 497.29
Cash on hand after all bills are paid, Jan. 1, 1906 - - -	$ 35.55

What we need is more material for teachers. A fourth Men's class & about 40 members has just been launched with Mr. Le Duzy as teacher.

A city S.S. Missionary is a new and we trust a very timely feature, which is practically provided for.

Our attendance last Sunday was 812.

The school spirit is fine and growing better.

We must have the loyalty co-operation of Plymouth parents and older people in the Sunday School. If you are not one of our members will you come? You owe it to the child - to yourself - and to your country. Why not pray over this matter.

Respectfully submitted -
Geo. A. Pooley - Supt.

This report was accepted - approved and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Frisbie gave a verbal report of the Women's Missionary Society.
There had been twelve meetings during the year - 53 women had taken part.
In connection with each meeting there is a social hour.
In Oct. the Plymouth Rock Mission was merged into the Women's Miss. Society.
Effort had been made to re-organize on a larger basis and to divide responsibility.
Various committees have been appointed
Study in the year is Africa.
One missionary helped by the year's work was the paying in of a legacy £ 2600 00 from the estate of the Buckenridges sisters - to Kobi College - a school in girls - in Japan.
The Misses Buckenridges were formerly members of Plymouth church.
Mrs. Frisbie also read the Treas. report.
Since the last yearly report the Ladies Miss. Society and the Plymouth Rock Miss. Society united at the last meeting. A Committee was appointed to make a Canvass of both societies regarding membership. Their work has been delayed as they are waiting for the new church directory - consequently the exact membership cannot be given. Formerly all contributors were considered members. Last year the membership was 70 - some. Gifts monthly or envelopes others yearly and to the Easter or Thank Offering - The Easter Offering goes to the Home Comfort Home Miss. Society - the Thank Offering or the fall to the W. B. F. M. in addition to the money collected by envelope-yearly or from collections.

Paid to the N.B.M.S. - $296.70
$10.00 mo from Thank Offering. -
Paid to S.C.N.M.S. - $170.29
$5.00 mo from Easter Offering. -
Paid to A.M.A. - $81.64
Rec'd for Salvation Army Easter - $5.00
Bands for Talladega - raised $3.50.

Total cash collections $506.14
Money sent to Treas - 498.85
500 envelopes - .70
Paid in Bank - 6.54.

Mrs. Tinsley the Secretary sent this report.

No reports as given by Mrs. Franks were accepted - approved and ordered placed on file.

The report of the Christian Endeavor work was given by Edgar Hench - as follows:

During the year 1905 - prayer-meetings have been held every Sunday evening with an approximate average attendance of 50 persons.

The enrollment Jan. 1, 1905 - was 54 members, 42 active and 12 affiliate.

The present membership numbers 75 - of which 64 are active - 11 affiliates.

3 members have moved away and 9 have left to attend school - during the past year. Some of these were our most earnest and active workers.

Record with the society during the year 26 new members - a gain of 50%.

The past year has been one of prayer

in all lines of work. The prayer-meetings have been held with a larger attendance.

Each committee makes their reports

members, also talk individual work for our society and church.
Perhaps the largest undertaking of the year was the lunch held ~~and~~ at the State Fair. The committee displayed the same spirit of earnest and prayerful work - the result being a net gain of $150.00. This amount with $50.00 paid last Jan. makes $200.00 paid this year on the pledge of $800 for the New Building of the church. A total of $587 has been paid on this pledge.
The Missionary Spirit has also been manifested - $58.00 having been raised and given to the different missionary funds.
Earnest and helpful work has been carried on at Sunbeam Services. Mrs. Ethel Simpkins changed to Mrs. Jones - this taking Speaker and Singers.
The Social Spirit has been the best during 1916. Endeavor socials and picnics have been very largely attended - there being over 100 present at some socials.
Endeavorers have this year been more attentive to strangers, greeting them when present - endeavoring to welcome them nightly and to encourage their membership in the church.
The development of the society in the attainment of goals this year only demands the more in this new year and the prospects are bright for even a better year in Plymouth C.E.

Respectfully submitted,
Edyth E. Hamish - Pres.

The report of the Treasurer of Plymouth Christian Endeavor Society for the year ending Dec. 31, 1905.

General Expense Account.

Total Receipts for year from pledges and

other sources $46.33

Total expense by vouchers etc. - 37.39

Bal on hand Jan. 1, 1906 $10.94

Missionary Account.

Total Receipts for year from pledges, collections etc. - $7.74

Pledges paid. -

F. C. H. M. S. - $8.00

N. B. M. S. - 13.00

For other expenses - envelopes etc. - 2.47

Total $23.47.

Bal on hand Jan. 1, 1906 24.27.

Moved & Carried, Treas.

These reports were accepted - approved and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Henry Rollins read the following report for the Plymouth Home Circle.

There have been 20 meetings for the year- during the year with an average attendance of 14.

We have in our circle with sick - $30.03

Out flowers, &c. - 9.40

Total $39.43

We have no large considerable unfinished work, we wish to urge the attendance of more of our ladies at the meetings and especially the newer members who will join us - we hope - make pleasant and profitable acquaintances and feel "at home" in our church. Our motto is fraternity & sociability.

Respectfully submitted - Mrs. D. N. Hopkins
Pres.

This report was accepted approved and placed on file.

Mrs. Mary Jane then read the report of the Women's Aid Society.

To Rev. Wilde & the Women's Aid Society.

I beg with to give you a very condensed report of the financial condition of the Women's Aid Society - for the year from Jan. 1905 to Jan. 1906.

Cash in hand and Receipts in year -	$1009.49
Expenses -	994.79
Balance -	$14.70.

The various sources from which the funds were derived mainly from the Church suppers and meals served during Christmas and Councils with an occasional banquet during the holiday season. During 1905-1906 such work has netted $32.37.

The regular suppers are paid for by a donation of $2.00 & $2.50 from each member of the committee & about 25 cents, and the door receipts go to this society.

The large expenses have been for $200 paid on the pledge of $5000 for the Church which is still to pay. The taxes and expenses & insurance this to all over $1000 & less from the annual meeting of the Society will may. We have also paid about $400.00 to Mrs. Lynde for the special work she is doing for the Church in such a systematic and careful way. We have spent nearly $100 during the year for house cleaning in the auditorium, S. S. rooms, dining-room, kitchen etc.

The items for our meetts I have not

Spoken of. Just 38 years ago the
Ani Society of Plymouth Church published
the "76" Cook Book to help pay for the
then new Church in 7th Front-when
the Chamberlain Mill was Stands. The
venture was a success for the first
and the Book has gone through 6 the
most edition and remains
of has always held for 50 - but
unfortunately the last Batch was
given away & an inferior quality &
green ribbon and they all very ri-
claimed to be sticky. So it has
been decided to sell them for half-price,
75 cts for what has always been and
still is the very best Cook Book & is
found in the market.
I have spoken only of the money side
of the work - but that is another side
that you know that is no better way
to become to get acquainted with each
other than by working. where together
in the pantry, talking each other set
the tables & serve getting dishes in
the soapy pan? Then comes steamy-apron
in dishes. We had 3 dozen pitchers and
now we have but 24. They have up
from broken pan & plain - just tossed
to carry home baked - from eloquent
and then forgotten. Please count
them up and bring them back
before the next meeting when more
them work from bright.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Agnes M. Mac - Pres

This report was accepted, approved and
placed on file.

Dr. Frisbie reported the names of three
elders as Honorary members of
the A.B.C.F.M. and left Secretary
J the C.C.B.S.
In 1905 $263.00 had been paid to
the A.B.C.F.M. $100.00 was necessary
to make an honorary member
J a layman and $50.00 for a clergyman.
Accordingly Messrs A.H. Brooks and
C.L. Maltbie were appointed and
Rush-G.N. Holydon.
In 1903 $389.00 had been paid and
no honorary members elected. The
Committee was glad to name
Messrs J.N. Schurlock D.G.St. Bell
and Dr. C.E. Holmes.
The Life Members of the C.C.B.S. Mr. G.H. Lewis,
Mr. A.R. Campbell and Mr. W.B. Holyoke
were named.
This report was accepted and approved
and a motion was made and carried
that the suggestions be adopted by the
church.
It was moved and carried that a
committee J five be appointed a
reception Committee to greet strangers.
It was moved by Mr. Murray Cummings and carried that the
selection J this committee be left with
the pastor. Committee with power to act.
It was moved and carried that
the by-laws proposed by Mr. Holydon
for a new effective organization to
do the work J Olivewith church
be referred to a Committee - with Mr. Lewis
as the convener.
It was moved and carried that the Rev
Mr. Morton be the pastor and Mr. Ellis Mills

Mr. Hodges Chairman of the Committee on the following report.

Clerk — Mr. C. A. Lawson.
Treasurer - Mr. H. H. Barnard.

Deacons for Full Term -
H. D. Campbell -
C. L. Dudley -
C. E. Wilmarth
J. N. Hodges
A. R. Benjamin.
E. K. Hamilton
E. L. Miller
B. C. Ward.

Deacon to fill out term of Mr. H. H. McFarland resigned — L. L. Rose.

Deaconesses —
Mrs. G. A. Hill
" H. B. Hodges.
" N. H. Hinkley.
" L. S Clark
" E. Cummins.
" G. N. Chase
" A. J. Berry.
" E. M. Carpenter
" R. C. Grimm
" E. L. Marsh.
Miss Annie D. Merrill
" Laura Bailey.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the by-laws be waived and the clerk of the meeting be instructed to cast the ballot for names of nominees as a body. Motion carried.

Mr. Hodges spoke briefly of the work of the past year - The Secretary of

meetings I & works- great but effective and the Lord rich & his young people in a musical line.

It commended the work of Mrs. Lynde and the Sunday School.

The number of accessions - 114 - to the church had been the largest in any year in the history of the church. 24 had come from the choir and 36 from the Sunday School.

In the early days the membership had had been due mainly to 82 In the year before 40 In the year before that and 82 In the average for the last five years.

Mr Boydon also commended the work of the Young Ad Society for the hearty and faithful work and the readiness to help the pastor and also the good work of the Y.P.S.C.E.

Mr. Boydon gave notice of his desire for the next year. It urged all assistance upon individual spiritual development, and a deeper interest in prayer meetings. In the early days the quicker will pay for the building.

In the form of a church social might not be an attraction nor an entertainment but a deep expression of worship. We might be blessed in the choir and Church by the young people.

We must stand by the parish work which is absolutely essential.

The Sunday School must be provided for
to pursue so many studies.
Mr. Bodydon urged a prompt & gen-
-uine and individual responsibility
toward the Treasury.
Let us pray and strive for Olympia
church. Let us help others. God is
with us. Believe - live - give and
trust God that he will use us to
his own honor and glory.
After Dr. Priest's prayer pronounced by the Meeting adjourned -
Currie Rawson. Clerk.

Jan. 24, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted to Dr. W. H. Arnold
and Mrs. Hattie Johnson-Arnold to the
Memorial Pres. Church of Tacoma, Wash.
It was voted that the expenses of Mr. Bodydon
-delegate to a special meeting to be held
in New York City early in Feb. - be paid.
Currie Rawson - Clerk.

Three minutes should be on page 284.

Apr. 11, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
It was moved and carried that
the matter of admitting Mrs.
& her letter were given to the
pastor - be left to Mr. Bodydon.
Moved and carried that the young man
to whom a letter would not be granted
be received into the church in the
statement made to Mr. Bodydon.
It was voted to receive into membership
on Apr. 15 -
On Confession -
Miss Carrie McBride Miss Ethel Stone
Mrs. Emma L. (H. H.) Stone. Marguerite Stokes.

Lenora Murdyn - Mrs Dewey Haught
John Murdyn. Mr Arthur G. Fite.

By Letter.
Mr. E. J. Manning.
Mrs. Libbie (E. J.) Manning.
Mrs. Nellie (James) Parker.
Mrs. Ida E. (B. H.) McBride.
Mrs. Anna B. Conrad.
Miss Winifred M. Conrad.
Miss Ellen M. Conrad.
Mr. Frank L. Daly.
Mr. H. Allan Gothold.

Cassie Ransom. Clerk.

Feb. 7. - Prayer-meeting.
Leila was granted to Mrs. J. P. Cann to Cong. church at Baxter, Kans. She has lost the letter granted to the Kennedy ch and had never presented it.
Lydia Perry's name was dropped at her own request.

Feb. 14. - Prayer-meeting.
Letter was granted to Mr. & Mrs. Bennett to the Congl church of Campbell, Calif. and to Mr. & Mrs. Faeth to the Linwood Pres. church of Kansas City, Mo.
Moved and carried that the report of the Plymouth Rock Mine, Society from Jan. 1905 to Oct. 1906 be incorporated in the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

Feb. 21.- Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted to Mrs. H. N. Pierce to Congl church & Hamplin, and to Mrs. Wells to the First Congl church & Los Angeles, Calif.

Feb. 28.- Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted to Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Hanah to the Pres. Church & Niles, Mich. and to Mrs. M^c Nutt to the First Congl church & Los Angeles, Calif. (Letter changed from Butte).
* The church voted to receive into membership on March 4-
the Confession-
Mrs. R. Ethel Collins.
By Letter-
Mrs. O. B. Mack.
By Statement
Mr. Paul B. Dietrichson.

* Letter was also granted to Dr. & J. Nylund to any Protestant church.

March 14.- Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted to Hallie and Edgar Hanah to the Plymouth church & Seattle, Wash. and to Mrs. Cornelius Canine to the First Baptist church & Des Moines.

March 21.- Letters were granted to Miss Hazel Cole to First M. E. church & Albert Lea, Minn.

Apr. 4- Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted to Miss Alice Watson
& the St. Johns Lutheran church & Mrs Minnie,
Mr. A. W. McFarland, Don and Dale
McFarland to Plymouth Congl church
& Minneapolis, Minn, and
Miss Julia Lee- & the First Congl
church & Los Angeles, Calif.

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Apr. 18,- Prayer-meeting.
Mr. Lunt and Mrs. Webb were
appointed delegates to the meeting
& the Grinnell Assn, to be held in
Pilgrim Congl Church- Apr. 24 & 25.
A letter was granted to Dr. H. Spaulding
& the First Congl church & Ashury, Iowa.

Because of the meeting & the Grinnell
Association- the regular prayer-meeting
for Apr. 25- was omitted.

May. 2- 1906.
It was moved and carried that
the church pay Dr. Priddis expenses
to the meeting & the State Assn to be
held in Cortland- Beginning May 15.
It was voted to send as a delegate
Mr. Elmer Miller with Mr. L. J. Keeler
as alternate.
Letters were granted to Mr & Mrs F. E. Sturges
to any evangelical church in Urbana &
Champaign, Ill., and to
Mr. Ruth & Rundlett to the Presbyterian

Ave. M. E. Church of Minneapolis, Minn.
It was voted to receive into membership by letter Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Crawford.

May 9, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
Because neither Mr. Mills nor Mr. Kason owned act as delegate to the State Assn- Mr. Geo. Flinn was made delegate.

May 30, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
A Nominating Committee - consisting of Dr. Fruchi- Bro. Mundy and Mr. Burks was appointed to suggest some to fill the vacancies in the Board of deacons caused by removal from the city of F. E. Savage and the resignation of C. N. Price.

June 6, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
The nominating Committee appointed May 30- reported as follows. To fill out the term of F. E. Savage, William Yonkers; To fill out the term of C. N. Price - Bro. A. Lewis. The report was accepted and adopted. A letter was granted to M. F. Jamison dismissing him to Plymouth Congregational.

June 20, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
It was voted to begin the sessions of meeting with the other churches in holding the Sunday evening services in the tent on Eighth St. & Grand Ave. to Dr. Fruchi and the deacons.

June 27, 1906. Prayer-meeting
A letter was granted to Mrs. M. L. Bethel dismissing her to the Congregational church of Long Beach-Calif.

July 15, 1906. It was voted by Dr. Fuoss and the deacons that Ellis & dismissal be granted to Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Bethel to the Christ church of Long Beach Calif; to Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Fitzgerald and Miss Fitzgerald to the Lisle Pres. church of Des Moines.

July 22, 1906.
It was voted by the deacons that Ellis & dismissal & grant to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Gray. to any evangelical church

Sept. 2 - 1906.
It was voted by the deacons that letters of dismissal be granted Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Belt - recommending them to the Knox Christ church of Cleveland, Ohio.

Sept. 12 - Prayer-meeting.
Dr. and Mrs. Fuoss were appointed delegates to the meeting of the Endeavor Association to be held in Polk City - Sept. 18 and 19.
It was decided to ask the trustees to pay the share of the expenses of the Sunday evening meetings - falling to the share of Plymouth church.

Carrie Ransom Clerk.

Sept. 26- Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted Mrs. Em. Carpenter and Miss Agnes Carpenter - recommending them to any Evangl church.
Carrie Ransom.
Clerk.

Oct. 10, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
Letters & dismissions were granted Mr & Mrs Calvin Handly, Miss Bessie Handly to the Plymouth Congl church & Seattle, Wash.; to Mr & Mrs Hallie D. Lowry 3rd church & Minneapolis, Minn. to Mrs. S.J. Howell, Miss Emma Howell - & Mr. Edward F. Howell to the First Congl church & Portland Oregon.
Carrie Ransom-
Clerk.

Oct. 17, 1906. Prayer-meeting
Letters & dismissions were granted to Rev. and Mrs. John Wright - recommending them to the Congl church & Glen Ridge, N.J.
Carrie Ransom - Clerk.

Oct. 31, 1906- Prayer-meeting.
On recommendation by the deacons, it was voted by the church to receive the following into membership upon confession & faith:
Clara Pugh.
Emily Perry.
Mary Clark.
Dr. Irene Schenck.
It was voted to receive by letter the following.
Mr & Mrs. O. H. Follett.
Miss Amy H. Howell.
Hiram Smith

Mrs. Charles Burton.
Mrs. T. M. Langan.
Mrs Emma Bloman.
Ethel A. Hannan.
Mr. Guy Thurston
Mrs. Guy Thurston
Charley Thurston.
Dr. & Mrs. B. T. Higgins
Mrs. R. L. Hopkins.
Harold G. Fagan.
Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Schuyler.

Carrie Rainton- Clerk.

