Plymouth Congregational Society

Articles of Incorporation

Know all men by these presents that we, George S Greene, John Teesdale, C. C. Dawson, Daniel Carr, Joseph T Cook, Henry A Bigelow, Levi Richardson, Joseph A. Stickney, Oliver H Baker, Galen T Kilburn, Edwin W Barnum, F Woodruff and Stacy Johns who are all persons of full age and citizens of the United States and of the State of Iowa and who are desirous to associate ourselves for religious purposes, do by these presents certify that we have formed ourselves into a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the "Plymouth Congregational Society" and that we and our successors shall be known and styled in law by the above name.

That the particular business and object of this Society is, and shall be, the promotion and advancement of religion and good morals, and the sustaining of religious worship - in the established forms of the Congregational Church - in conjunction with the Plymouth Church now organized and established in the City of Des Moines

That the number of Trustees of such Society is five, and the names of the Trustees for the first year of its existence are, George S Greene, John Teesdale, Daniel Carr, C C Dawson and Fred H Waterman.

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands, at Des Moines on this eleventh day of January A D 1859

(Signed)
Oliver H Baker,
Henry Bigelow
I I. Cook
Galen I. Kilburn
I A Stickney
Daniel Carr
George S. Greene
I Teesdale
F Woodruff
Stacy Johns
E W. Barnum
C C. Dawson
Levi Richardson

State of Iowa } SS
Polk Co

Be it remembered that on this seventh day of January A D 1859 before me the undersigned Notary Public Within and for said County, personally came the above named Oliver H Baker, George S Greene, Henry A Bigelow, John Teesdale, I I Cook F Woodruff, Galen I Kilburn, Stacy Johns I A Stickney, E W Barnum, Daniel Carr C C. Dawson and Levi Richardson Who are all personally known to me to be the identical persons Whose names are affixed to the above Certificate, and they severally acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand and Seal Notarial on this Seventh day of January A D 1859

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(Signed) S D White
Notary Public

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By-Laws

Article 1. The officers of this Society shall be a Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of five Trustees, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation.

Art 2 — It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all meetings of the Society, when present, and to perform all the ordinary duties of a presiding officer in deliberative bodies. He shall call special meetings of the Society at the request of a majority of the Board of Trustees, or of any five members of the Society, giving due and timely notice thereof. In the absence of the Moderator any member may be called to the Chair, by vote of the Society, but shall hold office for that meeting only

Art 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true record of all the proceedings of the Society, in a book provided for that purpose, and perform all other duties assigned him by the Society, not conflicting with the duties of other officers.

Art 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to Collect all monies due the Society, and pay out the same as the Society shall direct, or upon accounts audited and approved by at least three Trustees. He shall in all cases take a receipt for monies paid out of the Treasury, and preserve the same as vouchers for the correctness of his accounts. He shall at the Annual meeting in January, or at an earlier date if requested by the Society, make a full and complete report

of the receipts and expenditures during the year previous to, or since his last report. He shall also embrace in the annual report a full exhibit of the financial condition of the Society including its liabilities and assetts. Before such report shall be accepted by the Society, so much of it as appertaines to the receipts and expenditures, shall be audited and approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees. See change in Art. 4 on page 42

Art 5— It shall be the duty of the Trustees to represent the Society in its business transactions, with such powers, as in the Articles of Incorporation, are given to them; to audit and approve all demands upon the Treasurer before payment, and also to audit and approve the report of the Treasurer. See amendment on page 114

Art 6. All members of the Plymouth Church are, by virtue of such membership, members of this Society, All pew holders, and all who Contribute regularly to the support of the Church, (may become Members by signing these Rules and Regulations Amended Page 35 also Page 114

Art 7. The time of holding the Regular Annual meeting of the Society, shall be the first Monday of October. See addition to Art. 7 on Page 34 & 160 see Pg 106

Art 8. Special meetings of the Society may be called by request of a majority of the Trustees, or of any five members of the Society; public notice of such meeting shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath previous to the day of such Special Meeting, or in case such notice is not given, then five days notice in any newspaper published in Des Moines: or three days actual notice

of Such meeting to a majority of the members of the Society, shall be sufficient.

Art 9. The term of office of the Officers of this Society shall be one year, or until their Successors are elected, Amended Page 114

Art 10. Seven members of the Society (four at least, of whom are members of the Church) shall Constitute a quorum.

Art 11—. The Officers of the Society shall be chosen by ballot, unless the unanimous Consent of those present be obtained to a different rule.

Art 12. Vacancies in the Board of Officers may be filled at Special meetings.

F. C. D. McCray
John B Miller
J P Foster

Signed Jany 5 1877

articals 12 and articals 5 as amended on page 114 conflict

Revised By Laws on Page 117

Wednesday evening Jan 20 1864
An adjourned business meeting of the Society was held at the Church this evening after prayer meeting. A Tisdale Moderator, the Secretary not being present on motion of John Brillen C C Dawson was appointed Secretary pro-tem S D White Esq presented a Written Report of his Receipts and disbursements as Treasurer of the Society for the Year ending in October 1863 And also made a verbal Statement of his Receipts and disbursements since that date until the close of his official term ending the present month, On motion the Report of the Treasurer was received and referred to the Trustees, Who were instructed to settle account with him
Mr Miller called attention of the meeting to the damage being done to the fences in the neighborhood of the Church by hitching horses to them; And on motion of S D White the Trustees were instructed to have hitching-posts set about the Church as early as possible
On Motion Society adjourned
(Signed) C C. Dawson
Sec Pro Tem

Monday Evening Oct 3d 1864

Society Convened in annual Session in the church. Called to order by the Moderator Mr Tuesdale and opened with prayer by Mr Adkins.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

There being a vacancy in the office of Secretary by reason of the removal of Mr Pamlee from the City & On motion J H Wade was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr Pamlee

Report of Treasurer was read and on motion of S D White was accepted and referred to the Trustees.

Mr Tuesdale appointed a Committee at a previous meeting to Collect the subscription due on the Church building, Reported that he had Collected Four Hundred and Ninety five Dollars Which had been applied on the Mortgage & the Church leaving a balance of One Hundred and fifty five Dollars principal of the debt with interest

Total Amount unpaid of Subscription Eighteen Dollars

On motion of S D White the following resolution was adopted

Resolved that the Trustees be instructed to levy an Assessment of 33⅓ per Cent additional to the present price of pews and that the funds of the Society be raised by Rental of pews

Mr Atkinson Clerk of Session read the following resolution passed by the Church at its last Annual meeting towit

Resolved that in event of Bro Chamberlain failing to return before the annual meeting of the Society the Clerk be requested to inform the Society that the Church has failed to make

any recommendation for the employment
of a Pastor for the ensuing year; and Request-
that the Society shall hold an adjourned
meeting to make provision for payment of Salary
when the Church shall have employed a Pastor

Mr White introduced the
following Resolution Towit

Resolved that in
consideration of the inadequate support of the
Pastor for the last Year, that the Society will
pay him in addition to Salary already received
the Sum of One Hundred Dollars and that the
Salary of the Pastor for the ensuing Year shall
be Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars
— After considerable discussion, Mr White
explained that the Spirit and intent of his
2nd Resolution was to pay the Pastor whom the
Church might employ for the Ensuing Year
the Sum afore Specified — A division of the
question having been ordered by the Society
both Resolutions were adopted,

On Motion of Mr Rawson
the Society adjourned

Wm B Miller
Secretary

October 18 A.D. 1864

Society Convened in pursuance to call of the Moderator
Mr Tisdale Moderator in the Chair, Society Opened
With prayer by Mr Rollins. On motion the
resolution passed at last meeting to raise the funds
of the Society for the ensuing year by rental of
pews was Reconsidered — Mr White Offered the
following resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the pews be
rented for six months for the 1st & present
month at an increase of 33⅓ per cent on Tuesday
evening next giving to parties who may desire
the same seat, the privilege of competing for
same, the seats to go to the highest bidder

On motion Society adjourned

John B Miller
Secretary

Monday Evening January 23d 1865 —

Society Convened in pursuance of Call of the
Trustees Mr Tisdale Moderator in the Chair
Opened with prayer by Mr Atkinson, Minutes
of last meeting, read and approved

On motion the
Rule requiring the Officers of the Society to be
elected by ballot was Suspended and the Society
proceeded to vote viva voce for Officers for
ensuing Year which resulted in election of
Mr Tisdale Moderator, John B Miller Secretary
Mr A J Rawson Treasurer and Messrs Tisdale
Rollins, Atkins, Rawson and Miller Trustees

On motion the Trustees were
authorized to employ a Sexton for the ensuing
Year

On motion Messrs Tisdale, Atkins
and Stillman were appointed a Committee
to draft By Laws to be submitted to the

to the next meeting of the Society
On motion Society adjourned
to meet on the evening of the 1st Monday in March
John B Miller
Secretary

Plymouth Congregational Church
Monday Evening March 6 1865

The Moderator being absent on motion
Mr Marsh was called to the chair
Minutes of last meeting
was read and approved
The Report of Lewis
Smith Esq Treasurer of the Society for the
past year was read and referred to the
Trustees as Auditing Committee
The Com appointed at the
last meeting to draft By Laws for the
Government of this Society made their
Report which on motion was accepted
and the By Laws approved and
adopted with the addition to Article
7 of the same requiring the Officers of
Society to be Elected at the meeting
specified in said Article
On motion
Mr Rawson A Com of three were
appointed to raise money to pay off
the Church indebtedness. Mess Rawson
Buchanan and Miller were appointed
said Com
On motion it was resolved
that the present Pew Holders be allowed
to retain the seats now occupied by
them at the rate now paid for the
same until Oct 1st 1865. On motion
the Society Adjourned John B Miller
Secretary

Plymouth Congregational Church
Monday evening Aug 13 1866

Society met pursuant to Call
& Moderator

Deacon Lee Moderator
in the Chair — Opened with prayer
by Judge McClelland. The Le
being absent C H Atkins was
appointed Lee Protem. On motion
The Trustees were authorized to sell
the Church property at not less
than Four thousand Dollars
reserving the use of the house for
a term of six months. C H Atkins
was appointed a Comm. to have the
roof of the Church repaired
On motion the Trustees were
authorized to procure suitable
Gas Fixtures for lighting the Church
On motion the Society adjourned
to meet on next Monday at
8 Oclock P M

C H Atkins
Lee Protem

Plymouth Congregational Church
Monday Evening Aug 21 1865-

Society met pursuant to adjournment
Moderator in the Chair - Opened
with prayer by Rev J M Chamberlain
Sec being absent C H Atkins was
appointed Sec Protem - On motion
the Society & considered its Resolution
passed at last meeting Authorizing
the Trustees to sell the Church
and the Notes to sell laid upon
the table, On motion a Com was
Constituting Messrs Thos M Clelland
Chamberlain and Atkins to
prepare plans and ascertain the
Cost of Raising the House, putting
under a brick foundation, Expanding
the Vestry, lighting with Gas and
Enlarging the Church, On Motion
Society Adjourned

C H Atkins
Sec Pro Tem

Monday Aug 28 1865-

Society met - Moderator in the Chair
Prayer by Mr Chamberlain, Sec Absent -
C H Atkins appointed Sec Pro-Tem
Com on Repairs reported and on motion
were discharged. A Com appointed
some time since to raise funds to pay
off Church indebtedness were discharged
On Motion it was Resolved to
make only such Repairs as should
be necessary. Messrs Thos and Norman
were appointed a Com to raise
funds to pay off the Church and
Society indebtedness and Repair
the Church

C H Atkins
Sec Pro Tem

Plymouth Congregational Church
Monday Evening Sept 18 1865

Society met pursuant to Call emenating from the Secretary Moderator in the Chair Minutes of meeting of March 6 1865 read and approved

Objections being raised to the legality of the Call, the Moderator decided that the Call was illegal, Judge McKay appealed from the decision of the Chair, decision overruled, Judge McKay moved to accept the resignations of Rev I M Chamberlain, Theke voting in the affirmative were Messrs Satchell Rich Tisdale, Norman, Rawson Smith York Miller, Abel, Bowers, E B Miller, Geo Osgood, A Phillips Mrs Mark, and Mrs Brown and Smith and the Moderator 15 Those voting in the negative were, Messrs Gillett Ayres, Palmer, Bigelow, Seely, Morgan Randall, Randall Jr, Dickerson Dr Turner, Gillis, Shannon McKay, Mills and Mrs Austin Mrs Seely, Mrs Randall Mrs Dickerson Mrs Miller, Mrs Gillis, Mrs Lowry and Mrs Stewart 22 Motion decided in Negative

On Motion Society adjourned

John B Miller
Secretary

Monday Evening Oct 2 1865
Society met in Annual Meeting
Moderator in the Chair, Prayer by Judge
McClelland, Sec being absent.
C H Atkins was appointed Sec Pro Tem
The Treasurer reported, and on
motion the Report was accepted and
referred to the Trustees. The Election
of Officers being in Order Judge
McClelland was elected Moderator
and F C & D McKay, Stacy Johns, Simon
Barrows, J F Duffy and C H Atkins
were elected Trustees. J B Stuart
Treasurer and J B Snider Secretary
On Motion a vote of thanks
were tendered Mr Barrows for the
faithful manner in which he
discharged the duties of Treasurer
during the past year — On motion
the Society by a Vote of thirty in favor
and Twenty four against the motion
Connected in the Action of the Church
in employing Rev J M Chamberlain
for another Year, On Motion the
Salary of the Pastor was Raised to
Twelve Hundred ($1200.00) for the
Ensuing Year. On Motion Messrs
Burdow, Duffy and Smith were
appointed a Committee to advise
Mr Chamberlain of the Action of the
Society — The Appraisement of the
Pews and the method of raising funds
for the Expenses the Ensuing Year
Referred to the Trustees. On Motion
Society Adjourned
C H Atkins
Sec Pro Tem

Monday Evening Oct. 16. 1865.

Plymouth Congl. Society met this Evening pursuant to previous notice. — J. H. McClelland Moderator in the Chair. — Prayer by Deacon Leesdale.

The Secretary and Treasurer Elected at last meeting having declined to serve, on Motion Mr. C. H. Getchell was Elected Treasurer and Saml A. Ayres Secretary.

On Motion, the Committee appointed to obtain Subscriptions to pay the Church debt &c were instructed to proceed immediately to collect said Subscription & pay off the Church debt.

The Trustees appointed at last meeting to appraise the Pews reported that the price should be advanced 40 per Cent on the Appraisal of last year. which Report was adopted.

On Motion all those, not present this evening who had pews last year were given two weeks in which to decide whether or not they moved retain them at the advanced price & the Secretary was directed to notify them of the action of the Society & to request a response from Each Pew holder.

The following persons present made the following Selections of Pews

Messrs. Marsh & Brown	No 30.		J B Miller	East No "C"
Messrs. Woodruff & Smith	" 12		A G. Rawson	" 27
Mr. Shannon	" 32		E. K. Gillette	" "B"
Mr. J. Leesdale	" 25		C. H. Getchell	" 37
C. H. Atkins	West " C		H. M. Mills	" 4
J. C. Savery	" 31			

On Motion Society adjourned —

Saml. A. Ayres
Secretary

Plymouth Congregational Society of
Des Moines April 17. 1866

Society Met pursuant to Call of Trustees J. H. McClelland Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Mr J. B. Miller.

On motion Seward Smith was appointed Secretary protem.

The Clerk protem of the Church meeting held on Sunday the 15th Inst. reported to the Society that he was instructed by the Church to inform the Society that the Church had extended a call to Rev. Jno E. Manly (MANLY) to become Pastor of the Church and that the Church requested the Concurrence of the Society in the Call and that the Church also requested of the Society that it provide a suitable Salary for Mr Manly.

Mr J. Teesdale moved that the Society Concur in the call of Mr Manly as recommended by the Church. After Remarks by Messrs Miller Teesdale, Stillman, the Moderator and others, the Motion prevailed — 10 members present — 8 voting yea 1 nay and 1 excused from voting

Mr. Miller offered the following to wit;

Resolved. That the Salary of Rev J. E. Manly for the coming year shall be $1200.00 quarterly in advance, and further

Resolved That the Society will second no other call of the Church in the future until the Salary of the Pastor who may be called shall have been fully provided for;

A division of the question was called for and the question being put upon the first proposition to wit: to fix the Salary at 1200 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ it was adopted

And the question being put upon the second proposition defining upon what conditions the Society will second a call in future the same was lost

Mr. Teesdale moved that the Trustees be instructed to rent unproductive and unoccupied pews at such rates as they deem expedient which motion prevailed.

Adjourned.

Seward Smith
Secy protem

(Omitted in proper chronological order)

Monday Evening February 26. 1866

Society met pursuant to call of Trustees,
Deacon Barnum in the Chair.
Prayer offered by Deacon Teesdale.

Deacon Teesdale stated the object of the meeting to be, to raise a revenue that the Church had engaged Rev. Mr Manly for a short time & that the co-operation of the Society was desired.

On motion the action of the Church in calling Mr. Manly temporarily was ratified

Mr. Rollins moved that the Treas. be instructed to make an assessment on the pews at the valuation of last year to pay expenses up to April 1/66

Mr — offered a substitute that the Treas. be instructed to make out his bills according to last valuation & proceed to collect — carried.

Mr Smith moved that the Trustees be instructed to furnish the data to the Treas on which to make out his bills — Carried.

Adjourned

Edw'd H. Gillette
Secy. pro tem

Plymouth Congregational Church.
Des Moines, Iowa,
Monday Evening, Oct 1st 1866.

The Plymouth Congregational Society assembled, pursuant to holding the regular annual meeting, according to article 7 of the by-laws. Prayer by Dea. Deesdale.

The Moderator, J. H. McClellan was in the chair, and having ascertained that a quorum was present, declared the meeting open for the transaction of such business as would properly come before the Society.

The Secretary being absent, Mr B. D. Randall was elected Secretary pro tem.

The election of Officers and Trustees for the ensuing fiscal year was declared in order.

A motion was made by Mr. Deesdale, waiving, for the evening, that part of Article 11 of by-laws which provides that the officers of the society shall be elected by ballot, and was carried without opposition.

On motion of Geo F Work, J. H. McClellan was re-elected to the office of Moderator.

Mr. Deesdale then presented the names of Messers H. L. Whitman, Jno. A. Elliott, C. H. Atkins, J. B. Miller, and A. Y. Rawson as candidates for trustees, and moved that they be elected. Mr. Rawson, objecting to serve, the name of Mr. Seward Smith was proposed in his stead, and the candidates were then elected without opposition.

Mr. A. Y. Rawson was then unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Rawson, Mr M. M. Morton was elected Secretary.

On motion of Mr Deesdale, ~~it~~ artcle four of by-laws, where it now reads "She shall, at the annual meeting in January, or at an earlier date, if requested by the Society, make a full and complete report of the receipts and expenditures" &c, the word "January" was ordered to be striken out, and "October" inserted in its place. - Also, the required meeting in January was dispensed with.

The Treasurer, agreeably to said change

read his annual report of receipts and disbursements, and it was handed to the Board of Trustees for their approval, and afterwards approved, and accepted by the Society.

On motion of Mr. Rawson, there being no further business, the Society adjourned

Secy. Protem.

Moderator

Plymouth Congregational Church
Des Moines July 8th/67

Society met at 8 oclk. P. M. pursuant to Call of the Trustees, for the purpose of taking into consideration the repairing and enlarging of the Church, or building a new one.

On Motion of Seward Smith E. L. Marsh was elected Secretary of the Society.

Mr. Miller states that Mr. Atkins proposes to put in three new bents, and finish in present style put a new Roof on the whole building, putting in forty eight new pews, and paint Varnish and entirely finish the same ready for occupancy for $1600!

Mr. Teesdale favors the taking of immediate steps for building a new church next Year.

Moved by Mr. Rawson that the Trustees be instructed to procure plans for such a Church as we need, to be erected next Summer, and see on what terms the Corner lot near the Church can be procured.

Mr. Smith moves to Amend by striking out "Trustees", and inserting Committee composed of Messrs. Rawson, Teesdale and Getchell – Lost –.

Mr. Miller moves as a substitute that a committee, composed of Messrs. Teesdale, Rawson and Mills, be appointed to procure plans and solicit funds – Carried.

Original Motion Carried.

Society adjourned till next Tuesday Evening at 8 oclk.

E. L. Marsh
Sec'y.

Moderator.

Plymouth Cong Church
Oct 5/68

Society met pursuant to call of Trustees for the Annual Meeting. Notice by notice from Pulpit the previous Sabbath —

Deacon Otis called the meeting to order and Prayer was offered by Dr Weeks — the Minutes of last Meeting were read by Secy And approved. Deacon Teesdale the Moderator took the Chair. On Motion S. John was reelected Secy for Ensuing year — and A. T. Rawson was Elected Treasurer —

On Motion J. B. Miller was Elected Moderator Col Godfrey. A Getchell. H. Ellonor. J. A. Elliott and Dr Weeks were Elected Trustees — Report of Treasurer was read & referred to the Trustees.

On Motion of A. T. Rawson all Seats shall be considered free after the singing of the first hymn — Deacon Otis and H. Ellonor were elected Ushers.

On Motion of Mr Osgood that Salary of Pastor be increased to 1500 ℔ for Ensuing year — an amendment was offered by Mr Otis making it 1600 ℔ — which Amendment prevailed — and the Motion as amended was adopted — Moved by Mr Ellonor that the Members be assessed to pay off the debt. Last. There being no further business the Society proceeded to Select Jews for the Ensuing year —

Stacy Johns Secy

Plymouth Cong Church
Les Maines Town
Oct 4th 1869

Society met in pursuance to call for the annual meeting - by notice from the Pulpit the previous Sabbath -
J B. Miller allodorator in the Chair.
On motion of Deacon Otis J. B. Miller was elected allodorator - the nominations seconded and the officers were elected by viva voce vote -

The following persons were then elected for the ensuing year -
For Treasurer Geo. Osgood
" Secretary S. Johns
" Trustees H. Monroe J. A. Elliott
Dr Peck J. P. Foster Gardner Hill

The Treasurers report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.
H. Monroe moved that the Salary of Pastor for ensuing year be $2000 Dollars - An amendment was offered by A. J. Rawson to make it 1800 - the motion as amended was lost - A Substitute to pay him 1600 and all income and all incidental Expenses Exceeding 1600 Dollars was adopted.
H. Monroe and Geo Otis were requested to act as Ushers -
On Motion the meeting of Pews was proceeded with

Stacy Johns Secy

Rymaath Church
Des Moines Apl 14/70

Society met in pursuance of call by Moderator by notice upon Pulpit Sabbath Services

W P Miller Moderator in the Chair called the meeting to order — Prayer was offered by Deacon Otis —

The Moderator stated the object of the meeting was to take into consideration the resignation of the Pastor —

Mr Otis moved that his resignation be accepted — and that there be an informal ballot — which was adopted — after some remarks the vote was taken and the result was 10 Yeas and 22 Nays —

On motion of Mr Foster the Society adjourned to Monday Evening April 18th at Eight O'clock —

Stacy Johns Secy

1814 } George
1843 }
1893 - Dick Morris
Hazmark - 1901
1926
~~1940 Kinsel~~

Awaiting Sonya - Dick M.
~~Epworth Hazmark Dick M~~
~~Church Hazmark 36 Yrs Ed~~
~~1966 - 2 Yrs~~
~~1961 - 1968~~
~~not complete~~

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa April 18th 1870

Society met pursuant to adjournment —
I. B. Miller Moderator in Chair. Prayer
by Mr Haskell.
On motion of Deacon Otis the
6th Article was suspended —
Deacon Foster
reported that the Church had at their
meeting accepted the resignation of the Pastor
and adopted the following Resolutions —
To Wit
1st That during the time which Rev H. S. De
Forest has been Pastor of this Church. We have
found in him a faithful. Earnest and
Eminently pious Minister of the Gospel of Jesus
Christ and a Pastor thoroughly devoted to his
work.
2nd
That while he has been faithful over his
own Charge. he has exerted a marked
influence upon the Society of the ~~Society~~ City
in Sustaining the Young Mens Christian Association
in aiding to Establish a Public Library —
in Earnestly advocating the temperance
movement and in many other ways
advancing the moral and Educational growth
of the City.
3d
That during the few months that our Pastors
wife has been among us. She has endeared
herself to the members of this Church & Society
by her many Social and Christian graces,
4th. That while we are thus warmly attached
to both our Pastor and his wife and desire
that they remain with us. We at their
request ~~to~~ accept the resignation as tendered.

5th That we cordially recommend him to any people for which God may call him to labor.

6th That we hereby release him from Pulpit duties during his Stay with us at his option, only requesting timely notice of any contemplated absence — And release him entirely from Evening Service —

On Motion adjourned

Stacy Johnson Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa May 9th 70

Society met pursuant to call by Trustees by notice from Pulpit —
J. B. Miller Moderator in the Chair. Prayer by Deacon Otis —
Mr Monroe stated the object of the meeting was to reorganize the Society.
Mr Foster moved to strike out from Article 6 — (by signing the rules and regulations) and add shall also be members of the Society. which motion was adopted.
Mr Otis mand that the Chair appaint a Committee of three to revise the By Laws. which mds on motion of Mr Rawson laid on the table — Mr Monroe mand that the Resolution passed at the last meeting. assessing Each member of the Church and Society four dollars. be rescinded. Carried — Resolution was then put and lost —
Mr Rawson mand that Mr Proctor be appointed a Committee to raise money to build a fence and to provide for other wants — Lost — On motion of Judge Miller — Mr Rawson Monroe and C. H. Mitchell were made a Committee to look after a lot a lot suitable for building a Church upon —
Mr Foster mand that the Newholders be assessed five dols for building a new fence — also that other regular attendants be called upon for subscription — A substitute offered by Mr Monroe that a subscription paper be circulated to raise the necessary funds was adopted —
Mr Foster mand that a Com of three be appointed by the Chair to act with a Com of the Church to raise the annual

The Chair appointed Mr Monroe Mr Callanan
And Mr Elliott That Committee

Mr J. P. Foster

was excused from Serving as Com to
circulate Subscription paper — and Mr
Proctor was appointed in his place —

On Motion Adjourned

Stacy Johns Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa Sept 12th 70

Society met pursuant to call by notice from Pulpit previous Sabbath.

J. B. Miller Moderator in the Chair.

Deacon Otis reported to the Society that the Church had at their meeting voted to Extend a call to Rev S. T. Sloan of McGregor to become their Pastor— And asked the concurrence of the Society in the call— W. Elliott moved that the action of the Church be concurred in— which motion was Unanimously adopted.