Nov. 14, 1906. Prayer meeting.
Letter was granted to-
Mrs. Evelyn Pohl- Morrill.
Dr. Oscar L. Lupen.
It was voted that this church be represented at a council to organize a church in Adelphi, Iowa, Nov. 17 at 1 o'clock., by Minister and S.A. Morrill.
It was voted that Nov. 25 be made a rally day for the church and that letters & notifications be sent to members.

Carrie Rainton- Clerk.

Dec. 19, 1906. Prayer-meeting.
It was voted that a nominating Committee be appointed by the pastor to nominate officers to fill vacancies at the annual meeting: The following was appointed
Mr. Geo. H. Lewis.
Mr. Morris C. Wiley.
Mr. A. R. Cowles.
It was voted to receive into the church the following Sunday - the following--
By Letter- T. J. Skinner - Pres. ch. Clinton, Iowa

John Baal - Congl ch. Dubuque Dna -
Fannie E. Parker -
Dan Coolidge -
Ray Murray -
Mabel Childs -
Ruth Childs -
Edna L. Worley
Wm. R. H. Collins.
Mary Pattison.
H. J. Griswold.
Wm. H. J. Griswold.
Wm. H. R Ryan.
Wm. E. H. Stephenson
Wm. E. H. Stephenson.
Wm. Helen L. McKay.
Wm. Cornelia Hauenstein.
Magnus Ely.
Glenn Hamm.
John Hopkins.
An Confession — Lucile R. Bussler.
Amelia Reinke.
Ann L. Grund.
Blanche L. Wheeler
Mrs Estella Homan.
John Vandeburden
Mrs H. Ryan.
Virgil J. Luker.
Wm. Mrs H. Lucy
Wm. Estelle W. (Mrs H.) Lucy.
Tracy Stevens Lucy.
Wm. Charlotte Worley.
Christian Hodgdon.
Margaret Collins.
Russell Merrill.
Richard H. Collins.

Lelia was granted to -
H. B. Clarkson -
Mrs. H. B. Clarkson -
Bessie B. Clarkson.
Carol L. Clarkson -
to First Congl church
of Waterloo, Minn.

Annie Rawson. church.

1906.

Nov. 26- Prayermeeting.
Letters were granted to Frank B. Palmer
& First Congl ch. Los Angeles.
To Mrs Schuton- to
First Congl church- Kansas City.
Carrie Ramsom- clerk.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Plymouth
Congregational Church- held Jan. 11, 1907.

Immediately after the church supper
the members of the church assembled in
the parlors for the annual meeting.
A hymn was sung and Dr. Fairchild
offered prayer.
It was voted to omit the reading of
the minutes of the last meeting.
The Clerk of the church offered the
following report:

That membership at beginning of year ---		847.
Received by letter	---	65
" on Confession	---	31
" Reinstated	..	1
That accessions	---	97.
Dismissed by letter	----	64
Deaths	---	10
Dropped	----	2
That dismissions	....	76
That membership- Jan. 1- 1907	---	868
Males	---	296
Females	----	572
That gain in numbers	---	21
Adult Baptisms	----	15
Infant Baptisms	----	6
Non-resident members	---	130

Deaths during year: ---
C. L. Marsh. — A. H. Cowles. — Mrs. A. J. Gray. — Mrs. Bourne
Edna Cleveland — Mrs. Hyde. — Mrs. E. M. Fox — Mrs. B. Merritt.

E.F. Ballentach. – Mrs. Mary Paine.
Respectfully submitted –
Mrs. C.A. Ransom-clerk.

The report of the deacons was presented by Mr. Mudge.–

During the year just closed the Deacons have not organized as a board, and have held but one meeting except as members of the Standing Committee. As members of that body they have met frequently at the call of the Pastor to advise with him concerning affairs of the church.

By arrangement made at the first of the year, a limited number of deacons usually three or four have met at the call of the Pastor to meet candidates for admission instead of calling the entire board.

By arrangement also made at the first of the year, a certain number of deacons amounting to one half of the board have been called for service each Sunday to take the offering and to assist at Communion, on occasion, and as a rule they have responded promptly.

An effort was made by the Standing Committee to have a number of the deacons in the vestibule each Sunday preceding the regular services to act as a reception committee, but the effort has not been attended with marked success.

From four to six deacons have usually attended the midweek services At one prayer meeting out of a total of ten men present six were deacons and two pastors.

The taking up by the church of the support of a foreign missionary, as it has done by becoming responsible for the support of the Rev. J. K. Browne of Harpoot, Turkey, is a matter in which we feel very great interest. We believe that very great good will come to this church by the taking up of this work aside from the blessings which may come under Mr. Browne's teaching. We earnestly hope and recommend that the work begun may be continued.

It is also cause for satisfaction and gratitude that no dissension or differences have arisen within the Church during the year requiring the deacons to exercise their office of pacificator. It is also a matter for rejoicing and thankfulness to Almighty God that no cases of extreme poverty or destitution have occurred within the Church. There has been but one instance of charity being dispensed by the Church, that being the case of a poor woman receiving treatment and care at the hospital on Mr. Hodgdon's authorization, the expenses being afterward paid by the Church Treasurer from funds subscribed specifically for that purpose.

It is perhaps not out of place to say that even had the occasion for relief arisen the deacons would have been helpless so far as Church funds are concerned as the only fund available for such purpose has been over-drawn during most or all of the year, for delegates expenses, association assessments, etc. As we cannot hope that our immunity from calls for relief, will continue indefinitely, it would seem necessary that more ample provision be made for calls of this kind.

A Committee chosen by the deacons from their number has audited the bills paid by the Church Treasurer, also his account as required by the by-laws of the church.

At a meeting held Dec. 28th at which a majority of the deacons were present, it was voted, That while we realize that some flexibility in our rules is unavoidable, we believe that the interests of our church will be better served by a more careful observance of the rules for the admission of members, and also for the dismission of members to other churches. At the same meeting it was also voted to recommend the amendment of the by-laws of the church at this meeting to have the Pastor Emeritus made a member of the standing committee. This is known to be in accord with Mr. Hodgdon's wishes in the matter, and we are informed was also intended by the framers of the present By-laws but was accidentally overlooked.

Respectfully submitted.

J.W. Mudge,
Committee on report

The Treasurer's Report was presented next by Mr. Barnard:

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Balance on hand from 1905,

In Deacons' Fund,	$23.85	
For ~~Grinnell~~ Iowa College,	20.00	$43.85
Received from Sundry Collections and Pledges,		1034.08
Total Receipts,		1077.93

DISBURSEMENTS,

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,	$313.47
Iowa Congregational Home Missionary Society,	320.43
Ministerial Relief, (through I.C.H.M.S.),	19.59
Iowa College, (included in report for last year),	33.
Congregational S. S. & Publishing Society,	31.25
American Missionary Association,	62.09
Congregational Church Building Society,	42.12
Plymouth Sunday School,	30.35
Deacons' Fund, (as per statement below),	191.24
Total Disbursements,	1043.54
Balance on hand,	34.39
Total Receipts,	1077.93

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Deacons' Fund.

Balance from 1905,	$23.85	
Regular Bi-monthly collections,	126.62 #	
Received on a/c Mrs. Peppers,	67.18	$217.65
Disbursements, Mercy Hospital a/c " "	67.18	
"Advance" for Y.M.C.A. for 1906,	1.50	
Iowa State Association, dues for 1905,	27.09	
Mr. Hodgdon, Expense as delegate to Dayton, O.,	38.85	
The Elliott, F. M. Price, 2/1 to 2/3,	2.	
The Savery, C. H. Maxwell, 2/2 to 2/4,	6.75	
Campbell Russell Co., Cards and Printing,	5.	
Luella Nash, Mimeograph work,	4.95	
Mr. Hodgdon, Expense as delegate to State Ass'n,	11.86	
GeO. H. Lewis, " " " " " "	18.36	
Dr. Frisbie, " " " " Waterloo,	3.20	
Communion Service,	4.50	
Total disbursements,	191.24	
Balance on hand,	26.41	217.65

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Barnard

Treasurer.

These three reports were accepted and ordered placed on file;

Mrs. Worth - Church & Music - presented the following report;
We are in the midst of a most successful year & music work in Plymouth church.
Ever since the reorganization of this choir - three years ago last September - have the members been so faithful and loyal as at the present time. Rehearsals are held each Thursday evening when preparing special Christmas & Easter programs while rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings and on Sunday evenings after church. Occasionally extra rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 o'clock. We will remember one Sunday morning, when a special rehearsal had been called at 9:30, sixty-four members were in their places with enthusiasm on, while the thermometer stood at 20 below zero. On another occasion, one Sunday evening the rain-fall had been so heavy that the streets were filled with water from curb to curb - yet there were fifty four members of the choir in their places. Six were kept home because too ill to sing while there were 54 people in the congregation.
The Christmas Sunday - Dec. 23 of last month - the choir were in their places in active service 7 hours.
During the days immediately following rehearsals and Sunday services all absent ones are reached by telephone & by personal call. An absence solely because exposure from sickness & absence from home. The entire choir aim to send word by telephone & work in case they are compelled to be absent & Lucky.
During the year - Jan. 1, 1906 & Jan. 1, 1907 168 different people have belonged to the choir.

daily service can be realized at the living. at present daily. for all belonging. the whole race attends the choir rehearsals, receiving the benefit of the training and all present at Sunday service to become any help made vacant by sickness or necessary absence.

It may be interesting to note that 66 members of the choir have been received into the church during the three years: 12 in 1904; 26 in 1905 and 1906 — two in confession and 18 by letter. Letters from all parts of the United States are received from old members of the choir. They all contain words of appreciation and encouragement. Each one declares that in no place can at any time such heard as good a choir as in "dear old Plymouth".

During these years the choir has been enlightened in the hymns of Messrs — C. E. Rumsey, J. G. Rowe, F. N. Peer, A. L. Frothingham, F. N. Boyden and Geo. E. King. The boys of the choir were entertained by the girls at a banquet in the church. A sleigh-ride and a trolley-ride to Valley Junction with refreshments in the church were given by the boys. All joined in a picnic at Overlook Park. Three times the choir has attended — by invitation — the regular services given in the church. Twice has the choir been entertained in the home of Judge S. F. Purdy.

The choir is composed for the most part of young people many of whom are without home privileges in the city and any hospitality given by the home of Plymouth church in the way of an evening entertainment will be a beautiful and graceful ministry.

Solos, duets, Quartettes and semi-chorus have been furnished for Sunday School-prayer-meeting, Y. P. S. C. E. Society and church socials. The Monday afternoon at 4:30 Plymouth vocal training class meets with an enrollment of 140 boys and girls from the ages of 10 to 18. In this class is taught breath control — chest development, mouth action, and the art of singing.

The aims for the coming year are —

1- To make the music religious part of the church - a deep religious experience of divine and praise.
2- To encourage and develop congregational singing
3- To unite and harmonize all lines of church activity by bringing members of the choir into the different services of the church life and by selecting from the different congregations members for the choir.
4- To establish a library of church music with the following standards in view:
with religious sentiment -
good literary expression.
musical worth.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) Margaret Weber.

The report for the Sunday School was read by Gerard Nollen - assistant superintendent.

Total attendance for year	12869.
Average " per Sunday -	247.
Amount of cash on hand Jan. 1, 1906 -	$ 26.51
Total given for S.S. in regular way	340.18
Home - department	$ 10.80
Average given per Sunday	$ 6.54
Amt. of given - individuals and Thermia	$ 242.00
Plymouth S.S. Mites and Jap. Fund -	$ 13.87
Value of Christmas given -	120.00
Received from church given -	30.35
Spent this month	720.46
Paid city missionary and Home Visitor's work ...	215.50
Paid to all other departments	54.26
Supplies -	194.66
Plymouth S.S. Mites	10.90
Expenses	99.00
Sundries	63.39
Regular expense items of S.S.	$ 364.45
Spent paid out -	$ 749.21
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907	$ 32.75

Total Receipts 1904 — 297.00
Total Receipts 1905 - 459.00
Gain in receipts 1906 on 1905 326.00 or 70%.
Average attendance, 1904-1906 per Sunday — 230.
Gain in average attendance 1906 on 1904-5 - 17 per Sunday
Mrs Park - S.S. Aerial in 3 mo. mile made - 460 miles.
24 of them sick, 62 not in S.S..

Mr. Wildy gave a brief verbal report of the Men's Club. Club was organized a year ago with 25 members. Meetings held in the church auditorium during the S.S. hour. Topics formerly interesting to men discussed. Of the speakers all not able to come then the S.S. lesson is taken up. The object is to promote fellowship among men.

Mr. Bridgman mentioned the Sidney Field club in Rye - recently organized and growing rapidly.

Mrs. Charles Penn read the report for the Athletic Club.

As the Athletic Club has not made a report at the Annual Meeting, a history of some of the work accomplished may prove of interest.

The Club is composed of fifteen active and thirty-five associate members of the Church, and was organized by Mrs. Henry McFarland and named for her. Since her death Mrs. Wilds has been our most efficient leader and counsellor. Meetings are held every two weeks at the homes of the members and the time is spent in sewing and planning charitable work.

The first work done was sewing for the Settlement House and Benedict Home., and shortly after this we made a donation of $150.00 to the Church Building Fund.

Various means were devised for raising the

money which was paid in about this year.
We also presented the church with the complimentary service at a cost of $125.00.
Later the Address Cook Book was published. We hope it may be found in the homes of all Plymouth ladies.
We have raised money by means of Kensington teas - Doll bazaars - and a Flower festival and in November of last year we gave an entertainment "The Man from Home" which was very successful. Part of the proceeds from this entertainment were used to pay on a pledge of $50.00 to the new Parish House. Because this was the largest amount pledged by any club in this city nor of this number has placed on this Board 7 directors.
We sent a Thanksgiving dinner and also helped a needy family and also remembered Mrs. Cowen with a gift of ten dollars.
We are now planning with the Parish Club to give in the near future, an entertainment "Uncle Dept for a Day" which was written especially for a Congregational Club and which we hope will be a great success.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Mrs. Nellie Gilmore Pres.

Mrs. Bruce read the report of the Parish Club.

The Parish Club is now upon its third year and each year has brought greater energy and enthusiasm to its members.

Our aim has been to do all that we can both in name - for Plymouth Church and in charity; and to feel by this

work done with a view active association with the church and Sunday School.

During the past year the club furnished a room at the Settlement House to be called the Frothi room. Soap has been made for the day nursery. Clean and reading matter has collected & distributed by the Settlement. Through Miss Alcock we obtained the services of the Emanuel Orchestra to furnish music at our Christmas entertainment & Miss Alcock also secured for us the services of Prof. Kaufman & Miss Kaufman to give a musical evening in the church parlors this year. Class in Physical Culture was started in February and has been carried on regularly.

The club has also provided Miss Kaufman with a new piano & new covers for the chairs & settee in the church.

During the summer months the club furnished a lunch and outing for a needy family.

The income which the Frothi club receives from dues, fines, balls and dances has given us the means to pay for our scholarship for the Bartlett Institute and to renew it the coming year; to give a Christmas gift of five dollars to Miss Cann, & Sunshine Society, and we have pledged ten dollars to the Ladies of the Missionary Society to aid them with their Lenten pledge.

we feel as a club that there is a place in use in the church, and we are glad to fill that place - known small. We may not have accomplished a great deal this past year - but we are learning the possibilities of such a club of girls and the experiences are very valuable to us as members of Plymouth church.

The club needs every one's sympathy and the members - for their efforts and each meeting is well attended.

We have chosen a good name - Juniors and we feel that the name will ever be to us an inspiration and guide.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Mary Paddock Clarke - Pres.

The Y. P. S. C. E. has repaired by brave efforts - during 1906 there had been many reverses. It has been a most critical time. Many active members were away. There was one attempt of disbanding but that was given up. Now the attendance is gaining and the membership is 75. It has been decided to launch out and do something. The silent and support of the Helpful people are asked. $73.00 was paid on the pledge for which leaving still due $40.00.

The following is the Treasurer's Report.

General expense Fund -

Cash on hand Jan 1, 1906	$10.94
Receipts from pledges	18.50
	29.44
Expenses - Bonds etc	27.90
Balance on hand	$1.54

Missionary Fund.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1906.	$24.27
From pledges	24.24
Total —	48.51

Expenditures —

A.B.C.F.M.	$21.00
N.B.M.S.	6.00
S.C.H.M.S	5.00
A.M.A.	4.00
C.E.S.	1.00
C.C.B.S.	1.00
S.S.+Pub.	1.00
M.R.-	1.00
	$40.00
Balance on hand -	$8.51

(Signed) L.K. Cooke - Treasurer

Mrs. Fiske reported for the Woman's Miss. Society.

The women of the Woman's and Olympus Rock societies had proved a remarkable success. Appreciation had been shown by giving programs, pledges to do - making the Treasurer, Collection Chairman, Program committee and several chairmen of various meetings.

In March a luncheon was served in the church. To this luncheon came representatives from the Missionary societies of the Congregational churches in the Towns and neighboring towns.

Miss Beulah Bryan spoke:

12 subscriptions were taken the first Friday of each month since April as the study.

Miss Pinck of Foochow, China was then chosen as the missionary of this society.

Mrs. Fiske then read the financial report.

Miss Bullfox - Trans. was taken

Paid to --

Municipal Fund of Foreign Missions	$397.56
W. C. F. M. S.	245.74
A. M. A.	262.21
C. C. B. S.	1.00
S. S. P. S.	1.50
M. R. Fund	50
	$909.01

There was collected for morning expenses $21.20.
Of this sum-plate was paid out for
envelopes - programs and delegates expenses $18.60
Leaving in Fund $2.60

Making the total receipts	$930.21
Disbursements	927.61.

Respectfully submitted -
(Signed). Belle Pott- Jones.

In the absence of Mrs. Rollins - Mrs. Urkhart reported for the Plymouth Circle.

The Dept of Plymouth Home Circle is the pioneer in Mobility and the formation of new acquaintances with those who become members of the church. We hope that during the coming year - more of the old and new members will come to the meetings for work and the social meetings.

Nine meetings have been held during the year with an average attendance of Ten - and eight social gatherings (ice Cream) with an average of 23. It was voted in September to use the money in hand to purchase table linen for the "Aid Society". The cost has been $8.94. The cost of the materials for apron was 4.08 making a total $85.42.

Paid in this debt	62.37
Leaving a balance yet due	$23.05

There is material in hand to make the mite-boxes and no outstanding accounts.

Respy Submitted.
(Signed) Mrs. M. P. Urkhart.

The financial report of the annual Aid Society was given by Mrs. M. E. McHenry.