W. Otis moved that the Salary Mr Sloan shall receive be Eighteen Hundred Dollars. An Amendment was offered by Mr Rawson making it Two Thousand Dollars Lost— which amendment prevailed

On Motion of Mr Otis a Committee was appointed by the Chair. Consisting of J. B. Stewart and O. Monroe to act with the Church Committee in Communicating with Mr Sloan the Combined action of the Church and Society

On Motion Adjourned

Stacy Johns
Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
Oct 30 1878

Society met for the annual meeting pursuant to call.

J B. Miller Moderator in the Chair.

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Deacon J. P. Foster —

Minutes of last Annual meeting was read — Trasurers report read and on motion received and placed on file —

The Rule for manner of voting was suspended — and the following officers were elected for the Ensuing year —

Moderator	J. P. Foster
Secretary	Stacy Johns
Treasurer	A. G. Rawson
Trustees	Doct M P. Turner
	Doct H L. Whitman
	J B. Stewart
	Gov Samuel Merrill
	J. P. Foster

On Motion of Mr Otis a committee of three was appointed to take charge of the Singing — Mr Case & J. Stockwell And Mr Benedict were made that Committee

Gov. Merrill moved that the Committee be instructed as the sense of this meeting that Congregational Singing should be promoted and Encouraged — Which motion was carried — Messrs Otis & Benedict were elected Ushers for Ensuing year —

On motion it was decided to rent the Pews on first Monday Evening after Mr Sloans Second Sabbath.

motion of Col Godfrey the Trustees was instructed to have the Church repaired inside

Wm A G Rawson moved that a Collection be taken up Each Sabbath morning. which was adopted

Motion moved that the Treasurer be instructed to invite certain non paying members of the Church to Contribute towards the Expenses

on motion of Gov Merrill this was postponed to the time of renting the Pews

On Motion Society adjourned

Stacy Johns
Secy

Plymouth Church
Tuesday Eve Dec 27th 1870

Society met pursuant to notice from Pulpit previous Sabbath. J. P Foster Moderator in the Chair. Prayer offered by Deacon Otis —

S. Johns reported the action of the Church meeting called to take into Consideration the Calling of a Pastor, which was that the Church had extended to Rev Geo Thatcher of Stateloo a call to supply the Pulpit one year. and asked the Concurrence of the Society in the call — on Motion of Wm Case the Society Concurred in the action of the Church. and fixed the Salary at Two Thousand Dollars 2000$. Wm Rawson moved that present Committee on supply be instructed to notify Rev Geo Thatcher of the action of the Church and Society.

Adjourned
Stacy Johns Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa

Church and Society met to hear report of Committee on Supply of Pulpit.
Deacon Otis in the Chair.
W^m Foster presented letter from W Sargent of Boston. which was read — he recommended three or four ministers in the vicinity of Boston —
After some discussion a Motion was made and adopted to Call Rev W. S. Hubbell of West Roxbury Mass to become our Pastor with a Salary of 2500 # and Expenses of Moving — and the Same Committee was instructed to notify him of the action of the Church

On Motion Adjourned
Stacy Johns Secy

Plymouth Cong Church
Des Moines Iowa
Aug 29th 1871

Pursuant to Call from Pulpit
The Church and Society met at the Church
J. M. Otis in the Chair. Prayer by Rev
Miles. Report of Com on Supply was made
by J. P. Foster Chr. On Motion of J. A. Elliott
An informal ballot was had Extending a
Call to Rev A L. Finsbie to become our Pastor.
Ballot resulted as follows. Yeas 35 Nays 2 —
on motion J A Elliott and A T Rawson
was appointed a Com to get Subscriptions
to pay Salary. On Motion adjourned to
Wednesday Eve
Stacy Johns Secy

Wednesday Evening
Aug 30th 1871

The Church and Society met pursuant to adjournment. J. M. Otis in the Chair
Prayer by Leaf P. Foster
Report of Committee was made and accepted.

On Motion of J. P. Foster a Call was made to Revd L. Frisbie to become our Pastor. the ballot stood 51 votes Yea and was Unanimous. On Motion of A R. Osgood the Salary for the Ensuing year for Mr Frisbie was fixed at 2000 # and his moving Expenses — and providing for a vacation of 4 to Six Weeks — Carried Unanimously On Motion J P. Foster and Samuel attest Holbrook were appointed a Committee to notify Mr Frisbie of the action of the Church and Society

On Motion adjourned
Stacy Johnson Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
Oct 2nd/71

Society met pursuant to call for Annual Meeting. J. P. Foster Moderator in the Chair. Prayer by Moderator. Minutes of last Annual Meeting were read. Treasurers report read and recived

The following persons were Elected officers for the Ensuing year —

J. P. Foster Moderator
S. Johns ~~Treasurer~~ Secretary
A. G. Rawson Treasurer

C. D. Sprague
E. P. Chase
John A. Elliott
J. M. Otis
H. W. Beecher
} Trustees

Mr Osgood Mr Beecher Mr Getchell and Col Godfrey were Selected Ushers —

On Motion it was decided to sell the Pews in same manner as last year. the highest bidder to have first Choice & so on

The Sale of Pews was then proceeded with —

Stacy Johns Secy

Reynolds Church
Des Moines Iowa
Oct 7th 1872

Society met pursuant to call from Chapil for the annual meeting, The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev A.V. Pickett, Minutes of last annual meeting were read and approved The Treasurers report was read and received. The following persons were then Elected officers for the Ensuing year

Gov. Merrill Moderator
E. Johns Secretary
A. S. Rawson Treasurer

And the following were Elected Trustees

A. Monroe O.H. Getchell J.A. Elliott
A. S. Kissell and Col Godfrey

On Motion of Deacon Otis Gov Merrill J.R. Rollins and J.A. Elliott were Selected to serve as a Committee on Music. W.W. Chas Carnelee O.H. Getchell. G.R. Osgood and Col Godfrey were Elected Ushers

There being no other Business the Sale of the Pews was then attended to.

Stacy Johns
Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
Oct 6th 1873

Society met pursuant to call for the Annual Meeting — The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Gov Merrill.

Prayer was offered by J. T. Foster, Minutes of last meeting was read and approved — Treasurers report was received —

The following persons was Elected officers for the ensuing year.

~~Gov Merrill~~ Moderator
S. Johns Secretary
G. H. Lewis Treasurer

Trustees A. J. Rawson. Gov Merrill
H. Atkins J. R. Rollins D. Shrague
and
Chas Parmelee. J. H. Aldrich A. C. Harris
and John Leary was Elected Ushers

The Trustees was instructed to Engage W. W. Cooper to lead the Singing another year.

Stacy Johns Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
October 5th 1874

The Plymouth Congregational Society met in annual meeting and were called to order by the Moderator E P Chase

Prayer was offered by J M. Otis

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secy Stacy Johns and approved by the Society.

The following persons were then elected officers of the Society for the Ensuing Year

Moderator - Danl Merrill
Secretary - Chas. Barrow
Treasurer - A J Rawson
Trustees - A H Getchell. W. T. Dart Danl Merrill John Brown and Wm Bibby
Ushers - A C Harris J H Aldrich Long and Tibbett

Geo H Lewis Treasurer made the following report to the Society which on motion of J A Foster was ordered to be spread on the minutes

Treasurers Report

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
February 26th 1870

The Plymouth Congregational Society met at the Church pursuant to call by the Moderator

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Saml Merrill. and prayer was offered by Rev A L Frisbie.

The Moderator stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of taking steps for the Erection of a new Church building

A Committee, appointed at a meeting of the Trustees and Deacons, for the purpose of recommending plans of subscriptions to be adopted made a verbal report through their Chairman G H Lewis. recommending three different kinds of subscriptions as follows

1st Cash Subscriptions

2d Note Subscriptions payable in 6 months or One Year

3d Subscriptions payable in monthly installments.

Report adopted.

A Committee appointed at a meeting of the Trustees and Deacons to suggest a plan of the new Church building made a verbal report that they had not had time to unite upon any plan

On motion of Mr J P Foster it was voted that this Society proceed at once to erect a new Church building

On motion of Louis Ruthrauff it was voted that the Committee on Plans heretofore appointed at a meeting of the Trustees and Deacons be continued and that such Committee report to the Society, some plan together with the costs of the building, at a meeting to be

held on Tuesday Evening March 9th 75
Said Committee Conducted of the
following named persons
Saml Merrill. John Browne. CH Atkins
Rev AL Foisbie and Jno A Rollins

On motion of Geo R Osgood a Committee of Five were appointed to Solicit subscriptions as follows
Saml Merrill Chairman
CH Lewis
GR Osgood
JM Otis
GH Baker.

On motion the Committee on Plans were requested to ascertain whether any other or additional property could be obtained upon which to build the new Church and report at the next meeting.

On motion of Rev AL Foisbie the Society adjourned until Tuesday Evening March 9th at 7½ o'clock.

Jno A Rollins
Secy

Memorandum
For By Laws see page 117
For Amendment to Articles see page 164
" " by Laws Page 115
Elect 3 regular Trustees for 2 years in the odd years and 2 in the even years & two Associate Trustees every year for one year

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
March 9th 1875.

The Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator Gov Merrill.

Prayer was offered by D. P. Foster

Tracy Johns appointed Secy pro tem

Gov Merrill made a statement of the doings of the Committee that had been appointed and called upon Mr Frisbie for a report from Com of location and plans.

Mr Lewis made a report of what the finance Committee had done - 6600$ had been pledged - and he expressed the opinion that 10,000$ to 12,000$ would be the sum that could be raised this year

Mr Frisbie made a motion to build on the lot where the Church now stands - Remarks were made by Mr Lewis. Wright. Dart. Arnold. Foster. Pullman Johns & Williams. Amendment offered by Mr Pullman to refer the matter back to the Committee on plans which was laid on the table

On motion adjourned to Monday Evening March 22nd 1875 at 7 o'clock

Secy pro tem

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
March 22nd 1875

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to adjournment. And was called to order by the Moderator Gov Merrill

Prayer was offered by Rev Mr Miles.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secy & approved

The Committee on finance on subscriptions reported that they had now 12,145 $ pledged And Estimated that enough more could be secured to make the subscriptions exceed $20,000

The Committee on location made a verbal report in substance that they had not as yet come to any definite Conclusion about the location of the new Church. Except that the place now occupied by the Church is alone too small. And further stating that they had been talking about exchanging present property for the lot immediately west And also about purchasing property on the Corner of 6th and High Streets. And explaining fully the terms upon which each could be obtained. And made no recommendations to the Society.

Jno Otis moved that the matter be recommitted to the same Committee with instructions to act in the premises And to purchase such property for the Society as they may deem best. After a lengthy discussion upon the subject And the merits of the two locations suggested by the Committee. And Gov Merrill moved to amend That the matter be recommitted to the same Committee with instructions to make a definite report at the next meeting of

the Society for final action. the amendment was adopted and the motion as amended prevailed.

The Committee on plans made a report by Mr John Brown. submitting plans that they had prepared and fully explaining the same. the probable cost being from $2.000 to $4000

On motion the Society adjourned until Monday Evening March 27th at 7 o'clock.

Dan Parris
Secy

(Finis)

1871

Plymouth Soc Min.

10/2 annual Meeting

~~10/7~~

1872

10/7 annual Meeting
Rev Puchett offered prayer —

1873

10/6 annual meeting

(one)

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
March 29th 1875

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to adjournment. Samuel Merrill Moderator in the Chair

Prayer was offered by Mr Long

Minutes of the last meeting read by the Secy and approved by the Society.

The Committee on location of Church building reported a proposition they had received from J M Coggshall as follows.

To sell the lot ~~xxxx~~ of the Church on the Corner of 7th and Locust Sts with the buildings on said lot except the small building next the Church for the East 56 fut of the lot the Church now stands on for $4,000. The Church building to remain the property of the Society, and the Society to have the privilege of allowing it to remain where it now is until next December.

Mr C H. Getchell moved that the Church be built on the lot now occupied by the Society. Mr Ball Kay moved to amend. That the Society purchase the Corner lot of Mr Coggshall and that the Church be built thereon. The amendment was adopted and the motion as amended was Carried unanimously

On motion of Mr Ball Kay the Committee on location were authorised and empowered to purchase the lot west of the Church on the Corner of 7th and Locust on the best terms possible and to close a trade therefor.

J M Otis moved that the Committee on plans be instructed to

procure plans for a two story
Church. Stacy Johns moved to amend
that the Committee on plans be
instructed to procure also a plan to
the Society plans for a one story
Church other than a gothic. the
Amendment prevailed and the motion
as amended was carried

On motion of Col Godfrey the
Committee on location were authorized
& Empowered to dispose of the build=
ings on the lot to be purchased
as they may deem best

On motion of Mr Stoiber the
Society adjourned subject to the
call of the Moderator

Chas. Ayrard
Secy

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa
May 8th 1875

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to a Call by the Moderator.

In the absence of the moderator and Secretary E. D. Chase was appointed Moderator pro tem & J. L. Godfrey Secy pro tem.

J. R. Foster offered the following resolution.

"Resolved That the Trustees
"are hereby authorized to convey to J. M.
"Coggshall that part of the Lot on which the
"Church now stands which has been Con=
"tracted to him by the Committee. and to
"receive from said Coggshall a deed for
"the lot bought of him by the Committee.
"and to execute such papers in connection
"therewith as has been agreed upon by said
"Committee"

After a lengthy debate upon the above resolution the further Consideration of the same was postponed for one week Mr Coggshall Consenting to such post=ponment.

The Committee on plans reported two different plans for the new Church accompanied by the following Com=munication from L. W. Foster & Co Architects

"Des Moines Iowa May 8th 1875
"To the Building Committee Congregational
"Church Des Moines Iowa
"
"Gentlemen
"
"It being almost
"impossible to attain an accurate
"estimate of the Costs of your proposed
"Church Building until after the plans
"are fully matured and detailed. We
"make the following proposition viz

" We roughly estimate the Gothic at $22,000.00
" and the other at $20,000.00 and think these
" figures will cover everything except heating
" and are willing to make either plans Com=
" plete and fully detail'd, and if the Contract
" cannot be let at the above named figures
" we will make other and modified plans
" without extra Charge
" & do not think the above amounts
" will cover heating apparatus
" Respectfully
" L. W. Foster & Co Architects "

On motion of Mr Frisbie Messrs Foster & Co were requested to mature the Gothic plans in accordance with the above written proposal and the Building Committee were authorized to receive sealed bids for Constructing the same

On motion adjourned until Monday Evening May 10th 1875 at 8 o'clock & that the Committee be instructed to see what the two lots on Cor. of 7th & High could be got for also what Compromise could be made with Mr Legg shall

H. L. Godfrey
Secy pro tem.

Moderator pro tem

Plymouth Church
Dist Matins Donna
May 10th 1875

The members of Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to adjournment. Dan'l Merrill moderator in the Chair. Opened by prayer by Rev Mr Frieben

In the absence of the Secretary G. L. Godfrey was chosen Secretary for the time

Mr Frieben from the Committee on location reported that the two lots at the Corner of Fourth and High Streets could be purchased for $6,100.00 and that Mr Coggshell would settle with the Church and release the Committee from this Contract for about $300.00

Mr Brown from the Committee on lots reported as follows

1st That the resolution submitted at the last meeting as to the transfer of property to Mr Coggshell be indefinitely postponed.

2d That the Committee recommend the purchase of the two Lots on the Corner of Fourth & Locust Streets belonging to Mrs Dart at $7,000. bonus on the Exchange of the present property owned by the Society for the said lots.

The said report was not adopted.

The Resolution offered by Mr Foster at the last meeting the consideration of which was postponed until this Evening. Coming up for action Mr J P Foster moved to amend said resolution by adding thereto the following

" Provided that said Committee
" shall not pass the Papers with
" Mr Coyghall until his said Prop-
" erty shall be free from incumbrance"
Carried.

The original resolution as above ammended was then put to a vote and Carried unanimously

Mr Forbes moved to have a building Committee appointed which motion was Carried. And on motion of Mr Forbes a nominating Committee of three to nominate said building Committee was appointed to wit Messrs D E Brown. A Mitchell and Rev A K Forbes

On motion adjourned

A. L. Godfrey
Secy pro tem

Moderator

Plymouth Church
Des Moines June 12th 1875

The Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to the call of the Moderator.

Samuel Merrill Moderator in the Chair. in the absence of the Secty. J.G. Rounds was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to nominate a building Committee. Submitted their report. proposing as such Building Committee. J.P. Foster John Browne. J.R. Rollins and C.W. Atkins. On motion their report was adopted and the above named gentlemen were appointed

On motion Samuel Merrill was added to the Committee. Jos Merrill declined to serve and was excused and J.H. Merrill was appointed

L.W. Foster architect handed in sealed bids received by him for the construction of the new Church building

On motion the bids were referred to the Building Committee with instructions to open the same and report the same to the meeting if they deemed it advisable and Mr Foster, architect, was requested to advise with the Committee

John Browne for the Committee reported, after examining the bids, that they did not deem it ad-

visable to report further than that the bids received would bring the building within the estimated costs of $22,000.00

On motion the Building Committee were instructed to proceed to the Construction of the Church building according to the plans and Specifications submitted or thereabouts as in their judgment they deemed best.

The Treasurer of the Society was instructed to collect 20. per cent of the amount of the subscriptions monthly Commencing June 1st

On Motion adjourned

J. L. Rounds
Secy pro tem

Plymouth Church
Des Moines July 5th 1875

The Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to Call
E P Chase was elected Moderator pro tem and Stacy Johns Secy pro tem

J P Factor on behalf of the Building Committee submitted the following report to wit

" The Building Committee to which
" was referred the plans for a new Church
" with instructions to put the same under
" Contract on the understanding that its
" Costs should not exceed $22.000 beg
" leave to submit the following
" report

" Your Committee at the time
" the bids of Contractors were first sub=
" mitted, had reason to believe that the
" Church could be built ready for the
" furniture for about $22.000 but imme=
" diately after the adjournment of
" Your last meeting the Committee learned
" that Mr Highland the lowest bidder claimed
" that he had omitted the Cut stone work
" which on the lowest estimate made a
" difference of $3.500 and made the
" total of his bid when corrected about
" $25.000.

" Your Committee found the Church
" could not be erected within the limit
" of $22.000 and without delay rejected
" all offers which had been made

" The Committee discovered that
" a Church edifice suitable for your
" society could not be erected on the
" basis of the bids offered and made
" ready for use for less than $30.000 or $32.000

"and Calculating that the present sub=
"scriptions Could all be promptly realized
"There would remain a debt against the
"Society of $12.000 or $14,000 with an an=
"nual charge against your income for
"interest of $1,200 or $1,400. This would seriously
"embarass your efforts and the Committee
"if it had the authority under your instructions
"has felt reluctant to impose upon you
"such a burden

" The Committee has had repeated Con=
"sultations with the Architect and some of
"the Contractors for the purpose of seeing
"whether the plans Could be so modified as
"to reduce the Cost of the structure (without
"furnishing) down to your limit of $22.000
"The Committee is sorry to say to efforts
"in this direction have not been successful
" for after making Considerable Changes
"the Cost Could not be figured below $23.500.
"And there are grave doubts whether it Could
"be accomplished for $23.500 (without furnishing)
" Under these circumstances your Com=
"mittee has Concluded to submit this
"report and ask your instructions upon
"the following questions
" 1st Shall the Committee proceed
"to let the Contract for the erection of a
"Church upon the basis of the present
"plans, with the understanding that the
"Cost will be from $25.000 to $26.000 with=
"out furnishing
" 2nd Shall the Committee abandon
"the present plans and ask for plans for a
"temporary Church - one which will meet
"the present necessity of the Society and
"Cost $15.000 or $16.000 without furnishing
" 3rd Shall the Committee be authorized to
"make an effort to change the location of
"the Church to some place outside of the

" fire limits - thereby securing a per=
" manent location and with a view to
" erect a frame Church instead of a
" brick (if thought advisable) thereby se=
" curing a more Commodious but less
" costly Church
" All of which is respectfully
" submitted

J A Foster
J H Morris } Committee "

On motion of Mr Dart the above report was received and placed on file.

Mr Dart moved that the 1st proposition in the report be with - To build on a basis of the plans to cost from $25.000 to $26.000 be adopted. which motion was lost.

Mr Dart moved that the 2nd proposition to build a temporary Church to cost from $15.000 to $16.000 be adopted. to which Mr Rawson moved an amendment that the Committee be instructed to procure plans for a cheaper Church than the $26.000 plan. which amendment was adopted.

Mr Foster moved that the Treasurer be instructed to collect money enough to pay for the lot - Lost.

Mr T E Brown moved that the Committee be instructed to Contract for a Church to cost not exceeding 26.000 $ an amendment was offered by Mr Rawson that the limit be $23.500. amendment adopted and the motion as amended was adopted - Adjourned

Stacy Johns
Secy pro tem

Moderator

Plymouth Church
Minutes Oct 4th 1875

The Plymouth Congregational Society met in annual meeting pursuant to the provisions of the By-Laws and was called to order by the Moderator Saml Merrill.

On motion of Mr C. H. Getchell the Election of Officers was postponed for two weeks and the Society adjourned until this week from this Evening

Com. Sworn

Sec'y

Moderator

Plymouth Congregational Church
Des Moines Oct 25th 1875

The Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to the Call of the Moderator

In the absence of Gov Merrill Moderator E A Chase was Chosen Moderator pro tem. The minutes of the last regular annual meeting were read by the Secy and approved

The Treasurer of the Society A Y Rawson presented his annual report. which. on motion of Mr Lewis was approved and ordered spread on the records of the Society

Election of Officers

On motion of Mr J A Foster the By Laws were suspended and the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year were elected by a viva voce vote. and resulted as follows

Moderator	Dan'l Merrill	
Secy	Chas Brown	
Treas	A Y Rawson	
Trustees	C A Gutchell	Brown & Sibley
	W J Dart	
	Dan'l Merrill	
Ushers	Mr Arnold	west side
	Mr Williams	
	Mr Harris	East side
	Mr Aldrich	

The Building Committee by Mr J A Foster then made an informal verbal report in substance as follows

That they could not erect the building according to the plans adapted with the means at the disposal of the Society and that they had made efforts to get different plans, and had got plans which called for $17500 which they presented to the Society but which were not fully perfected.

On motion of Mr Johnson the Building Committee were instructed to perfect plans for a Church building, and when perfected to report the same to the Society.

Moved that the vote passed July 5th to build a church at the costs of $23.500 be reconsidered which motion was carried, and the matter was then laid on the table by the vote of the Society

On motion of Mr Foster the Society adjourned

Com Borrow
Secy

Moderator

Treasurers Report

Rec'd in full		3576 90
" J H Merrill		100 00
		$3.676.90

Paid out

Paid Mr Foriben	3.000 00	
" Coal bill	74.30	
" Gas bill	60 00	
" Sutton	156.47	
" Geo Cooper	124.00	
" Insurance	30.00	
" Rollins note	50.00	
" Nat City Bank	107.40	
" Bk Note & Engraving Co	3.00	
" C H Atkins work	16.48	
" Brush	1.50	
" N Robinson	9.25	
		3.653 45
Cash on hand in due bills		$ 24.45

Plymouth Congregational Church
Des Moines Iowa
March 28th 1876.

The members of the Society met pursuant to the Call of the Moderator Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. opened with prayer by the Rev Ner Miles Geo A Osgood was appointed Secty pro tem. Mr J. D. Foster on behalf of the building Committee made a short verbal report of what the Committee had been doing.

Mr Raeson asked for a report from the Finance Committee and it was reported that there was about Seventeen Thousand Dollars subscribed and that it was thought the Amount might be increased to about twenty Thousand Dollars.

Geo Merrill offered the following Resolution or motion which was adopted viz.

Resolved that the Building Committee be instructed to proceed and erect a Church building substantially in keeping with the latest Gothic plans submitted to night, the cost not to Exceed $25,000 00 this amount to including heating and lighting

On Motion of C. H. Getchell the Treasurer was directed to collect 20 per Cent of the subscription by the first of April and ten per Cent every month thereafter until all is paid except in Case of Special Contract

Geo Merrill moved that the building Committee be instructed to purchase on same term as the other 10 feet more of the

of the old Church lot. Lost
Col Godfrey moved to
amend by instructing the Committee
to find out whether 8, 10 or 12 feet
more of the old Church lot could
be bought, and if they thought
best to purchase it. Carried.

On Motion Society adjourned

Geo R Osgood
Secy pro tem

Plymouth Congregational Church
Des Moines Iowa
May 29th 1876

The members of this Society met at the Church pursuant to the Call of the Moderator. In the absence of the Moderator Geo N Lewis was appointed Moderator pro tem. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev A L Jenkins.

Minutes of the last meeting were then read by the Secy and approved.

J P Foster on behalf of the Building Committee submitted the following report which was on motion received and adopted.

Report of Building Committee

Your Committee Report that immediately after the adjournment of the last meeting of the Society they revised the Church plans and advertised for bids.

That they received bids and after thoroughly canvassing all the bids they accepted one made by D A Robertson for the masonry and one made by Mr D. D. Stuckle for the Carpenter work

That they have entered into Contract with Mr D A Robertson by which Mr Robertson agrees "to furnish all the labor and materials and erect builds and completely finish a Church edifice in strict accordance with the plans and mason specifications made for the same by Wm Foster Architect

The Society agrees to pay D Robertson $10.975.00 in monthly installments as the work progresses on or before the 1st of every month to be paid on the Architects Certificates but the monthly payments are not to exceed 85 per cent of the work actually accomplished

the balance 15 per Cent to be paid
On the Completion of the work.
It is further agreed that the Society
may Elect to leave the basement unfin=
ished and Robertson agrees to deduct
$380.— from the $10.975.— and the item of
plastering in the basement be stricken
from the Specifications
Your Committee have also entered
into a Contract with Mr C.S. Stickles
of Grimsby whereby he agrees "to
erect build and Completely finish
a Church Edifice (Except the masonry)
and do the same in accordance with
the plans and Corrected specifications
made for the same by Wm Foster Architect
It is agreed that the following parts
of said Church edifice shall be omi=
tted and stricken from the plans viz
1st Leave off the Spire and Cover the
tops of the tower above the gables
with tin roof.
2d Leave the basement unfinished
leaving out the floor joist, inside
doors and partitions
3d Leave out the Gallery
The Society agree to pay said
Stickle $8,938 00 payable on same
terms as the payments to Robertson.
And the Society hold the right to
reinstate in the plans the three
omitted items as follows by adding
to the said sum of $8,938 00 the sum
of $900 00 for the Spire.
$475 for finishing the basement
350 for the Gallery
By the terms of the Contracts
the Society is already obligated
as follows To Mr Robertson 10,635
" " Stickle 8,938
Total, 19,573

If the Church is Completed
by adding the Spire 922
Finishing Basemnt Carpenter 775
" Mason 340
" Galery 550
$22.100

The above does not incl the Basemnt nor includ heating or Gas

By the terms of the Contract the Committee will have to give notice to the Contractor upon the three items Spire, Basemnt and Galery and therefore ask the society how to procead in regard thereto

We further report that we have bought from Mr Coggeshall 12 feet off the Lot for the sum of $600 that we have paid for the same from the Building fund and the said 12 feet is deded to the Church and the ded delivered to the Treasurer

J.M. Otis of the Finance Committee reported verbally that they had on Saturday last on Subscription list to the Amount of about $19,000 Also they have donated to them One Lot in Council Bluffs, Off Lots in East Des Moines and since Saturday had a pledge of 4 Lots in East Des Moines valued by the owner at $1,000 ea

On Motion of J.N. Merrill the Trustees were authorized and empowered to sell at their own discretion as to price any and all real estate and personal property that may be donated to the Church for the building thereof

The Treasurer A. J. Rawson reports that he had on hand $1,090.00 and had collected in all a little over $5,000.00

On motion of J. W. Merrill the Building Committee were instructed to finish the Basement and the Spire of the new Church Edifice

On motion of Mr. Fairbairn the Building Committee were instructed to procure such heating apparatus for heating with steam as in their discretion shall be best adapted.

Also that the Trustees of the Church were authorized to dispose of all the personal property of the Church at their discretion and that they have power to use their own discretion in regard to the lease of the lot on which the old Church stands.

On motion adjourned

Tom Rowan
Secy

Moderator.

Plymouth Congregational Church
Des Moines Iowa
July 14th 1876

The members of the Plymouth Congregational Society met at the Church Church pursuant to the Call of the Moderator and were called to order by J R Foster in the absence of the Moderator Dea J M Otis was elected Moderator pro tem and J R Foster was elected Secy pro tem

The Secy pro tem stated that the object for which the meeting was called was to devise ways & means to continue the work of building the new Church. And stated that the subscription list with the present order of Collections was not sufficient to meet the payments coming due and that the Trustees. Finance Committee and Building Committee had called the Society together for Consultation and Counsel

A J Rawson Treas made a statement that he had Collected on subscriptions $9.303.39
Had paid out 9.165.15
Leaving balance on hand 138.24

That there is now due to Mr Stickle $1.000.00 which must be paid tomorrow

A J Rawson tendered his resignation as Treasurer and offered a resolution That Stacy Johns be appointed Treas in his place after discussion a substitute was offered that Hardy Harris be appointed Assistant Treas and adopted

On motion of C H Getchell the Treas was ordered to Collect an additional 10 per cent for the Ensuing month and the Finance

Committee were instructed to make renewed effort to get cash subscriptions

On motion the following persons were added to the finance Committee = D E Brown. M E Williams G H Godfrey Rus A L Foisbie John L Brown and C H Satchell.

Mr Foisbie moved that the Building Committee be instructed to Cover the tower with ornamental slate instead of tin = adopted

J M Otis
Chairman pro tem

J R Dealin
Secy pro tem

Dec Meeting Decon
Oct 2d 1876.

The Plymouth Congregational Society met in Annual Meeting at the res= idence of A.J. Rawson and was Called to order by J.P. Foster.

In the absence of the Moderator J.M. Otis was Elected Moderator pro tem

Prayer was offered by J.P. Foster.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and ordered to be so Cor= rected as to show in the Treas report that the amount on hand at that time was in our bills as follows

Robinson	16.95
Dunnington	7.50
Leaving balance of cash due the Treas of	1.95

The Treasurers report for the past year was read. Approved and ordered placed upon the minutes of the Society

Election of Officers

On motion the By Laws were sus= pended and the Election of officers for the Ensuing year was proceeded with by viva voce vote and resulted as follows.

Moderator	Sam[l] Merrill
Treas	M.E. Williams
Secy	D.O. Eichbaugh
Trustees	John Browne (Chairman)
	G.R. Osgood
	F.E. Brown
	J.A. Elliott
	C.D. Sprague

On motion Mr A. G. Rawson was Continued as Treasurer of the Building fund until the Church Edifice shall be Completed and paid for.

On motion the Building Committee were instructed to dispense with a Lightning rod And that the building be insured against loss by Lightning and that they be instructed to use the seats of the old Church in the basement of the new as far as they will go and to provide settees for the remaining space. and that the matter of painting the roof be left to them.

On motion the Society adjourned.

C. Ellen Borden. Secy

J. M. Otis Moderator pro tem

Treasurers Report

Rec'd from pew rents		3043.60
" " Sunday Coll.		289.29
" " Building fund.		280.00
" " Church Union.		30.00
" " Fundraising for Stone		20.00
		$ 3662.89

Paid out

To A. L. Frisbie	2930.00	
due A. G. Rawson last year	1.95	
" Jacks	.45	
" H. H. Merrill - borrowed	100.00	
" H. H. Rollins	8.00	
" for glazing & W. W.	6.50	
" Oil 1.45 Coal 107.40	108.85	
" Hingale $80. - Kindlings	84.00	
Repair	12.15	
" C. Clark $21. James 3 -	24.00	
for Cogan 6.65 Johnnes .75	7.40	
" Shingles	2.35	
" Gas Bill	32.00	
" Insurance	22.50	
" Chairs &c	9.45	
" Sexton	16.95	
		$ 3473.20
		1031

Hnc A. G. Rawson Treas.

Plymouth Church
Des Moines July 20/1877

The Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to call, which call had been duly and regularly read from the Pulpit according to the custom and requirements of the Society. J. H. Merrill was elected to the Chair. G. R. Osgood was appointed Secy. pro tem. Prayer was offered by J. S. Clark. A statement or report was made by J. P. Foster in regard to cost of building church. Col. Merrill moved that said report be approved received and spread upon the records; which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered a motion that the Trustees be authorized to borrow the sum of six thousand dollars at a rate of interest not to exceed 8 per cent plus the commission for 5 years & also to secure the same by a mortgage on the church building. Said motion was adopted.

Mr. Foster made a motion that the Treasurer be requested to rent sittings in the seats unsold and to use his best judgment in so doing.

Said report of J. P. Foster being in words and figures as follows, to wit:

Report of Building Committe Rendered July 20th 1877.

Not for from January 20th 1875 the Deacons of the Church and the Trustees of the Society met in Council and appointed a committee of their own number to propose a plan of action for the erection of a new church edifice. As the result of this meeting - On the 26th day of January 1875 the society held its first meeting and voted to proceed at once to build a Church & Finance committe consisting of Samuel Merrill - Geo H. Lewis, G. R. Osgood, J. H. Otis & Geo H. Baker was appointed and instructed to act at once to raise a fund for the building. In pursuance following the Building committee consisting of J. P. Foster, J. H Merrill, John Browne, J. R. Rollins and C H Atkins was appointed. During the summer and fall

of 1875 the subscription was circulated. The Location for the New Church considered and all the preliminary work done so that on the 3d day of April 1876 the Building Committee entered into a contract - with D.A. Robinson to do the mason work of the New Church for the sum of $10975.00 On the same date they also made contract with C.A. Stickles to do all the carpenter work of the Church for the sum of $8938.00.

On the same day they also made contract with William Foster for his plans and specifications which he had already made and for his supervision of the work for the sum of $400.00

On the 29th of May 1876 they made an additional contract with C.A. Stickles, as follows:

For the finishing of the Spire $22.00

" " " " Basement 725.00

Acting upon the basis of these contracts and with such changes and additions as the committee have from time to time ordered - they have erected the Church and now present the society with a statement of its cost as follows:

1st Contract with Robinson	10975 00
2 " for addition to walls	165 00
1st " with C.A. Stickles	8938 00
2 " for Spire	922 00
3 " " Basement	725 00
Extra on Glass over Contract price	91 80
" to Stickles as allowed by the committee at settlement	700 00
Contract with Crane Bros. of Chicago for Steam Heating	1775 00
Contract with Robinson for Chandeliers & Glass Fixtures	500 00
William Foster Architect -	500 00
D. Skiles extra Bill Carpenter work.	33 90
C.H. Gilchel Lumber Bill	21 50
McCully & Miles Extra Glass	30 00
H. Robinson Bill water Pipe &c	86 50
W.P. Healy extra Painting	49 71
J McEvady - Sidewalk -	142 00

Paid by Com. at diverstimes for work in and around the Church	£6	£0
Bill of Pulpit & Table	100	00
H. Woods for Removing old Belfry	25	80
Requisite Bill, Printing	27	00
Bill of Coal (Bucknam Sup.)	50	00
Warback Bill, Carpet & Cushions		
Lancashire Contract for organ		
Discounts on notes - sold	129	66
	26124	77
Pd. note to J. M. Coggeshall on Lot	1000	—
" Interest on Lot mortgage & accrued interest	100	—
Temporary Loans and Rent of Lot at diffrent times	205	73
Pd for 12 (1/32) feet of Ground	600	—
" for Pew Numbers	34	—
" Carver & Gowen (extra on Seats)	18	—
" M. Tuttle extra Stone work	16	87
" Insurance on Church	200	—
" Skiles Bill on Choir Seats &c	25	—
" on Parsons Salary by order of Trustees	200	—
" Bill at Perkins & Gray	25	—
" Incidental order from Trustees	91	15
" Contract for organ	3000	—
" Carpets - Cushions &c	1400	—
" Indebtedness on the Lot	300	—
" accrued Interest on same	140	—
	36990	52

To meet the above expenditures the Finance committee have furnished the following subscriptions.

First Subscription	Subscription	Amt Paid.	Amt unpaid.
Samuel Merrill.	1500 00	1500 00	
T. E Brown	1500 00	1500 00	
C. H. Getchel	1200 00	1200 00	
A. G. Rawson	1000 00	1000 00	
J. H. Merrill	1000 00	1000 00	
J. Callanan Jr	1000 00	1000 00	
Rev A. L. Frisbie	500 00	500 00	
D. R. Rollins	500 00	500 00	

	Subscription		Amt Paid.		Amt Unpaid.	
H. Monroe	500	00	425	—	75	—
H. L. Wheelman	500	—	500	—		
M. P. Turner	500	—	500	—		
C. H. Atkins	300	—	800	—		
Thos Wright	300	—	300	—		
E. R. Osgood	300	—	300	—		
F. M. Mills	300	—	300	—		
Mrs W. A. Rollins	287	—	287	—		
H. Scribner	300	—	100	—	200	—
F. M. Hubbell	300	—	300	—		
H. T. Gilchell	300	—	300	—		
W. H. Hatch	350	—	350	—		
E. H. Lewis & wife	75	—	75	—		
Geo. H Lewis	275	—	275			
Geo H Cooper	275	—	275	—		
Geo C. Baker	250	—	250	—		
J. H McClelland	250	—	250	—		
Richard Rollins	300	—	300	—		
C. D. Sprague	200	—	40	—	160	—
J. C. Macy	200	—	200	—		
J. P. Foster	230	—	230	—		
J. H. Aldrich	200	—	200	—		
A Friend	200	—	200	—		
	15392	—	14957	—	435	—
E. M. Ford	200	—	200	—		
J. B. Miller	200	—	200	—		
G. L. Godfrey	150	—	150	—		
E. J. Ingersol	150	—	150	—		
Mr. & Mrs J. Wyman	150	—	150	—		
Manford E. Williams	100	—	100	—		
H. C. Harris	100	—	100	—		
J. G. Rounds	100	—	100	—		
Stacy Johns	100	—	100	—		
Stephen Libby	100	—	100	—		
P. M. Cassady	100	—	100	—		
Alonzo Rollins	100	—	100	—		
J. B Stewart	100	—	100	—		
Timothy Hunt	100	—	100	—		
J. B. Stewart	100	—	100	—		
J. M. Otis	100	—	100	—		

	Subscription	Amt Paid	Amt Unpaid
J. F. Rollins	75 —	75 —	
J. J. Horning	10 —	10 —	
Wm Collard	60 —	24 —	36 —
T. B. Robinson	50 —	50 —	
R. T. Wellslager	50 —	50 —	
M. Wellslager	25 —	25 —	
Blacksmith (P.O)	50 —	50 —	
C J Arnold	50 —	40 —	10 —
A. W. Miles	50 —	50 —	
C. C. Cole	50 —		50 —
F. V. Stover	50 —	50 —	
B F Longley	50 —	50 —	
N. B. Coleins	50 —	50 —	
C. E. Wingate Pd by ringing	50 —		50 —
D. F. Butin	50 —	50 —	
W. H. Hatch	50 —	50 —	
A. G. Kingsbury	50 —	17 —	33 —
Weaver & Mauch	40 —	40 —	
John Cary	35 —	35 —	
W. H. Dickinson	25 —	25 —	
Anthony Bros	28 —	28 —	
B. F. Lee	25 —	25 —	
J. M. Knight	25 —	25 —	
R A Knight	25 —	25 —	
John Hartley	25 —	10 —	15 —
Lus Smith	25 —	25 —	
L. H. Bush	25 —	25 —	
Matthew Long	25 —	25 —	
J D Seeburger	25 —	25 —	
Perkins V Thomas	25 —	25 —	
E R Curry	25 —	25 —	
H. B. Hedges	25 —	25 —	
C. L. Case	25 —	25 —	
Mr Smith (Ford)	25 —	25 —	
J. S. Clark	25 —	25 —	
Miss Breckinridge	24 —	24 —	
B. W. Morrison	25 —	25 —	
Doc. Anderson	25 —	25 —	
O. C. Nourse	25 —	25 —	

	Subscription		Amt Paid		Amt Unpaid	
J. N. Sinclair	25	—	25	—		
Mrs. Rea	25	—	25	—		
J. Harvey Phillips	25	—	25	—		
W H Fleming	20	—	20	—		
O. F. Hamm	15	—	15	—		
Prof Jones	15	—	15	—		
Thos Naylor	15	—	15	—		
Frank Pelton	15	—	15	—		
Tommy C Newton	10	—	10	—		
J. O. Sherwood	10	—	10	—		
Lizzie T. Weeks	10	—	10	—		
L. D. Landes	10	—	10	—		
W. H. Lehman	10	—	10	—		
Jac Hunn	10	—	10	—		
C. H. Wood	10	—	10	—		
D. D. Flemming	10	—	10	—		
J. Pommer	10	—	10	—		
A. R. Fullan	10	—	10	—		
D Keyser	10	—	10	—		
J. B. Birnell	10	—	10	—		
L. M. Sanford	10	—	10	—		
C. W. Mansell	10	—			10	—
H. S. Butler	10	—	10	—		
E. L. James	5	—	5	—		
R Brandeen	5	—	5	—		
Frank Woodley	5	—	5	—		
J. Bird	5	—	5	—		
Hiram Robinson - gave all his gas pipe in the Church						
A Friend - Special Sub. for Pulpit & Table	100	00	100	—		
From the Ladies of Church a special Sub. for Carpet &c	150	00	150	—		
Do. Sub. for organ	250	00	250	—		
Doc Woodruff for organ	500	—	500	—		
Cash Subscribed by S. School	229	—	229	—		
	2384	3 —	2325	4 —	64	9 —

The S. S. Class of Mrs. A. G. Rawson gave the 2 chairs in the Chancel at Cost of $ — —

The Class of Mrs J. P. Foster gave the 3 Pulpit Chairs at a cost of $75—

The Class of Mrs Fowler gave the Glass front window at a cost of $ — $126—

Other Classes have given items which I am unable to obtain.

Second Subscription

	Sub^{n}	Paid	Due
John A. Elliott	1000 —	/	1000 —
J. J. Smart	1000 —		1000 —
Daniel Merrill	500 —	500 —	
J. H. Merrill	500 —	500 —	
John Browne Pd	500		500 —
A. G. Rawson	500 —		500 —
C. H. Getchell	500 —	500 —	
T. E. Brown	500 —		500 —
W. T. Dant	200 —		200 —
G. L. Godfrey	150 —		150 —
T. F. Wright	150 —		150 —
E. R. Osgood	125 —		125 —
F. M. Mills	100 —		100 —
John Beckwith	50 —		50 —
D. Marsh	100 —		100 —
J. B. Emmell	100 —		100 —
C. Bates	100 —		100 —
Orwig & Co	100 —		100 —
W. H. Sibley	100 —		100 —
J. R. Rollins	100 —	100 —	
J. P. Foster	70 —		70 —
Geo C. Baker	85 —		85 —
J. G. Hornig	60 —		60 —
H. E. Williams	50 —		50 —
J. B Stewart	50 —		50 —
C. Bowen	50 —		50 —

	Sub'L		Paid		Due	
H. C. Harris	50	—			50	—
J. H. Aldrich	50	—			50	—
L Scholtz	50	—			50	—
J. F. Rollins	50	—			50	—
D. B. Robinson	25	—			25	—
H. L	25	—	25	—		
J. T. Lowry	10	—			10	—
	7100	—	1625	—	5445	—

Recapitulation:—

Total Expenditure — 36990.62

1st Subscription 23943.

Less Unpaid and Unavailable non 649

Value of 1st Subscr 23294.

2nd Subscription 7100

30394 00

Present Indebtedness 5596.62

There are some items of Expense which have been incurred which I have been unable to obtain which will swell the Debt to not far from 7000 00

The second Subscription of $7100 — on which there is $5445 — unpaid is Pledged for the payment of a temporary Loan made by the Committee and cannot be drawn on to meet the above indebtedness

The Committee submit the above report and ask to be discharged

J. P. Foster
Chairman

On motion meeting adjourned.

Organized
Secy pro tem

H. Kilbourn
Moderator pro tem

Plymouth Church
Des Moines Iowa July 30/77

Meeting called to order by Lyman Merrill moderator Prayer offered by W. E. Williams The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following Resolution was offered by J. H. Merrill

Whereas at a former meeting a resolution was passed for the purpose of borrowing money which was deemed insufficient, therefore:
Resolved:

"Resolution."

At a meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society held on the 30th day of July 1877 it was Resolved: That John Brown John A Elliott, Charles D. Sprague Rev. R. Osgood, and T. E. Brown, Constituting the Board of Trustees of said Church Society, be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of six thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not to exceed nine per cent. per annum, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute, in the name of the Plymouth Congregational Society, a bond and coupons in proper form, and a mortgage upon the Church Building, and the property upon which it is situated known as Lot 4 and the west 22 feet of lot 3 in Block "B" Commissioner's addition to Fort Des Moines now city of Des Moines, Iowa, to secure the payment of the same; and the said Trustees are authorized to pay as a commission for procuring said loan the sum of five per cent, upon said sum, And we further authorize the said Trustees to insure the Building upon the property above described for the Benefit of the Mortgagee

Which Resolution was on motion adopted.

A.G. Rawson introduced a resolution that the Trustees be instructed to collect all that is due on the old subscription. Resolution adopted

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. H. Merrill
Moderator

Jas R. Osgood
Secy. pro tem

Des Moines Iowa
August 27/77

Pursuant to notice read from the pulpit by the Pastor, the Trustees of the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the lecture room on this 27th day of August 1877 at 8 o'clock P.M. Present John B Brown E. R. Osgood, C. D. Sprague.

The president of the Board stated the business of the meeting.

The following resolution was read by the President and after due consideration on motion of E. R. Osgood seconded by C. D. Sprague was unanimously passed to wit:- Resolved that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Plymouth Congregational ~~Church~~ Society be and they are hereby authorized and requested to procure from the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee Wisconsin a loan of Six Thousand (6000) dollars for the term of five (5) years with interest at the rate of eight (8) percent per annum payable semi-annually. And they are also hereby authorized and directed for the purpose of securing the payment of such loan, to execute in the name of and under the seal of this Corporation and deliver to said Insurance Company a Bond and mortgage in the usual form used by said Insurance Company said mortgage to cover the following described property, viz: Lot number Four (4) and the West twenty two (22) feet in width front and rear of Lot number Three (3) all in Block "B" Commissioners Addition in the City of Des Moines.

John A Elliott the Secretary of the Board being absent from the State it was voted that Charles D Sprague

be appointed Secretary pro tem and that he be and is hereby authorized to act with the President of this Board in executing the papers named in the above resolution.

Des Moines Iowa. Oct 8th 1877

The Plymouth Congregational Society met in annual meeting at the Church. In the absence of the Moderator J. H. Merrill was elected Moderator pro tem.
The minutes of the last yearly meeting were read and approved.
Manford E. Williams, Treasurer, read report for the last year which was on motion adopted and ordered spread upon the record.
On motion of T. E. Brown. Samuel Merrill was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.
On motion of C. D. Sprague J. S. Clark was was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.
On motion of C. D. Sprague C. E. Hilgate was elected Secretary for ensuing year.
On motion of John Browne. Mathew Long. Hardy Harris. T. E. Brown. Jno. H. Lewis and A. J. Rawson were elected Trustees for the ensuing year.
J. M. Otis moved that it be made the duty of the Secretary of the Society. to cause to be published a notice of the annual meeting of the Society, in one of the daily newspapers of the city for at least two days, and that such notice announced from the pulpit for at least two Sabbaths before the time for holding said meeting.
The motion prevailed.
Rev. A. L. Frisbie moved that J. Browne. J. S. Godfrey and Jno. H. Lewis be appointed a committee to revise the Articles of Association & By Laws of the Society.
The motion prevailed.
On motion the meeting djourned.

D. D. Eshbaugh.
Secy.

J. H. Merrill

Treasurers Report for year ending Oct. 8th 1877

" The undersigned Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Society of Drs Moines. Respectfully submits the following report for the year ending October 8th 1877

Receipts

"	From Pew Rents	$3937.50
"	" Sunday Collections	333.54
"	" Donations	40.75
		$4311.79

Expenditures

"	Paid Rev. A. L. Frisbie on Salary		$3059.25
"	" W. W. Jenkins (Sexton)		191.20
"	" Philip King "		24.00
"	" H. L. Proctor (Organist)		393.74
"	Dec. 9/76 Pd. T. J. Hardin for cleaning Church.		10.00
"	Jany. 13/76 " " " " "		10.00
"	Feb. 15/ " " Interest on Coggshall debt.		100.00
"	Mar. 18 " Pd. Dr. Magoun for preaching		20.00
"	" 26 " W. W. Moore for Opera House in Sep. 76		10.00
"	Apr. 2 Pd. Int. on Coggshall debt.		100.00
"	" 9 " Music for Choir		11.80
"	" " " H. Robinson bill for water closet & sink		65.25
"	" 10 " Gas bill 2 Mos. ending Apl. 1st 77		16.12
"	Mar. 5 " " " " Feb. 1st 77		32.25
"	Apl 18/77 Harbach bill 5 Doz Chairs & repairing sofa.		40.75
"	" 24 " 24 Photographs of Church		15.00
"	May. 1/77 6 singing books for Choir		12.00
"	May 5/77 Watchment from Jan. 1st to Sep 30		12.50
"	July 1/77 Pd. J. Sturtevant for Preaching		10.00
"	" 3 " " Gas bill 2 mos. Ending June 1/77		17.16
"	" 8 " " Minerva Calendar Channing Church 2 mos.		10.00
"	Aug 10 " Abstracts of Church Lots		15.00
"	Oct. 2 " Minerva Calendar. Channing Church 2 mos.		10.00
"	Oct. 8 " Hiram Robinson on bill for Sewer pipes		22.00
"	Sundry items under $10. each		103.79
			$4311.81

(Signed) Manford E. Williams Treasurer.

Trustees' Meeting —

Oct. 22, 1877

The Board of Trustees of Plymouth Cong. Society, elected at the annual meeting, held Oct 8. 1877 met at the office of Geo. H. Lewis, and organized by the election of A. J. Rawson as Chairman for the ensuing year.

On motion of Geo. H. Lewis, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society are requested to attend the meetings of the board of Trustees.

On motion of F. E. Brown the Treasurer was authorized to mark Seat No 8 as paid, & to present the same to C. E. Wingate for his services in the choir —

The Chairman of the Board stated that at a former meeting it was ordered that the expenses of the General Association held here in June last be paid out of the general fund — The amount of the same being 86 22/100 & due to Saml Merrill

On Motion Mr Long was authorized to see Mr. Scribner respecting painting the Church roof, he to furnish paint & work on his indebtedness to the building fund. —

On motion A. J. Rawson, President of the board was authorized to renew the note at bank which due on 1877 and loan some collatterals.

On motion, adjourned to meet in one week from to night, at the office of G. H Lewis —

J. F. Clark
Secy Pro-tem

Trustee's Meeting.

Monday Evening Oct 29. 1877

The Board of Trustees of Plymouth Cong. Society met pursuant to adjournment. Present. W. J. Rawson, G. H. Lewis. W. Long. Hardie Harris. and the Treas. & Secy.

Mr Long reported concerning the painting of the church roof, giving the result of his consultation with Mr. Scribner, and stating that he would paint the roof with two coats for 30¢ pr yard.

On motion of Mr Lewis, the report was received & Mr Long was instructed to ascertain whether or not Mr Scribner will pay 1/2 the amount of his subscription to the church building fund, within 30 days and if he consents, to accept the same in full of his subscription.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to accept the face of Mr Rawson's note of 500.00 due 7 years from 1876, in full discharge & satisfaction of same.

On motion, Mr Long was instructed to procure an extension of the note for 660.00 due Nov 3/6-/77, for 60 or 90 days, and if such extension be effected, the chairman was authorized to renew the same accordingly —

On Motion, Adjourned

C. E. Wrigate

Secy

Special Society Meeting

Tuesday Evening January 22. 1878

Pursuant to notice Plymouth Congregational Society met at the Church, Samuel Merrill. Moderator in the Chair — Prayer by Rev N. N. Miles —

The treasurer of the Society. J. S. Clark Esq. presented a statement showing the estimated amount of money necessary to meet current expenses, up to March 31st 1878. and to provide for interest due upon the obligations of the Society, for the year. It was shown that the amount needed for annual expenses was about $4100.00 — & that the total indebtedness of the Society was $10700.03 —

The matter of procuring a loan from the North Western Insurance Company of Milwaukee Wis. was then discussed and the proposition made by the Company, considered —

On motion of Geo. H. Lewis the proposition of the said Company being in words & figures as follows, was accepted and the trustees were authorized to make the loan upon the basis there indicated, Viz- A loan of 7500.00 maturing Sept 5. 1882. at 8% interest —

On motion, the following resolution was carried & ordered spread upon the record — Viz

Resolved — That the Trustees of Plymouth Congregational Society be and they are hereby authorized and requested to procure from the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company at Milwaukee Wisconsin a loan of Seven Five Hundred (7500) Dollars to mature September 5th 1882 with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum payable semi-annually and they are also hereby authorized and directed for the purpose of securing the payment of said loan to execute in the name of and under the seal

of this Corporation and deliver to said Insurance Company a Bond and Mortgage in the usual form used by said Insurance Company, said Mortgage to cover the following described property - viz - Lot Number four (4) and the West twenty two (22) feet in width of Lot number three (3) in Block "B" of Commissioners Addition to Fort Des Moines. according to plat recorded in Book A of Plats, Pages 104 and 105 -

On Motion, the matter of the Elliott note was left with the Trustees to be settled as they deem proper - by unanimous vote -

On motion, the meeting adjourned -

C E Wingate
Secy -

Trustees Meeting -
Monday April 8. 1878

The Board of Trustees of Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to notice,

On motion, the following resolution was passed by unanimous vote, and ordered recorded - Viz -

Resolved - That the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Plymouth Congregational Society be and they are hereby authorized and requested to procure from the North Western Mutual Life Insurance Company at Milwaukee Wisconsin a loan of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars ($2500.00) to Mature Sept 5th 1882 with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, payable semi-annually and they are also hereby authorized and directed for the purpose of securing the payment of said loan to execute in the name of and under the seal of said Society and deliver to said Insurance Company a Bond & Mortgage in the usual form used by said Insurance Company; said Mortgage to cover the following described property - viz -

Lot number four (4) and the west twenty two (22) feet in width of lot number three (3) in Block "B" of Commissioners addition to Fort Des Moines according to plat recorded in Book "A" of Plats pages 104 and 105 —

Whereupon the board adjourned —

E Wingate Secy —

Trustees Meeting

Friday Evening June 21. 1878

The Board of Trustees of Plymouth Cong. Society met pursuant to notice.