From Jan. 1-1906 to Jan. 11, 1907.

Receipts.-

Balance on hand	$ 246.71
Dues	612.29
Sewing	34.98
Miscellaneous	11.65
Cook Book	5.75
Total Receipts	911.38
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1906	41.19
Total	$ 952.57

Disbursements:

Paid on note to State Savings Bank.	$ 400.00
Int. " " "	68.25
" " " to Mrs. Fuchs	25.00
Salary to Mrs. C. E. Lynch	150.00
Cleaning	19.25
Advertising	4.40
Laundry	35.75
Flowers	3.00
Printing Sewing	28.50
Miscellaneous Expense	9.75
Total disbursements	$ 854.71
Bal on hand Jan. 11, 1906	97.86
	$ 952.57

Respectfully submitted
(Signed). Luella A. McHenry

The Annual Financial Report of Plymouth Church and Society for 1906 has been read by Mrs. Fuchs -

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Financial Report

PLYMOUTH CHURCH AND SOCIETY

1906.

Statement of Benevolences

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Church Offerings	$ 468.22
Woman's Missionary Society	397 56
Sunday School	20.50
Y. P. S. C. E.	27.00
Frisbie Club	12.71
Personal Gifts	42.00
Total	$ 967.99

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HOME MISSIONS:

Church Offerings	$ 320.43
Woman's Missionary Society	251.19
Y. P. S. C. E.	5.00
Personal Gifts	18 00
Total	$ 594.62

609.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION:

Church Offerings	$ 62.09
Woman's Missionary Society	53.51
Y. P. S. C. E.	4.00
Personal Gifts to Talladega College	77.00
Total Cash	$ 196.60
Boxes to Talladega and Saluda (estimated)	300.00
Total	$ 496.60

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CHURCH BUILDING:

Church Offerings	$ 42.12
Woman's Missionary Society	1.00
Bible Class for Union Congregational Church)	20.00
Y. P. S. C. E.	1.00
Personal Gifts (for Union Congregational Church)	89.26
Total	$ 153.38

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EDUCATION:

Woman's Missionary Society	$ 1.50
Y. P. S. C. E	1.00
Personal Gifts (Iowa College)	289.60
Total	$ 292.10

Bequest of $5000.00 to Iowa College by J. H. Merrill.

583.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY:

Church Offerings	$ 31.25
Woman's Missionary Society	.50
Y. P. S. C. E.	1.00
Sunday School (for Union Church Sunday School)	15.26
Total	$ 48.01

33.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND:

Church Offerings	$ 19.59
Woman's Missionary Society	.50
Y. P. S. C. E.	1.00
Total	$ 21.09

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CITY ENTERPRISES—Personal Gifts:

Sunbeam Mission	$ 371.00
Sunbeam Mission from Frisbie Club	5.00
Social Settlement (General Expenses)	55.00
Social Settlement (Building Fund)	440.00
Social Settlement (Building Fund from Adeline Club)	150.00
Room Furnished at Settlement House by Frisbie Club	17.07
Children's Home	106.00
Associated Charities	346.50
Y. M. C. A.	552.85
Y. W. C. A. (General Expenses)	521.00
Y. W. C. A. (Building Fund)	956.00
Humane Society	56.50
Salvation Army	41.64
Anti-Saloon League	121.25
Home for Aged	132 50
Total, so far as reported	$ 3872.34

OTHER BENEVOLENCES:

San Francisco Relief Fund	$ 331.00
Iowa State Association	27.09
City and County Sunday School Work	17.00
Relief of Needy in Des Moines	77.18
Christmas Gifts of Sunday School Classes	100.00
American Sunday School Union	20.00
Y. W. C. A Reading Room	1.50
Total	$ 573.77

Bequest of $5000.00 to Iowa Humane Society by James Callanan.

STATEMENT OF BUILDING FUND:

Sunday School Classes	$ 81.20
Y. P. S. C. E.	73.08
Ladies' Aid Society	400.00
Personal Gifts	488 00
Total	$ 1042.81

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES:

Plymouth Society, Salaries, Heat, Light, Etc.	$10596.40
Plymouth Church, Delegates, Etc.	95.47
Y. P. S. C. E., Topic Cards, Sociables, Etc.	27.90
Sunday School, Supplies, Music, Missionaries, Etc.	583.45
Woman's Aid Society, Interest, Cleaning, Flowers, Etc.	424 17
Woman's Missionary Society, Printing, Delegates, Etc	18.60
Plymouth Home Circle (for Table Linen)	47.00
Total	$11792.99

EXPENDITURES FOR 1906:

For Benevolence	$ 7019.87
For Current Expenses	11792 99
For Building Debt	1042 81
Total	$19855.67

GIFTS BY ORGANIZATIONS:

From Church	$ 970 79
From Woman's Missionary Society	705.56
Value of Clothing for A. M. A.	300.00
From Sunday School and Classes	174.76
From Adeline Club	155.00
From Frisbie Club	34.78
From Y. P. S C E.	40.00
Personal Gifts so far as Known	4638.98
Total	$7019.87

Mr. Hayden spoke briefly of the work of last year and the most pressing needs of the new year.

It had been the pleasantest year - with less friction of any year and harmony.

The deacons and parish have worked together. The deaconess has responded most readily. The resulting Mrs. Lyndis work stay with us. Returns more than repay expense put into it.

The morning services have been inspiring - the evening services more inspiring because more young people there. Come in morning to worship - in evening to give. The loss by death and dismissal was offset by Many Changes. Of the present membership 36 came in during last year. Many new families and many people enter Plymouth thru church. We enjoy

children in families that many children around,
near us who must be taken care of.
The last problem to be met are many and
people. They do pay the debt and the
expenses. Dec. 6, 1907 will be the fifth
anniversary of Plymouth church. If the mortgage
could be burned it would be the happiest year.
A pastor-maker is needed. A Sunday
school to use but we need a maker to look
after the people here. A pastor-lover is
need for men. A lover for men who
know his love.
Come to church and prayer-meeting. Let us
be as genuine brand Christ as when we
are.

Because Mr. Ward had been given the
Treasurership of the society - he resigned
his office as deacon. His resignation was accepted.
Mr. Geo H. Lewis chairman of the Nominating
Committee offered the following report:

Mr. Chairman and Members of Plymouth Congregational Church:

Your committee appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, respectfully report that in accordance with our by laws three of the deacons who have served during the last year are ineligible for re-election, they having served for two terms. These are Dr. G. H. Hill, E. W. Brooks, and J. W. Jenney. Five of the old Board whose terms expire are eligible for re-election. These are:

L. W. Ross, W. A. Wagner, L. J. Kasson, W. H. Yonkers, Geo. H. Lewis.

Mr. B. C. Ward whose term will not expire until January 1908 desires to resign as deacon because he is Treasurer of the Society and feels that he should not fill two offices in the church at the same time. It has been the custom to re-elect for the second term those members of the Board of Deacons who have served only one term. If this practice is followed it would leave four new members to be elected.

The committee nominates the above members of the old board and to fill these four vacancies, the following persons:

For the two year term,-

J. E. Mershon, M. E. Weldy, and James Parker.

To fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ward, Mr. E. E. Budlong.

There is no by law regulating the number of years of service of the deaconesses. There is one vacancy due to the removal of Mrs. Carpenter from the city. For this vacancy the committee nominates Mrs. A. W. Cowles.

The committee recommend the re-election of the old Board of deaconesses with the above substitution, the Board consisting of the following persons:

Mrs. G. H. Hill, Mrs. A. W. Cowles, Mrs. H. B. Hedge, Mrs. W. H. Tinsley, Mrs. J. S. Clark, Mrs. J. C. Cummins, Mrs. F. W. Chase, Mrs. A. T. Benge, Mrs. R. E. Grimm, Mrs. E. L. Marsh, Miss Annie D. Merrill, and Miss Louisa Bailey.

We nominate for Clerk, Mrs. C. A. Rawson.

Mr. Barnard who has served as Treasurer very acceptably, asked to be released for the coming year on account of other similar duties, and has resigned. The committee therefore nominate as Treasurer for the coming year, S. A. Merrill.

Respectfully submitted,
Emma H. Lunt, Chairman
Morton E. Welch.

Mrs. A. W. Cowles

It was moved and the motion carried that the report of the committee be received and the persons named be declared the nominees

It was moved that the by-laws be suspended and the clerk required to cast the vote of the church in the matter of the nominees. Motion carried.

It was moved that the following amendment be made to the by-laws -
In the second paragraph of Sec. 1 - Art. 1 - the words "or pastors" be inserted after the word "pastor". Motion carried.

It was moved and carried that in Sec. 8 - Art. I of By-Laws - the words "and deaconess" be inserted after the word "deacons".

After a few earnest words from our pastor - Dr. Smith pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

Emma Rawson - Clerk

Prayer-meeting - Jan. 9, 1907.
Letters were granted to Mrs. M. Spencer to the Westminster Presbyterian church of Kansas City, Mo. and to Mrs. A. Robertson Jr. to the Baptist church of Topeka, Kans.
Carrie Ransom - clerk.

Prayer-meeting, Jan. 16, 1907.
Letters were granted to Mrs. J. P. McLean to the St. Marys Ave. Baptist church of Omaha, Neb. and to Mrs. G. R. Shultis to the Sixth Pres. church - Des Moines.
Carrie Ransom - clerk.

Sept. 11, 1907. Prayer-meeting.
Mrs. Paisley and Mr. Ward were appointed delegates to the meeting of the Grinnell Association - to be held in Stuart - Sept. 25-26.
Carrie Ransom.

Prayer-meeting - Oct. 9, 1907.
A letter was granted to Mrs. E. C. Hastings - to the Presbyterian church of Maxwell, Iowa.
Regret was expressed at the death of Mrs. A. K. Campbell and of Mrs. Howell.
It was voted that Mr. Ward write to Mr. Campbell - in behalf of the church - expressing deepest sympathy and that Mrs. Wright write to Mrs. Hunt - daughter of Mrs. Howell.
Carrie Ransom - Clerk.

Prayer-meeting- Jan. 8, 1908.

Prof. Rose, Dr. Hemmy and Mr. Nichols were appointed a committee to nominate the officers of the church for the following year.

Clerk Ransom

Jan. 24- 1908.

The regular annual meeting of Plymouth church was held in the church parlors.

Mr. Babylon opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Guy H. Linn made the following report.

Jany. 22" 1908.

Report of the Committee appointed to consider a more systematic method of raising money for our church benevolences.

For several years it has been felt by the pastors and deacons of the Church constituting the standing committee that our present methods of raising funds for our various church benevolences, that is, for Foreign missions, Home Missions, deacons fund etc. were unsystematic, somewhat hap-hazard.

It is believed by many that some definite system should be adopted which would be more business-like, and would relieve the pastor from the burden of constantly appealing from the pulpit for funds for various objects, and would also bring about a more generous contribution to the various benevolent objects of the church without placing a greater burden upon the contributors.

Deacon Miller has been particularly anxious that some change should be brought about and has had more to do perhaps than any one, except the pastor, in bringing up this matter for consideration and suggesting methods which seemed to be an improvement on our old plans. The committee consists of deacons Parker, Budlong, and myself with Deacon Miller and Mrs. Frisbie as advisory members. At our meeting a few days ago we had the benefit of pledge cards and other methods used by a number of churches and after consultation have agreed upon a pledge card which is as follows:

The plan as will be seen from the card is to obtain pledges from all who are willing to sign them agreeing to give either a single lump sum or certain amounts monthly or quarterly to specified objects. This will permit any who are especially interested in foreign missions to pledge such a sum as they are willing to contribute to be appropriated for that object, and as much for the other objects as they may determine. And in the same way for those who may be more interested in home missions.

If any sums are pledged without the objects for which they are to be appropriated being designated, they will be appropriated by the standing committee for the various objects of benevolence in the usual proportions which our church has been accustomed to contribute to these particular objects.

It is believed that by this or some similar systematic plan of giving, we shall be saved much annoyance and shall also make a more creditable showing than under our present unsystematic and unbusiness-like method. ~~The pledge is as follows:~~

Respectfully,
James Parker

It was moved and carried that this method of raising funds and the use of the pledge-cards be adopted for the coming year.

The report of the clerk was read:

Report for year ending Dec. 31, 1907.

Total membership at beginning of year		868.
Received by letter	—	33.
" on profession	—	19
Total accessions	—	52.
Dismissed by letter	—	30.
Removed by death	—	6.
Total removals	—	36
Total membership - Jan. 1, 1908.	—	884.
Males	—	295.
Females	—	589.

Adult Baptisms.
Infant Baptisms.
Non-resident members — 135.

Names of those who have died during year.

Mrs. Florence Lee. Mr. E. E. Blackman. Mrs. A. R. Campbell.
Mr. Lyman Jones. Miss Mabel Langan. Mr. J. F. Brinsmaid -
Carrie Rawson - Clerk.

Report of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Church for year ending Jany 21st 1908

Receipts			Disbursements		
Communion Collection Fund.					
Bal. fr. former Treas.		2641	Paid assessment of the		
Personal Contributions		3878	State Association for 1906		2964
Cash from six Communion Collections		8509	" do. for 1907		3038
			" for Funeral Expenses of Edward Sherman		1440
			" Expense for Communion Service		550
			" Expense of delegate to State Association		360
			" Expense of delegates to National & Tri-Church Council		49
			Balance on hand		1776
		15028			15028
A. B. C. F. M.					
Bal. fr. former Treas.					
Collections	205.30	21328	Remitted to A.B.C.F.M.		21328

Report audited and found correct this 28th day of Jany 1908

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Mr. Mudge offered the following report for the deacons.

The Deacons of Plymouth Church have to report for the year just closed, that they have attended with regularity to the routine duties pertaining to their office, consisting of taking up the offering on Sundays, morning and evening, preparing for and assisting the pastor in the administration of the sacrament, also responding [illegible] or for

Remitted to Treas. S.C.A.M.S.	35273
Paid to Salvation Army	5759
Paid Cong. Ch. Bldg. Soc.	3674
Paid Treas. Mis. Rel.	4130
Paid Treas. C.S. & R.L.	3175
Paid Treas. Plym. S.S.	4669
Pd. Treas. A.M.A.	3955
	96991

[illegible] Wednesday this report with the [illegible] treasurers hands, and find [illegible] covering all payments. [illegible] the same correct, and vouchers [illegible]

Jas. L. Merehon, Committee.

Jan. 22. 1908

It was moved that this report be accepted. Carried.

The report of the Treasurer was given.

Report of J. A. Allen, Treasurer

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted and placed on file.

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It is a matter for congratulation that we as a church have not been troubled by dissensions either internal or external, for which we give thanks to Almighty God, as also for the fact that no great calamity has fallen on the membership, and that the year has been one of general material prosperity.

The year has been a comparatively uneventful one, notwithstanding the celebration of our fiftieth anniversary, which occurred in December, on which occasion several interesting gatherings occurred, and numerous inspiring addresses given.

Plymouth Church has many members who abound in good works, whose hands are often engaged in benefactions, and in such way and so closely following the scriptural injunction that the church is in the position of the left hand that knoweth not what its various right hands are doing. Plymouth Church is well represented in the good citizenship of the community. It is well that this is true and we want more of it rather than less. For the mission of the church is to inspire men to right living and noble doing.

Aside from the work of its members as individuals, however, the church has an important work in the drawing of its members together and fusing them into one body, that members may receive inspiration from each other as well as from the great Head of the Church, so that the power of the church may be infinitely greater than that of its membership individually.

Is Plymouth Church doing this? We believe so, to some extent, most churches are, but if we may criticise we will say that Plymouth Church of today is doing less than she should along this line. There is a lack of solidarity in the church, and too little institutional work. If we could continue the missionaries in Turkey and in China recently taken on as it is hoped we may do. If we could have a Sunday school with double the attendance, a flourishing young people's society, one or more city missions, a prayer meeting with one-fourth of the church membership attending. A church fund out of which charity could be dispensed occasionally. If we as a church could do more work of this kind, certainly the ties that bind us together would be strengthened, and our representation in the good citizenship of the community would be still further increased.

We strongly urge the members of the church one and all who are not now doing so to ally themselves with one or more of the working societies of the church. The Sunday School is of the greatest impo
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Mr. Nolley read the following report for this Sunday School.

Report of Plymouth S.S. 1907.

Total attendance		11119
Average attendance per Sunday		223
Average attendance teachers and officers		28
No. Workers' Meetings (approx)		23
Average attendance		30
No. Home Department Members		35
Total enrollment including home department		374

Amt. on hand Jan. 1st 1907			$ 32.75.
School offering			300.02.
Individuals & Otherwise	(Ply. S. S. W.	6.20.	
	(Home Dept.	8.80.	
	) Birthday box	3.72	
	(Incidentals,	178.09	
	(Total		196.81.
Church offering (Approx)			62.00.
			555.83

Disbursed Direct.

Salvation Army, Volunteers, etc.		$10.00.
Postage and incidentals		10.00.
Class Organizations:		
Tri Kappas		40.00.
Adeline Club		52.00.
Frisbie Club		43.00.
Foster Club		60.00.
Pricillas		15.00.
Dorcas Society		10.00.
Total		$240.00.
Xmas offering		98.70.
Total receipts		$897.53

Percentage in gain of receipts over average for three preceeding years

DISBURSEMENTS:

Sunday School Literature		$173.91.
Orchestra		141.00.
Sent to Mr. Browne, Turkey for horse		75.00.
Christmas Expense		20.00.
Art windows Union Congregational church		70.00.
Other benevolences	W.B.M.I. 20.00.	
	Clothing, poor 16.00.	
	Polk Co. S.S. Asso. $15.00.	
	Total	51.00.
Sundry items		85.25.
Disbursed direct class organizations, etc		240.00.
Total		$856.16.
Balance on hand Jan. 1st 1908		$74.12.

The spirit of the Sunday School has been splendid. We heartily ask a closer co-operation of the parents and the older people in the church. The Superintendant and his cabinet feel that the S.S. should be part of the church and governed through the church.

Very respectfully submitted,

Geo. A. Boody, Supt.

Mrs. Wm - Musical director reported for the choir - which numbers 90. Only 70 can be seated.
Numbers are expected to be in places - 3 times each week. Interest is very strong. Something with which is pleased.
Monday afternoon class is a class in children which is very successful.
A room upstairs had been used for the Brushes when pupils are given instructions.