Present T. E Broom. H Harris M. Long G. H. Lewis & A. G. Rawson.

Reading of minutes of former meeting dispensed with —

The Pres. A. G. Rawson. reported the receipt of the Money from the N. W Ins. Co. being the proceeds of the loan authorized. Apr 8. 1878. and had paid various sums in liquidation of floating debts — viz —

To	Comparet & Stark —	160.00
"	Citizens Bank. on note	1158.00
"	Iowa Nat. "	202.25
"	Hawkeye Ins Co —	125.00
"	For abstract	1.50
"	" Draft at Milwaukee	240.00
		$1886.25

The matter of ventilating the church then came up for consideration —

On motion, T. E Broom, appointed to investigate & report.

The treasurer, reported a slight decrease of pew rentals - in view of which, on motion. A G Rawson & M. Long were appointed a committee

to look over the list of pew-holders, and devise means to increase it -

The board being notified that the pastor had released the Society from the payment of $500.00 of his yearly salary, for this year, in consideration of the burdens already borne by the Society, the following resolution of thanks to Rev. Mr Frisbie was voted unanimously — viz —

Whereupon the board adjourned —

E. Wingate Secy —

Des Moines Oct 7th 1878

Pursuant to notice, Plymouth Congregational Society met in the Chapel, and in the absence of the Moderator and Scaty. J H Merrill was called to the chair & J M Otis was appointed Scaty pro tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Deacon J C Foster.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were called for, but in the absence of the Scaretary the reading was dispensed with.

The Treasurer then made his annual report, and on motion, it was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Committee to revise the by laws reported through their chairman John Brown as follows. That article 5 to read. It shall be the duty of the trustees to represent the Society in all its business transactions, to audit and approve all demands upon the Treasurer before payment, and also to audit and approve the annual report of the Treasurer.

At the annual Meeting in Oct 1878 ~~Trustees~~ those shall be elected one trustee to serve ~~One Year~~, two to serve two years & two to serve three years, and at all annual Meetings thereafter the Society shall elect one or more trustees to fill vacancies

Article 6th to read: all Members of Plymouth Congregational Church, and all pew holders, and others, who contribute regularly to the Support of the Church are Members of this Society.

On Motion of G H Sewell the following amendment was made to the 5th article as presented by the Committee,

At the annual Meeting after the Society in Oct 1878 those trustees shall be elected to serve one year, and two to serve two years, and at

the annual meeting in Oct 1879. three trustees Shall be elected to Serve two years, and thereafter the term of members of the board of trustees Shall be two years. But at any annual Meeting of the Society, if any Vacancies occur, Shall be filled & the number of the board So chosen Shall fill out the unexpired term for which a Vacancy may have occured.

The report of the Committee as amended, was adopted unanimously.

Geo H Sewis offered the following resolution. That Plymouth Congregational Society accept the generous donation of Our pastor of $100.00 from his Salery, and tender him the Sincere thanks of this Society for his Voleuntary and great liberality in the present time of financial depression.

On motion of A J Rawson the Society proceded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon on motion of G H Sewis. the by laws relating to the election of Officers be Suspended, and that we elect by a viva voce vote, And on Motion J H Merrill was elected Moderator J M Otis Secy, J S Clark Treasurer and M Song M E Williams & T B Wright were elected trustees for one year and Hayley & Harris & Geo H Sewis for two years.

On motion of J M Otis. Hardy & Harris was elected Ushers in chief, with power to appoint his assistants.

On motion of J S Clark, the Meeting of the Society adjourned,

J M Otis
Secy
pro tem

J H Merrill
Moderator
pro tem

Annual Report of J S Clark Treasurer to October 7th 1878

To total receipts including 447.99 paid on orders 47324

1877				
Oct 15th	By. Amt paid	J H Merrill	advanced pastor last year	50.00
" 26	" "	"	H Robinson = Old account	55.60
Nov 6	" "	"	S A Robinson - Int on Note	15.50
" 23	" "	"	Compert Stark old account	40.00
Dec 30	" "	"	Int on loan to N.W. Life Ins Co	131.66
1878				
April 21	" "	"	McDonald & Means old acct	9.65
May 6	" "	"	N E Walsh repairs	1.24
June 22	" "	"	Cooper & Does - organ note & Int	236.48
" 25	" "	"	Osgood Wyman & Harris on Note	42.55
Aug 6	" "	"	Newman. Work on Ventelator	66.00
" 8	" "	"	Carver & Young " "	30.00
" 9	" "	"	Geo Sirian	11.50
Sept 9	" "	"	Lancashire & T. repairs on organ	20.00
	" "	"	P King 12. months 23 @	276.00
	" "	"	H Proctor Salary	504.17
	" "	"	Geo Barbour Salary	60.00
	" "	"	A L Frisbee. Cash & Orders	2841.25
	" "	"	Gas bills for Jan 1. 77 to Sept 1. 78	169.95
	" "	"	Water bill one year	18.00
	" "	"	Supply of Pulpit 4 Sundays	80.00
	" "	"	Sundry incidentals	16.57
Oct 7	" "	"	Amt on hand at this date	56.30
				47324

Current expenses all paid. Indebtedness to N W Life Insurance Co $500.00 & to Welling & Means Ins Note 209.00 & int

Respectfully

J S Clark

Treas Story County

Febmary 9th 1879

The following Notice was read from the pulpit at the Morning Service

There will be Meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society on Wednesday the 12th day of Feb. to be held in the lecture room immediately after the Wednesday evening Meeting. for the purpose of revising the by laws. and such other business as may come before the meeting.

J H Merrill Moderator
attest J M Otis Secty,

Wednesday Feb 12th 1879

Meeting held in persuance of notice read from the pulpit sabbath morning Feb 9th 1879. The moderator J H Merrill in the Chair.

The Secretary of the Society then made a full Statement of the defects & Conflicting rules of the By Laws of the Society. And on Motion of A G Rawson J M Otis was apporinted a committee to revize readjust & harmonize the laws, as in his judgement may seem best. and have them printed in the new Manual. as the By Laws of the Plymouth Congregational Society of Des Moines Iowa

J H Merrill Moderator
Attest J M Otis Secretary

By Laws. as revised and published in the Manual of 1879

Article 1st

The Officers of this Society Shall be a moderator. Secretary. Treasurer and a board of five Trustees. as provided in the Article of Incorporation

Article 11 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all meetings of the Society, when present, and to perform all the ordinary duties of a presiding officer in deliberative bodies

He shall call Special meetings of the Society at the request of a Majority of the Board of Trustees, or of any five Members of the Society giving due and timely notice thereof.

In the absence of the Moderator any Member may be called to the chair by a vote of the Society, but shall hold office for that meeting only.

Article 3rd It Shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true record of all the proceedings of the Society in a Book provided for that purpose, and perform all other duties assigned him by the Society, not conflicting with the duties of other Officers.

Article 4th It Shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all moneys due the Society, and pay out the same as the Society shall direct, or upon accounts audited and approved by at least three Trustees. He shall in all cases take a receipt for moneys paid out of the Treasury, and preserve the same, as vouchers for the correctness of his accounts. He shall at the annual meeting in October, or at an earlier date if requested by the Society, Make a full and complete report of the receipts and expenditures during the year previous to, or since his last report

He shall also embrace in the annual report a full exhibit of the financial condition of the Society, including its liabilities and assets.

Before such report shall be accepted by the Society, so much of it as appertains to the receipts & expenditures shall be audited

and approved by a majority of the board of Trustees.

Article 5th It Shall be the duty of the Trustees to represent the Society in all its business transactions, to audit and approve all demands upon the Treasurer before payment, and also to audit and approve the annual report of the Treasurer.

Article 6th All members of the Plymouth Congregational Church, and all pewholders, and others, who contribute regularly to the support of the Church, are Members of this Society

Article 7th The time for holding the regular annual Meeting of the Society Shall be the first Monday of October, at which time the officers of the Society Shall be elected.

Article 8th Special Meetings of the Society may be called by request of a Majority of the Trustees, or of any five members of the Society; public notice of Such Meeting Shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath previous to the day of Such Special Meeting, or in case Such Notice is not given then two days Notice in any newspaper published in Des Moines, or two days actual Notice of Such Meeting to a Majority of the members of the Society, Shall be Sufficient.

Article 9th The term of office of Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer Shall be one year, or until their Successors are elected, and at the annual Meeting in October 1879, three Trustees Shall be elected to Serve two years, and at the annual Meeting in 1880, two Trustees Shall be elected to Serve two years, and thereafter the term of Members of the board of Trustees Shall be two years. But at any annual Meeting, or Special Meeting called for that purpose, if any Vacancies occur, Shall be filled, and the Member so chosen Shall fill out the unexpired term for which a Vacancy may have occurred.

Article 10th Seven Members of the Society (four at least of whom are Members of the Annual) Shall constitute a Quorum.

Article 11th The Officers of the Society Shall be chosen by ballot unless the unanimous consent of those present be obtained to a different rule.

Trustees to serve for 2 years
2 Trustees to be chosen on Each even year like 1910
3 " " " " " odd " " 1911

Des Moines Oct 6th 1879

Pursuant to notice, the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the Church, and meeting called to order. ~~and~~ In the absence of the Moderator. Rev H L Whitman was elected Moderator pro tem.

Prayer was offered by Rev W N Miles. Records of last annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer, J D Clark then made his annual report, which was approved and ordered placed on file.

A Statement was made by the Secretary of the advantages to be derived from the use of a Motor in operating the Organ, and on Motion of Governor Merrill, the Matter was referred to the Trustees & Secretary, with power to act in the premises.

The Society then proceeded to the election of the Officers, which resulted in the choice of John A Elliott as Moderator, J M Otis Secretary, Geo H Lewis Treasurer, and 136 Scwall T. S Wright and D O Eshbaugh Trustees.

A Statement was then made by J M Otis of an error in the articles of incorporation, where it reads in the Notarial Certificate 1865, when it should read 1869.

On Motion of Geo H Lewis, the Secretary was ordered to erase the figures 65, and insert in their place 59.

On Motion, H C Harris was elected Chief Usher, with power to appoint assistants.

There being no other business before the Society, the Meeting adjourned and those present proceeded to Select pews for the ensuing year

H L Whitman
Moderator pro tem

J M Otis Secretary

Treasurers Report for the year 1879

Pew rents paid to the treasurer	$ 3462.34
Pew rents paid on ordrs. & otherwise by trustees	348.30
Sunday Collections	205.01
Sundry old building Subscriptions	132.95
Surplus from printing Manual (J M Cas)	2.10
Ladies of Society paid on interest Note	200.00
Special Subscription for intrest of loan	127.00
	$ 4478.20

Liabilities

Salery of Pastor - A L Frisbie	2625.00
Intrest on Loan $8500. @ 8 per Cent	680.00
Old insurance Note to Myers & Welling	229.90
Water rent	18 00
H d Pastor, Organist - Salery	474.99
P. King Janitor "	221.00
Geo Boribner, for turning Organ	60.00.
Repairs on Church	166.83
Compant & Starks - Old bill	50.00
Incidentals	19.20
Gas bills from Sept 1, 1878 to Oct 1. 1879	174 00
	$ 4723.92
Leaving a deficiency of	245.72

J S Clark - Treas

In account with the $ C Soc

Oct 7th 1878	To Balance on hand at last report	$ 56.30
" 6th 1879	" Cash rec'd as appears from the books	
	Since date of last report	3625.15
	Total	$ 3681.45
Oct 6th 1879.	By Amount paid out Since last report as is More fully Shown from the books	3652.24
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	$ 29.21

Respectfully Submitted

J S Clark

Treas

Des Moines Oct 4th 1880

The annual Meeting of the plymouth Congregational Society. was called to order by the Secretary. and in the absence of the Moderator J A. Elliott. Deacon J S Clark. was called to the chair. and the Meeting was then opened with prayer by Deacon D O Eshbaugh.

The minutes of the last annual Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Geo H Lewis. then made his annual report. showing a balance in the Treasury of $3.10 The report was ordered placed on the Society records.

The committee on Motor; reported that they recommend the postponement of the purchase of a Motor at the present time. report accepted and committe discharged.

Whereupon the following named persons were elected officers for the ensuing Year. Matthew Long Moderator. J M Otis Secretary. A.Y. Rawson Treasurer. and J. P. Foster + A Y Rawson. Trustes for two years.

On Motion the Meeting adjourned. and the Society proceeded to Select pews for the ensuing Year.

J S Clark
Moderator pro tem

attest J M Otis Secretary

Oct 6th 1880

Geo H Lewis, Treasurer.
In acct with Plymouth Ecy Society

Dr

To cash from pew rents		$4136.68
" " " Sunday Collections		324.81
" " " Sale of old Organ		20.00
" " " Subscription Note (J H Hornung)		30.00
" " " J S Clark, bal in hand as treasurer preceding year		26.70
		4538.20

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By cash for Salary Rev A L Frisbee		2500.00
" " " " H J Proctor	$111.80 old acc	600.00
" " " " P. King		218.00
" " " " Geo Scribner		60.00
" " " " Gas bills – old acc 20.40		
" " " " " " New " 143.40		163.80
" " " " Coal		106.42
" " " " Water bills		18.50
" " " " Insurance		125.00
" " " " Interest		580.00
" " " " Miscellaneous expences		108.13
" " " " bal due Geo H Lewis at beginning of the year not inc'd 35. to proctor above		55.25
" " " bal pd ag Rowsan Oct 6th 80		310 00
		4038.20
		00

Saturday August 13th 1881

At a meeting of the trustees of the Plymouth Congregational Society, the Treasurer, A Y Rawson, stated that the seats in the Church were all rented, and that many more applications for seats had been made than could be furnished.

He then submitted the question of pulling in a gallery to supply the present demands.

After a lengthy discussion of the question, it was resolved to request the Moderator Matthews Long, to call a Meeting of the Society, and on motion of A Y Rawson, F S Wright & J P Foster were appointed a committee to lay the request before the Moderator, which request duly presented to him, and the call at once made,

The following resolution was offered by J P Foster, and adopted.

That under article 3 of the by laws of the Society, there is hereby assigned to the Secretary, the duty of attending the meetings of the Board of trustees, and recording in the records of the Society a full account of their proceedings. He shal designate in the ~~proceedings~~ Records the proceedings of the Society, & of the board of trustees.

On motion of H E Williams the meeting adjourned.

J M Otis Sty

Des Moines August 17th 1881

Meeting of the Society in pursuance of notices given in the Sabbath School, (there being no services in the Church) and by mailing about two hundred postal cards notifying the members of the Society of said Meeting, and by publication twice in the daily Register, of the meeting to be held, August 17th 1881.

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The Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Matthew Long.

Prayer was offered by Rev M N Miles, after which, the object of the Meeting was stated by J P Foster to be, That the Seating Capacity of the Church be increased by erecting galleries.

The Subject was further discussed by T S Wright. Mr Frisbee & Others

Mr Lewis discussed the question of extending the church back to the alley on the North, and increasing the Seating Capacity in that direction. And on Motion of Mr Lewis, the whole Subject was referred to an adjourned Meeting to be held next Saturday at 7-30 PM

Meeting adjourned.

J M Curtis, Secty

Saturday August 20th 1881

Society met in pursuance of adjournment. Moderator Mr Long in the Chair. Meeting opened with Prayer by Mr Hewitt.

After which, the Trustees reported that to extend the building North to the alley would require an outlay of about $4500, and would only increase the Seating Capacity about 150

J P Foster offered the following resolution

Resolved that the trustees be instructed to proceed to erect a Gallery across the South end of the Church, upon the general plan of a circular gallery - provided the means can be raised to pay for the Same, and T S Wright offered the following resolution, both of which were adopted

Resolved, That a committee of three be

be appointed, whos duty it shall be to immediately canvass the Society for Subscriptions for the purpose, and at such time as reliable Subscriptions shall be had for $1300. the trustees shall contract for building the gallery and such other repairing of the inside of the church as they may deem best, and expedient.

On Motion of A H Getchell the whole matter of raising the Money, and contracting for the work, be referred back to the trustees, and on motion of J S Clark the meeting adjourned to meet two weeks from to night.

M Long. Mod

J M Bates Sety

Dr's Morins Saturday Sept 3rd 1881

Society met in pursuance of adjournment there being no quorum the meeting adjourned sine die

Des Moines Oct 4th 1881

Plymouth Congregational Society Met in pursuance of Notices from the Pulpit and publication in the daily papers & otherwise.

Meting called to Order by the Secretary, and in the absence of the Moderator Mr Jos J B Clark was called to the Chair and the Meeting opened with prayer by Rev N H Wiley.

The Secretary read the Min report of the last annual Meeting.

The Treasurer A L Rawson then made his annual report. which was accepted, and ordered placed on file.

On Motion the rule for electing officers was suspended; there being no objection, and a viva voce vote ordered. Whereupon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year

J H McClelland		Moderator
J M Otis		Secretary
J M Otis		Treasurer
and T S Wright		
B L Sewall and	} for 2 years	Trustees
M E Williams		

See page 125 J P Foster introduced the following resolution. which was adopted

On Motion of J M Otis. the Matter of apponiting Ushers was left to the Trustes

On Motion of A L Frisbie a committee consisting of the five trustes. be apponited to take into consideration some plan for raising funds to meet church expenses, and on motion the Society adjourned and the trustes proceeded to rent the pews for the ensuing Year.

J S Clark Moderator pro tem

J M Otis Secy

Plymouth Congregational Society

In a/c with A Y Rawson Cr

By amt rec'd from pew rent		$4392.69
" " " " M E Church		16.50
" " " Sunday Collections		330.63
" " " J B Hatch		10.00
" " Contra Dr		$4749.82
For amt paid A L Frisbie	2750.00	
" " " Janator	221.60	
" " " do extra work	13.00	
" " " Organ Blower	60.00	
" " " H L Proctor	500.00	
" " " Repairs on Church	8.39	
" " " Insurance Note State Ins Co	200.00	
" " " Water Rent	18.00	
" " " Gas Bill	16620	
" " " Gas Fixtures & Repairs	11.70	
" " " Tune Organ	20.00	
" " " Lumber Kindling & Tapers	838	
" " " Interest on loan & exchange	480.66	
" " " Brooms 60 Sand 25 Duster 75	1.60	
" " " Geo Lamm. Glass in Church	2.00	
" " " Coal Bill	149.72	
" " " Insurance	100.00	
" " " Lead Copperas & Kerosene	50	
Cash on hand	38.07	=$4749.82

Dr's Norms Dec 13th 1881

Trustees Met in pursuance of a call from the Chairman J P Foster. Rawson Moved by Foster that the Treasurer be empowered to contract for the bending Stairs & doors for the Steeple & pay for the Same & that Merrill & Berry be appointed ushers & the Treasurer to have the names of pew holders printed & pay the bal on note due State Insurance Co. J M Otis Secty

Des Moines November 21st 1881

Meeting of the Trustees to consider the advisability of building the gallery at once, and on motion of M E Williams that the work on the gallery be postponed till the next Summer Vacation unless the work can be completed by the first of January next. So the Church can be occupied by the first of ~~January~~ that time

J D Foster offered the following Resolution, Resolved, that there be appropriatid to Mr Frisbie the amt report by Mr Rawson the Out going Treasurer, as on hand & also the proceeds of uncollected pew rents in the said Rawsons hands, as fast as collected, and that Mr Rawson be, and he is hereby instructed to so apply and pay the same, and that Treasurer Otis be and he is hereby instructed to pay out of any funds in his hands enough, in addition to the amount above appropriated to make Mr Frisbie's Salary for last year $3000.00

and on motion of M Foster, that we adjourn to meet at this place tomorrow night at 7 oclock P. M.

J M Otis Sty

Trustees met pursuant to adjournment, and on motion of M E Williams. J S Wright and A L Frisbie be appointed a committee to add to the present heating capacity as in their judgement may be required

On Motion of J D Foster that the Same committe be empowered to make any other changes or addition that they in their judgement may be required to make the Church comfortable for the Winter

On motion of Williams. J P Foster was added to the Committee with instructions to attend the Sale of Chairs at the East Side Opera House on the 8th day of Dec and make such purchase of Chairs as in his judgement we may need for the church

Moved by Mr Sewall that the building of the gallery be postponed for the present and on Motion of A Y Rawson the Meeting adjourned

J M Otis Secty

Des Moines March 4th 1882

Trustees Met in pursuance of a call

Des Moines March 4th 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman and on motion of M E Williams. F S Wright was appointed a committee to wait on H D Procter and arrange with him for his Salary for the Year 1882.

and on motion of Ay Rawson it was Stipulated that the pay of the janitor Should be $25. pr month from Oct 1st to May 1st and from May 1st to September 30th $18.00 pr month, and $15.00 pr month to the Organ blower.

and on motion the following bills were allowed and the treasurer instructed to pay the Same

A L Frisbie	Freight on pipes &c	8.80
L Harbach	Chairs	77.00
Longstreet & Hillis	Grates	16.92
Wm Foster	Plans for Gallery	35.00
Ripley & B	Steam pipes &c	120.25
Burnside & Kehoe	fitting pipes	57.30
H Kemper	Storm doors &c	100.00

On motion, J P Foster was appointed a committee to ascertain the wishes of the Society in regard to paying off the debt held by the North western Life Insurance company, and report at next meeting.

J M Otis Secty

Des Moines March 30th 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman and F S Wright made the following report.

That he had agreed with H D Procter to pay him $50.00 pr month as leader of the Choir, and Organist for the year 1882, and $50.00 pr month and pew rent for the year 1883

And J P Foster reported as follows

That we have talked with Some of the leading

members of the Society and a general opinion is expressed that the debt should be met fully at its maturity.

That so far as we can obtain. there are about 180 names of persons who will probably give; but a large number being young men. and persons recently come among us. Your committee think that the average amount will be about 00 ¢ to a person.

We recommend that there shall not be any assessment made, but rely on the voluntary gifts of the people.

We further recommend that when any Subscription is made, that it be by note. with an agreement attached thereto, that the whole debt should be paid, or the money refunded.

That all Subscriptions be made payable on or before August 1st. and if the debt is not paid, the money be refunded on the first of November.

J P Foster - committee

Des Moines April 6th 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman. and on motion of J P Foster. a list of the names of the members of the County was presented. and given some to each member of the board of trustees + treasurer. the names of such persons as they would agree to see, and procure their Note or obligation for such Sum or Sums of Money as they would pay toward the liquidation of the debt. and after the distribution of the names as above mentioned, the meeting adjourned.

J M Otis Sity

Des Moines July 10th 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman and the committee on Subscription, reported that Sufficient Sum to pay off the debt could not be procured, and on motion it was decidid to postpone further action, until the pastor Rev A L Frisbie, returned from his vacation.

And on motion the meeting adjourned.

J McOtis Secty

Des Moins Aug 12th 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman and on motion the treasurer was instructed to pay the Sewer tax on Locust Street amounting to $9.85 and the bill of the Iowa State Register for printing notices &c for 11.00

And on motion of ME Williams, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet next Saturday evening August 19th to determine what course we will pursue in regard to the debt.

Moved by Foster that we adjourn

J McOtis Secty

Des Moins. August 19th /82

Trustees met pursuant to adjournment, and after consultation agreed to adjourn to meet August 26th

J McOtis Secty

Des Moines Aug 26th 1882

Trustees met persuant to adjournment and after much talk. M E Williams a committee consisting of Samuel Merrill. I F Foster & C H Getchell to whom shall be referred the Subscription for further circulation. and after allowing the bill of Burnside and Kekoe for 5.60 the meeting adjourned to meet next Saturday evening.

J M Otis Secty

Des Saturday evening

Trustees met persuant to adjournment and after the of the debt had been thoroughly canvassed. and the probabilities of Success and failure. had been fully talked over. it was decided adopt the never failing plan of our Methodist brethren of enlisting our pastor in behalf of the cause. and ask him to present the Subject on the next Sabbath morning. which he readily acceded to. when the Subject was presented the next morning and Subscriptions, or additional Subscriptions were called for. the audience responded very generously. and it was found that a Sufficient amount to pay the debt had been Subscribed

J M Otis Secty

Drs Monies Sept 8th 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman and on motion of M E Williams the Chairman was authorized to borrow Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars, from Some Bank, to meet the expense of Sewering, Paving & curbing.

On Motion of J P Foster, the Survey of the Seventh Street Sewer, be recorded in the records of the Society. Marked exhibit (A,

Moved by A G Rawson that the Chairman be authorized to borrow the amount above named $450.00 from the Church debt fund, and that the amount there of be, and is hereby appropriated out of the first moneys collected for the first quarter of the ensuing year, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to do pay the Same, and on Motion the meeting adjourned.

J M Otis Sty

Exhibit (A)

Location of Sewer junctions on Seventh St in front of the Congregational Church

1st junction is at a point in the Sewer opposite a point 11 feet North from the South line of the Church

2nd junction is opposite a point 36 feet north of the South line of the lot,

3rd junction is opposite the South line of the west Basement door.

4th junction is opposite the South side of the Basement windows, which is the second window from the north side of the Church.

5th junction is opposite a point six feet north from the north west corner buttems of the Church,

6th junction is opposite a ~~poo~~ little north of the South line of the Alley, and designed for the Alley Sewer.

Des Moines September 23rd 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman and on motion the following resolutions was adopted.

Resolved. that the mode of Selling the choice of Seats for the ensuing year. at the annual meeting on the first Monday in Oct. be So changed for this year. and that the Sale of Seats be postponed until friday evening and that it be held in conjunction with the Ladies Sociable and Harvest festival.