Report of L. A. Meeting, Dec 1st

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted and placed on file.

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Between the Sunday School and the church overlapping and including part of the life of each is the young people's society, which is so important in the work of drawing the young people into the religious activities of life at a time when they are liable to regard themselves as having outgrown the Sunday School.

We owe it to the church also as loyal members to support the prayer meeting in much larger numbers than we do. It has been suggested, and we believe with much truth, that the prayer meeting is the index of the spiritual life of the church, and it certainly is a place where we may get much helpful inspiration.

So while seeking for the best in the way of organization, let us make full use of the means of grace, let us loyally support the various activities of our church life in order that the close of another year may see us well advanced on the progress that we hope for in the next fifty years.

J. M. Mudge Chmn Bd of Com

Mrs. Scofield read the following report.

From Jan 1st 1907 - to Jan. 1st 1908.

Treasurers Report of Women's Aid Society of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Receipts

Regular church subscriptions		$454.02
Congregational Club	"	10.00
Sale of member		5.00
Cook Books		23 37
Regular receipts		492.39
Rec. from Women's Soc. on debt		536.00
Cash on hand at date		8.10
Total rec.		$1081.49

Disbursements

Pd. note in full at State Savings Bank.		$800.00
" interest on note " "	"	47.00
" " " to " Wm. Priebe		25.00
" Laundry		53.44
" Clerk		37.95
" One half cleaning of carpet		20.00
" Cleaning kitchen & dining room		16.50
" Miscellaneous		32.38
Total disbursements		$1031.49

Respectfully submitted

Luella C. Mc Henry
Treas Women's Aid Soc. P. C.

Mrs. Fristoe reports for the Women's Missionary Society.

The year had been a successful one. Miss Lane & Funk & Elwin had been added. Twelve meetings had been held during the year - the first Friday & every month and no 60 had been taken part.

The study of Foreign Missions had been "The Uncle Sidey of Island. Programs were led by different chairmen chosen by program committee. Mrs. Hayden had charge of mid Lenten following program. There had been 2 special meetings. One for Home Missions - when the Easter offering was taken and one for Foreign Missions in Sept. when a thank offering of $130.25 was received.

There will be pledges system - this make annual gifts.

Treas. Report from Jan. 1. 1907 to Jan. 1. 1908.

W. F. M. S.

1. For Miss Funk's Salary ---------- $
   Of this the Adeline Club paid $15. Fristoe Cl
2. A private gift for a Scholarship at Mrs.

D. C. H. M. S. ----------

Of this $76.02 was the Easter Offer

A. M. A. ----------

C. C. B. S. ----------

C. E. S. ----------

M. R. ----------

S. S. P. S. ----------

Expenses $9.00

Mrs. Serpell read the following report to the Town Circle.

Report of Plymouth Home Circle for the Year 1907

During the year just passed we have finished paying for our Church table linen, also have bought supplies for sewing room &c. Amt. altogether to $60.73
have earned during the same period $69.03
leaving a balance in treasury of $8.30
We have had an unusually prosperous year, with a larger average attendance, We desire to increase the attendance and especially that of the more accent members of the church who will thereby sooner come to feel at Home with us. The officers for the year are Preadent Mrs. Rickert-Vice pres. Mrs. Hill Sec. and Treas. Mrs Webster.

Mrs. J. N. Webster
Sec.

The reports of the Adelmi club the Frohi Club and the Kri Kappa were included in Sunday School report.
Have not yet report to the

Mr. Brydon spoke briefly for the Committee on the 50th Anniversary. The committee had met and had done its work. It had been a quiet time. The expenses were light. Mr. Brydon moved that the historical sketches read by Dr. Frith and by Dr. Douglas be printed.

The financial report for the last year had not been printed. Comparing it with previous years there had been an increase in the gifts sent to Foreign Missions - to Home Missions - to the Church Building Society - to the Educational work and to the Ministerial Relief Fund. Reference to the contributions to the A-M-A. and to the Sunday School.

Mr. Brydon spoke of the loss which had been done with in Lent and which made it different to assume the duties: of his duty with the church and deepest support and sympathy. He urged mutual frankness and a readiness to plunge boldly to consider the highest and best interests. He spoke of the problem caused by the going away of many members to business.

The Evening congregation presented another problem. Mr. Brydon urged members to help solve this problem and to consecrate themselves to this service. He had striven to make a tasteful service for the morning worship - studying the comfort and convenience of the worshipers.

He had put as much time into

the Sunday School as with the pulpit and report that Sec. 6 of the By-Laws of the church a substitution be made. This was voted upon [illegible].

Mr. Hodgdon spoke of the duties of the Y.P.S.C.E. and of his plans for different lines of work in the young people. And then of Rev. J.K. Bonn - the missionary to Haiti. Turkey - to pay above fifty up to the present time - $85 was voted.

The plan of publishing a paper as the best means of securing knowledge and giving correct information was suggested.

Mr. Hodgdon spoke of the very great need of a paper maker. It must have men for the paper mill and for editing the paper.

Jan. 29, 1908

Mr. Callahan made a motion that the following be substituted for Sec. 6. of the By-Laws and that Sec. 11 Art I should be amended by adding after "Treasurer" the words" and a true of duplicate as provided in Sec. 8, Art. 2 of these By-Laws" and by striking the word "and" after "clerk". Carried.

VI

I This church shall maintain a Sunday School for Biblical and religious training.

It shall be the duty of every member

of the church to be personally interested in this school and to contribute, of his time-service and money, in such ways as he can.

II This school shall be under the supervision and management of a board of directors five in number who shall be elected at the annual meeting. One of this number shall be designated by the church as chairman of this board. He shall be known as Superintendent of the School and shall be elected for a term of one year. The other members of this board shall be elected for a term of two years, and shall be after two full terms ineligible for re-election provided however that at the first election of this board two members shall be elected for a term of one year.

III The minister of the church shall be ex officio a member of this board without a vote.

It was moved and carried that the deacons recommend that the church pay the balance of last years obligation to Rev. Brown - our missionary.

It was moved by Mr. Kasten that we continue to support Mr. Brown. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Murrill that the Building Committee make a study and report what this church ought to give for such cause.

It was moved and the motion prevailed that a committee be

appointed to formulate a statement

It was moved that the appointment of this committee be left to the Standing Committee.

Prof. L. S. Ross reported as follows for the Nominating Committee;

Deacons;

A. R. Dimpfl.
E. C. Badeau.
B. C. Ward.
R. M. Mount.
John Rooraat.
H. J. Griswold.
C. H. Hamlin.
Henry Pohl.

Trustees:

Mrs. G. H. Hill.
Mrs. A. H. Corbin.
Mrs. H. B. Hodges.
" J. S. Clark
" J. C. Cummins.
Miss Mary Ford.
Mrs. C. A. Rampy.
Mrs. L. A. Merrill.
Mrs. A. G. Bixby.
Mrs. Grant Nollen.
Prof. L. S. Ross.
Miss Anna Pfuhlman.
Mrs. A. L. Fristoe.

Salis M. Neal resigned + M. Pattison was appointed

Mrs Parker elected in Mrs Dunlap's place

Sunday School Board;

Mr. G. A. Bixby - Supt.
Mr. Grant Nollen. one year
Prof. L. S. Ross. one year
Miss Anna Pfuhlman. Sept from Jan 1910
Mrs. A. L. Fristoe. " 1910

(Signed) J. E. Mushrush.
H. C. E. Holmes.
L. S. Ross - Ch.

It was moved and the motion prevailed that the deacons be elected.
It was moved and the motion carried that the deaconess be elected - with the exception of Mrs. Wesley Cole declined to serve and that Mrs Parker be elected in the place.
Motion was made that Mr. Ramey be elected clerk. Carried.
A motion was made that Mr. S.A. Purcell be elected treasurer - Carried.
It was moved that the S. S. Supt be elected. Motion carried.
It was moved by Mr. Mustin that it be the sense of the meeting that a church paper would be a desirable thing. Motion carried.
Mr. Hayden presented the resignation and the meeting adjourned.

Carrie Ramey-clerk.

Ramey meeting. Jan. 22, 1908.
Letters were granted to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. Moore to the Sunnyside Christ church of Portland Oregon - and to H. Arthur Gotshall to any church of Christ - Oklahoma City - Oklahoma.

Carrie Ramey-clerk.

Ramey-meeting - Feb-12, 1908.
Mr. Palmer was elected deacon in place of Mr. Ward who resigned and Dr. Price was appointed to represent the church at the ordination of Charles E. Lynde

as pastor of the Congregational church of Marinette, Wis.

Currie Ramsom - Clerk

Feb 19, 1908. Prayer-meeting.
Letters were granted to Myrtle Murphy - Liddle to First Cong. church of Tacoma, Wash. and to Geo. K. Pierce to Plymouth Cong. church of Seattle, Wash.

Currie Ramsom - Clerk.

March 4, 1908. Prayermeeting.
Letters were granted to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Britt - Miss Katherine Britt and Miriam Britt to the Cong. church of Monrovia, Calif.

Currie Ramsom, Clerk.

March 18, 1908. Prayer-meeting.
It was voted that the action of the pastor regarding the reception into the church of M. Fuller - be approved and that he be received.
It was voted that it be left to the pastor, deacons and deaconesses to arrange for members of the church to go to the town during the service.

Currie Ramsom - Clerk.

April 1, 1908. Prayer meeting.
With much regret it was voted that Mr. Boody's resignation as superintendent of the Sunday School be accepted.

The following statement made by Mr. Grant Wallen - was accepted by the church.

To Mr. Boody -

We the members of Plymouth Congregational Church desire to express to you our heart-felt sympathy

in the misfortune now demanding the presentation and acceptance of your resignation as Superintendent of Algonquin Sunday School. The ability faithfulness and untiring energy which you have displayed during the past four years of faithful work have endeared to ourselves a deep feeling of admiration and gratitude. We realize fully that your resignation means to us the loss of a Sunday School unsurpassed in loyalty, Christian Spirit and devotion, and it is with sincere regret that we release you from active connection with our school.

It was voted that the matter of suggesting candidates for the Superintendent of the Sunday School - be left to the Sunday School Board to act as nominating Com.

Carrie Ransom clerk.

April 15, 1908. Prayer-meeting.
A letter was granted to Mr. Adam Baker to the Johns Lutheran church of this town.
Carrie Ransom - clerk.

April 22, 1908.
It was voted to grant a duplicate letter to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Savage to the First Cong. ch - Champaign Ill.; to Miss Josephine Brennan to the First Cong. Church of Philadelphia, Pa.; to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Eichhorn to Cong. church of Kearney, Neb. Messrs Robt. Patterson and Mrs. G. H. Hill

were elected delegates to the Annual Assn, which meets with Ground Church, April 28-29.

It was voted to hold no mid-week service April 29. because of the Annual Asso-meeting in Ground Church.

Carrie Ramsey - Clerk.

Prayer-meeting - May 6, 1908.

A letter of dismission was granted to Robt Malcolm to the First Congl church of Washington D.C.

Mr. Geneva H. Lewis was appointed delegate to the State Assn-dation - May 19-22 at Wallace - with Mr. S.A. Murrell as alternate.

It was decided that the hour for beginning prayer-meeting be 8 o'clock.

Carrie Ramsey - Clerk.

Prayer-meeting - May 13, 1908.

Wm. J.H. Jenny was elected Superintendent of Plymouth Sunday School - to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Mr. Bondy's resignation.

Carrie Ramsey - Clerk.

Prayer-meeting - Sept.

Because Mr. Jenny was unable to serve as Supt. of the Sunday School - Mr. Grant Nolen was made Superintendent and Miss Fannie E. Parker was elected to the Sunday School Board.

Prayer-meeting- Sept. 23, 1906.
Mrs Annie D. Merrill and Mr. B.C. Ward were elected delegates to the Grenwill Association to be held in Berwick - Sept. 29-30.

Annie Ramsey - clerk.

Prayer-meeting - Sept. 30, 1906.
Letters were granted to Mrs Clara J-Anderson to the Cong'l church at- Grenwill. and on Oct. 7th to Mr+ Mrs. H.N. Baker and Lillian G. Barker to the First Presbyterian church of Alhambra - Calif.
On Oct. 7, also- Mr-J.S. Clark was elected delegate to the A. M. A, to be held at Galesburg - Oct. 20-22.

Annie Ramsey - clerk.

Prayermeeting - Oct. 7- 1906.
It was voted to omit the mid-week service for the two following Wednesdays and the deacons were empowered to transact routine business.

Dr. G.W. Hill- B.C. Ward and Mr. E.S. Mills were elected as nominating committee.

Annie Ramsey- clerk.

Prayermeeting - Sept. 23-
Letters were granted to Mrs. Esther A. Abbott and Miss Helena Abbott to the Lincoln Park Cong'l church of Chicago, Ill; also to Mrs. Clara Pugh Jamett (D.T.) to the Cong'l church of Central City, Nebraska.

Carrie Ramsey, clerk.

Report of the clerk of Plymouth Church
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Total membership Jan. 1, 1908	—	884
Received by letter	-	19
" on confession	-	14
Total accessions	-	33
Dismissed by letter	-	31
Removals by death	-	5
Withdrawn	-	1
Total removals	-	37
Total membership Jan. 1, 1909		880
Males		299
Females		581
Adult Baptisms	—	
Infant Baptisms	-	
Non-resident members - about		125

Names of those who have died during the year are —

Mrs. N. W. Tinsley.
Mr. G. S. Berry
Mrs. Sarah Sherrin
Dr. Charles Calin
Mr. Taylor Graves.

Respectfully submitted
Carrie Remmen - Clerk.

Mr. L. A. Merrill submitted the following report which was accepted and placed on file.

Report of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Church,

For year Ending January 8th, 1909.

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Receipts:

Balance from previous year in Deacons Fund,			$ 17.76
Deacons Fund,			
Collections at six Communion services,	$81.34		
Collections on Pledges,	47.80		$ 129.14
A. B. C. F. M.,			
Contributions solicited to make up Mr. Browne's salary for last year,	150.50		
Collected on Pledges made at the Mrs. Burnell meeting,	$427.00		
Collected on Pledges,	208.00	635.00	785.50
I. C. H. M. S.,			
Collections on Pledges,			135.85
C. C. B. S.,			
Collections on Pledges,			21.66
Ministerial Relief Fund,			
Collections on Pledges,			18.82
C. S. S. & P. S.,			
Collections on Pledges,			6.72
Plymouth S. S.,			
Collections on Pledges,			34.15
C. Ed. Soc.,			
Collections on Pledges,			7.37
A. M. A.,			
Special Contributions and on Pledges,		58.16	1197.37
			$1215.13

Disbursements:

From Deacons Fund,			
Expenses of delegates to installation at Manchester,	$ 15.49		
Expenses of delegates to State Assn.,	8.50		
Assessment for State Association,	39.78		
Expenses delegate to American Missy. Association,	11.00		74.77
Remittance to Am. Bd. of Com. for Foreign Mis.,			785.50
Remittance to Iowa Congl. Home Missy. Soc.,			135.85
" " Congl. Ch. Bldg. Soc.,			21.66
" " Ministerial Relief Fund,			18.82
" " Congl. S. S. & P. Soc.,			6.72
" " Plymouth Sunday Sch.,			34.15
" " Congl. Ed. Soc.,			7.37
" " American Missy. Assn.,		58.16	1068.23
			1143.00
Balance on hand, Deacons Fund,			$ 72.13 $1215.13

ificate of auditors as shown on book.
our account examined and found correct, with a cash
nd of $72.13 as shown."
- signed - E. H. Huntington
L. D. Kasson

Mrs Fannie Parker - Parish Worker
reports as follows -

Des Moines, Iowa. Jan. 8th 1919.

To the Pastor and Members of Plymouth Church,--

There is nothing new in the statement that we desire to make Plymouth Church a home for our own members; new or old, ill or well and that we want to show hospitality to those of our own denomination who come to us as strangers and to welcome those who have no church home here or elsewhere.

To do all this, we must--first of all--become acquainted and keep acquainted. We mingle upon such occasions as to-night but these and kindred meetings are much too few and far apart. As Worker in the Parish, I am endeavoring to serve as a correlating force between those who have long been members here and those who have but recently come into our membership. I keep a sort of "Who's Who in Plymouth?" and any member who desires to aid in helping new families to feel at home among us, can find names, addresses and other data that will assist him or her in establishing a quick and intelligent acquaintance. A church home means what the name implies to people coming to the city from a small town or church. They have been accustomed to be greeted by friends each time they come to worship and to help carry on the work of the church and to assist in its support. Going among them as I have, I find that any complaint or criticism is invariably one or the other of the following, never that they do not like us after having become acquainted but (1) they are met Sunday after Sunday by strangers, (2) they are not brought into the activities of the church and its people, (3) they are needed in so big a church (this last by way of excuse). It does not take them long to lose all sense of responsibility under such conditions. Of necessity, the work of bringing new families into our fellowship and interesting them in our church life, must fall to the people in our membership. I have sought to acquaint our people with those recently coming to our city---knowing that it is

necessary, only, to bring about an acquaintance to secure the co-
operation of our members.

There are about thirty of our people who are shut away from the pleasure of church attendance because of ill-health or extreme age. Many of these have given of their time and strength to their church in their days of good health and youth. They are still well-springs of spiritual power to those who will but give themselves the pleasure of calling upon them. I have spent many pleasant hours with these members.

The projected plans for the meeting of our own members in Neighborhood Groups have recently been completed and two such meetings have been held. Three more are scheduled for the coming week. These meetings are to be held once each month in each Neighborhood. An occasional evening meeting in which the men will be included and an annual Combination meeting of all the Neighborhoods will add to the social pleasure of our church life. Closer acquaintance, unified interests and stronger friendship is bound to result. They will furnish momentum for all the various efforts in christian work by giving a working medium between pastor and people. Information as to sickness, trouble, new neighbors etc. will pass readily between the office and the Chairman of the Neighborhood.

To keep our pupils interested in the Sunday School, it is absolutely necessary that they should have more than a speaking acquaintance. The class hour does not afford this. Two parties were given in the church this fall which included all members of the grades. One or more teacher has invited her pupils to her home. One of our teachers who is employed six days each week down town, gave up her holiday and entertained her class at her home on New Year's day. This shows real interest in the pupils.

For the past several weeks,our church parlor has been open each Sunday from four o'clock till time for evening service. A program of musical and literary numbers has been given and lunch served at six o'clock.About forty or fifty have been served each Sunday.We find that several who have no home in the city and are denied parlor privileges have been coming regularly to these gatherings.The expense of the lunch is covered by the charge,Those furnishing the program have given their services.

Some gifts have been made by our people through the Parish Worker. A Thanksgiving dinner and two quilts by the Adeline Club,a Christmas dinner by the Plymouth Club.The Deaconesses have sent the flowers from the Sunday services to our sick or shut-in members.Our gifts at the Christmas entertainment and clothing that has been sent in by members have been disposed of to needy families. I wish that we might have a committee on fraternalism that our own members might let us help lift their burdens without feeling that they are accepting charity.

To reach new families,our own shut-in or sick members,Sunday School children who are irregular in attendance,and those to whom gifts have been made,it has been my pleasure to make 420 personal calls.One fourth of these for the Sunday School,the others for the work of the church.The ladies of the church and the teachers of the Sunday School have made additional calls.

My only plan for the future is to continue along the same lines as during the past four months,hoping that the number of willing workers will increase and the work therefore become more extensive and efficient Let each one of us endeavor to know every member of Plymouth Church.

Fannie E. Parker.

Report for Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec 1908.

The report of the choir was made by Mrs. Hatton - Director.

The following is a report of the music work in Plymouth Church during the past year, from Jan.1, 1908, to Jan. 1,1909. This is a report of the second half of the fifth year and the first half of the sixth year, as our work in music has its beginnings and endings in September of each year. We are now in the midst of the sixth year, with a few things already accomplished and many more planned for the future.

Music is both a science and an art; the most intricate of all sciences and the finest of all arts. Martin Luther said, "Music is the most ennobling of all arts." Music is the language of the soul. Music is the universal language of man. Music is the breath and spirit of the Divine. Some one has said, "Music is Love in search of a word." Music is oftentime the wing loaned to Faith and Hope and Love. Through the study and appreciation of music we become charitable and kind and tender. If in your heart you cherish hatred or envy or malice or ill will toward another, then music has not had its way with you.

Every great revival of religion has been kindled and spread by music. The men in every battle have been inspired and stimulated and cheered into action by music. Every avenue of life is molded and modified and renewed by the use of music. In the home, the church, the school, the concert, the wedding, and at the time of sorrow and death, music is our constant companion and comfort.

Our past year in Plymouth Choir has been a busy one. For each Sunday are prepared two programs. Our rehearsals occur on each Thursday evening. For special musicales we rehearse both Tuesday and Thursday nights, and occasionally on Sunday mornings at 9:30 o'clock. Again, very often we rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 6:30.

We have at the present time 85 active members in the Choir. We can seat but 70, unless special provision is made. Experience has taught us that it takes 15 extras to keep 70 seats filled. We have no written rules governing our choir. One unspoken rule is that each is faithful and conscientious in his own place; that only absence from the city or sickness are sufficient reasons for being absent from rehearsal or service. In case of necessary absence or tardiness, word is sent by telephone or note. In all our six years we have not failed to have a waiting list of applicants for membership.

Each member of the Choir, and friends in the church who know, join with me in a word of appreciation to Mrs. Miller for her exceeding faithfulness as secretary, librarian and choir Mother. It is an immense amount of labor to look after all music, distributing, collecting and mending it, and to give out by member and place back on the proper hooks seventy vestments twice each Sunday.

In February, 1908, we gave our annual Patriotic concert to an overflowing audience, hundreds being turned away who could not secure accommodations. This concert was repeated the following Sunday. We gave our Easter service of song to an even greater audience. One Sunday afternoon, by invitation from Mr. Fellingham of the Y.M.C.A., our choir gave the Sunday afternoon program for that organization of men, the meeting being brought to our church. Our final concert before the vacation last summer was given on the second Sunday in June, when the choir presented "The Triumph of David," a cantata by Dudley Buck. Before this concert was given all seats on the choir platform for the following September had been taken and a large number of extras recorded.

September is always a hard month, as the voices do not blend well, and all things, including order and behavior, are somewhat crude. The kind friends, who are always so great an inspiration, show forth so true and genuine a welcome at this time that the cup of joy is full and running over and the hard spots are somehow covered up.

We have had many great privileges extended to Plymouth Choir during the past five years. We sang for the National Council when it convened here. We sang for the Presbyterian General Assembly when Dr. Van Dyke preached in the pulpit. We have esteemed most of all the great and sorrowful privilege of being at the funeral of our and counselor, Mr. C. H. Morris. We aided in dedicating a monument for the departed brothers of the Printers' Union at Woodland Cemetery, for which we received $50.00 toward the new vestment fund. During this last fall it was our pleasure and delight to sing at the church wedding of a Plymouth bride. A check of $10.00 in appreciation adds to our fund. We also sang for Mr. Taft, our new President-elect. He has since spoken very kindly of our efforts.

Our Christmas cantata, "The Coming of the King," was sung on Dec. 20th and repeated by request to a crowded house on Dec. 27th.

Our ideals have not yet been reached. We fall far short of what we would like to be and to do.

Of the work in the Vocal Training Class on Monday afternoons I must speak briefly. We have an enrollment of 201. The children range from the ages of 8 to 18 years. There are a few younger admitted by special arrangement. In this class we have many of the children from the best and most comfortable homes in the city. We have many who, were this ministry not extended in this way, would never have such an opportunity. In this class are taught breath control, chest development, tone placing, care of the voice, distinct enunciation, and song interpretation. Many beautiful songs are learned - some secular and some sacred. The attention and interest are great. No extremity of weather keeps them away.

Monday afternoon, Dec. 31st, we gave a lesson before a large number of parents and friends. Several of our Plymouth ladies assisted in receiving and welcoming the guests. There were 150 children, and about 60 visitors. One of our most substantial and conservative ladies came to me at the close, thanked me for inviting her to help, and said: "Why, Mrs. Weber, if only I had had a chance like that when young, I would have been a prima donna now!"

One of the most touching things was the death, by drowning, of one of our little ones, Harry Clark. The day before he was drowned he sang to his mother one of the songs learned in our class: "I think when I read that sweet story of old, When Jesus was here among men." The Christmas present which touched me most (although the Choir, which is the joy of my life's work, sent me two beautiful chairs) was a handsomely bound volume of Whittier, from the parents of little Harry Clark.

My work extends through the Sunday School and Prayer meeting. I am glad to help in the missionary meetings and to furnish programs for the Sunday afternoon social hours, which line of work is destined to do much good.

Music as a ministry in the church must be put upon the highest plane in every way and from every standpoint. We desire in the future to make it more helpful, more spiritual, and in every way worthy of the position which it occupies.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 14, 1909.

TO THE MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH CHOIR.

Dear Friends:- The above is a report read before the annual church meeting, Friday, Jan. 8th.

We are in the midst of a busy year's work. Our annual patriotic service of song, which this year will be in honor of the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, must be prepared at once for Feb. 14th. On Mar. 14th we will present the cantata, "Song of Thanksgiving," by Maunder; and on Apr. 11th our Easter program will consist of two cantatas: "The Story of the Cross," by Dudley Buck, and its sequel, "Christ the Victor," also by Buck.

Be sure that your attendance is perfect at both rehearsals and Sunday services. Do not let anything keep you away.

Very Sincerely,

Margaret L. Weber

Director.

Mr. Grant Nollen reported for the Sunday School. (See typewritten report)

The annual report for the Women's Missionary Society was given by Mrs. Hodgdon.

There last year 12 regular meetings - the first Friday of each month. One in July - a patriotic meeting with Mrs. Warren - The August meeting was held with Mrs. Elbert.

The membership is 150. The average attendance 46. 113 have been taken part - exclusive of the officers. Only in the year it was voted to continue the support of Mrs Funke in China.

There have been three speakers from outside - Mrs. Lydia Fish Davis - December, Mrs. John Newbury - April Mrs Bass - August.

In March the society with the Adelia and Fushi Clubs gave a reception. After every meeting there is a social hour ~~after~~ when tea and wafers are served. One hundred were present at the Thank-offering meeting in September. The following women have acted as delegates:-

Mrs. Hamblin to State Convention at Natchez.
Mrs E. Knight to Iowa Branch at Whiting.
Anna Merrill to W.B.M.I. at St. Louis.

Death has removed two faithful members -

Mrs. Hensley and Mrs. Campbell.

The following is the financial report ——

Receipts -

Fr Miss Funk (35 by 3 cts)	—	$ 465.00
Scholarships in Micronesia	—	15.00
Eddy Fund	—	15.90
Home Miss. Envelope	—	169.18
A. M. A.	—	76.43
C. E. S.	—	1.50
C. B. S.	—	1.50
S. S. P. S.	—	1.50
M. R.	—	2.50
Total		$ 760.51
Sweet Bands - Value		$ 300.00

Mrs. H. H. Wheeler gave an interesting report for the Ladies Aid Society. The financial report of this society was made by Mrs. McIlvaine. Mrs. Charles Pierce reported for the Adelia Club.

The following financial report of the Plymouth Home Circle was made by Mrs. J. N. Watkins.

Cash on Hand Jan 1, 1908	$ 30.20
Supplies for Sewing Room	9.51
Paid Emma Mrs Funks Salary	10.00
Total	$ 19.51
Club standing account	$ 8.10
Cash on hands	$ 10.69

Emma Eddy - President of the Plymouth Club made a brief report.

Club was organized Fall of 1908 by members of Mrs Edna Rounds S. S. class. The purpose is to keep in connection with Christian work. Have held an Bazaar - at which seven dollars was the proceeds. This not to serve to help a needy family

Wm. Garard Nollen reported for the

To the Members of the Plymouth Congregational Church:--

Because of the situation with reference to the leadership of the Sunday School during the year 1908, it can hardly be expected that this report of the first year's work under the new Board will be a record breaker in the matter of membership and amounts. Mr. Boody's energetic, devoted service was unfortunately brought to a close during the month of April because of ill health. Following his resignation the work was practically at a stand-still for a couple of months during the hunt for a Superintendent, until the services of Clifford Wells were secured for the summer. Anyone acquainted with Mr. Wells need not be told that he put his whole self into the work and that small attendance during his leadership was due entirely to existing conditions coupled with the usual hot weather apathy among the children. Upon Mr. Well's departure in September a permanent leader had not been secured, and finally your humble servant reluctantly agreed to occupy the Superintendent's chair on Sunday mornings during the remainder of the year.

Although the classes have been small, the work has been systematic and profitable throughout the entire year, and the school has indeed been blessed with a corps of efficient and devoted teachers.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer are as follows:

Secretary --

Total Enrollment.....205

Number of classes 16

Average attendance 1st quarter.....178

" " 2nd " 198

" " 3rd " 71

" " 4th " 169

members=

Mrs. Gourley and Mrs. Crawford.

The following is the financial

report--

Receipts -
To Miss Pennock (Gathering) - 465.00

Average attendance for the year.....128

The largest attendance in November

" smallest " " July

Perfect in attendance: Miss Otis and Leanore Mudge

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Report of Treasurer

Balance on hand Jan'y 1st,'08.....	$51.81
Balance of 1907, Church Collections.....	7.00
Regular S. S. Collections.....	175.80
Home Department ...".....	4.15
Other receipts.....	6.21
Received from S. A. Merrill, Church Tres.....	34.15
Total	$279.12

Disbursements:

Supplies.....	$97.67
Paid on Parish Workers Fund.....	50.00
Set of Reference Books.....	20.00
Polk Co. S. S. Association.....	15.00
Balance on hand	96.45
	$279.12 $279.12

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. Wallin

Superintendent.

in connection with Christmas work. Sum held on Bazaar - at which term dollars was the proceeds. This was to help a needy family

The Club as a class gave a Christmas dinner. It is hoped the Club will develop from this small beginning into a useful organization

Mr. Hodgdon called for a report of the nominating Committee.

Mr. B. C. Ward, Mr. Elliott S. Miller and Dr. Gershom H. Hill, w were appointed at prayer meeting a few weeks ago to nominate officers for the church and for the Sunday School, beg leave to make the follow report.

According to the rule, seven deacons, whose names follow, hold ov for another year.

A. R. Dempster
A. C. Rudlong
R. M. Mount
John Roovart
H. J. Griswold
Hervey A. Porter
Robert Paterson

Three more deacons are eligible for reelection and are hereby nominated.

~~J. A. Mershon~~ J W Jenny
M. A. Weldy
James Parker

Mr. A. H. Huntington, whose term as a deacon does not expire until 1910, has resigned on account of being made treasurer of the Church last October and Prof. William Greenwood is nominated to take his place.

The five deacons who have served four years and according to the rule are not eligible for re-election at this time or until an interim of one or more years are

L. S. Ross
W. A. Wagner
L. J. Kasson
W. H. Yonkers
George H. Lewis

Therefore we nominate the following named five men to fill vacanci and thus supply the church with sixteen deacons for the year 1909.

A. K. Cambell William R. Ryan W. H. Burnay

We nominate the following named twelve women for deacons for the ear 1909.

rs. Gershom H. Hill
rs. A. W. Cowles
rs. H. B. Hedge
rs. J. C. Cummins
iss Mary Foss
rs. J. S. Clark
rs. F. W. Chase
Mrs. A. T. Benge
mrs. R. C. Grimm
Miss Anna D. Merrill
Mrs. Frances Scofield
Miss Fannie L. Parker

We make the following nominations as members of the Sunday School oard.

r. Sidney A. Foster, Chairman and Superintendent
r. Sidney Dillon Ex June Jan. 1911
~~r. Charles F. Chase.~~ ~~as assistants to the superintendent.~~

r. L. S. Ross, Ex June 1911 whose term expires and therefore is named for re-election ince Mrs. L. W. Nollen and Miss Fannie A. parker were one year ago elected for a term of two years they will continue another year on the Sunday chool board without re-election.

Mrs. C. A. Rawson is nominated for re-election as clerk of the hurch and Mr. Samuel A. Merrill is nominated for re-election as reasurer of the church.

Very respectfully submitted,

Gershom H. Hill,

Alliott S. Miller

B. C. Ward.

A motion carried that the report be accepted and that the by laws be waived and the secretary instructed to cast the ballot for the officers named.
The remainder of the time was spent in discussing regarding the report of

Mr. Brown - an missionary to Turkey. A motion was made to continue the support of Mr. Brown. But became so many had gone from the meeting it was well to postpone action until some following time. After the benediction the meeting was adjourned.

Carrie Ranson - clerk.

Jan. 13 - 1909.

Mr. A. K. Campbell - Mr. N. A. Barnard - Mr. G. S. Nollen declined to serve as deacons and A. P. Stonier - O. N. Follett and F. M. Rathbun were elected to fill them vacancies.

Jan. 20 - 1909.

Mrs Townsend elected Jan. 8 to fill vacancy in board of deacons caused by the resignation of E. H. Humbright - declined to serve and O. H. Parker was elected to fill his place.

Jan. 27, 1909 - Letters of dismission were granted to Mr. & Mrs. Myers and Cargill church to Mr. J. G. Perry.

Feb. 11. 1909.

Mr. Stonier moved that the church meeting be adjourned until the next trial - Feb. 19 - at which time Mr. Merrills motion regarding Mr. Brown's salary - be taken up. It was so voted.

Feb. 17, 1909.

At the regular church prayer - meeting the pastor called up a letter of invitation from the Union Congregational church inviting this church to attend the Installation services of Rev. H. N. Parker as pastor of Union church, which have been sent to the church - a week ago.

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Oct. 6, 1909.

E. E. Crawford was elected deacon to fill out the term of F. R. Ryan - who has moved from the city.

Nov. 10, 1909.

Mr. Hodydon and Mr. Lewis were elected delegates to the installation services of Rev. O. S. Davis D. D. as president of Chicago Theological Seminary.

Nov. 17, 1909.

At prayer-meeting a motion was made by Mr. Kastin - that resolutions be sent by Plymouth Congregational Church - to Mrs. J. M. Otis - on the occasion of the celebration of her eightieth birthday. The motion carried and Mr. Kastin prepared the following resolutions:

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 17, 1909.

To Mrs. J. M. Otis:

Plymouth Congregational Church, in weekly meeting assembled, conveys to you her warmest congratulations on this celebration of your four-score years.

We celebrate your example of wonderful activity and faithfulness in deeds of kindness.

We celebrate your sweet and gentle spirit manifested during long years of service in this Church. You have been most constant in attendance, most loyal in support, most generous in giving.

Our church life is richer by your example and your heroism. Our City is purer by your efforts, and many homes are happier by your charity.

We will try to emulate your example, and breathe a prayer that the richest blessings of heaven, and the sweetest friendships surround you, and keep you with us for many more

The following reply came from Mrs. Otis to the church

Dear Friends.

The gift from the church and the resolutions adopted last Wednesday evening came to me as a beautiful surprise.

It has been my purpose that my life should be Christlike, seeking no return, save from the Master

I thank you for the appreciative words and the gift. More than ever of late I have been asking our Father to give the Holy Spirit to Plymouth Church, in large measure

Cordially — In His Name.

L. G. Otis.

Des Moines, Nov. 24th '09.

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but was overlooked, and stating that he and Senior Deacon R. M. Mount had attended the services as delegates of Plymouth church, and asking that the church now take formal action as of Wednesday - Feb. 10.

Mr. Lewis moved that the letter of invitation be accepted and that the action of the pastor and Deacon Mount as delegates from this church be approved.

It was so voted.

Feb. 19, 1909. Church Supper.

Adjourned meeting of the church was called to order by Mr. Hodgdon - who led in prayer. After many remarks and much discussion a motion was made by Mr. Lewis that Mr. Merrill's motion be laid on the

table - to be taken up at a late church meeting - after it has been ascertained what the church can and will do for themselves. motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Merrill that the following resolution be adopted:-

Resolved - that the next delegate to the next State Association meeting be instructed to represent the church as favoring the apportionment as worked out in Boston - and that this does not carry with it any commitment of the church to specific figures to any organization.

The motion was carried.

It was also that the deacons be requested to send out cards - as soon as possible - to ascertain from the church the amounts to be pledged for themselves - and with these cards explanations as to what the women subscribe.

It was moved that meeting recommend to the church that a hundred dollars be appropriated as the share in financering the Convention to be held in April.

The motion was carried.

It was moved that the deacons be instructed - when the circulars are prepared for circulation - that they proceed to adopt -

Carried.