Resolved.

that the trustees approve the action & proposition of the Ladies of the Society to give on the evening of pew renting a Sociable & Harvest Festival. and that they will act in harmony with, and aid them therein. And the Secretary is instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the Ladies Society

The following bills were audited and allowed & treasurer directed to pay the Same after which the Meeting adjourned.

Iowa State Insurance Company	8.25
J P Foster in Side Walk	43.00
Sewer Tax	123.25
H L Chaffee (Nails)	4 50
H F Gtchell & Sons Lumber	43.96
T S Wright Paving fund	24.86

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Des Moines Monday October 2nd 1882

The Society met in annual Session, pursuant to notices. The Moderator J H McClelland in the chair.

Meeting called to order by the moderator, and opened with prayer by J P Foster.

The minutes of the last annu. meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved by the Society.

The treasurers report was then made showing the total receipts to be $583.00, and the disbursements $540.01 leaving a bal in the treasury of 32.99

The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Geo H Lewis moved that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be allowed the treasurer for his services for the last year, and a commission of two pr. ct Per cent be allowed the treasurer for the next year. Which was unanimously adopted

On motion of Geo R Osgood the rule for the election of officers be suspended & that we elect by a viva voce vote adopted and the following persons were elected

Moderator J H McClelland
Secretary J M Otis
Treasurer J M Otis
Trustees Chas Bowen & S A Merrill

Moved by G H Lewis. that the trustees appoint Ushers for the ensuing year.

Moved by J S Clark that we adjourn sine die

J H McClelland
Moderator

J M Otis
Secty

J M Otis- Treasurer
In account with
Plymouth Congregational Society

By Pew Rents for the year ending Oct 2nd 1882		$539617
" Sunday Collections - 38 - average bal 12.39		470.83
" Des Moines Charitable Aid Society		6.00
		$587300
Contra Dr		
For Cash paid Rev A L Frisbie	300.00	
" bal - 1881	125.00	
" H. I Proctor	570.01	
" P King	331.10	
" Gas	150.60	
" A J Rawson (on Coal)	70.94	
" Eureka Coal Co 20 5/6 2251	43.07	
" Sewer Tax 89 80/100 1 25/100	213.10	
" State Ins Co (old note)	79.05	
" Iowa State Ins Co	8.25	
" H Kemmer 40/100	140.00	
" North W L Ins Co Com Int	480.00	
" P C Kenyon Printing	19.15	
" Water Co	18.00	
" L Harbach (Chairs)	77.00	
" Warner & Carruthers	5.75	
" Burnside & Kelso	72.37	
" H J Getchell & Sons	49.96	
" Wright & Weeks	10.20	
" State Register	11.00	
" L P Foster	43.05	
" J S Wright	24.86	
" Rippie & Kimball	120.25	
" Longhran & Hills	16.92	
" Wm Foster	35.00	
" Osgood & Hanson & Co	7.15	
" Moline Pipe Organ Co	50.00	
" H L Chaffee	4.50	
" F B Robinson	1.25	
" C Craine	75	
" A L Frisbie	8.80	
" J P Foster McCauley & Wiles	1.90	
" J E Bissell	15.00	
" O C Dickenson	15.00	
" W L Beaty	15.00	
" Citizens Nat Bank - Check Book	1.68	
" Cash in Bank & bal	32.99	$587300
		0.00

J M Otis- Treasurer

Des Moines Oct 14th 1882
First meeting of new board of trustees

Trustees met pursuant to notice, and on motion of F S Wright Mumford & Williams was elected Chairman for the ensuing year

And on motion of F S Wright the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: that immediate steps be taken to utilize the money paid & Subsaniptions made toward the Church debt, and that to this end, Mr J P Easton be requested and authorized to collect due Subscriptions & to so dispose of or place the notes taken for Subscription as to realize money therefor, and to use such moneys, with the moneys paid in, in the lifting of the notes of the Society held by the North western Life Insurance Company and the satisfaction of the Mortgage

on motion the meeting adjourned

Jas Otis Sec

Des Moines Nov 2nd 1882

Trustees met at call of Chairman, and adopted the following resolution.

Resolved that the Chairman of the board of trustees of Plymouth Congregational Society of Des Moines is hereby directed & empowered to sell and transfer by proper assignment the following described Notes, taken upon the Subscription to pay off the debt of said Society to the north western Life Insurance Company & to guarantee the payment of said Notes at Maturity in the name & behalf of said Society. Said Sale to made to such person or corporation as will pay the most in cash for said Notes.

The said Chairman is als authorized to draw the Money now on deposit in the Citizens National Bank to the credit of the Church

Debt account consisting of money collected on Said Subscription

Dec 1883				
Jan	1	A B Cummins		75.00
	1	W L Long		10.00
"	1	C H Atkins		150.00
"	1	C W Eaton		30.00
"	1	L W Parish		20.
Dec 1882	2	G W Brister		20.
"	25	J Callanan		254
"	28	L W Parrish	6 per ct	15.00
1883				
Jan	13	H C Harris		100.
Feb	15	W H Langan		10.
Mar	1	A D Crain		50.
Apr	1	J E Clary		5.
"	1	F S Wright	8 per ct	300.00
"	1	F S Jaquette	6 " "	25
May	1	W B Beasley	6 " "	50
"	1	F A Percival		100.
July	1	W E Hazen	6 " "	50
"	1	B F Longley	6 " "	50
Aug	1	A Y Rawson		200.
Oct.	7	F A Percival		100.
"	3	Frank Pelton	6 " "	25
April	1			1635.00

Des Moines Dec 7th 1882

Trustees met at the call of the Chairman and on motion of F S Wright. Crom Bowen was appointed a Committee to look up the Insurance, and ascertain what amount we have, now on the Church, and obtain duplicate Polices in cases where policies have been lost. and ~~report at the next meeting~~ ~~Insurance of needed to the amount of 1500.00 on the Church building + 500 on the fixtures~~

On motion of Crom Bowen. F S Wright was appointed a committee to look after the Heating apparatus + to add more steam pipes if needed

The final report of D P Foster Chairman of the Committee on Church debt funded was

over

received and ordered placed on the records of the Society.

Moved that the Secretary be requested to make a Schedule of the papers in his possession and report the Same to the board of trustees, and also to bring with him the records to the meeting of the board

Des Moines Dec 9th 1882

Trustees met at call of the Chairman to here the report of Crown Bowen on Insurance. as follows.

To the Board of Trustees of Plymouth Congregational Church.

I have examined the Subject of Insurance on the church property, and find that we are now carrying on the building furniture &c the Sums of $17,500. in the following named Companies. In Hawkeye Ins Co on building $1500. expires Jan 20/83 - Policy last - 13,000. other concurrent Ins allowed.

In Niagra Ins Co - on building 3.500. expires Jan 19th/83 Policy last. No concurrent Ins allowed

In State Ins co on building. gas. & Water Pipes 2.500. expires Sept 8th/87 Total concurrent Ins 15.000.

In Des Moines Ins Co on building 2,000. on organ Boiler. carpets. carpets. Pulpit cushions and all other furniture 500. expires Sept 8/87 Concurrent Ins unlimited.

In Home State Ins Co on building 2000. on organ Boiler. Carpets. pulpit. cushions & all other furniture 500. 15.000. other Ins concurrent permitted Expires Sept 8/88

In Royal Ins Com of Liverpool on Musical Instruments 2,400. on Steam Boiler including attachments thereto. Steam + fixtures, and gas fixtures 800. on Church furniture + fixtures. Pulpit platform pews. Seats. Carpets Cushions tables & Stoves. 1,800. Expires May 23/84 No concurrent Ins allowed.

Total Ins on Building 11,500.

" " " Other Property 6,000.

From the above it will be seen that only two of the policies are concurrent and great difficulty might be experienced in adjusting the loss should one occur.

I would therefore recommend that a form for a policy be adopted to be used in all cases and that the existing Insurance be changed to conform thereto.

I am informed by Insurance agents that blanket policies can issued in cases of Churches. Covering all the property except the organs & I would suggest that such a form be used.

Respectfully

Crom Bowen

The report was accepted ordered placed on file.

T S Wright moved that the Insurance on Building + fixtures be fixed at 10,000. and on furniture &c 5,000. That the amount of Insurance be kept to this amt. That Mr Bowen be instructed to have the proper entries made on each policy so as to permit the proper concurrent Insurance. and to cause them to correspond in discription &c and that additional Insurance be at once taken to reach the amount above named

The trustees was instructed pay bills of A Crain for duster 75 cts.

Adjourned J M Otis Sec'y

Final Report of the committee on chimneys &c.

To the Board of Trustees of Plymouth Church.

In the matter of adopting nfs the Subscription and paying the debt to the North Western Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee of $6000.00 and assumed interest I submit this my final Report.

I have collected as follows - Viz

Mrs Augusta Atkins	5.	H C Harris	250.
C H Atkins	150.	W E Hazen	100.
C B Atkins	25.	Bessie Hitchcock	10.
G E Booth	10.	C W Huntington	10.
Silas A Berry	5.	S Hewitt	5.
Geo C Baker	150.	H B Hedge	75.
Miss Breckenridge	10.	Mrs F G Hubbard	10.
Frank Brinsmaid	5.	W H Halsey	50.
Willis S Brown	20.	Timothy Hunt	10.
Mrs G W Bristow	25.	F S Jaquith	50.
W B Bentley	100.	L C Hasson	20.
Orrin Bowen	25.	S F Kellogg	5.
J. M. Coggeshall	100.	A G Kingsbury	5.
A D Crain	50.	M L Leonard	10.
A B Cummins	75.	W L Long	10.
J E Clary	15.	J F Long	10.
H L Chaffee	5.	Matthew Long	25.
J S Clark	100.	B F Longley	100.
James Callanan	250.	J M Langan	25.
Mrs Crosby	10.	W H Langan	20.
David D Devin	10.	Geo H Lewis	50.
D O Eshbaugh	50.	Geo R Lathrop	25.
John A Elliott	100.	W W Lyons	25.
Charles W Eaton	50.	Samuel A Merrill	50.
A L Frisbie	150.	J H Merrill	400.
Mrs A L Frisbie	10.	Samuel Merrill	500.
Mrs J O Floyd	2.	J C Macy	100.
J P Foster	100.	C W Mennig	20.
F J Gillette	4.	E L Marsh	25.
G L Godfrey	25.	Albert H Miles	15.
C H Getchell	500.	J H McClelland	20.
W L Guernsey	10.	M M Norton	10

Geo K Osgood	250.	E H Taylor	15.
James G Olmstead	25.	I E Torrie	25.
L W Parrish	50.	Frank W Vonse	25.
F A Percival	200.	F S Wright	500.
J J Payne	25.	C L Watrous	100.
W W Phillips	25.	John R Wright	50.
Frank Pelton	25.	W E Williams	25.
Augustus Young Rawson	400.	H L Whitman	100.
J F Rollins	50.	Sunday Collection	17.12
Hiram A Reid	5.	Total Col	$ 6363.12
Mrs H A Reid	5.		
J G Rounds	25.		
M H Smith	100.		
B C Sewall	25.		
Harry F Sayles	5.		
Mrs Mary J Smith	5.		
J B Stewart	50.		
Soule & Fleming	20.		
C D Sprague	25.		

I have disbursed as follows

Paid discount on Notes given by parties and not yet due, the total amt of Such Notes is 1635

Discount 50 Net 1585.00 Dis

Note to N W Life Ins Co	$6000.00
Accrued Interest thereon	167.96
Paid to J M Otis-Treasurer	145.16
Discount on notes not matured	50.00
	$6363.12

With this report I hand you papers as follows

1st	Bond of Trustees for	$6000.00
2nd	1 Mortgage to Secure the Same	
3rd	1 Satisfaction of Mortgage (Recorded)	
4th	3 Abstracts of Title	
5th to	3 Insurance Policies	
6th to	7 Certificates of Clerk of U S Circuit & District Courts that there are no judgments vs the Co	
7	1 Letter from N W Mut Life Ins Co acknowledging receipt of $6167.96	

over

8th 2 Bills for Paving & Curbing
9th 1 Note of Trustees for $450.00

The Subscriptions in the foregoing list have been Solicited by the following persons Thomas S Wright. Samuel Merrill. Manford & Williams. J M Otis & Myself all of Which is Submitted.

J P Foster

Drs Moines March 17th 1883

Trustees met at call of the Chairman at which Williams. Wright. Sewell. Borden & Merrill were present.

and on motion of T S Wright the following bills were allowed and the Treasurer was instructed to pay

Bill of	Burnside & Kehoe	$82.45
"	" A Kuemer	24.35
"	" Holland & Nash	7.25

It was also ordered to pay H. P. Foster $6.25 the amt of his pew Rent. for music, and other expences. incured at the quarter centennial celebration on the 6th of Dec 188 of the organization of the Church

on motion the meeting adjourned

J M Otis - Secty -

Drs Moines May 12th 1883

Trustees Met at call of the Chairman MEM.

Present Sewell. Borden. & Williams. and on Motion of Brown Borden. the Treasurer was instructed to pay Geo H Lewis $1.28 Amount advanced by him to pay bal - of expence in the quarter Centennial Celebration Dec 6th 1882

Adjourned

J M Otis

Secty

Des Moines June 1st 1883

Trustees met pursuant to Call of the Chairman.
Present Wright. Merrill Borden & Williams
On Motion of T.S Wright the following resolut-
ion was unanimously addopted.

Whereas in previous Years, our Pastor
at a Sacrafice to himself, and to the great
aid of the Society when in Straitened circumstan,
permitted a reduction of his Salery, and whereas
we feel that as rapidly as may be, we should
in justice to him reimburse the Same.

Therefor Resolved that the Treasurer be and
he is hereby instructed to pay to Mr Frisbee out
of any monys in his hands, the Sum of
One hundred & fifty dollars.

On motion of Borden, the Chairman be
authorized to procede at once, and make
Such repairs to the Roof of the Church, as in
his judgment, are needed.

and on motion the meeting adjourned

J M Otis- Sily

Des Moines Saturday Sept 29th 1883

Trustees met pursuant to Call, to
audit the Treasurs accounts, and upon
a carefull examination, found his
books correct and entirely Satisfactory.

Upon motion of T S Wright the Bills
of Compant & Stark for 100.00 and also the
bill of H Keener for 79.00 were allowed
and the treasurer directed to pay them.

and on motion the meeting adjourned

J M Otis. Secty

Des Moines October 1st 1883

The annual Meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society, met pursuant to notice, and in absence of the Moderator J H McClelland. the Secretary called the Meeting to order, and called W E Hazen to act as Moderator protem

Present Stacy Johns. E H Taylor Wm B. Beatley. W E Hazen. A L Frisbie. J P Foster and J M Otis.

There being but Seven present, it was thought advisable to postpone the meeting, and on motion of J P Foster. the meeting was adjourned to Monday October 8th at 7 oclock P.M.

J M Otis
Secretary

Des Moines Oct 8th 1883

Society met pursuant to adjournment, and in the absence of the Chairman, Deacon Matthew Long was elected Chairman protem

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Rev A L Frisbie. and the Minutes of the last annual meeting were read, after which. the Treasurer's report was presented approved. and ordered placed on file.

The Society proceeded to the election of the following officers

Trustees- Geo H Lewis. T S Wright & H C Harris
Moderator Deacon Matthew Long
Secretary J M Otis
Treasurer J M Otis

The following Resolution was offered by A G Rogers and unanimously adopted

"Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to pay over to the ladies repairing the Church

any moneys in his hands. each quarter after paying the Preacher and the incidental expenses of the Society"

The following motion by Dea J S Clark was adopted

Moved that the Suggestion presented to the meeting by Dr Frisbie, as to the propriety and feasibility of puting in a gallery at the South end of the auditorium, be referred to the Ladies of the Society, with power to act.

on motion the meeting adjourned

Matthew Long Moderator

J M Otis Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

J M Otis Treasurer
In account with
Plymouth Congregational Society

1883

Oct 1	By Amt received from Rent of Pews		542.35
	" Sunday Collections		356.06
	" M H Smith (Note)		50.00
	" Brackets Sold		15.80
	" Checks "		75
	" Bal in Bank Oct 2nd 1882		32.99
	Carried Ford		$ 5879.95

Disbursements as follows

A L Frisbie	3150.00
H I Proctor	550.00
P King	334.80
J M Otis	217.60
Paving Tax	420.00
Insurance	370.70
Gas	150.70
Coal	133.42
Burnside & Kehoe	82.45
H Kumer	103.35
Carried Ford	$ 5513.02

Brot Ford — $587.95

Brot Ford	513.02
Comparet & Stark	100.00
Stacy Johns	27.60
Rev S S Grimmdle	15.00
Crane Bros	21.01
Mills & Company	12.00
Geo H Lewis	11.28
Water Company	18.00
J P Foster	11.75
Warner & Carruthers	6.40
N & Barber	8.00
Manford & Williams	2.50
Holland & New	7.25
R K Miller Side Walk Tax	7.48
Boston Bro (printing)	6.00
T B Robinson	6.40
Getchell & Sons	3.00
J A Wilson	2.00
Crain	1.75
Check Book	2.00
Bal on hand	102.51
	$587.95 $587.95

Des Moines Oct 6th 1884

Society met pursuant to notice and in the absence of the Moderator J H Long, J H Merrill was chosen Moderator protem.

The meeting was then opened with prayer by Deacon J P Foster.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

Report of the Treasurer was then made and approved.

On motion the society suspended the rules and proceded to the election ~~the Officers~~ by a viva voce vote, of the officers for the ensuing year. as follows.

Moderator J H Merrill.
Secretary J M Otis
Treasurer E H Taylor
Trustee S A Merrill
Crom Borden.

On motion of G H Lewis, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Ladies having the supervision of construction of the balconies in the Church any funds that may come into his hands after paying the ordinary expenses of the Society.

On motion the Society adjourned

J M Otis Secretary. J H Merrill Moderator

J M Otis In account with Plymouth Cong Society

Amt Rec'd from Pew Rents	405.08
" Sunday Collections	376.25
Bal on hand 1883	10 26
	791.59

Disbursements as follows

A L Frisbie		3000.00
D King	Land for	361.35 = 3361.35

Brot Forward		$4530,84
	$336,35	
Kimball	502,06	
Gas	184,75	
Carrie Johns	100.00	
Coal	149.83	
J M Otis	70.00	
Moline Pipe Organ	25.00	
Insurance $82,50 & $82,50	165.00	
Mrs A Rawson	56.00	
A Newton Sidi Walk	15.75	
John O Boston printing	11.00	
Fowler & Kepil	15.75	
L B Abdell	12.00	
Water Co	9.00	
Kimball Books	8.12	
Crandall "	7.90	
Cate & Graham	7.00	
F Woodry	5.50	
Fisher (Repairs Organ)	5.00	
Youngerman	4.55	
Warren & C	4.25	
Conant & S	4.65	
Mathews & L	4.75	
Emma Howe (Register Noted)	2.80	
Holland & Reed	2.75	
W H Gleason (Repairs)	1.00	
C Crain	1.00	
State Register	1.00	
F A Dicks	4.25	
	4736,01	

Des Moines October 5th 1885

Annual meting of the Society of P. Cong Society

Society met pursuant to Notice, and was called to Order by the Moderator J H Merrill & opened with prayer by E P Shore. Minutes of the last annual meting of the society were read by the Secretary and approved.

Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Trustes for auditing, which was afterwod approved vordend placed on file

Moved by Geo R Osgood, that the rules be suspended, relating to the mode of electing officers of the Society, and that we elect by a viva voce vote, which was Adopted, Whereupon J H Merrill was elected Moderator, J McCis Secretary E H Taylor Treasurer and T S Wright, Geo H Lewis and H L Harris Trustes for the ensuing year

Moved by J P Foster and adopted, that the matter of Renting the pews be refered to board of Trustes, and

On motion the meeting of the Society adjourned

J McCis Secretary — J H Merrill Moderator

Treasurer Report
October 2nd 1885

To Amount Received from former Treasurer	$87.41
" Pew Rents Collected	4300.77
" Sabbath collections (31) average ($11.37)	352.73
" Use of Church	28.00
" Special Coll & Subscriptions	367.00
" Loan from Bank for 30 Days	300.00
	$539.91

Book Forward $539.91

By	Pastors Salary		$300.00
"	Vacation Pulpit Supply	84	75.00
"	Music		975.84
"	Sixton' Salary		326.00
"	Gas		217.10
"	Water		27.00
"	Insurance		103.95
"	Interest		40.00
"	Printing. Fuel Stationary, Advertising		11.95 / 13.20
"	Fence		40.50
"	Organ Repairs		24.00
"	Steam Heating Repairs		274.24
"	Treasurer' Collection Commis 5048.52 2% on		100.97
"	Miscellaneous incedental Expens		21.75
	Balance on hand		45.86 $539.91

E H Taylor Treasurer

Des Moines October 4th 1886

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to notice. And in the absence of the Moderator Mr J H Merrill. Mr Geo H Lewis was elected Moderator pro tem.

The meeting was opened with prayer, by Mr C B Atkins. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved

The annual report of the Treasurer was then presented read approved, and ordered spread upon the records

On motion the rules relating to the election of officers were suspended and a viva voce vote resulted in the election of J H Merrill Moderator.

J M Otis Secretary
W L Garrison Treasurer
C B Atkins and
H M McFarland Trustees

On Motion of Ay Roroson, the Matter of Renting the pews, and supplying Music for the ensuing year, be left to the Trustees

On Motion the meeting adjourned

J M Otis Scaty

J H Merrill Mod

Treasurers Account with
Plymouth Congregational Society

To Cash on hand Oct 5th 1885		$45.86
" Use of Church by Womens Congress		5.00
" " of Church by Teachers Institute		14.00
" Proceeds of Church Choir Concert		92.25
" Sabbath Collections for year		413.72
" Pew Rentals		4213.36
" Over Draft		258.93
		$5113.12

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By Cash paid pulpit supply		$3015.00
" " paid Music		768.50
" " " Janitor		323.09
" " " Fuel		127.64
" " " Repairs		180.32
" " " Gas		124.74
" " " Insurance		82.50
" " " Water		18.00
" Loan made at N.H.N. Natl Bank in 85		$302.00
" paid for Music items	75.25	
" Treasurer E H Taylor	52.35	
" " W L Guernsey	43.73	
		$5113.12

W L Guernsey Treasurer

Des Moines Oct 3rd 1887

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to notice. with the Moderator J H Merrill in the chair. Meeting was opened with prayer by Geo H Lewis. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.
Report of the treasurer was then presented (having been audited by the Chairman of the board of trustes) accepted and ordered placed on record. On Motion of Geo H Lewis the rules relating to the election of Officers was suspended and the following Officers were elected by a viva voce vote, J H Merrill Moderator. J M Otis Secretary. L J Kasson Treasurer, and H B Hedge, W H Lanegan and F A Percival Trustes for two years
There being no other business presented the Meeting adjourned.

J M Otis. Secty J H Merrill. Moder

Treasurer Report to Plymouth Congregational So

Pew Rentals collected	$4365.22		
Sabbath Collections	374.81		
	537.60		527.63
Over draft			
Over draft as reported last year		258.93	
Pulpit Supply		3050.00	
Repairs		101.29	
Music		89.25	
Gas		212.50	
Water		18.00	
Janitor		334.15	
Insurance		55.00	
Fuel		103.21	
Motor $150. Sundries 10.50		160.50	
Treasurer's Commission		94.80	$527.63

W L Greenwey Treasurer

Des Moines October 1st 1888

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to notice, and in the absence of the Moderator. Mr F A Percival was called to the Chair.

The meeting was opened by prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting ~~were~~ read by the Secretary and approved.

The treasurer then made his report which was accepted, and ordered placed on file.

On Motion the following officers were then elected. Moderator J H Merrill, Secretary J M Otis. Treasurer L J Kasson. James G Olmstead Trustee for One Year to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J B Hedges ~~and~~ J H McCord & John G Rounds Trustees for two years.

On motion the Trustees were instructed to procure insurance on the Church & contents to the account of not less than Eighteen thousand Dollars and on Motion the meeting adjourned

J M Otis
Secretary

F A Percival
Moderator pro tem

Oct 1st 1888

Report of the Treasurer of Plymouth Congregation Church

Receipts

Pew Rents	(254.25–1887)	4822.80
Sabbath Collection	(31)	393.63
Army Fay Concert		20.00
Joseph Cook Lecture		16.15
Use of Set by Chiler		5.00

Paid

Pastors Salary		3000 00
Organist Johns		180 75
Choir		345 09
Janitor	Boyce	296 00
Repairs		190 03
Taxes paving & Curbing		278 69
Fuel		123 85
Gas		95 71
Water		18 00
Insurance		5 25
Stationery & Sundries		16 75
Electric Motor (bal)		25 00
Power Organ & Mo		10 00
Treasurer Comm 2%		105 00
Overdraft (last year)		549 20
	1826	= 5257.58
Bal on hand		
		$5257.58

Des Moines Oct 8th 1889

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to notice and in the absence of the Moderator E S Millen was called to the Chair.

Meeting opened by the pastor A L Fisher with prayer.

Record of last annual meeting was read by the Secretary & approved, Also the Treasurer report read and ordered placed on file.

X It was moved and addopted, that the annual meeting of the Society be changed from the first Monday in October of each year, to the ~~last~~ Monday previous to the last Sunday in September of each year.

The following officers were then elected by a viva voce vote

J H Merrill	Moderator
J M Otis	Secretary
L L Hasson	Treasurer
J F Rollins	Trustee
Wm Bently	"
F A Parcevile	"
H C Harris	Usher in Chief

Meeting adjourned

E S Millen Moderator pro tem
J M Otis Secty

X Oct. 21-1910 - Date of the regular annual meeting changed to the 3rd Friday in October of each year. See Page 288.