April - 1909.-

Mr. Merrill was appointed delegate with Mr. Frost - alternate - to the meeting of the Council Association with Advancing Council + Joint Missionary Campaign to be held with the Emp't church + Vicinity - April 14-15.

Jan. 7, 1910.

The Annual Meeting of Plymouth church was held in the Sunday School room. Mr. Fritch opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Mr. R. M. Mount offered the following report for the deacons;

It has been our custom for the last year to have a deacons meeting every Sunday morning just before church service - and with a few exceptions we have held them meetings - excepting the Sundays during the Summer vacation. We have also held special meetings to discuss certain matters that have come before us. The utmost good feeling has prevailed among the deacons during the year and our relations with the people have been very pleasant.

(Signed) R. M. Mount - For the deacons.

The clerk of the church offered the following report:

Total membership Jan. 1, 1909	—	880
Received by letter "	-	47
" on Confession "	—	20
" by Re-affirmation "	—	2
Total accessions	—	69
Dismissed by letter	—	21
Removals by death	—	6
Withdrawn	—	2
Total decreases	—	29
Total membership Jan 1, 1910	—	920
Males	—	310
Females	—	610.

Adult Baptisms . Infant Baptisms .

Non-resident members.

Names of those who have died during year;

Mrs Loretta Blake. Mrs. Amanda Davis. Mrs. Emily Bates. (Emma Penny clerk)
Mrs. Lydia Evans. Mrs. Augusta Weaver Mr. Henry D. Hardy. (Last year).

REPORT OF S. A. MERRILL, TREASURER,

in account with

P L Y M O U T H C H U R C H , --

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 7, 1910.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance from previous year, in Deacons' Fund		$72.13
Collection on six Communion Sundays	$80.61	
From Individuals for Deacons' Fund	11.80	92.41
		$164.54
Contributions of Members for		
Am.Board of Com.for Foreign Missions	161.08	
Co-operative Missionary Campaign	10.	
Iowa Congl.Home Missionary Society	222.83	
Relief of Armenian Sufferers	5.	
Congl. Church Building Society	6.88	
Ministerial Relief Fund	5.41	
Congl.SundaySchool & Pub.Society	4.96	
Plymouth Church Sunday School	5.86	
Congl.Education Society	4.46	
Am. Missionary Society	6.88	
Church Benevolences---not divided	10.	443.36
		$607.90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out of Deacons' Fund for		
Contribution to expense of		
Laymen's Missionary Conference	$15.	
Assessment for Federal Council	5.	
Annual Dues to State Association	39.60	
Contrib.to exp.of Summer Tent Meetings	19.22	
Exp.of Pastor and Delegate to Local Ass'n	6.90	
Assistance to Member in need	30.	
Exp.Delegate to Inauguration Theological		
Seminary, Chicago	17.	
Contribution to Expense of new		
Des Moines Association	5.	
Flowers	5.	
Hotel bill of Speakers at Missionary Conf.	4.	
Expense Delegates to State Association	12.62	
Balance on hand in Deacons' Fund	5.20	164.54
Remittances to		
Co-operative Missionary Campaign Committee	10.	
Am. Board of Com. for Foreign Missions	161.08	
Am.Board---for Armenian Relief	5.	
Iowa Congl. Home Missionary Society	222.83	
Cong. Church Building Society	6.88	
Ministerial Relief Fund	5.41	
Congl.Sunday School & Pub.Society	4.96	
Plymouth Church Sunday School	5.86	
Congl. Education Society	4.46	
American Missionary Association	6.88	
Balance on hand in Church Benevolence Account	10.	443.36
		$607.90

The above report compared with
Treasurers books and vouchers and found C
R M Mound } C
D F. A. Ralston } C

Mrs. Nobs presented her report as Musical director.
This is the seventh year in Plymouth church.
Besides training the choir it is her duty to play the piano for the morning meeting, lead the singing in Sunday school, preside at the piano at prayer-meeting and furnish soloist when necessary.
Seven members of the choir upon application and on judged acceptable through examination.
Attention and good behavior are necessary to remain members.
Unity & Spirit is manifest.
The total number of members during the term year has been 400. Many have gone to other parts of the country - to Nashington D.C. Spokane - and California. From many of them have come such words of praise - saying there is no choir like that of Plymouth.
It is necessary to prepare for his services on Sunday. This preparation is usually made Thursday evening in about an hour and a half.
Extra rehearsals come in Dec. night.
The following have been the special musical items during the year.

On Monday afternoon at 4:30 the Children's Vocal Training Class is held. This is composed of Catholic- Jews - Unitarians - Christian Scientists and children of the slums. In all there have been 450. They are taught correct posture - chest culture - self-control, implicit Obedience and absolute attention. Every Saturday Afternoon Playground the Children if they opportunity is offered to their children. A Christmas Party was given for the children and in their several Wards of the Church assisted.

The vocal Exercises for the main Choir have been varied pieces - a Chromatic Party - a picnic at Chevy Park and a Valentine party at Hyde Sherman Place.

It is the intention to have present at every Prayer meeting two Sunday members to help in the singing.

Our Boy Choir has been helped by the use of the Church - through the efforts of the musical director - to go to school and auction has been saved from running away with a theatrical troupe.

The needs for the Choir department are —

$500 for new music -

Rearrangement of the front of Church in order that Choir may have processional and recessional.

New vestments.

New seats for Missionary meeting - Sunday School and vestibule.

New hymn - Books for Sunday School.

Salary paid to director is $2400. Last year out of this $669.22 were paid leaving $730 salary for 12 months mk. This does not include lessons given to Mr. Dailey, Mr. Hopkins and Miss Larson.

Mrs. Hodgdon - president of the Woman's Missionary Society reported as follows:
The past year has been a successful one. Each year shows growth.
In February a social party was held in the church - with an attendance of 150. Each woman was asked to bring lunch. At this meeting Mrs Grace Wykoff spoke and also Mrs Dwenger of Grinnell.
The Easter offering amounted to $86.00.
In April the president was sent as delegate to Cedar Rapids. Then she met Mrs Lydia Pringle - and was so charmed that Mrs Pringle was invited to speak at the June Missionary meeting. A reception followed.
The July meeting was held with Mrs. J. S. Clark. It was decided to set aside July 15 as self-denial day. Sale $4.00 with supper as usual on that day.
In Oct. the annual thank offering amounted to $100.00.
It was decided to send to Mrs Funk the response $5.00. Letters have been received from Mr. Brown and mailed to Mr. Brown and Mrs. Funk. At Mrs. Brown's request a collection of cards and pictures was made and sent to them to aid in his work.
A special effort has been made to interest the young ladies of the church.
The average attendance at the meetings has been 47.
Collection $8.00 Has been raised
To Mrs Funk $5.00
" Home Work $3.00

There were no reports from the Women's Aid Society-
the Fourth Club and the Plymouth Club.
The following is the report of Plymouth Home Circle:

The year just-past has been a profitable one for our society, in the way of new friends and acquaintances. There has been Eleven meeting with larger attendance than usual. While our Society does not aim to do much in a financial way. we have during the year given towards Miss. Funks Salary ten dollars towards buying a chair for an invalid member of our church for twelve dollars ~~and Ninety Cents~~ $12.90

Cash on Land		$10.69
Sales of work		10.70
Collected		3 85
		25 24
Paid Supplies for Sewing Room		$ 3.83
" for Chair		12 00
Miss Funks		10 00
		25 83

The report of the Adelphi Club was given. The Adelphi Club organized two years ago by Mrs. McFarland is now composed of 27 young women who held bi-weekly meetings at the homes of the members - with the interests of charity.
In this year Jan. 1, 1909 & Jan. 1. 1910 the

Total Receipts were	$133.13
Disbursements -	90.29
Balance	$42.84

The expenditures for charitable and benevolent purposes are as follows:

Mrs Funk. Missionary	15.00
Bread & Milk Mrs. Funk	3.00
Medicine & Clothing for needy family	5.84
Salary Paster Worker	5.00
Christmas Offering	4.00
Postal Cards & Flowers	10.84.

The remainder was used in distributing clothing and provisions to the poor and needy. We are beginning the New Year with money for the Hospitals, also assisting in whatever way necessary the Settlement House and Children's Home.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Harriet Sargent - President

The following was read from the Sunday School.

Des Moines, Iowa, January 7, 1910.

To The President and Board of Trustees,

Plymouth Church.

Gentlemen:-

In concluding the year of service as Superintendent of Plymouth School, I wish to thank yourselves and the teachers for the many gracious courtesies extended to me. I have enjoyed the service; the service has done me good, and I trust my services have not impaired the spirit of the school.

I wish for my successor and the school a much greater spiritual and numerical prosperity than has been developed under any past administrations.

Yours very truly,

Irving A Scott

Plymouth Congregational Sunday School,

Sidney A. Foster, Superintendent.

Report of Secretary for the year 1909.

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The average attendance for the year was 130, though during the second quarter the average was 164.7

In view of the fact that no especial emphasis has been made during the year on the matter of collections the total receipts are encouraging; being an average of $3.32 from class collections per Sunday, exclusive of any special collections.

At the beginning of the 4th quarter new courses of study were adopted by a majority of the classes and a text book put in the hands of each scholar, which for some of the classes covered a year's study. Notwithstanding this fact all supplies ordered for use of the school for 1909 are paid for and the treasurer has on hand a cash balance of $25.

There have been many changes in teachers during the year.

Of the sixteen classes only seven closed the year with the same teachers who began with them the year's work. While the present corps of teachers is an efficient one some of them will be unable to continue with their classes during the coming year; which fact may be an encouragement to some teachers of ability in the church who have not yet volunteered for work in the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. H. Barnard,

Acting Secretary.

It was Voted to accept the reports as given and place them on file.

Mr. Merrill moved that the following amendment to the By-Laws of Church be adopted. Mr. Burton seconded the motion.

Amendment to section No 3 - Art I of By-laws of Plymouth Church. Relation to duties of the Board of Deacons.

It shall be the duty of the Board of deacons to organize each year, immediately following the annual Meeting of the Church, with a Chairman who shall preside at regular meetings, which shall be not less than once a month, and at all special meetings of the deacons; a Secretary who shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings; a Missionary Committee which shall have charge of raising the Missionary funds for the Church, and shall endeavor to increase intelligence in missionary undertakings of our Societies; a Welcome Committee whose duties shall be to see that a sufficient number of members are present at the regular church services to welcome all comers in a proper manner; and such other Committees as may be necessary for the efficient work of the Church.

The motion carried.

Because the work of the church for the year-
began in the fall- while the election of
officers, deacons etc. and report for the
year work come in January- Mr. Hodgdon
offered the suggestion that the time of
holding the Annual Meeting of the
church be changed to some time in
the fall.
A motion was made and seconded that
the time of the Annual Meeting be changed.
Much opposition was shown in the discussion
and it was laid to lay the above motion
on the table.
Mr. Hodgdon spoke briefly of the work of
the church for the past year - of his hopes
for hope and courage as he closed his
seventh year as pastor, and the two
problems which Plymouth church must meet.
The first the financial problem- which the
rapidly changing conditions of the city are
causing - a problem which should work
not of a few men - but by all members.
The second problem - one work as Congregational
There is a work we can do and which can
not do.

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Mr. Jenney chairman of the nominating Committee gave the following report.

For Clerk of Plymouth church - Mrs C.A. Ranstrom.
" Treasurer — Mr. J.N. Madyn.

Deacons —

R.M. Mount - 4 years 1912 - not eligible
Resigned J.N. Rockart " 1912 " "
N.H. Yonkers. " 1912 eligible
L.S. Rose. " 1912 eligible
H.J. Grinnell. " 1912 not eligible
O.H. Pelei. " 1912 eligible
J.L. Thompson " 1912 "
Geo. H. Lewis. " 1912 "

For members of Sunday School Board —
Supt - Mr. Dillon.
Mr. Miller. Taking place of Dillon 4 years 1911
Miss Pellett 4 years Jan 1912
Miss Pearl Sheffield ~~N.H. Barnard.~~ 4 years 1912
Resigned 1911

Librarians -
Mrs. Graham Hall. Mrs. Ella Cooke.
Mrs. H.B. Madyn. Mrs. J.C. Cummins.
Miss Mae Potts. Mrs. J.S. Clark.
Mrs. P.N. Clark Mrs. Bangs
Mrs. Timmis. Miss Anna Merrill.
Mrs. H.H. Jenkins. Mrs. Fannie Parker Haines.

(Signed) Mrs. J.C. Cummins.
N.H. Barnard
J.W. Jenney - Committee.

It was moved that the report be accepted Carried.
It was moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Assembly for the names as read. Carried.
After prayer by Mr. Madyn the meeting adjourned.

Emma Ranstrom - Clerk.

Jan. 5, 1910 Prayer-meeting.

It was voted to pay to the treasurer of the Des Moines Association five dollars ($5.00).

It was voted to receive into the church next Sunday on confession of their faith - Mrs. Ralph Wade - Mrs. Morris Cramer - Frank Wyckoff - Louis Nichols - and Lydia Cutler - Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Keeney, Mrs. Etta Graham - Ida Graham - Addie J. Mawby.

Jan. 12 - 1910. Prayer meeting.

A letter of dismission was granted Helen M. Damm - to the Park Presbyterian Church.

Feb. 9, 1910.

A letter of dismission was granted Hazel Mylleman to the Calvary Baptist church of Des Moines.

Feb 23, 1910

The acceptance of an invitation to be represented in the Union Church Council with S. A. Merrill as delegate by an informal gathering on Jan. 14 - was ratified.

At his own request the name of Simon Benya was dropped from the church roll.

Letters were granted to —

Dr. Nellie M. Nelson — to St. Paul, Minn

Elchanie Shaw

Annetta Shaw { to Plymouth ch - Minneapolis, Minn

Adult Bible Class - to Evanston, Ill.

March 2, 1910 -
Letter of dismission was granted to Martha D. Stone - to any church of her choice.

March 9 - 1910
Letter of dismission was granted to Florence Nichols - to Central Presbyterian church - Denver, Colo.

March 16, 1910.
At a meeting of the church, action was taken authorizing the deacons to act for the church in ordinary routine matters - such as regularly come up at prayer-meeting.

On March 28, 1910 - Mrs. J. H. Murdy resigned as Treasurer of Plymouth church.

On April 3 - 1910 - D. F. H. Rankin was elected Treasurer by the Standing Committee - acting for the church.

May 14, 1910. -
Prof. L. S. Ross was elected delegate to the State Association at Rankin - by the Standing Committee acting for the church.

Oct. 21, 1910.

A special meeting of the church called to act upon a proposed change of date for the annual meeting of the church was adjourned - without action to Nov. 18,

Nov. 16, 1910.

A meeting of Plymouth church was called - after the adjournment of the meeting of the Trinity

A motion was made by Mr. Fuller that the by-laws be changed to read ——

"The regular annual meeting of the church shall be held on the first Friday of October of each year - beginning with October - 1911."

The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Barnard that a committee on Nominations be appointed - to nominate the officers of the church - to be elected in January 1911. Motion was carried.

It was moved and carried that the chair appoint the Nominating Committee.

It was moved and carried that the committee consist of five members.

Meeting adjourned -

H. N. Ralston - Deig pro tem.

Jan. 6, 1911.

The annual meeting of Plymouth church was called to order by Mr. Hyde who offered prayer.

A motion had made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Dr. Rahlen that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. The motion was carried.

Mrs Ramsey - clerk of the church - offered the following report.

Report of Clerk of Plymouth Church for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.

Total membership Jan. 1, 1910 -	920
Received by Letter -	34
" on Confession -	8
Total accessions -	42.
Dismissed by Letter -	29
Dropped by request -	2
Removals by death -	8
Total removals -	39
Total membership Jan. 1, 1911	928.
Males	315.
Females	608.
Non-resident members - about	140.

The names of those who have died during the year are —

Mr. Arthur A. Hyde.
Mrs. Benjamin Butterworth.
Mr. J. L. Mathews.
Mr. F. A. Percival.
Mrs. Mary Turner
Mrs. H. H. McHenry.
Mrs. S. H. Mains
Mrs. S. H. Matchett.

Carrie Ramsey. Clerk.

The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.
D.F.N. Ralston - Treasurer of Plymouth church - submitted the following report:

REPORT OF F.N.RALSTON, TREASURER,

in account with

P L Y M O U T H C H U R C H

For the year ending January 9,1911.

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RECEIPTS

Balance from previous year in Deacons' fund,------- - - - - -	$ 5.20	
Collections on six communion Sundays - - - - - - - - - -	$78.10	
From individuals & division of benevolences for Deacons' fund ,- ---- - -	35.77	113.87
		119.07
Contribution of members for		
Am.Board of Com.for Foreign missions,--- - - - -	245.32	
Ia.Cong.Home Missionary Society, - - - - - - - - -	187.91	
Cong. Building Society, - - - - - - - - - - - - -	15.85	
Cong.Sunday School & Publishing Society,- - - - -	9.93	
Cong.Educational Society,- - - - - - - - - - -	8.45	
Ministerial relief, -- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	11.40	
Plymouth Sunday School, - - --- - - - - - - - - -	14.85	
American Missionary Asso., - - - - - - - - - - - -	16.85	510.56
		629.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenses of pastor to Chicago,etc. from Deacons fund, - - - -	$ 51.50	
Assistance to members in need, - - - - -	40.00	
Bal.on hand in Deacons fund,- - -- - - -	27.57	-------
		119.07
emittances to		
I.C.H.M.S, -	$250.00	
A.B.C.F.M.,- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	111.30	
Bal.on hand in Benevolence Accts.- - - - - - - - -	149.26	510.56
		$629.63

This report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

D. Ralston - as secretary of the Board of Deacons made a brief verbal report. There had been a meeting of the deacons every Sunday morning before church - and the duties which devolve upon the Board had been attended to. Nearly

returns had been cared for and since March - when the deacons were authorized by the church to act for the church in ordinary routine matters - such as regularly conducting the prayer-meeting - the deacons had tried to fulfil this obligation.
This report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Nash gave the following report for the Music Department of Plymouth church.
"Report of the Music Department of Plymouth Church for the year 1910.
The department of music embraces the organization and maintenance of the Plymouth vested choir; the organization and training of the Plymouth Sunday Week Evening Club and the direction of all Music to be rendered with the Church and Sunday School.
The choir is in the midst of its 8th year of service under the present direction. It is organized without rules after an application for membership is made - an examination in range and quality of voice is given and a test of musical study and ability made.
During the past year there was an enrollment of 224 in the choir, 101 Sopranos, 47 Altos, 33 Tenors and 43 Bass.
Rehearsals have occurred on every Thursday night during the entire year with but two exceptions. Extra rehearsals are held on Tuesday nights and on Sunday mornings.
The attendance, without any

attendin has been as good as in any
year of its history.
During the last ~~three~~ months absence
from the city - sickness and too much
holiday work all conspired to make
the work quite hard.
The spirit and purpose of the choir
have been to do with a will the duties
assigned from week to week and to
maintain a high grade of excellence
in musical performance and in
spiritual interpretation.
The choir gave 26 consecutive services
from May 31 Sunday afternoon, beginning
June 1909 and ending June 12, 1910.
From Oct. 1st to June gave 14 services
from May. These services have had a large
and appreciative audience and in
connection with the morning problem
address on Parish and the Social
service following - have performed a
large and helpful ministry to the
people. Our usher's The loose
collection taken at these 40 afternoon
services during the year amounted to
$600.99.
The organization and training of the
Sunday School choir is the most
interesting feature of the work. The
work is a ministry at large as
the children of the age from 8 to 18 yrs
are allowed to come from any
denomination in the city. The
regular hour is ten hour and
15 prin every Sunday at 4 30.
Extra rehearsals are held on Sunday
Thurs. and Sat. afternoons. In the class

in Town Catholic, Jews. Unitarians, Christian Scientists, Quakers and many other denominations. Their Sun Sch. enrollment of 234 Primary Dept. 1. The enrollment for the year was more than 400. Out of this class a number of our best singers are transferred into the Senior choir.