Treasurer's Report Oct 7th 1889

Receipts

Oct 22, 88.	W C T U - convention		$4.00
Nov 27	" Miss Nellie Stevens concert		25.00
Jan 25, 89	Drake Unit - Musicale		10.00
July 1	" Special for music by J G O.		60.00
	36 Morning Collections		512,18
	Paid Rent previous Year		79.00
	" " present "		4485,50
	" " " "		70.00
	Balance in Treasury Oct 1-88		1826
			5263,94

Paid out

	A L Fisher		3000.00
"	Choir		725.00
"	Janitor		293.00
"	Repairs Sidewalks	370,58	418.08
"	Taxes		98.74
"	Fuel		129.12
"	Gas		8.66
"	Electric light & pr		215,20
"	Water		18.00
"	Insurance		180.00
"	Printing &c		44.00
"	Flowers		10.00
"	Treasurers Bond		105.00
			5744.80
	Bal on hand		19.14

L J Kusser Treas

Des Moines September 22nd 1890

Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to notice with the moderator J H Merrill in the Chair. The meeting opened with prayer by Deacon H McFarla

Minutes of the last annual meeting October 8th were read by the Secretary and approved

The report of the Treasurer was accepted as follows:

"Moved that the report of the Treasurer be accepted and the Treasurer be instructed to complete the report for the fiscal year and that report, when audited by the Trustees to be spread upon the records as made of this date, and included in the minutes of this meeting." Adopted

After which the following persons were elected officers of the Society

Moderator	J H Merrill
Secretary	J M Otis
Treasurer	Chas E Lynde
Trustees	J H McCleod
do	John Round
Usher in Chief	W H Lanegan

After which the meeting adjourned

J H Merrill Moderator
J M Otis Secty

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1889
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" 30
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Des Moines September 22nd 1890

Report of the Treasurer of Plymouth Cong Society

1889			
Oct 7	Balance on hand		1914
	Collections 32 Sabbaths		46342
30	Cong Soc Christian Endeavor		1500
" 1890	Womans Convention		950
Jany 20	Rollins & Miller Ex Subs		6000
" 21			1000
Sept 20	Mrs Given use of Organ		
	Pew Rents		428217
			485923

Amounts paid to Oct 1st 1890

Paid Pastors Salary	2800.00 200.00 Supply		300000
" Choir			67550
" Janitor			29250
" Repairs			26537
" Taxes			9349
" Fuel			11900
" Gas			0000
" Electric Light & Power			9000
" Water			1800
" Insurance			19550
" Printing & Stationery			1925
" 2% coml Treasurer			9680
			486541
			485923
Overpaid —			$618

Des Moines Sept 21st 1891

Plymouth Cong- Society met pursuant to notice. The meeting was opened by prayer by the pastor Rev A L Frisbie D D

The record of the last annual meeting was read by the Secretary & approved

The Chairman of the board of Trustees reported that the Society was financially, in better condition than at the end of the last year.

The following officers were then Elected as follows

Moderator	J H Merrill
Secretary	P B Durley
Treasurer	Chas E Sinclair
Trustees	J F Rollins
"	W B Bentley
"	C W Hemmig
"	J B Weaver

On motion of W B Bentley, the Seats in the Church were to remain free for the ensuing year. after the subject had been discussed by those present for some time J G Rounds moved that the subject be postponed to the Second monday in November, but before ~~the~~ action was taken J H Record moved that this Meeting be postponed to monday Sept 28th adopted & the meeting by unanimous vote adjourned to that date

J H Merrill Moderator
J Nevois Secretary

Des Moines, November 9, 1891.

Plymouth Cong. Society met in adjourned session, Moderator Merrill in the Chair. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and on motion was amended to read as follows: that when this meeting adjourns, it be to the evening of Sept. 28th for the purpose of renting seats and to the second Monday evening in November for the purpose of further considering the question of free seats.

On motion the Treasurer's was ordered spread upon the records.

The question of free seats for the ensuing year being before the meeting was fully considered in a thorough business-like way, with the result that the pews be rented as heretofore.

J. K. Merrill Moderator
F. B. Durley Secy

Statement of the Treasurer
of the Plymouth Congregational Society
for the year 1890 & 1891.

Amounts received.

Pew rents etc.	4608.67	
Sundry Collections	394.03	5002.70

Expenditures

Pastor's salary	3000.-	
a/c Back salary	100.	
Pulpit Supplies	105.	
Music	867.50	
Incidentals	828.98	
Balance on hand	101.22	5002.70

Chas. E. Lynde Treas

Des Moines Sept 14th 1892

The Annual meeting convened as per announcement, Moderator Merrill in the Chair. Prayer by Dr. Frisbie. Minutes read and approved. Report of Trustees called for - the Chairman being absent no report was made The Treasurer's report was called for, made, and read and ordered placed on file.

Election of officers was called for. Mr J. H. Merrill was placed in nomination and elected by acclamation. P. B. Durley was chosen Secretary by acclamation. Chas. Lynde was elected Treasurer by acclamation. Mr. Soules was put in nomination and elected as one of the Trustees, but declined. Mr J B Weaver Jr. was elected a member of the board of Trustees. Mr. G. M. Spencer was also elected Trustee. J. G. Olmsted Chief Usher, J. N. Galusha Ass't Usher.

Moved that the Treasurer be instructed to make an itemized report to the board of Trustees on or before October 10th., this report to be audited by the board and if approved, placed on file.

J H Merrill Moderator
P. B. Durley Secy

Treasurer's Report Octo 1/91 to Sept 30/92

Receipts		
Balance Octo 1/91	101.22	
Subscriptions for repairs	1495.	
do do Choir	62.50	
Total Pew rents	4355.07	
do Collections	384.48	6398.27
Expenditures		
Repairs	542.53	
Music	1034.21	
Pastor's Salary	3000.	
Incidentals	1026.52	
Balance in Bank	793.01	
Cash on hand	2.	6398.27

1495. —
542.53

Bal. Repair Fund	952.47
Bank Bal & Cash	795.01
Overdraft Gen Fund	157.46

Incidentals	
Janitor	274.50
Repairs & Supplies	86.71
Insurance	65.
Printing, Stationery & Postage	23.65
Treas Com	140.
Electric Light & Power	57.58
Gas	30.33
Coal	192.33
Plumbing	42.50
Paving Tax	92.92
Water	18.
	1026.52

Sept 30/1892

Chas E. Lynde
D. Treas

Des Moines Sept 18-1893

The Annual meeting of Plymouth Congl Society met as required by minutes of Oct 18-1889- Page 160. The moderator J. H. Merrill presided, who also opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and approved.

The report of the trustees was called for, which in the absence of the Chairman was read by the Secretary, also a letter from Dr Frisbee.

The treasurers report was also read, covering his transactions to the 12th of Sept.

These reports were received, approved and ordered placed on file

Plymouth Church Study
Sat. Morn. Aug 19

James B Weaver

Dear Sir:

Allow me to express to you and thro. you to the Trustees of the Plymouth Congr Society my appreciation of the embarrassing financial situation in which the supporters of the Society are placed.

It tries me exceedingly when those who are wholly wheartily loyal to the Society and to the Pastor are unable to command money for actual business needs or find it difficult so to command money.

In the Strait I wish to have it understood between the Trustees and myself that I wish to make and will co-operate with any to make the Society burdens as light as possible.

The Salary for the quarter ending Sept 30 will regularly be 750.$ I will receipt to the Treasurer in full for the quarter when he shall have paid me 650$

Yours Sincerely
A. L. Frisbie

Report of the Board of Trustees

As Mr Lynde is not here and I am compelled to be out of the city monday evening, will you for the board present the short report hereto annexed of receipts & disbursements for the year.

Owing to the departure of Chas Lynde Treasurer before the end of the year and the early date of Annual Meeting the report is as heretofore, not entirely complete, there being a few items of expense yet to be paid on account current year and about 500$ (a little over that) to be yet collected on pew rents for the year ending Oct 1st. In the matter of collections Plymouth Church has not entirely escaped the effect of the famous "Stringency" but the most of that unpaid is good & will doubtless be collected during the month & will more than meet the years expenses.

I also attach hereto the very kind letter of Dr Trisbee which was received sometime ago & the offer therein contained accepted by the board.

The board has not had charge of the fund pledged for expense of pastors ~~salary~~ assistant that being as I believe in charge of Mr Vose et al.

As to the coming year, I think of nothing personally to suggest, but with the hope & faith that even in these "troublous times" Plymouth Church people will not permit the interests of Plymouth Church to become in any degree secondary. I am, Lastly

Yours &c

J B. Weaver Jr

Treasurers Report

Plymouth Cong. Society

Statement Oct 1 - 1893

Receipts	4662.67	
Sunday Col	407.72	
Bal Music Sub	37.50	
Over Draft	188.96	
		5296.85

Expenditures		
Pastors Salary	2900.-	
Music	1112.-	
Incidentals	1127.39	
Old overdraft	157.46	5296.85

Incidentals

McKee Pad	5.71	Repairs	2.90
Painting Sign	10.-	Burnside bill	31.95
Blank Book	.35	J.H. McCord	.75
Repairs	.90	Taxes	95.-
Duster Broom	1.-	Printing	10.75
Paint	1.50	Light	262.09
Plumbing	3.-	Heat	257.50
Getchal Martin	1.30	Janitor	211.37
Paint	1.60	Corn	165.-
Papers	1.	Water	1.8.
L.P. Hawes	1.35	Postage	9.87
Holland Race	25.35		
Seating Chair	3.-		
Organ Repair	5.-		
Envelopes	65		

1126.89

The Treasurer was instructed by motion to make a detailed Statement by Oct 10-93 and file with the trustees.

The following resolution was offerd and received unanimous endorsement

"Whereas our Pastor Rev A L Trisbee in token of his sympathy with us, his people in the present financial Stringency, has voluntarily remitted one hundred dollars ($100.00) from his salary for the quarter ending Sept 30.

Therefor resolved that we as a Society heartily appreciate this evidence of the close Sympathy of our Pastor with the trials & burdens of his people, we extend to him our hearty thanks for his consideration in this matter & pledge to him our support & Co-operation in his great work.

A motion was made and carried that the rules be suspended and we proceed to the election of officers by acclamation

The election resulted as follows

J. H. Merrill	Moderator
P. B. Durley	Secretary
Waldo Campbell	Treasurer
J. F. Rollins C W Manning W. B. Barclay	} Trustees 2 yrs
J G Olmstead	Chief Usher
J R. Golnsha	Asst "

A motion to adjourn was carried

J H Merrill Moderator
P B Durley Secretary

Des Moines Ia Sept 24 1894.

The annual meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society convened at the Church at 7.30 P.M. J.H. Merrill moderator called the meeting to order and offered a brief prayer. The minutes relating to the 1893 treasurers report were read and approved. The trustees through J.B. Weaver Jr. Chairman, made an explanation of the treasurers report and answered a number of questions, after which he read the following letter from Dr. A.L. Frisbie. (See letter page 173)

A motion was made and carried, that the pastors Salary remain at $3000 a year and that payments be made at the end of each month. On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to Dr. Frisbie for donating the amount of $250 of his Salary for the year ending Oct. 1st 1894.

Mr. W.S. Bently, S.A. Merrill and others spoke of the necessity of making some improvments in the S.S. room, and an entrance at the S.E. Corner, and possibly additional rooms on the East Side, or North end, and the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that it be the sense of this meeting that the trustees proceed to canvass the matter of making another entrance to the Sunday School room at the South East corner of the building and make such other improvments in the way of additional room as may in their judgement be necessary and for which funds can be provided. The election of officers was called for, and a motion was made and carried to suspend the rules and elect by acclamation. The election resulted as follows:

J.H. Merrill	Moderator.
P.S. Durley	Secretary.
Waldo Campbell	Treasurer.

The retiring members of the board of trustees, J.B. Weaber Jr. and Geo. M Spencer, declining reelection. W.W. Lyons and W.T. Langan were chosen to serve two years. Hardy C. Harris was selected Chief usher and A.C. Fleming Assistant. Mr. E.W. Huntington

Stated that he thought fully 90 per cent of the congregation favored the plan of free pews and weekly contributions, & made the following motion: "That the trustees proceed to inaugurate a system of free pews & to provide for weekly contributions to raise the necessary funds for meeting the expenses of the Church." An amendment was offered, directing the trustees to canvass the matter & report at a subsequent meeting of the Society. The amendment was adopted.

A motion that when we adjourn, it be to Monday evening Oct. 1st, to hear the report of the trustees on the matter of free seats. Carried. By motion the treasurer was directed to rent pews subject to the decision of the Society at the meeting of Oct 1st.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

\# J. \#

Study Plymouth Church Sept 30. 1894.

To Mr. James P. Weaver Jr.

Dear Sir: Allow me to present through you to the Trustees & to the Society at this annual meeting, the following suggestions. The experience of the past 6 months has convinced me of the propriety of proposing to you at this time, a new financial arrangement by which our mutual relations may be regulated in the future.

I could not fail to observe that of late many who are connected with us & supporters of the Society have been sorely pressed financially. I could not be indifferent to these difficulties by which my friends, neighbors & associates were harassed. With a view to reduce, as far as might be, the burden of Church support, I relinquished, of my own motion, in the year ending with the 30th of last June, the sum of $350.00. I have already informed the Trustees through you of my readiness to relinquish for the quarter which will close with this month the sum $75.00. This has been freely done; as some part of my share in the financial stress. I will not say that there has been no sacrifice in doing this, but I do

not dwell on that aspect of the case.
But relinquishment by me, quarter by quarter, of some portion of the salary which I have received for many years, does not seem to me the proper method of procedure. If the salary be regarded as to large, then it is best that there be mutual understanding, & consent as to the matter. If the salary be too large, then let it be reduced to a point considered reasonable, and let the expenses of the Society be calculated on the revised basis.
I therefore submit the case to your wisdom, to be settled according to the facts & conditions which now exist. If the decision shall be that a reduction of ten (10) per cent is necessary, I will accept it cheerfully, as perhaps my just portion of the common shortage.
Allow me to suggest in a word, the plain necessity that the money for the expenses of each quarter be collected early in the quarter.
Please consider this matter & believe that I fully accept the Gospel maxim, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

Yours in the Fellowship of Service.
A. L. Frisbie, Pastor.

J. H. Merrill. Moderator.

R. L. Purley Clerk

Treasurers Report
Plymouth Cong. Society
Statement Sept 2d 1894

Receipts	Pew Rents	4265.67	
	Sunday Collections	528.14	
	By Note to Bank	222.35	
	Overdraft	91.34	5107.50
Disbursements	Janitor to Sept 1	268.45	
	Light and Power	173.48	
	Steam	145.40	
	Insurance	166.90	
	Postage	6.10	
	Repairs	96.37	
	Printing	25.35	
	Water	18.	
	Piano	50.	
	Taxes	83.62	
	Payment on Note	108.89	
	Commission	107.53	
	Music	903.45	
	Pastor's Salary	2750.	
	Old Overdraft	188.96	
	Commission	15.	5107.50

Balance on note at Bank 125.00

Des Moines Ia. Oct. 1st 1894.

Adjourned meeting of the Society convened with moderator J. F. Merrill in the Chair.
Dr. Frisbie was called on & made a brief prayer.
It being the purpose of the meeting to hear the report of the ~~meeting~~ board of trustees in regard to free seats, the board was called on and the members present made a partial verbal report, in substance that the time had been too short to gain the desired information, & that they had no report as a board to make. Messrs. J. F. Rollins & W. N. Langan members of the board advised against a change at the present time & the following resolution was offered & adopted.
In view of the verbal report of the two members of the board of trustees present, Mr. W. N. Langan & Mr. J. F. Rollins, that the trustees had taken no definite action in regard to free seats, & that at least three of the five members of the board were opposed to a change of the plan now in force resolved that the treasurer be instructed to continue to rent the pews for the present year as usual. Carried.
Mr. Miller offered the following resolution:
Resolved. That the question of free seats be postponed to a called Society meeting on the evening of the first or second Church prayer meeting of May next as may be most convenient, & that it is the sense of this meeting, that a committee be then appointed to consider the best plan of subscription & also to secure pledges for the support of the Church, and if sufficient funds be pledged it is the sense of this meeting that the seats be free from & after the end of this Society year.
The motion was seconded & unanimously adopted
Adjourned.

J. F. Merrill Moderator

F. S. Durley Clerk

Treasurers Report.

Plymouth Cong. Church

Statement Jany 16th 1895.

Receipts	Sunday Collections	143.46	
	Pew Rents	1103.07	1246.53
Disbursements	Pastors Salary	450.00	
	Music	260.75	
	Commission	68.18	
	Janitor	69.00	
	Light	15.48	
	Heat	32.60	
Sundries	Insurance	69.00	
	Rate	127.00	
	Postage and Stg.	2.85	
	Overdraft	91.34	
	Balance 60.33		1246.53

Balance on hand 60.33

Des Moines Ia May 15th 95

Pursuant to call and in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Oct. 1st 1894 meeting the society convened to consider the matter of free seats.

In the absense of the moderator, Dr. A. L. Frisbie called the meeting to order and on motion, Mr. B. C. Ward was elected moderator protem.

Mr. J. M. Graham was called upon & made prayer.

Following brief remarks on the

After a statement of the objects of the meeting & brief remarks on the sinbject Mr. P. P. Metcalf made the following motion: "Moved, that some pledge system of raising the funds for the support of the Church for the fiscal year beginning Oct 1st 1895 be adopted, and the Seats be declared free." —

The motion being seconded Mr Geo. H. Lewis moved the following substitute: "That the plan of raising funds for Church expenses now in force be continued."

After extended discussion pro & con Prof. A. W. Ange made motion that the substitute be laid on the table. Lost by rising vote 19 to 25. Question on the substitute was called. = Lost. =

Question on the original motion being called for, it was amended to read: "Moved, that the motion be amended that a committee be appointed to canvass for pledges for the support of this Church for the next fiscal year, & report at the first meeting night in next August, & if it then be determined that the necessary funds can be so raised we adopt the plan of free seats after this year." —

On motion of the moderator, Dr. Frisbie & Mr. Mershon were chosen a committee to select the "committee" previously provided for and to inform them of such appointment.

Motion to adjourn — "Carried".

B. C. Ward. Moderator pro tem
P. B. Durley. Clerk.

Des Moines, Ia. Aug. 21st 95.

Meeting was called to order with Mr. Metcalf in the chair.

Report of Committee appointed to solicit subscription for support of the Church for year beginning Oct. 1st 1895. was called for. They made the following report:

"The Committee appointed to canvass the Society to see if funds could be raised to pay expenses of the Church for the coming year beginning with Oct 1st 1895, by voluntary subscriptions and free seats, have to report that it is their conviction that it is not possible to raise the amount necessary in that manner at this time. Respectfully submitted.

S. A. Merrill, "Chairman".

On motion by Mr. Work, duly seconded, the report was received.

"Adjourned"

Des Moines, Ia. Sept 23rd 1895

The Annual Meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society convened as per article 7 of constitution and amendments.

In the absence of moderator Mr. J. H. Merrill, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary and on motion Mr. E. S. Miller was chosen moderator pratem who also opened with prayer.

The Secretary's report was called for, read and approved.

The Treasurer was called on and made report and on motion, he was instructed to make more explicit report to be submitted to the board of trustees, to be audited by them and filed with the Secretary for record.

The Board of Trustees through its Chairman, Mr. W. B. Bentley made report as follows:-

Report of Board of Trustees, Plymouth Church

The trustees have to report a year of decreased receipts and a balance on the wrong side. The amount received from pew rents this year is $4,010.42. Last year we received from the same source $4289.94, while in 1893 the pews rented for $4662.67. The total receipts this year are $4.671.10, last year's receipts being $5092.52, a loss of $421.42 this year as compared with last, and about $700.00 less than the usual receipts.

We are owing at the Bank $548.38; to Lt. Frisbie for this months salary $250.00; on Music about $70.00; to janitor $16.50. There is still due on pew rent $174.75, the deficit is a little over $700.00. There is still due Mr. Metcalf in the neighborhood of $150.00 but that is provided for by subscriptions which are supposed to be good.

W. B. Bentley. Chairman.

The election of officers was the next business in order. The rules, requiring same to be done by ballots was suspended and the following named persons were elected viva voce:

For Moderator J. H. Merrill
" Secretary F. B. Durley
" Treasurer L. J. Kasson

For Trustees to serve 2 years { J. G. Rounds. A. P. Fleming. Jno. S. Emery.
For Chief Usher Hardy C. Harris.
" Asst. " S. A. Merrill

Other business being called for the retiring Board of Trustees recommends as fallows:
That no pews be rented for less than the price fixed by trustees in past years, and no pew where the seat is less than $.50 shall be subdivided unless the whole pew is taken at same time. On motion the recommendation was referred to the Board of Trustees without instructions.

A motion was made and was ordered that the Ushers consider all seats free at the close of the opening prayer or invocation.
A resolution was also adopted requesting all pew holders to natify the Ushers as to their willingness to have persons seated in their pews.
Motion to adjourn. Carried.

E. S. Miller, Moderator Protem.
P. B. Durley, Secretary.

Auditing Committees Report.

Des Moines, Ia. Jany. 14th 1896

The undersigned have examined C. W. Reed's account as treasurer of Plymouth Church, and find that he has accounted for all moneys received, and paid to the incoming treasurer, L. J. Hasson, the balance in the Bank, amounting to $35.74.

W. B. Bentley.
W. H. Langan.

Des Moines Ia Sept 21-96

In accordance with article 7 and amendments (page 16) Plymouth Congregational Society convened in the Church parlors and was called to order by Moderator J. St. Merrill. Prayer was offered by Mr. E St. Huntington.

The Secretary report was called for, read, and approved. The treasurer made report which was referred to the trustees as an auditing committee, who were instructed to file same with the Secretary if found correct.

The board of trustees through its chairman Mr. W.W. Lyons, made report as follows which was approved.

The election of Moderator was called for. Motion was made and carried to suspend the rule requiring election by ballott, and instructing the Secretary to cast the unanimous vote of the Society for the present incumbent Mr. J. St. Merrill. The vote was so cast and Mr. Merrill was declared elected.

Motion was made and carried that the rule requiring that the officer be elected by ballott be suspended, unless there were more nominations than places to be filled in each case and that the election be by viva voce.

The officers so elected were

P. P. Dunley, Secretary.

L. J. Easton, Treasurer.

A number of persons were put in nomination for trustees and the first ballott resulted as follows:

S. A. Merrill.

J. G. Olmsted.

Who were elected to serve two years.

Hardy C. Harris was placed in nomination and elected Chief Usher and J. W. Jenney elected assistant usher.

After a general discussion of matters of interest to the Society, a motion was made and carried to adjourn. J. St. Merrill Moderator

P. P. Dunley Secty.

Annual Report

Treas. Plymouth Congregational Society

Des Moines Ia. Sept 21. '96

Receipts

Amount recd from former Treas.	35.74
" " " use of Church	140.
" " " morning collections	370.09
" " " pew rent	4527.60
Total	5.073.43

Disbursements

Paid on debt of previous year	474.02
" for incidental expenses	999.01
" " Choir and organist	991.—
" on Pastors Salary	2600.—
Balance in Citizens Nat'l Bank	15.40
Total	5073.43

Respectfully Submitted,

L. J. Hasson, Treas.

Examined and found correct,

J. G. Ramsdell, Trustee.

Des Moines Iowa Sept. 20, 1887.

The Annual Meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society convened in the Church parlors, as per article seven of By Laws and amendments thereto. On the absence of the Moderator J. H. Merrill, the meeting was called to order by G. L. Godfrey acting Secretary, and on motion Geo. H. Lewis was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Frisbie.

The Secretaries report was read and approved

The Treasurers report was read and referred to the Trustees as an auditing committee, who were instructed to file the same, if found correct, with the Secretary to be recorded.

The election of Officers being the next business in order; the rule requiring election by ballot was suspended, and the following named persons were elected viva voce to the several offices as follows

For Moderator J. H. Merrill
" Secretary C. T. Cole, Jr.
" Treasurer L. J. Hassan

For Trustees { C. E. Rawson
A. R. Dempster
H. W. Rollins

" Usher H. C. Harris
Assistant " J. W. Jenney

Dr. A. L. Frisbie presented, and moved the adoption of the following

resolutions upon the death of our former Secretary P. B. Durley

Resolution relating to the death of Rev. P. B. Durley

Resolved, That we members of Plymouth Ecclesiastical Society feeling deeply the loss which the Society has sustained, since its last meeting, in the sudden death of our late Secretary, Preston B Durley- do express herein our appreciation of our Brothers faithful and valuable services as Secretary for four years of our organization,

Our sincere estimation of him as a high-minded Christian Citizen and fellow servant of the Church, and our sorrow that he may be associated with us no more as a wise, prudent and interested counselor in the administration of the affairs of this Society

Resolved II That this expression of our regard for him be recorded with the proceedings of this meeting and that a copy of the same be furnished to his bereaved family.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously

The acting Secretary called the attention of the Society to the conflicting Sections of the By Laws by reason of the many amendments made thereto during the last twenty years, and suggested a revision

of the Same, Whereupon the Meeting by unanimous vote Appointed Geo H Lewis G L Godfrey and J. E. Murchison as a Committee to revise the By Laws and report the Same to a Special Meeting of the Society, to be Called by the Executive, as Soon as Said Committee are ready to Submit their report

no further business being presented the meeting adjourned to the Call of the Executive

Geo H. Lewis Moderator
G L Godfrey Secretary

Des Moines, Ia. Sept. 19th 1898.

The annual meeting of the Plymouth Ecclesiastical Society met in the parlors of the church, Monday evening, at 7:45. in accordance with the By-Laws and amendments thereto, and was called to order by the moderator, J. H Merrill.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Frisbie.

Minutes of the last annual meeting of the Society were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read by L. J. Kasson, and on motion of J. G. Olmsted was referred to the Trustees as an auditing committee with instructions to file same with the Secretary for record if found correct.

Remarks were made by L. J. Kasson and others relative to the renting of pews. Mr. Kasson's thought bring that it be made the rule to consider it the wish of pew holders to retain their old sittings unless they notify the treasurer to the contrary.

Mr. S. A. Merrill moved that the matter be left with the Treasurer and Trustees to use their own discretion in the matter of renting pews. Carried.

The election of officers was the next business in order, and it was moved, and carried that the rules, requiring the election to be made by ballot, be suspended

On motion by E. H. Huntington the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of J. H. Merrill for moderator. Accordingly the vote was so cast and Mr. Merrill declared elected.

On motion by L. J. Kasson the clerk was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of C. J. Cole, Jr. for secretary. Accordingly the vote was so cast and said Cole declared elected

Annual Meeting - Sept. 19th 1898 - Continued

R. T. Wellslager was placed in nomination as a member of the Board of Trustees by S. A. Merrill, who moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of R. T. Wellslager. Carried. The vote being so cast, Mr. Wellslager was declared elected.

Mr. E. W. Brooks was placed in nomination for a member of the Board of Trustees to succeed J. G. Olmsted retiring; and on motion the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Mr. Brooks. The vote being so cast Mr. E. W. Brooks was declared elected.

On motion by L. J. Kasson the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the meeting in favor of E. H. Huntington for Treasurer Accordingly the vote was so cast and Mr. Huntington declared elected.

J. W. Jenney was placed in nomination as Chief usher and Geo. A. Pease was nominated by Mr. J. W. Jenney as assistant usher, and on motion both were duly elected

The suggestion was made by S. A. Merrill that the Trustees consult with the ushers in selecting assistant ushers.

There being no further business of importance to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was carried.

C. G. Cobb Secretary

Treasurers Report

Receipts.

Balance on hand Sept. 20th '97	$ 100.35	
Thirty two morning collections	319.52	
Special contributions	45.00	
Use of the House	55.00	
Pew Rents	4211.00	$ 4730.88

Disbursements

Note to bank	201.75	
Incidental Expences	1180.78	
Music	836.00	
Pastor's Salary	2500.00	
Pulpit Supply	10.00	
Balance in hands of treasurer	2.35	4730.88

L. J. Kasson, Treas.

Examined, and found correct with the exception of an error in footing of $12.00

E. N. Brooks
C. T. Cole, Jr } Auditing Committee.

Annual Meeting = Sept. 19" 1898 = Continued

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L. J. Hasson, Treas.

Examined, and found correct with the exception of an error in footing of $12.00

E. N. Brooks
C. T. Cole, Jr } Auditing Committee.

Special Meeting = October 25" 1898.

Pursuant to call, the Plymouth Ecclesiastical Society met in Special Session Tuesday evening October 25" 1898. to fill the vacancies caused by E.H. Huntington and R.T. Wellslager who had expressed themselves as being unable to fill the positions to which they had been elected at the Annual meeting held Sept. 19th

Mr. Geo. A. Peare was therefore duly elected Treasurer to succeed E.H. Huntington, and Mr. C.A. Rawson was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees to succeed R.T. Wellslager.

No further business the meeting, on motion, adjourned

G. Cole Secretary

Special Meeting, Feby 22d. 1899.

The Plymouth Congregational Society met in pursuance of the announcement made on Sunday, Feby 19th 1899. The Moderator being absent, Mr. Geo. W. Lewis was chosen chairman of the meeting, and the clerk being absent, Mr. S.A. Merrill was made clerk Pro-tem.

Mr. W.G. Work brought before the meeting the action taken by the Church at a meeting held Feby 15th., at which meeting the following resolution was adopted:-

"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 thus laid down and carry forward the work of the Church,

"Resolved, That in recognition of the long and faithful ministration of Dr. Frisbie as Pastor of this 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 the Society that his salary be $1000.00 a year as long as he stays with us." Moved that the recommendation of the Church therein contained be adopted, and the Trustees be instructed to pay the salary of $1000.00 per annum to Dr. Frisbie. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. E.H. Huntington moved, that if he so desire, Dr. Frisbie be granted leave of absence dating from March 20th. next for such time as he may desire; his salary as Pastor Emeritus to begin with said date, and that the Deacons be instructed to arrange a supply for the pulpit until a new Pastor is secured. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

S.A. Merrill, Sec'y Protem.

Special Meeting.
Wednesday evening, May 10th 1899.

The Plymouth Congregational Society met in pursuance to call from the Pulpit, and was called to order by the Moderator, J.H. Merrill.

The report of the Secretary was read and approved.

The Chair stated the object of the meeting, which was to consider action taken by the Church relative to calling Rev. Francis J. Van Horn to become its pastor.

The action referred to is expressed in the following extract from the report made by the Church Committee and which was unanimously adopted by the Church by a vote of 116:=

"Your Committee now unanimously recommend to this Church that a call be extended to the Rev. Francis J. Van Horn (of Beverly, Mass.) to become its pastor.

"Your Committee further recommends that the Society of this Church be asked to unite with the Church in this call; that the salary of Mr. Van Horn be $1500.00 yearly; that an appropriation of $200.00 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."

It was moved that the foregoing action of the Church be concurred with, extending a call to Rev. Francis J. Van Horn to become pastor of the Church at an annual salary of $1500.00, and that $200.00 be advanced toward defraying the expenses of removing his family to the City. Vote being taken by acclamation, the Chair declared the motion carried unanimously.

On motion of J.M. Graham the Chair appointed the following gentlemen to unite with the Church Committee in extending the call to Mr. Van Horn:-

Geo. H. Lewis
J.M. Graham
W.G. Work.

On motion the meeting of the Society adjourned.

C.S. Cole Sec'y

September 18th 1899.

The regular annual meting of the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the Church parlors at 8: o'clock Monday evening in accordance with the By-Laws and amendments thereto, and was called to order by the clerk, the Moderator being absent.

On motion W. H. Langan was chosen moderator, pro-tem.

Minutes of the last regular meting and the several special meetings held during the year were read by the Clerk and approved.

The Treasurers report for the year was read by L. J. Stasson. On motion the report was referred to an auditing Committee composed of W. H. Langan and C. J. Cole, Jr., and the Committee was instructed to call on Mr. Geo. A. Peace for his report covering the short time he acted as Treasurer, and to audit his report as well.

Mr. H. M. Rollins, representing the Board of Trustees, made a few remarks in relation to the finances of the Society, reporting a shortage of something like $1000.00 He reported that a circular letter had been prepared with a statement concerning the finances, and setting forth the importance of liquidating the indebtedness at once, and that individual subscriptions were being received to that end.

J. E. Merchon moved that the Trustees take special charge of the matter of subscriptions, for the coming week at least, making every effort possible to raise the necessary amount. Carried

Mr Langan suggested that the Trustees, assist the Treasurer in talking personally with the members of the Church in relation to the finances. Mr. A. D. Kimpston suggested that all pews be held for the present owners until Oct. 10th; after that date to be declared vacant.

On motion by S. A. Merrill it was voted that

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the Trustees to-gether with W. H. Langan and the Treasurer compose a committee to adjust the matter of rating the pews, and make new schedules wherever necessary.

Mr. Merrill thought there should be a larger attendance at the annual meeting before any important action should be taken, and he therefore moved that the meeting adjourn for one week, to Sept. 25th 1899.

Carried.

O. J. Cole Jr. Secy.

September 25th 1899

The Adjourned meeting was called to order by the Clerk Monday evening, Sept. 25th, and Mr. W. H. Langan was selected Chairman pro-tem.

The Treasurer, Mr. L. J. Kasson made a full report covering the period from the 1898 meeting to date On moting the Treasurer's report was accepted, subject to the report of the Auditing Committee, and ordered spread on the minutes.

The next business in order being the election of officers, Mr. Geo. St. Lewis moved ~~the~~ the rule requiring that the vote be taken by ballot be suspended, and that the vote be taken by acclamation. Carried.

On motion W. H. Langan was, duly elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

On motion, C. J. Cole, Jr. was, duly elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Mr. G. H. Lewis moved that the three Trustees whose terms expire, viz: H. M. Rollins, C. E. Rawson and

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A R. Dempster, be re-elected. Carried

On motion by L.J. Hasson, E.H. Huntington was duly elected Treasurer for the coming year.

Mr. Hardy Harris was nominated to be at the head of our usher system, and he, with Trustees, to select such other ushers as they think best. On motion, Mr Harris was duly elected to such position.

Mr. H.M. McFarland moved that the collections be taken up by the Ushers hereafter instead of by the Deacons as formerly. Carried.

On motion by Geo. St. Lewis the meeting adjourned.

C.F. Colby, Secy

The Treasurers report, as corrected by the Auditing Committee follows, there being a difference of $2.00 only in footings discovered:-

Receipts

Use of Church	97.60	
Morning Collections	278.77	
Borrowed	500.00	
Pew Rents	3606.25	
Special Contributions	776.00	4758.62

Disbursements

Pastors Salary	2350.00	
" Supplys	110.00	
Music	921.55	
Incidentals	1163.38	
Check to F.J. Trantham (Morning Exps.)	200.00	
Balance on hand	13.69	4758.62

May 3rd. 1900.

Pursuant to call from the pulpit, the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the auditorium of the church, Thursday evening, May 3rd. 1900, and after listening to remdiks by the Pastor, illustrated by stereaptic on pictures of ancient and modern churches, the moderator - Mr. W. St. Langan, was called to the chair, and formally called the meeting to order.

It having been announced that at a joint meeting of the Deacons of the church and the Trustees of the Society, held May 2d, a resolution had been prepared touching upon the matter of a new church, a reading of the resolution was called for by the Chair, and was presented by J. M. Galusha, as follows: "Resolved; That we at once take the necessary steps looking toward the erection of a new church edifice."

It was moved that the resolution as read be adopted, and after remarks by Geo. St. Lewis, Dr. Frisbie and others upon the resolution, the motion was put and carried unanimously.

It was moved by J. E. Meehon that the Chair appoint a nominating committee of five persons, to retire at once, and present to the present meeting the names of fifteen persons to serve as members of the following committees - five on each committee: "Committee on Finance," Committee on "Plans"; and Committee on "Location" After an extended discussion by various ones present, the motion was unanimously carried, and the Chair appointed the following: J. E. Meehon A. R. Templeton, Geo. H. Lewis, F. A. Percival and F. J. VanHorn

The hour being late, it was unanimously voted that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday evening, May 9th 1900, to hear the report of the nominating Committee appointed

C. G. Colegrove Secy

Wednesday evening, May 9th 1900 -

After a short prayer and Praise service, the Moderator of the Society, Mr. H. H. Langan, was called to the chair, and the adjourned business meeting was called to order

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and approved.

Remarks were made by Geo H. Lewis to the effect that it was the opinion of the nominating Committee that there should be one general committee instead of three small committees, and that the number should be increased.

Mr. B. C. Ward then moved that the motion for the appointment of three Committees be reconsidered. Carried.

The following resolution was read by Geo. H. Lewis who moved the adoption of the same as a substitute for the resolution offered at the meeting held May 3rd

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Resolved, that for the purpose of carrying out the resolution hereofore passed to take the necessary steps toward the construction of a ew church, a General Committee of eighteen (18) shall be appointed from he church and society to which shall be added the Pastor and Pastor Emertus as members ex-offico, which committee shall be divided into three (3) ub-committees, namely, a committee on finance, and on plans, and on locaion, which shall report to the General Committee from time to time as ccasion may require, for which purpose the chairman of the General Commttee shall call together a meeting of that committee, on request of the hairman of either of the sub-committees. There shall also be appointed n auxiliary committee of eighteen (18) ladies who shall appoint such subommittees as they may think best for carrying out the purposes of the ommittee.

The General Committee and the Auxiliary Committee shall each elect ts own chairman and each committee shall be authorized to fill all acancies therein.

When the General Committee is prepared to report upon any subject, he chairman of this committee shall have authority to call a meeting of he church and society by giving such notice from the pulpit or otherwise s may deemed advisable.

The foregoing motion was duly put and unanimously carried.

Mr. Geo. H. Lewis offering the report of the nominating committee, then read the following

Friday evening, Sept. 28th 1900.

The adjourned meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society met at the Church, Friday evening, Sept. 28th 1900.

Meeting opened by prayer by Rev. F. J. Van Horn.

Called to order by the Moderator, W. N. Langan. The Secretary, C. T. Cole, Jr., being absent, Howard J. Clark was appointed Actng Secretary.

Nominations for officers being in order and announced by the Moderator, G. N. Lewis put in nomination W. N. Langan as Moderator. This nomination was seconded by Rev. F. J. VanHorn. Motion put by the more and declared carried by him.

C. T. Cole, Jr, was nominated for Secretary which nomination was seconded. Motion was puty by Moderator and declared carried.

Mr. J. M. Otis raised point of order, viz:- that vote taken for election of two officers above named was illegal, as the law governing the Society required that all votes should be by ballot, and he moved that the rules be suspended and the two officers elected be declared the unanimous choice of the Society. Motion was seconded, put and declared carried.

E. N. Huntington was nominated for treasurer and his nomination seconded. The motion was put and declared carried.

Dr. A. L. Frisbie nominated for Trustees for the ensuing year, E. N. Brooks and C. A. Rawson, the present incumbents. The motion was seconded, put and declared carried.

J. M. Otis moved that H. C. Harris act as chief usher for the ensuing year, and that he be given authority to choose

his own, assistants. Motion seconded by E. St. Huntington. Motion was put and declared carried.

The treasurer's report was called for, and treasurer, E. St. Huntington read the same which is appended.

L. J. Kasson moved that the treasurer's report be audited and placed on record, and that a vote of thanks be given him for his efficient service. Motion seconded. Same was put and declared carried.

Trustee's report called for and the same read by H. M. Rollins, which follows:-

Outstanding Bills, Sept. 28" 1900.

Gas	(Estimated)	5	
Heat	"	5	
Janitor		25	
F. J. Van Storn		208 34	
A. L. Frisbie		83 34	
Choir	(Estimated)	84	
Calendars	"	11	
S. A. Merrill	(note)	300	
Bank	"	300	
Overdraft		262 44	
Treasurer		50	
E. St. Huntington	(Postage)	7 18	
Des Moines Heating Co.		1 70	
Interest	(Estimated)	33	
Repairing Roof	"	100 80	1476.80
Cash		24 94	
Due on Pew Rents		100	124.94
			$1351.86

It was then announced that this disposition of pews for the ensuing year was the next thing in order, and Rev. Van Storn was called on for a further statement concerning the same, which

Statement was made.

J. M. Otis moved that this Society suspend the system of renting the pews, and that henceforth Church have free pews. This motion was seconded by B. C. Ward and E. S. Miller. Motion stated, and opened for discussion. Dr. Frisbie, Geo. H. Lewis, W. D. Lyons, H. M. Rollins, and Mrs. J. C. Cummins spoke concerning it.

G. L. Godfrey suggested that the method of raising the money for the support of the Church be added to the motion, and by consent of the mover of the motion and the seconds, the same was amended to read as follows:- "That this Society suspend the system of renting the pews, and that for the ensuing year the Church have free pews, and that we adopt the weekly offering pledge system to raise the necessary funds to meet the expenses of the church." Motion was put by rising vote and declared carried.

Report of Committee on new location called for.

Geo. H. Lewis, chairman, read the report - which follows:-

To The Members of Plymouth Congregational Society,

As chairman of the General Committee on church erection I desire to submit the following report;

First. The sub-committee on church subscriptions has made as complete a canvass as possible during the heat of the summer and when a large number of our people were away from the city. About $21,000.00 has been conditionally subscribed, of which $9000.00 was in $1000.00 subscriptions. This is all however conditioned upon raising $45,000.00 by subscription. The committee believing that the subscriptions can be carried up to $25,000.00 but not beyond that figure unless the present subscriptions can be materially increased.

Second. The sub-committee on location have considered a number of places and have secured options on several, all more or less desirable, and the question of location has been considered several times in the meetings of the General Committee. But no definite agreement has been reached by that committee and we are not prepared to recommend any specific place to the church and society.

The committee on location, together with all the members of the General Committee have made efforts to dispose of our present church property but so far no definite proposition has been received for it.

Third. The sub-committee on plans has held its work mainly in abeyance until the question of location shall be put into more definite shape, since the building should be planned largely with reference to the character and frontage of the lot upon which it is to be placed.

However it is to be said that our pastor, who is ex-officio a member of all the committees, has been looking into this subject during his vacation this summer and will probably have something to say about it before the close of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

The General Committee.

By Emory W. Lewis.
Chairman.

Rev. Van Horn moved that the report of the Committee be accepted and that the Committee be continued. Motion seconded by B. C. Ward. Motion was put and declared carried.

After presentation of the question of location and cost and kind of Church building desirable, by Rev. Van Horn, he moved that the trustees of this Church, together with the Committee on finance, location, and plans heretofore appointed, be instructed to take immediate steps looking toward the purchase of the lot known as the Elliott property. This motion was seconded by Dr. A. L. Frisbie, and on being put, was carried with but one dissenting vote. Motion was declared carried.

A. Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and declared carried.

(Signed) Howard J. Clark, Acting Secretary.

The Treasurer's report follows:-

Year ending Sept. 30th 1900

Receipts

L. J. Kasson. Treas.		13.69
Subscriptions to Apply on deficiency	Sept 1899	344.00
		4353.98
Pew Rentals		494.43
Morning Collections to 4/8 inc	Sept 23°	5206.10
Forward		

Brot Forward		520610
Evening Collections to End vic. Sept. 23rd		12685
Tissot Lectures		50
Rental of Church		10
Citizens Bank - (Note)		300
Overdraft (Citizens Nat)		26244 595539

Paid Out

F. J. Van Storm		229166
A. L. Fribie		101666
S. A. Merrill (Note)		200
Choir		108744
Janitor		285
Incidentals		104969
Electric Power	20	
Gas	6242	
Water	663	
Heat	14825	
Pulpit Supply	30	
Insurance	24	
Treasurer	80	
Paving	18841	
Calendars	8775	
Repairs	15001	
Sundries	25192	
Cash		24964 595539

October 9th, 1900 8:30 P.M.

Pursuant to call from the pulpit the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the Church parlors, Tuesday evening, Oct. 9th, 1900, and in the absence of the Moderator, W. H. Langan, the meeting was called to order by Geo. H. Lewis.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the pastor, Rev. VanDorn.

J. M. Otis moved that Geo. H. Lewis act as moderator pro tem. Carried.

The chair stated that abject of the meeting was to hear the report of the location Committee, also of the Trustees Concerning the Committee report. As Chairman of the General Committee Mr. Lewis reported that the Committee had recommended that the Trustees take an option on the property known as the Elliot lot for, at least 60 das.

H. M. Rollins, representing the trustees, reported that the recommendations of the Committee had been complied with & and the following Memorandum of Agreement was read by him before the meeting:-

This memorandum of agreement between H. A. Elliott for himself and as Executor of the Elliott property fronting on Pleasant Street, at the Head of 8th Street, in the City of Des Moines; more particularly described as follows: Lot 2 of the official plat of Block "A" of Holcombs addition to Fort Des Moines, now included in the City of Des Moines, Polk Co. Iowa. except two small tracts in the North East (N.E.) Corner of said lot 2, heretofore conveyed, as parties of the first part, and Plymouth Congregational Society of Des Moines, Iowa, as

party of the second part, Witnesseth:-
that the said parties of the first part, in Consideration
of the sum of two hundred & no/fifty dollars ($250.00)
the receipt of which is acknowledged, hereby promise
and agree to sell to said party of the second
part the above described Real Estate, at any time
within 60 days of date hereof on the following
terms and conditions, to-wit:- For the sum of
twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) of which
five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) shall be paid
in Cash at any time within 60 days from this
date and the balance of fifteen thousand dollars
($15,000.00) in Mortgage payable on or before five
years from date thereof in installments of one
thousand dollars ($1000.00) or multiple thereof
with interest at 5% on any unpaid balance
on said mortgage. And upon payment of
said sum of $5000.00, of which the sum of $250.00
now paid shall constitute a part, the said
parties of the first part promise and agree to
execute a good and sufficient Warranty Deed
for said Real Estate, covenanting that the
same is free and clear of all encumbrance, and
agree to furnish a satisfactory abstract of
title showing the same.

Witness our hands this 4th day of October 1900.

St. A. Elliott, Executor.

C. E. Rawson
C. A. Rawson
E. W. Brooks
N. M. Rollins
A. R. Dempster
Trustees for Plymouth Cong'l Church.

The Chair ruled that the report of the trustees and Committee be accepted and made a part of the record.

The following resolution was presented by F. A. Percival:- Resolved: That the action of the Trustees of this Society in obtaining an option for 60 day on the Elliott flat on Pleasant Street, at the head of Eighth Street, is hereby ratified and confirmed

and the trustees are hereby authorized to complete the purchase of said lot as a site for the proposed new Plymouth Congregational Church.

The motion was seconded by J. M. Otis, and after remarks by J. B. Weaver, Geo. St. Lewis and L. J. Kasson, was put and carried unanimously.

On motion of A. R. Dempster it was voted to refer the matter of raising money for the new church to the General Committee with instructions to act as may seem to them wise.

Rev. Van Horn moved that J. B. Weaver be made a member of the general Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of S. A. Merrill. The motion was duly seconded - put and unanimously carried.

J. M. Otis moved that H. M. Rollins act as Treasurer of the new Plymouth Church building fund. The motion was put and carried.

H. M. Rollins moved that the Trustees be instructed to consider the matter of demanding immediate possession of the Elliott property, and that they be authorized to make such demand if thought advisable.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

O. L. Cole Sec'y

Regarding Sale of Old Church Property.

Friday evening - Nov. 9, 1900.

The Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to call.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, and opened by prayer by Rev. Van Horn.

The Secretary, C. T. Cole, Jr, not being present, it was moved and seconded that Howard J. Clark act as secretary of the meeting, which motion was put and decided carried.

Minutes of the meetings of September 28th and October 9th called for.

J. M. Otis moved that the rules be suspended and that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that we proceed to business. The motion was declared not seconded, by the Moderator; therefore, not put.

The minutes of the meetings of September 28th and October 9th were then read and correction made by A. R. Dimpster by the insertion of Mr. C. A. Rawson's initials, as the nominee for trustee for the ensuing year.

The minutes were then declared approved by the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on new church, etc, was then called for.

Geo. H. Lewis as Chairman read the following proposition made by David S. Chamberlain & Lydia C. Chamberlain

To Plymouth Congregational Society, Des Moines, Iowa,

We hereby offer to purchase the property on the north east corner of Locust and west 7th streets, upon which the church now stands, and agree to pay therefor the sum of $48,000.00, to-wit; Fifteen thousand Dollars upon the acceptance of this proposition by the society and the

November 9th 1900 - Continued.

execution by the Board of Trustees of a contract or option to take a deed at any time on or before the 1st day of January 1902, when full payment shall be made. I further agree to pay from Ten to Twenty thousand Dollars additional on or before the 1st day of May 1901 and the balance on or before the 1st day of December 1901, reserving the option to make full payment at any time after May 1st 1901. We further agree that the church shall remain in possession of the real estate until the proposed new church is completed, not later than January 1st 1902. But interest is to be allowed us on the payments advanced at the rate of 5% per annum on the first payment and 4% on the other payments from time of payment but the church is not to pay any rent or other charge than the above interest for the use of the property unless the property shall be used by the church after January 1st 1902.

It is agreed that the organ and electric motor, piano, the book cases in the Sunday School rooms, the range, dishes &c in the kitchen are reserved and not to be included in the sale, if made, but the pulpit and communion table and seats, including cushions, in the audience room of the church and galleries and the settees in the Sunday School rooms and all gas, electric light and steam fixtures of every kind and the carpets and rugs are to go with the property. The building is to be kept in as good repair as it now is, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This offer holds good only until and including Saturday November 10th 1900.

Davis S. Chamberlain

Lydia L. Chamberlain

Nov. 9. 1900. (sgd)

Thereafter, George H. Lewis read a resolution as follows:-

"Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of this Society be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, on behalf of the Society, to execute a contract or option for a deed

with Davis S. Chamberlain & Lydia C. Chamberlain in accordance with the proposition submitted byp them for the sale to them of the present church property upon the terms and conditions specified in their proposition to purchase, and said Board of Trustees are further authorized and empowered, upon completion of the payments for the property to execute a good and sufficient warranty deed conveying the church property to the said Davis S. Chamberlain & Lydia C. Chamberlain or their assigns."

Moved by Geo H Lewis that the resolution as read be adopted. He then spoke at length concerning it and urgid its adoption. The motion was seconded by J. B. Weaver.

L. J. Kasson moved as an amendment to the motion that the trustees be authorized to sell the property at $5,000.00 on the terms offered by the Chamberlain's, and reserve the pulpit and communion table in addition to the other reservations made in the proposition.

The Moderator declared this amendment not seconded and called upon A. M. Rollins for his views concerning the resolution.

Mr. Rollins spoke at length.

A. K. Campbell spoke concerning the resolution.

C. A. Miller was called upon by the Moderator for a statement, and stated that the Committee had on hand $87.00 to pay the $5000.00 on the Elliott property contract, and would have enough more money on the 10th inst to make the amount equal to or greater

than the $5,000.00
Mr. Miller also spoke in favor of the resolution.
Geo. St. Lewis again spoke in favor of the resolution and idged its adoption.
A. R. Dempster was called on by the Moderator and also spoke in favor of the proposition.
Rev. A. L. Fisbie spoke in favor of the resolution.
Crom Dowon was called on by the Moderator and spoke in favor of the resolution.
C. E. Rawson was called on by the Moderator and favored the resolution, as did also Mr. Percival.
Mr. Clarkson made a statement favoring the resolution.
Edw. Meehon spoke in favor of the resolution.
Question called for and was put and by the Moderator declared unanimously carried.
J. Edw. Meehon moved that the Committee be instructed to make an agreement for rent of building after January 1st 1902, if possible to do so to advantage. Motion seconded by H. M. Rollins. On being put was declared carried.
Geo. St Lewis then took the floor and read a report of the Sub-Committee on plans, as follows:-

"Unanimous Report of Sub-Committee on plans:
Resolved; That the Committee on plans recommend,

1st That Messrs Tumbull and Jones, Architects, of Elgin and Chicago, be employed to prepare complete plans, specifications and details for a new church, in general accordance with sketches presented, and to give advice on construction whenever so requested; they to receive therefore one and one half per cent. of cost of construction.

2nd That Messrs Stillett & Rawson, Architects, of Des Moines, be employed as associate and supervising architects to

carry out said plans and to give superintendence and advice; they to receive therefore one and one-half \$per cent of cost of construction

Said plans and specifications to be for a building not to exceed \$60,000.00; plans, specification and superintendence to be under the direction, and to the satisfaction of the Building Committee. (signed) A. K. Campbell Secy

Adopted and recommended by unanimous vote of the General Committee. (Signed) C. A. Rawson, Secy

Geo. H. Lewis then read a resolution offered by the Erection Committee as follows:-

"Resolved, That the General Committee on Church Erection, through the Committee on plans, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to employ architects to prepare plans, details and specifications for and to supervise the construction of the new church building in accordance with the recommendations of such Committee to this Society,

Resolved further; That said General Committee, or such sub-Committee as it may appoint or have appointed, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt plans, when completed to the satisfaction of such Committee, and

Resolved further, That such General Committee be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to make any and all contracts necessary, proper or expedient in the judgment of such Committee to erect, construct and complete said new Church with such plans when so adopted.

Resolved further, That in carrying out the spirit of the foregoing resolutions, such General Committee be

authorized to apoint such sub-committees as it may deem best and proper."

Geo. St. Lewis moved the adoption of the resolutions, Motion seconded by J. B. Weaver. Motion was put and declared Carried.

Geo. H. Lewis then took the floor and read resolution as follows:-

"Resolved, That the trustees be authorized and empowered to take all needful and proper measures necessary to the Carrying out and full consummation of the option contract with said Elliott for the Elliott property"

Geo. St. Lewis mobed the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by J. M. Otis. Motion was put and declared Carried.

E. St. Huntington moved that the trustees be authorized to deed away the Elliott property to the City for Street purposes if they deemed it proper. Motion seconded by Geo. St. Lewis. Motion put and declared Carried.

Geo H. Lewis then announced a called meeting of the general Committee at his office on November 10th. at the hour of

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Signed Howard J. Clark.
Sec'y protem.

Midweek Prayer Meeting June 20th 1900

"Grinnell. Iowa. June 13th 1900.