Letters were from this class have assisted the church choir in Sun services during the past year. Christmas, Children Day, Easter 30, and in Christmas Day when the antiphonal singing of more than 100 children in the Park gallery, was especially enjoyed. Here I may say that there is no one factor, which has aided and strengthened the Epis'opal church all over this world as the great singing of numbers from this Boy choirs, who have been going through the Lents of attendance at the church services and by the love instilled for the music.

This choir held a Xmas entertainment December 26-1910 with 140 persons.

My recommendations for improvement in this department are — a choir loft retreat to permit a processional and recessional; new vestments for the choir; A new piano for the Sunday School and Parish room; More money appropriated to be used in maintaining the Sunday afternoon song services and more money appropriated for new music with grateful appreciation for the hearty support and cordial sympathy, during the

year and with a sincere desire that the work may prosper and upward in the future - this report is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely - Margaret Sawyer Hicks - (Signed)
Clerk & Trustees - Plymouth Church.

This report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

In the absence of the Sunday School Superintendent Mr. Barnard reported the average attendance during the year 117, and about $25.00 in the treasury. The other church organizations offered no reports. The nominating Committee not being ready - the report was postponed until later.

The following letter of resignation sent by Mr. Hodgdon to the church was read by the clerk.-

Dec. 29, 1910.

My dear People:-

A proposition has been made to me by the First Congregational Church in Winchester, Mass. to take the pastorate of that church. After long and careful deliberation I have become persuaded that it is my duty to accept their invitation.

I therefore resign the pastorate of Plymouth church, subject to your action and the advice and counsel of a mutual council. I trust you will accept my resignation, unite with me in calling a council and permit me to terminate my work not later than February 1, 1911.

Because of the peculiar relationship which I, as you installed pastor, hold toward you - a relationship of nearly eight years'

duration, - during which time many dear and tender associations have been formed and many anticipations created, I feel that I should frankly confess that this decision has cost me a severe spiritual struggle. This field has its difficulties but its difficulties are to me absolutely nothing as compared with the rewards received in service ahead rendered; the fine inspirations of friendships and confidences which are mine, and the real make promises for the future, if the church remains steadfastly progressive, as I am sure it must do under my continued leadership, and which I sincerely trust will be done under the leadership of another. Every live institution has problems; Christ instituting has them; but I rejoice that I can frankly say that the problems have never discouraged me so that even by a suggestion I might an opportunity to forsake them. To this I add, that a patience has ever tainted my loyalty. I say this with due humility and gratitude, and with genuine appreciation for all that we have been permitted to do together.

The call which has come to me from Nicholas has come unsought and undreamed of. It came as a Peculiar Providence. In every single particular which in comparison is possible, this position opens to me an opportunity so far superior to any that this field could afford, that the superiority is self-evident. As one who trusts in God for leadership and lives to minister in the Master's name as influentially as possible, I simply do not dare to neglect the call. It was the path of duty to my clear.

Most cordially yours
(signed) Frank M. Bristol.

Mr. Hodgdon spoke briefly asking that the resignation be accepted and called Mr. Lewis to the chair.

Mr. Lewis made a few remarks expressing his very great regret that it was necessary to consider the resignation.

Upon motion the resignation was accepted in terms of Mr. Hodgdon's request.

Mr. A. K. Campbell made a motion that a committee of three (3) be appointed - representing the church Mr. Lewis to be one member - to act with the pastor in calling a council for the purpose of severing connections with the pastor.

The motion carried.

The chair appointed Mrs. Ramsay - clerk - and Mr. Bennett - Lewis deacon - as the other members. This committee was given power to determine the number of churches to be represented by pastor and delegates and to make all arrangements.

A motion was made by Mr. Everett Bro L. S. Ross - Mr. J. C. Cummins and Dr. Schenck be appointed a committee to draw up resolutions relative to the resignation of the pastor. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Everett that the chair appoint a committee of 5 - which committee should select a list of eleven names - seven men four women - to act as Pastoral nominating Committee.

Mr. Barnard amended this motion by changing word "chair" to "nominating Committee". The motion was carried as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Hodgdon that the "Nominating Committee"

be instructed to
report this Committee & fin - before the
close of the meeting. Motion carried.
A Motion was made by Mr. Merrill,
that this committee be
instructed to report to this meeting
which shall be adjourned to the
Friday evening following the meeting
of the Council. Motion carried.
At this time Mr. Hodgdon resumed
the chair.
A motion was made by Mr. Merrill
that the expenses of the delegates to
the Council be paid from the
church treasury. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Mr. Lewis
that the Committee of eleven be
enlarged to fifteen in the proportion
of nine men to six women.
Pro motion was carried.
Upon motion by Mr. Lewis that
the Nominating Committee report
the Committee of five at the present
time - the following names were
reported by - Mr. Hutchinson - Mr. Wilbur Mr. Mann
as the Nominating Committee.
For the Committee of five -
Prof L. S. Ross -
Mrs. Dudley -
Mr. A. H. Everett -
Mr. J. W. Penney -
Mr. T. V. Hodgdon -
Upon motion this report was accepted
and the persons named were
made the Committee to select the
Ground Committee.

Through Mr. Mount - the committee appointed to nominate the officers for the next year made the following report;-

Deacons - 8.

J. N. Jenney. elected 1913
Dr. G. N. Hill. - (Mrs Holday) 1913
S. A. Merrill. (Jay 1913 Parker)
A. P. Stone. 1913
Erwin Schenck. 1913
E. E. Crawford. 1913
O. N. Follett.
F. N. Rahlin.

Fr clerk - Mrs E. A. Ramon.
Fr treasurer - Dr. F. N. Rahlin.

Deaconess - 12

Mrs G. N. Hill - Mrs J. C. Cummins.
" N. B. Hodges - " J. S. Clark.
" F. N. Chase - " A. F. Berry.
" Chas Grimm - " Geo Hibbs -
" N. N. Jenkins Mrs May Goss -
" Ella Cooke. " Anna Merrill.

Nominations S. S. Board -

A. S. Carleton.
L. S. Root.

No objections being raised the report was accepted and the clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for the names as read.

During the nominating committee had not been able to select a S. S. Supt., it was moved by Mr. Jenjan that the selection of a superintendent be left to the S. S. Board - with power to act.

The motion was carried

Mr. H. B. Hodges - declined to serve on the Committee of Fin. A motion was made that the resignation be accepted. Carried.

A motion was made and passed that Mr. Reed serve on the committee in Mr. Hodges place.

It was moved by Mr. Ferris that the meeting adjourn to meet the Friday evening following the meeting of the Council.

Motion carried.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mr. Hodgson.

Cassie Ranson - Clerk.

Jan 8 - 1911.

The committee - consisting of Mr Ferris - Mr Mount and Mr. Ranson - appointed by the Church to co-operate with the pastor in making plans for a Council - next after Church.

It was decided to invite the following Churches to be represented by pastor and delegate at a Council - this Council to be held Jan. 16 - at 2 o'clock - in Plymouth Church:-

Waterloo — First Congregational.

Avon —

Stuart —

Des Moines:

Pilgrim —

Plymouth —

Watts Park. -

And the following individuals -

Rev. H. H. Pratt - Rev - A. C. Johnson.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

Called by Plymouth Church, Des Moines, Iowa to dismiss from Pastorate Rev. F. W. Hodgdon, to meet at Plymouth Church Chapel at 2:00 P M, Monday, January 16th, 1911.

Council called

Shortly after 2:00 P.M. of the day appointed, Rev. W. H. Rollins, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Waterloo, called the brethren together and read the letter missive. Upon motion Brother Rollins was elected temporary Moderator and upon investigation it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Upon motion the temporary organization was made permanent. Upon motion Rev. W. A. Briggs was elected scribe of the council. The Scribe then proceeded to make up the roll and the following are t the names of the Churches and persons invited to the council, all of which Churches were represented and persons were present:

Churches	Pastor	Delegate
Waterloo First	W. H. Rollins	J. O. Stephenson
Ames	W. J. Minchin	W. P. George
Stuart	W. A. Briggs	F. E. Ball
Des Moines		
Pilgrim		J. M. Pickett
North Park	F. O. Douglas Jr.	Geo. Royal
Greenwood	J. P. Burling	J. G. Olmstead

Individuals, P. A. Johnson, D.D., H. W. Tuttle, D. D.

The records of the churches were then called for by the Moderator and the clerk of the church, Mrs C. A. Rawson, then read that part which refered to the Pastor's resignation and the action of the church pertaining thereto. Prof. L. S. Ross, a member of a committee appointed by the church at the time the resignation was accepted read resolutions presented by the committee and adopted by the church expressing the high appreciation which the church felt of Brother Hodgdonss services as Pastor, the keen regret felt by all at his leaving and their willingness to submit to his request, and bid him "God Speed" only because the call to the new field presented an opportunity for greater usefulness. A statement on behalf of the church was then made by Mr. G. H Lewis, Chairman of the Committee of the Church.

Brother Hodgdon then made a personal state ent of the history of the call from the church at Winchester, Mass., and his feeling that it presented to him an opportunity to do better service for the Kingdom than was possible in his present pastorate. The roll was then called and each member of the council expressed freely his mind with reference to the matter of Brother Hodgdon's l leaving.

Following this Dr. A. L. Frisbee, the Pastor Emeritus, was called upon and made a brief statement expressing his sympathetic and kindly interest in his pastor and his keen regret at his leaving Plymouth Church.

The council then voted to be by itself and upon roll call each member expressed his approval of the action of the church in accepting the resigna ion of Brother Hodgdon and the following report to the church was drafted and accepted as the unanimous voice of the Council in this matter: viz.

"In view of the departure of Brother Hodgdon from Plymouth Church of Des Moines, and state of Iowa, we the members of the mutual council called by the Church and pastor to consider his resignation, with regret express our approval and acquiesence with the action of the Council, and express our deep sense of loss both personal and ecclesiastical in the departure of one who has been active in all denominational work of the city and State. We heartily recommend him to the affection and fellowship of the Churches and pastors in the new field to which he goes."

By action taken while the council was by itself abter the reading of this report to the church the council ~~stood adjourned, Sine die~~ was dissolved.

Wallis H. Rollins Moderator

Wallis A. Briggs Scribe

in alphabetical order is as follows:-

A.E. Holloway.	Wm. H. M. Black
D.A. Langard.	" C.H. Harris
Leo. N. Lewis	" C. A. Ramsden
S. A. Merrill	" F. M. Ross
E. S. Miller.	" R. N. Shurley
R.M. Monroe.	" H-I. Yerkes.
Grand Nolen.	
N.B. Southwell.	
J. B. Mann Jr.	

Signed -

L.S. Ross -

Chairman Com.

A motion was made that the Committee of fifteen be enlarged to twenty-one including Mr. Mundt to be named as chairman.

Mr. Mundt refused to serve.

Mr. Worley made a motion that the Committee of fifteen be enlarged to twenty-one by adding to it the Committee of five + Mr. Mundt to be Chairman.

The chair ruled that since Mr. Mundt refused to serve - it was not necessary to put the first motion.

Prof. Ross rose to a point of order - stating that Mr. Mundt refused to serve - was no reason for eliminating the first motion.

Upon motion Mr. Hodgdon relating was sustained.

Mr. Worley's motion was then carried.

Mr. Wilfred Woods - on behalf of the Boys Club - stated that the name had been changed to "The Hodgdon Boys Club of Plymouth Church".

Mr. Hodgdon responded with a few touching and inspiring words.

Prof. Ross & Mr. Jump & Emery & R B. Marley Mr. Mundt

A motion was made by Bro. Everett - that it be the sense of this meeting - that Bro. Ward be chairman of the Committee of Liberty. Motion Carried.

Upon request - Bro. Bolyden made brief remarks - asking the people of Plymouth Church. to work with united zeal and effort - to carry the life of the great church forward - leaving Plymouth in the place she planned to occupy and equipping the mission the organ to exert.

An invitation from the Ministerial Association was read inviting Plymouth Church to be represented by pastor and three delegates at a meeting to be held - Monday - Jan. 23 - in the First Baptist Church. The purpose of the meeting - to take steps towards establishing a Federation of Churches.

Upon motion this invitation was accepted and the following were made delegates -

Bro. Ward - Dr. Hill. - and Bro. S.A. Morris

The following motion was made by Bro. O.W. Pelett and supported by Bro. Lewis - That the Church extend to Bro. Bolyden a vote of thanks and express appreciation for all he has done.

The motion was put by Bro. Lewis and carried unanimously.

After prayer - the meeting adjourned -

Carrie Rawson - Clerk.

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WINCHESTER, MASS., April 14, 1911.

The First Congregational Church and Society in Winchester

to the Plymouth Congregational Church

in Des Moines, Iowa, **sendeth greeting:**

Dear Brethren:

Rev. Frank W. Hodgdon, of Des Moines, Iowa, has accepted the call of the First Congregational Church and Society of Winchester, to become its pastor and teacher, and we have fixed upon Thursday, April 27, 1911, as a suitable date for his installation.

We therefore cordially invite you to meet with others in an Ecclesiastical Council in our house of worship upon this date, at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

We desire your approval of our action, your sanction of our choice, and your assistance in consummating this union of pastor and people according to the customs of our denomination.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace in Jesus Christ, we are,

Yours in Christian fellowship,

CHARLES E. SWETT,
JAMES W. CAMERON,
ARTHUR W. HALE,
GEORGE S. CABOT,
JOHN K. MURDOCK,
EDWARD L. BALDWIN,
ALPHEUS BOWERS,
RALPH B. REDFERN,
Committee of the Church.

HENRY C. ROBINSON.
F. S. SNYDER,
PRESTON POND,
Committee of the Society.

The Pilgrim Congregational Church

East 12th and Maple Streets Des Moines, Iowa,

To the Plymouth Congregational Church of Des Moines

Senueth Greeting.

The Great Head of the Church has united us, and the Congregation statedly worshiping with us, in the choice of Rev. John C.Prince as our pastor, and he has acceptedamour invitation to that office. We therefore request your attendance by pastor and delegate at our church on Monday the third day of April 1911 at three o'clock P.M. to examine the candidate, to review our proceedings, and to advise us in reference to the same; and if judged expedient, to conduct the Ordination Services and extend the fellowship of the ministers and churches.

Wishing you grace, mercy, and peace,

V. P. Twombly,
A. H. McNulty,
Walter B. Hay,

Committee.

Please advise us if you can be in attendance.

The churches and individuals invited are as follows:-

Plymouth Cong'l Church,	Des Moines.	Cong'l Church,	Ankeny.
North Park "	" " "	" "	Mitchellville.
Greenwood "	" " "	" "	Valley Junction.
Union "	" " "	Rev. P.A.Johnson,	Grinnell.
S.A.Merrill,	" " "	T.O.Douglass,	"
Rev. A.L.Frisbie,	" " "	J.H.Olmstead,	Clarion.
" W.J.Minchin,	Ames. "	W.A.Briggs,	Stuart.
" W.L.Sutherland,	" "	W.H.Rollins,	Waterloo.

By vote of the Church, Maurice G. Mercer

March 20th, 1911. Church Clerk.

Mr. Geo. H. Lewis was appointed delegate.

The following churches and persons are invited to sit in council:

The Church of Christ in Bedford.
The Orthodox Church in Billerica.
The Church in Burlington.
The Church in Carlisle.
The Hancock Church in Lexington.
The First Church in Malden.
The Maplewood Church in Malden.
The Linden Church in Malden.
The Mystic Church in Medford.
The Church in West Medford.
The Union Church in South Medford.
The Orthodox Church in Melrose.
The Church in Melrose Highlands.
The Union Church in North Reading.
The Church in Reading.
The Church in Stoneham.
The First Church in Wakefield.
The Church in Wilmington.
The Second Church in Winchester.
The First Church in Woburn.
The Church in North Woburn.
The Scandinavian Church in Woburn.
The Church in Montvale.
The Plymouth Church in Des Moines, Iowa.
The Clinton Ave. Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.
The Harvard Church in Brookline.
The Pilgrim Church in Dorchester.
The North Avenue Church in Cambridge.
The First Church in Newton Centre.
The North Church in Haverhill.
The Center Church in Lynnfield.
The First Church in Concord, N. H.
The First Church, Meriden, Conn.

Rev. Asher Anderson, D.D., Boston.
Rev. Albert E. Dunning, D.D., Boston.
Rev. Wm. Ewing, D.D., Boston.
Pres. Albert P. Fitch, D.D., Cambridge.
Rev. Heman P. De Forest, D.D., Lexington.
Rev. Charles C. Merrill, Winchendon.
Prof. John W. Platner, D.D., Cambridge.
Rev. Cyrus Richardson, D.D., Nashua, N. H.

Rev. Charles R. Seymour D.D.
Mount Vernon Heights, N.Y.

The delegates appointed to represent Plymouth church at the Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting of the Dorchester District held at Adamsville - April 25-26, 1911 - were -

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May 10, 1911.

A called meeting of the church to consider a report and recommendations from the Committee on Pastoral Supply was held in the Sunday School room - Mr. Lewis in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Prof. Wright.

Mr. Ward Chairman - gave a brief report of the work of the Committee and upon motion the following resolution was passed -

Resolved - that we employ Rev. J. Edward Kuhyn D.D. as our pastor - at an annual salary of $3500.00 - to be paid in monthly instalments. — Said pastor to have a vacation of six weeks.

If either party shall desire to dissolve this relation ~~this~~ of pastor and people - said party shall give to the other party three months notice; said pastorate to begin May 25, 1911. It is hoped this relation of pastor and people may continue many years. A unanimous vote was called for and the motion was carried unanimously - making adjourned

(COPY)

J. EDWARD KIRBYE, D. D.
Minister
BESSIE TEMPLETON
erk

The First Congregational Church

Medina, Ohio.

C. D. WIGHT
Chairman Board o
W. H. SIPH
Chairman Pastoral

May 15th, 1911.

Plymouth Congregational Church

Des Moines, Iowa

My Dear Friends:

Your unanimous call to the pastorate of Plymouth Church has rea me and I want to assure you that I am deeply grateful for the trust you willing to repose. Plymouth Church offers a unique opportunity in your splendidly enthusiastic and growing city, and the days of my acquaintan only deepened my conviction of the growing possibilities in the Church. The opportunity is only matched by your responsibility.

In a Church face to face increasingly with cosmopolitan conditions there will arise many problems, and there will be great opportunity for personal differences of opinion, but there is also in t the opportunity to reveal the unselfish spirit for the common good. The interests of Plymouth Church first and foremost must be consta tly magnified.

In coming to you my heart is full of kindliness and good will f all. I may not be able to preach with the oratorical fervor of a Van Ho or with the pungent brilliance of a Hodgdon, but Ican love deeply and st faithfully to be a friend to all, and after all Christianity is largely matter of friendship--friendship with Christ and with each other. I sh like to see Plymouth Church a great friendly institution in the life of the city.

And while I am speaking of this, may I express another wish? It filled my heart with cheer to meet Dr. and Mrs. Frisbie, your long time friends, and I trust that their last days among us will be full of blessi and that the honor justly belonging to them may be lavishly given.

My plans are so immature at this time that I can only express a wish for the fullest cooperation and good will from all. I am breaking ties here that are very dear, but I am sure of friends among you. With a humble trust in the Father and with Christ's leadership may our relatio together be those of discipleship in the coming Kingdom of love. May the Church which you serve, your homes which you cherish, your children whom you love, your friendships which exalt, your city in which you delight, a be abundantly blessed and prosper is my prayer. And to the great Head o the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord, may all honor and glory be given. Expecting to see you all Sunday, May 28th, I am

Sincerely Yours,

J. EDWARD KIRBYE.

Dear Friend: A committee of twenty members was appointed by our church to select a Pastor whom this committee could recommend to the Church. This committee was quite representative in character and consisted of the following persons:

Elliott S. Miller	W. H. Langan	B. C. Ward
Dr. C. E. Holloway	Geo. H. Lewis	Mrs. W. M. Black
Gerard Nollen	W. B. Southwell	Mrs. F. W. Vorse
S. A. Merrill	Prof. L. S. Ross	Mrs. P. B. Durley
R. M. Mount	J. W. Jenney	Mrs. C. H. Morris
J. B. Weaver, Jr.	H. G. Everett	Mrs. C. A. Rawson,

Mrs. W. W. Wheeler Mrs. W. H. Yonkers.

This committee was very faithful and spent nearly four months in coming to a decision. The names of thirty-one ministers, all with recommendations, came before your committee for consideration. These ministers live in sixteen States—from Maine to California and from Michigan to Florida. Your committee looked up the ministerial record of these men, and, one by one, names were eliminated for one reason or another from this long list until it was reduced to the one name of Rev. J. Edward Kirbye, D. D. of Medina, Ohio. The committee then sent Mr. Jay E. Tone—one of our Trustees—and B. C. Ward to Ohio to look up the record and ministerial standing of Dr. Kirbye. This sub-committee was gone five days. They heard Dr. Kirbye preach in his own church and talked with many business men in Medina. Then they visited Cleveland, Oberlin and Toledo, where they had interviews with several prominent Clergymen who are well acquainted with Dr. Kirbye. Practically everything they saw and heard concerning Dr. Kirbye was very favorable. He seems to have a fine standing in the State of Ohio.

After the return of this sub-committee, Dr. Kirbye was invited to preach for our people the second time. Your committee then held another meeting. Two members, Mrs. Durley and Mrs. Yonkers, were out of the State, but the eighteen members in the city were unanimous in recommending that our church employ Dr. Kirbye as Pastor. At a called meeting of the Church and Society, May 10, Dr. Kirbye was called to be our Pastor by a practically unanimous vote.

Your committee has letters highly endorsing Dr. Kirbye from eleven prominent Clergymen, and also fine letters of endorsement from such men as Dr. C. C. Creegan, President of Fargo College, Dr. Chas. A. Blanchard, President of Wheaton College, and Dr. Chas. H. Richards, Secretary of our Congregational Church Building Society.

Dr. Kirbye will begin his pastorate next Sunday, May 28. It now becomes the duty of all our members to rally around Dr. Kirbye and give him hearty and loyal support in every possible way. Will not you personally resolve to be regular in your attendance at the church services? Empty pews are very depressing to a Pastor, and the faithful members who attend the services. A good congregation inspires the Preacher and makes strangers think that the church is alive. There is helpful contagion in numbers. Will you not make a special effort to be regular in your church attendance? Do not let unfavorable weather or "that tired feeling" keep you at home. The most unfavorable time of the year for church work—the summer vacation time—is close at hand. So much the more need for those who remain in the city to be faithful.

In behalf of the Committee,

B. C. WARD, Chairman.

Prayer-meeting - June 21, 1911.
The recommendation of the Board of Deacons - a committee consisting of Mr. Lewis - Prof. Ross and Mr. Grimes was appointed to plan with the pastor the exercises of installation for September or October. Voted by the church.

Carrie Ramsey - clerk.

September 27 - 1911. Prayer-meeting
It was voted to receive Mrs. Mary Shepherd into the church - from the Wayside Brethren church of Van Buren - Ind.
Letters were granted to Roy Caspar - to the Fairmont Park Congregational church - Des Moines - and to Mrs. C. B. Hammon to the Christian Science of Des Moines

September 20 - 1911 - Prayer-meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee were united into membership - from Pilgrim church.
A letter of dismissal was granted to Mrs. Frances Bolton, and to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Selby.

D. G. H. Hill and W. B. C. Ward were chosen to represent Plymouth church as delegates to Des Moines Association of Congl Churches and Ministers - Pilgrim Church - Oct. 10, 11, 1911.

At 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the Churches of the Association have been invited to participate in the Council called by the Plymouth Church to install its new pastor, Rev. J. Edward Kirbye, D. D., and the meeting of the Association will be adjourned in time for those present to reach Plymouth Church for the opening of the Council. The services of Installation will be held at Plymouth Church Wednesday evening beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

SERVICES AT THE INSTALLATION
OF
REV. J. EDWARD KIRBYE, D. D.
AS PASTOR OF
PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DES MOINES, IOWA

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER ELEVENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN

PROGRAM

AFTERNOON SESSION

Beginning at Three o'clock P. M.

1. Organization of Council and Election of Moderator
2. Statement of Faith and Doctrine, by Rev. J. Edward Kirbye, D. D.
3. Examination by Council
4. Vote by Council

EVENING SESSION

Beginning at Eight o'clock P. M.

1. Organ Selection - - - Mrs. Cowper
2. Hymn
3. Reading of Scripture Rev. A. W. Minchen, Ames
4. Prayer - - Rev. P. A. Johnson, Grinnell
5. Solo - - - - - Mrs. DeGraff
6. Sermon, Rev. Alexander Lewis, D. D; Kansas City
7. Music - - - - - Quartette
8. Charge to the Church, Rev. James P. Burling, Pastor Greenwood Congregational church
9. Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Alexander Jenkins, D. D. Omaha
10. Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. P. F. Marston, Grinnell
11. Benediction by the Pastor, Rev. J. Edward Kirbye, D. D.

INUTES OF AN ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL HELD AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL

HURCH, DES MOINES, IOWA, OCTOBER 11, 1911.

he Council was convened in the parlors of Plymouth Church at 3 P.M.
ct 11, 1911. Rev. W.J.Minchin, the pastor longest in service, read the
etter missive which was as follows:

"Plymouth Congregational Church, Des
oines, Iowa to the ------Church in ------, Greeting.

This church after mature deliberation and seeking divine guidance has
nited in a call to Rev. J.Edward Kirbye, D.D., as pastor and he has
esponded favorably to its call, already having begun his work among us.
e therefore affectionately request you to be present by Pastor and dele-
te in an Ecclesastical Council to be constituted as stated below, hereby
alled to meet in our place of w rship on the 11th day of October at
P.M., which shall review our proceedings, and make the necessary
xaminations, and, if the result be favorable, proceed with us in his
nstallation as Pastor of this Church and extend to him the fellowship
the ministers and churches.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace,
Geo.H.Lewis
H.J.Griswold Com. of the church
L.S.Ross

he list of churches and individuals invited will be found in connection
th the roll.)

temporary organization was effected by the election of W.J.Minchin as
derator and of T.O.Douglass Jr. as scribe.

e roll of the council was called and showed the following representation
innell. Dr.P.E.Somers, delegate.
. ary's Ave., Omaha. J.A.Jenkins, Pastor
kany. H.M.Shirk, pastor
elphi. Miss Anthony, delegate.
es. W.J.Minchin, pastor; L.C.Tilden, delegate
well. C.A.Pfund, delegate.
tchellville. P.C.Fiske, pastor; S.C.Prichard, delegate.
den. S.L.Unger, pastor.
rry. B.W.Burleigh, pastor; W.H.Ogle, delegate.
airie City. W.C.North, pastor; Mrs Baldwin, delegate.
nnells. H.M.Peterson, pastor; Mrs. C.R.Osburn, delegate.
uart. W.A.Briggs, pastor; Mrs. Bertha Harlan, delegate.
s Moines, Greenwood. J.P.Burling, pastor; W.M.Parsons, delegate.
s Moines, North Park. T.O.Douglass Jr., pastor; J.W.McCabe, delegate.
s Moines, Pilgrim. J.C.Prince, pastor; Miss Ella Percival, delegate.
ion Church, Des Moines. C.S.Stewart, delegate.

dividuals responding; Pres. J.H.T.Main, Grinnell; Rev. Jn. Wright, Des
ines; Rev. Alexander Lewis, Kansas Ci y Mo.; Rev. E.C.Moulton, Des
ines, Rev. A.T.Burnell, Des Moines.

e following churches were invited but not represented: Berwick, Bondu-
nt, Crocker, Ellsworth, Garden Prairie, Gilbert Station, Kelley,
oxville, Lincoln, Linn Grove, Polk City, Valley Junction.

e following individuals were invited and sent excuses: Rev. P.A.
hnson, Grinnell; Rev. T.O.Douglass, Grinnell; Rev. H.W. Tuttle,
innell; Rev. W.L.Sutherland, Ames.

The roll having been called, a quorum was found present.
It was voted that the temporary organization be made permanent.
Moderator Minchin led the Council in prayer.
The second reading of the roll was by vote dispensed with.
The action of the church was reported by the clerk who reported the choosing of a pulpit supply com., its recommendation of Brother Kirbye for pastor, the vote of the church calling the pastor and the pastor's reply. Also the action of the church calling this council.

The pastor's report consisted of a brief statement of his pastoral experience and a paper on : "Great Doctrines which Survive". By request, a short biographical statement was added.
The pastor was farther examined by questions from various members of the Council.

It was voted that the Council be by itself. Being by itself, it was moved that we approve the action of Plymouth Church and recomment that we proceed to the installation of Pastor Kirbye. This was voted without dissent.

It was voted that a com. of three be appointed by the Moderator to confer with the church and pastor with regard to public installation services after informing them of the Council's action. Bros. Jenkins, Burling and Unger were appointed.
A.L.Frisbie and A.T.Burnell were appointed to bring in the pastor to the council and to announce the results of its findings to the people. The Moderator made formal announcement to Dr. Kirbye of the Council's act

The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the program com was adopted recommending the program recor-

ded below.

It was voted that the clerk be instructed to complete the minutes and to file copies with the pastor, the church and the State Registrar and that at the close of the evening installation services the Council be adjourned sine die.

The program of public installation services was as follows:
Organ Selection - - - Mrs. Holmes Cowper.
Report of Findings of Council by the Scribe.
Hymn.
Scripture Reading - - -J.C.Prince
Prayer - - -B.W.Burleigh.
Solo - - - -~~Mrs. De Graff~~. Miss Ila Mount
Sermon - - - Alexander Lewis.
Music - - - Quartette.
Installing Prayer - - -W.J.Minchin
Charge to the Church - - J.P.Furling
Charge to the Pastor - - -Alexander Jenkins.
Right Hand of Fellowship - - Pres. J.H.T.Main.
Benediction by the Pastor, J.Edward Kirbye.

Attest:

W.J. Minchin Moderator.

T.A. Douglass Jr. Scribe.

Oct. 20, 1911.

The annual meeting of Plymouth Cong'l church was called to order by Dr. Kirbye.
Mr. E.A. Huntington led in prayer.
Letters of dismission were granted to
Mrs. Margaret L. Hatch -
Herbert "
Margaret "
Herbert " to the First Congregational church of Winchester, Mass.
It was voted to accept said memberships from the Tabernacle church of St. Joseph, Mo. -
Rev. Chas. Patton -
Mrs. " "
Gladys "
Dr. Kirbye spoke of the morning Saturday afternoons - Oct. 21 - the last meeting of the Men and Religion Forward Movement.
Wished ten or fifteen men to be present -
Subject of meeting Inter-church relations.
On the next Wed. night 100 men were expected to present at prayer-meeting.
Dr. Kirbye appointed a Nominating Com. Mr. B.E. Ward - Jay Tuttle,

Dr. Ralston gave the Treasurer's report.

REPORT OF F.N.RALTON IN ACCOUNT WITH

PLYMOUTH CHURCH FOR THE YEAR

ENDING OCT.1,1911.

Receipts

Balance from previous year		176.83
Collections on Communion Sundays	28.88	
From Individuals & div.of benevolences	31.38	
Amer.Board of Comm for F.M.	60.99	
Ia.Cong.Home Missionary Society	233.87	
Cong.Building Society	4.15	
Cong S.S. & Pub Society	2.50	
Cong Educational Society	4.10	
Ministerial Relief	3.92	
Plymouth S.S.	4.45	377.39
American Missionary ~~Schoo~~ Asso	5.15	
		554.22

The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Report of the Clerk of the Church was as follows --

Report of Clerk of Church for nine months - Jan. 1, 1911 - to Oct. 1, 1911.

Total membership - Jan. 1, 1911 —	923
Received by letter -	9
" on Confession —	0
Total accessions —	9
Dismissed by letter -	24
Removals by death -	4
Total removals —	28
Total membership - Oct. 1, 1911 -	904.
Male - members -	312.
Female - " -	592.
Non - resident " -	140.
Infant - baptisms —	2.

Names of those having died during year -
Mrs. Anna Hyzer.
Mrs. F. E. Brown.
Mae B. Talcott.
Mrs. Frank Balis.

Mrs. Chas. A. Rawson - Clerk.

There were no reports from the Deacons on Sunday School and owing to the change in the time of holding the annual meeting - reports from the various organizations of the church were not ready.

Mr. Kirby spoke in behalf of the Sunday School - of the splendid progress being made and of the two sessions. - The regular session at 10:45 o'clock and one during the regular Church service.

It was moved that the proper officers

of the various societies be requested to have a written report ready to be given later and placed in file. Carried.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was given and adopted.

Little Father - Byron C. Ward.

Supt. of Sunday School - Mr. S.A. Merrill

Clerk - Mrs. Charles A. Ramsey.

Treasurer - Dr. F.N. Raleigh.

Board of Managers of Sunday School.

Mr. S.A. Merrill -

Mr. A.B. Carleton

Prof. L.S. Ross.

Mr. N.H. Barnard.

Mr. W.B. Kernan.

Deacons - holding over for one year -

Gershom H. Hill.

N. Thompson.

J.N. Jenney.

Dr. A.P. Stone.

O.N. Follett.

Dr. F.N. Raleigh.

Mrs. Brooks.

Emma Schenck.

Deacons for a term of two years...

G.H. Ferris.

B.C. Ward.

Elliott Miller.

E.H. Thurleigh

James Parker.

Rev. A.J. Burnell.

Dr. C.E. Holloway.

N.A. Applegate.

Deaconesses ---

Trustees -: G.H. Hill - A.L. Cooley -

H.B. Hedges - F.N. Clark. - J.C. Cummins -

E. C. Grimm - Frank Ives - G. N. Lewis -
H. H. Yokes - Sidney Dillon - Henry Rollins -
Miss Annie Merrill.

The following committees were added to the regular list - ...

Oakland - Christ - Grand S. Holmes -
H. J. Griswold Frank P. Ives.
Howard Corbin Britton Davison.
Roy Schofield Judson Merrill
Clark Tousley E. D. Brown.
Chas. N. Prentiss E. G. Brown.
Jas. Callanan Sidney Dillon.
John F. Wulff A. B. Chadwick.
E. D. Perry.

Valdez - Welcoming Committee - -
Col. H. B. Hodges - B. N. Lanyon.
Charles A. Rawson - H. M. Rollins.
R. M. Grant - Crow Brown.
F. M. Lanyon - Geo. Bixby.
A. M. Black - J. A. Mills
J. P. Morey - John B. Hatch.
J. C. Rounds - J. Howard Clark.
Warren Faust - Sidney A. Foster.

Meeting adjourned -
Mrs. C. A. Rawson - Clerk.

Nov. 1, 1911. Prayer-meeting.
It was voted to receive the following into
membership ...
By letter- Mrs. L.A. Slothmacher.
Mrs. Emma Brenner.
Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Rumple.
Rev. C.A. Chambers-
Mrs. C.A. Chambers-
Wilma and Mildred Chambers.
On confession. Mildred C. Pierce.
Relief & donation was granted to
Mrs. Richard Human.
Dr. L.B. Entrikin.