Resolved:- That the Board of Trustees of Iowa College earnestly request Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines. to give Dr. A. L. Frisbie permission to spend his spare time during the next twelve months in interesting the people and Churches of Iowa in Iowa College.

(Signed) H. N. Robbins, Secty."

The foregoing resolution was presented to Plymouth Congregational Church through S. A. Merrill at the regular prayer meeting held June 20th 1900 - and accordingly the following resolution was read and by vote referred to the Board of Trustees of the Society for action:

Whereas the Board of Trustees of Iowa College, has invited Dr. A. L. Frisbie, a member of that Board, to act as its representative in bringing Iowa College to the attention of the people and churches of Iowa during the coming year, and has requested Plymouth Church to give Dr Frisbie permission to spend his spare time during the next twelve months in thus interesting the people and churches in the College,

Resolved, That Plymouth Church takes pleasure in granting the request of the Board of Trustees of Iowa College and hereby expresses the hearty good will of the Church toward the College and the sincere desire to co-operate with the Trustees in whatever will build up the institution.

Des Moines, Iowa July 27th 1900.

To the Plymouth Congregational Church & Society:-

Your Trustees to whom was referred the attached (foregoing) resolution beg leave to report recommending that Dr Frisbie be allowed to accept the proposition of Iowa College on conditions named, and that he be permitted to draw his full salary, instead of the Trustees retaining the $50.00 per month as stated, and that the Doctor deposit it in some bank as a trust fund to be used to pay the subscription of $500.00 he has so generously made towards the new Plymouth Church, should it be built within a reasonable time, otherwise the same is at his disposal.

Signed H. M. Rollins, Chairman
by A. R. Dempster, Sec'y.

Monday Evening, April 8th 1901.

The Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to call in the auditorium of the Church Monday evening, April 8, 1901, the meeting being called to order by the Modelator, W. H. Langan.

Prayer was offered by Dr. A L. Frisbie.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were called for and on motion it was voted to omit the reading of the Dan S. Chamberlain contract which formed a part of said minutes.

The minutes were objected to as to the motion of E. H. Huntington with reference to deeding away the Elliott property for street purposes and on motion of Geo H. Lewis it was voted that the resolution offered by Mr. Huntington be re-considered

H. M. Rollins moved that the trustees of the church be authorized to make any contract they might deem proper with the City of Des Moines regarding the deeding away of not to exceed eighteen feet off the East side of the Elliott property for street purposes. The motion was fully put and declared carried

On motion the minutes were then approved as corrected.

The following report of the General Committee was read by the Chairman, Geo H. Lewis, who followed it with appropriate remarks and moved its adoption, which was duly seconded:

A meeting of the General Committee was held in the church April 5 1901 and called to order by Chairman Lewis at 4: P. M.

A report of the building Committee was called for. Mr Ward for the

Building Committee made a report giving the amount of the bids received, and offering the following resolution:

"Resolved; That we recommend to the General Committee that the contract for the erection of the new church be awarded to Lilley and Borsch, provided they will unite their bids and work under one contract, and provided further that they furnish a suitable bond to guarantee their work, and that their part of the work shall be completed by December 1, 1901" The report was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Weaver that the General Committee present to the Society, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, a statement of the bids received and of the action of the General Committee thereon, and, ask that the Building Committee be authorized to contract for the construction of the church substantially upon the basis of the lowest bid. Unanimously Carried.

Moved, and voted that the Pastor call a meeting of the Society for Monday evening, April 8th, at 7:45 P. M."

Moved, and voted that a prospectus of the new church be prepared by the Building Committee.

Adjourned."

(Signed) Elliott S. Miller
Secy. pro tem.

After a free discussion of the report the motion to adopt the report was put by the Moderator and declared carried.

A report from B. C. Ward representing the Building Committee was called for and he presented the amounts of the different bids received on the plans and specifications which had been before the Committee, the lowest bid received being $64,782.00 by Lilley & Borsch

of Elgin, Ill, the two persons named bidding separately on different parts of the work. The next bid was for $66,576.00, the name of the bidder being withheld.

Geo. H. Lewis then offered the following resolution, which was duly seconded:—

"Resolved, That the contract for the erection of the new church be awarded by the Committee to Lilley & Borsch provided they will unite their bids and work under the contract; and provided further that they furnish suitable bond to guarantee their work and their part of the work will be completed by December 1, 1901. In case of failure on the part of Lilley and Borsch to carry out their contract the Committee is hereby authorized to contract with the next higher bidder"

After some little discussion the plans were called for which were shown by Mr. VanHorn, he describing them quite in detail. Dr. Frisbie re-opened the discussion after hearing from Mr. Vanhorn as to plans &, speaking in favor of awarding the contract in accordance with the resolution.

Remarks were made by W. G. Work, Geo. H. Lewis, W. H. Langan, A. K. Campbell, H. M. Porter, Mr. Clarkson & F. J. VanHorn. All expressing themselves in favor of the resolution with the exception perhaps of Mr. Work who advised caution in going ahead until the necessary funds were more nearly in sight.

S. A. Merrill moved as a substitute to the resolution,

"That the plans as submitted be adopted and that the Committee be authorized to proceed in accordance with the estimates presented at such

time as the money on hand, present subscriptions and future subscriptions should amount to within $10,000.00 of the total Cost"

The substitute not being seconded was not put by the Moderator.

A vote on the original resolution was then called for and the motion was put by the Modelator who asked for a rising vote. There being but one dissenting vote the motion was declared carried

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

S. Cole
Sec'y

Wednesday Eve. Sept. 25th 1901.

The regular annual meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society set for Monday evening September 23rd 1901, being postponed to Wednesday evening September 25 1901, was called to order at 7.30 on Wednesday evening by the Moderator, W.H. Langan. Prayer was offered by Rev. F.J. VanHorn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and on motion of George H. Lewis were approved as read.

The nomination of officers being in order and announced by the Moderator, George H. Lewis placed in nomination W.H. Langan as Moderator which was duly seconded. Motion was put by the Mover, and by him declared carried.

O.F. Cole Jr was placed in nomination for Secretary by J.M. Otis, which nomination was duly seconded. Motion was put by the Moderator and declared carried.

J.M. Otis placed in nomination E.H. Huntington as Treasurer, which was duly seconded, and the motion being put by the Moderator was declared carried.

Geo. H. Lewis placed in nomination the members of the old board of trustees whose terms expired, viz: H.M. Rollins, A.R. Dingster and C.E. Rawson, which nomination was duly seconded. The motion upon being put by the moderator was declared carried.

A.R. Dingster moved that J.N. Jenny serve the church as chief usher for the ensuing year and that he be given authority to select his own assistants The motion was duly put and declared Carried by the Moderator.

The Treasurer's report was called for and the treasurer, E.H. Huntington, presented the same which is appended.

On motion the report was adopted and ordered made a part of the minutes.

H. M. Rollins was called upon for a report of the Trustees and he spoke concerning the strip of land on the East side of the new church property which had been deeded to the City At this point J. E. Mershon presented the following resolution which was seconded by George St. Lewis:

"Whereas, the trustees have found it necessary to enter into a contract with the City of Des Moines, agreeing on behalf of this Society to convey by deed for the opening of Eighth street between Pleasant and Chestnut Streets, the East 18 ft of the new church building lot at 8th and Pleasant Streets, together with a triangular piece of ground adjoining said 18 ft Street abutting about 7 ft on Chestnut Street, and terminating at a point 18 ft from the East line of said lot and about 150 feet South of the South line of said lot, therefore the trustees are hereby authorized to enter into the necessary Contracts and execute the proper deeds to convey the said land for the purposes expressed, at the agreed price of $2250.00"

The motion was put by the moderator and declared carried.

H. M. Rollins then asked the society that the Trustees be authorized to borrow such funds as might be necessary to proceed with the construction of the new church. J. B. Weaver then moved that the Board of Trustees be authorized to borrow money temporarily when funds in the hands of the treasurer, are insufficient to meet the estimates presented from time to time. After some discussion and remarks by J. E. Mershon, H. M. Rollins and Geo. St. Lewis, the motion was put by the moderator and by him declared carried.

J. M. Otis presented the following resolution, which was duly seconded and being put by the moderator was declared carried:-

"There is a well founded belief that Plymouth Congregational Society is without a legally elected Building Committee, that the men now acting as such Committee were never elected by the Society, but were appointed by Committees elected by the said Society to find a location, procure plans and provide the money to build a new church.

And Whereas, the records of the said Society do not show the existance of a Building Committee,

Therefore be it Resolved, That Henry M. Rollins, Francis J. Van Horn, B. C. Ward, Hardy C. Harris A. K. Campbell, Cyrus Bowen and J. H. Rounds be appointed the Building Committee of the said Congregational Church situated at the N. W. Corner of Pleasant and 8th Streets, West Des Moines, Iowa, and that we legalize and endorse all their acts and doings Connected with the erection of the said New Church."

H. M. Rollins made some remarks regarding the work of the treasurer of the Society suggesting he be reimbursed for his services rendered. It was then moved by Geo. H. Lewis that the treasurer be allowed 2% of the collection for his work in connection with the collection of Subscriptions

J. H. Rounds moved as an amendment to this motion that the treasurer be allowed 3%. Same was seconded by E. S. Miller, Remarks were made on the subject by Geo. H. Lewis, E. H. Huntington J. E. Mershon and others Mershon then moved as a substitute for all motions, that the treasurer be allowed 2% on

Collections for the past year and 2% of the collections for the coming year for his services. After presentation of Mr. Mershons motion the former Motion and amendment on the subject was withdrawn Mr. Mershon's motion being put by the moderator was by him declared carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

C. S. Cole Sec'y.

Approved Sep 26/1902

October 23rd 1901.

A Specially called meeting of the Society was held after prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. Oct. 23 1901

It Seemed proper that the Society formally elect six assistant ushers, and Mr. J. N. Janney presented the names of the following six persons to serve as assistant ushers for the coming year: Geo. E. Booth, Jay Jones, C. J. Cole Jr. J. A. Powers, Dale McFarland and Edgar E. Hannah

A motion that the above named persons serve the church, as assistant ushers, being put was declared carried.

No further business the Society adjourned.

C. S. Cole Jr Sec'y

Approved Sep 26 1902.

September 22d 1902

The regular annual meeting of the Society was held Monday evening September 22d 1902, and was called to order by the moderator, W. N. Langan.

On motion the meeting adjourned to Friday evening, September 26th 1902

C. S. Cole Jr Sec'y.

Approved Sep 26/1902

Friday Evening - Sept 26" 1902.

The postponed meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the Church Parlors, Friday evening September 26 1902 and was called to order with the Moderator, W. H. Langan in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by E. H. Huntington

Minutes of the Annual meeting of September 23rd 1901, as well as the Minute of the Special meeting of Oct. 23" 1901 and the minutes of the regular annual meeting held Monday evening September 22 1902 were read by the Secretary, and on motion of Geo. H. Lewis they were approved as read and ordered made a part of the minutes.

A report of the Board of Trustees was called for by the Moderator, and was presented by the Chairman of the board, H. M. Rollins.

Mr. Rollins stated that the Trustees had been obliged to give the obligations of the Society to the Citizens National Bank to the amount of $2700, which practically covered the indebtedness of the Society for current expenses, he explaining that $1050 of this amount was incurred as rent for the Opera House and Auditorium during the Winter months.

Mr Rollins also reported that the fire occurring in the church about the first of September resulted in a loss on the organ of $1375. For this amount the makers, Lyon & Healy, agreeing to put the organ in perfect condition. The amount of loss on the

building was not estimated, though it was fully covered by insurance. He stated that since the fire, insurance to the amount of $50,000 had been placed on the building, $5,000 on the organ and $5000 on the furniture and fixtures, but that the Trustees had subsequently reduced the amount on the building to $40,000, and asked that the Society instruct the Trustees as to the amount that should be carried.

J. B. Weaver Jr. moved that the matter of the amount of insurance be left entirely with the Trustees. In seconding Mr. Weaver's motion, George H. Lewis expressed the opinion that $40.000 on the building would be sufficient, suggesting further that $5,000 of the $40,000 be expressly placed on art windows. After a free discussion of this motion, Mr. Weaver restated the motion, as follows, the same being accepted by the second:-

"Moved that the Trustees be instructed to insure the church building for $40,000 and that the amount of the insurance to be carried separately on the furniture and fixtures be left entirely to the discretion of the Trustees."

The motion was put by the Moderator and by him declared carried.

The Treasures report was called for by the Moderator and was read by the Treasurer.

F. L. Morgan. On motion the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

Des Moines September 23/03.

Forty Fourth annual report. Treasurer Plymouth Congregational Society.

Sept. 23/03	To amount due	Citizens National Bank	$1300.
"	"	paid F. J. Van Horne	2500.
"	"	" A. L. Trisbie	1000.
		Janitor	296.63
		Edison Light Co	10.
		Heat (Old bldg)	62.33
		Capital City Gas Co	66.29
		Repairs and drayage	22.50
		Fosters and Auditorium	1050.
		Choir and Music	1653.17
		Callendars and Printing	358.95
		Advertising	73.09
		Water Co	36.18
		Miscellaneous expenditures	
		Interest on notes & postage	682.58
			$9111.72

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By cash received		1st Quarter	947.67
		2nd	1453.72
		3rd	1858.29
		4th	1101.89
			$5361.59

Sept 23/02	To debit balance		
	Due Citizens National Bank		2723.13
Interest on notes	" " " " "		156.50
	Unpaid bill in hands of Treasurer		474.71
			$ 3353.34

The report of the Treasurer of the Church Building Committee was called for and Thr. H. M.

Rollins submitted a verbal report. This was supplemented by remarks of Mr. J. B. Weaver, stating the amount pledged had been about $63,000, $23,000 of which remained unpaid.

Mr. H.M. Rollins verbally tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees to take effect immediately upon the election of his successor. J. B. Weaver moved, with very appropriate remarks, that Mr. Rollins resignation be accepted, and the motion was duly seconded. Upon being put by the Moderator the motion was declared carried.

Mr. L. J. Kasson moved a rising vote of thanks be given Mr. Rollins for his services as a member of the Board of Trustees and as Treasurer of the Church Building Committee. The motion was duly seconded and upon being put by the Moderator was declared carried, a very unanimous and heartfelt responce being given.

The election of officers being next in order, it was moved and carried that H. M. Rollins, J. E. Mershon, J. B. Weaver, Jr., E. S. Miller and H. M. McFarland serve as a nominating committee and that they retire at once and prepare to report to this meeting.

It was moved by Crom

Bowen, and the motion was duly seconded, that the Trustees and Building Committee make a combined report as to the cost of the new church structure, including the pledges made, paid and unpaid, and that the same be made a part of the records of this meeting.

This motion upon being put by the Moderator was declared carried. The report follows:-

Ex "B"

Memorandum.

Statement of Pledges to Building Fund Unpaid Sept. 26th 1902.

Balance Unpaid on "One of a Thousand" (Conditional)		820.
Do " " Young Peoples - Solicited by Mr. Ward.		220.56
Do " " Original Canvass pledges		3,246.
Do " " Dedication Day "		4.980.
Do " " Last & Final Canvass "		4.507.
Pledges past due and unpaid		4.165.
		$ 17.938.56

List of Promises without Written Pledge.

Ladies Society ($5000. less amount already paid $1000.)	$ 4,000.	
Mrs Fribie's S. S. Class.	1,000.	
Lots given by Mrs Whitman - Estimated value	500.	
Chase $50.00 & Boody $20.00	70.	5.570.
		$ 23.508.56

L. A. Merrill, Collector.
from Nov. 28" 1901

Collected by L. A. Merrill to Sept. 26" 02	$ 15,385.57
" " E. L. Miller to Nov. 28" 1901	11.523.50
" " H. M. Rollins to Nov. 28" 1901	1.200.

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Approximate Cost of the Church Building.

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Lilley & Boesch	$65,650.00
extra on 47 M. of brick at $6.00	282.00
for excavation	500.00
" plumbing	893.93
" gas piping	563.15
" heating plant	5,157.49
" gas fixtures including three reflectors	876.00
" electric wiring	360.00
" glass	[illegible]86.70
" seating auditorium	4,4[illegible]6.15
" lecture & dining rooms	583.83
" frescoing auditorium and lecture room	1,450.00
" " " basement	150.00
" hardware	[illegible]88.37
" hoisting machinery	300.00
" finishing hardwood floor	123.00
" extra tiling	20.40
" 220 book racks	55.00
" mantel and gas grate in Pastor's study	35.75
" Supplee fixing windows, putting on book racks, etc.	18.30
" heavy screens for basement windows	6.00
" oiling floors, varnishing tables & extra painting	59.35
" pulpit furniture	57.50
" furniture in pastor's study	19.50
" Wells & Son - printing	45.71
" brass rail for pulpit platform	50.00
" coal and fireman while finishing church	88.72
" lumber, surveyor's fees, express, etc.	95.24
" grading lot	175.00
" sodding in front and rear	61.25
" cement steps and walks	516.98
" curbing	118.75
" architects	2,100.00
" moving and repairs on house and barn	2,150.81
" taxes	284.00
" Insurance	450.00
	$ 92,238.78

Sundry Items not included in above, about $175.00

$92,413.78

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$112,413.78

The nominating committee then reported as follows, placing in nomination the following persons for the respective offices mentioned below:-

For Moderator W. A. Langan

For Secretary — C. T. Cole Jr.
Treasurer — B. C. Ward.
Member Board of Trustees: — A. B. Hedges.
Chas. Morris
J. A. Rolling (to fill Vacancy)
Chief Usher — F. L. Morgan.

It was moved that the report of the nominating committee be accepted and that the persons named serve the church in the respective official capacities.

The motion was put and carried, and the above named persons declared by the Moderator duly elected.

It was moved and duly seconded that George A. Lewis, Cromm Bowen and J. G. Rounds constitute a committee to prepare suitable resolutions upon the resignation of Francis J. Van Horne and that the same be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and be published in the daily newspapers. This motion was duly put by the Moderator and declared carried.

Memorial of Regret on the Resignation of Rev. Francis L. Van Horn as Pastor of Plymouth Cong. 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 and regret, as in the sundering 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 Congregational Church is now called to such a separation, and we desire to express our sincere sorrow and pro-

found regret that our loved and honored Pastor, Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, has felt it his duty to dissolve his 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's able and courageous leadership, our church has been inspired to arise and build a commodious and beautiful new 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 counting three thousand or more at the Sabbath evening service for many weeks together. Nor were Mr. Van Horns 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 his Divine Master, whose ambassador he is, and to build up a glorious temple to Christ in the heart and soul of every worshipper. 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. Not less is our appreciation of the sweet, womanly graces, shining in the life of Mrs. Van Horn, and the mental gifts qualifying her so well to be a leader in all the work of the ladies of the church.

While we part with them with the deepest sorrow, we earnestly commend them to the affections and the helpful cooperation of all the members of the church where they are hereafter to labor, and we earnestly pray that the blessing of God may attend them in their new field, and that through them may 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 asks that this memorial of our esteem and regard for Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn 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; also that it be published in the newspapers of this city.

Respectfully

Irving W. Lewis
J. G. Reynolds
Chas Barrus
Committee

Mr. H. M. Rollins verbally tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the Church Building Committee and moved that the Finance Committee be continued looking to the collection of pledges, etc., and that Mr. S. A. Merrill act as Treasurer The motion was duly put by the Moderator and declared carried.

It was moved by H. M. Rollins and seconded by J. B. Weaver, Jr., that the Trustees of the Society be authorized to borrow such money as may be necessary, by mortgage or otherwise, to provide for the outstanding indebtedness, giving the obligation or obligations of the Society for its payment. The

motion was duly put by the Moderator and by him declared carried.

On motion it was voted that J. L. Rounds, L. A. Merrill and B. C. Ward constitute an Auditing Committee to audit the accounts of Mr. H. M. Rollins before turning the Treasurryship of the Church Building Committee over to his successor, Mr. L. A. Merrill.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

C. L. Cole
Secretary.

Approved Oct 2nd 1903.

March 25. 1903.

Pursuant to a duly authorized call, the Plymouth Congregational Society met for Special Meeting in the Sunday School room, March 25th 1903 with the Moderator, Mr. W. H. Langan in the Chair.

The Moderator stated the object of the meeting which was to consider the action taken by the Church relative to Calling Rev. Frdrk W. Hodgdon to become its pastor.

Mr. B. C. Ward reported to the meeting the action of the church, held immediately preceding the meeting of the Society, in extending a call to Rev. Frank W. Hodgdon to become pastor of the Church.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. A. A. Merrill, and having been duly seconded was adopted by the meeting.

Resolved, That this Society concur in the action of the Church at the meeting held this day as reported to this meeting, and that we join with the Church in extending a call to the Rev. Frank W. Hodgdon to become the pastor of this church, the pastorate to begin May 1 1903.

That the salary of Mr. Hodgdon be $900.- 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 same to other tenants, the proceeds to

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apply on the rent of a house 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 two weeks in addition.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

O. L. Cowley Sec'y

Des Moines Iowa June 10 1903.

Called meeting of the Society held Wednesday evening, June 10th 1903 - W. H. Langan presiding.

J. E. Mershon was elected Secretary Pro tem.

Purpose of this meeting stated by Geo. H. Lewis and B. C. Ward to be the consideration of changing the Church loan obtained on mortgage from the Iowa Loan & Trust Co. to the Congregational Church Building Society.

Mr. Lewis moved, and it was seconded by H. B. Hedge that the Trustees of the Plymouth Congregational Society be authorized and are empowered to borrow $20.000. of and mortgage the Church property, exclusive of the parsonage and the ground connected therewith, to the Congregational Church Building Society of New York, for ten years at 3% interest, on such terms of payment as can be obtained, and with the money so obtained pay off the present mortgage debt. This motion Carried by unanimous vote

Moved by Geo. H. Lewis, and seconded by B. C. Ward that the Trustees of the Society be authorized and are Empowered to borrow not to exceed $8500- by executing a mortgage upon the parsonage and the ground connected therewith, and by pledging the present building fund pledges, fixing the best terms of interest and times of payment possible. This motion was duly put by the Moderator and declared carried

On motion the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) J. E. Mershon, Sec. Pro tem

Approved Oct 2 1903

Monday Evening Sept 21st 1903

The Plymouth Congregational Society met for its regular Annual Meeting Monday evening in the Church Parlors in accordance with notice duly given. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator W.H. Langan

Prayer was offered by Dr A.L. Frisbie

On motion the reading of the minutes of previous meeting was deferred

On motion of B.C. Ward, duly seconded, the Trustees were authorized to execute a Mortgage to the Congregational Church Building Society for $15000-

It was understood that the proceeds of the mortgage above referred to were to be applied to partial payment of the $20000- Mortgage standing on the property. The new mortgage to cover the church property only and the unpaid balance of the old Mortgage to rest on the parsonage.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned to Friday evening, Oct 2nd 1903.

(Sgd) S.A Merrill - Sec Protem.

Approved. Oct 2 /03.

Annual Meeting

October 2 1903.

The annual meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society, adjourned from Monday evening September 21st 1903, was called to order in the church parlors, Friday evening, October 2, 1903, at 8 o'clock by the Moderator, W. H. Langan

Prayer was offered by Rev. Stodgdon

The minutes of the annual meeting held September 26th 1902 were called for by the Moderator and on motion of Geo H. Lewis were approved as read.

Minutes of the Special meeting of June 10th 1903 and of September 21st 1903 were read and on motion of George H. Lewis were corrected by the insertion of the following clause following the last motion previous to adjournment in the minutes of June 10th 1903: "The motion being duly seconded was put by the Moderator, and by him declared unanimously carried" The motion was put and declared unanimously carried.

With this correction the minutes of the two meetings were approved as read.

The report of the Treasurer of the Society was called for and presented by the Treasurer, B.C. Ward. The report was accepted and ordered spread upon the records. The report follows:

October 2, 1903.

Report of the Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Society for the year ending September 30, 1903.

I have paid all current expenses for the year, as follows:

Advertising	1.05
Coal	286.10
Gas	200.44
Water	36.75
Printing	242.80
Miscellaneous	92.76
Repairs	103.81
Janitor	539.50

Pulpit Supply	535.78	
E. J. Van Horn	104.17	
A. L. Frisbie	833.34	
F. W. Hodgdon	1250.00	
Total for preaching		2723.29
Music		1542.93
Total paid on current expenses		5769.41
Paid on Interest account		1163.45
Paid on old bills of last year		454.77
Paid Frank L. Morgan's overdraft at the bank on last year's account (total paid on last year's account 629.32)		174.55
Total amount paid during the year		7562.18

Special

One davenport paid for by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rollins	34.00
Moving expenses of F. W. Hodgdon	250.00

Receipts.

Received from the pledges	6121.14	
Received from the open collections	775.19	
Total received from those two sources		6896.33
Received from rents		665.85
Total received		7562.18

Total amount received from the pledges and open collections this year	6896.33
Total received last year	5361.59
Net increase this year over last	1534.74

Received this year on pledges	6121.00
Received last year on pledges about	4161.00
Increase in pledges	1960.00

Respectfully Submitted
B. C. Ward
Treasurer

The report of the Treasurer of the Church Building Committee was then called for. Same was presented by Mr. S. A. Merrill. On motion, duly seconded, the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

The report follows:

(over)

REPORT

of

TREASURER OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH BUILDING FUND

For Year ending Oct. 2, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Sept. 27, 1902 - - - - - - - - - - - -		$ 18.50
Proceeds from sale of old stone walk - - - - - - -	$ 6.10	
Collected from insurance - - - - - - - - - - - - -	960.00	
" " "Temple" Builders" S.S. - - - - - -	43.17	
Proceeds of Organ Concerts, net above credit to S.S. classes - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	6.35	1,015.62

Received on Pledges.

From S. S. classes, Organ Concert - - - - - - - - - -	237.50		
" " " Cash - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	307.64		
" Y. P. S. C. E. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	150.00		
" Ladies' Aid Society,-by bills paid by it - -	1,322.24		
" Paid on individual pledges - - - - - - - - -	9,667.82	11,685.20	
			$12,712.32
From Loan of Iowa Loan & Trust Co. - - - - - - - - - -			20,000.00
" " " Cong'l Church Building Society - - - - -			15,000.00
			$47,712.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Work on Grounds:

Chas. Cline, sodding - - - - - - - - - -	$ 7.00		
" " " - - - - - - - - -	5.00		
" " " - - - - - - - - -	11.80		
" " " - - - - - - - - -	13.20	$ 37.00	
J. O. Epperson, grading - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		8.00	
Sidewalk east of house - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		21.00	$ 66.00

Repairs from Damage by Fire:

Morris - contract for re-fresco	485.00	
" " " re-finishing seats	40.35	
Planing mill work	350.00	
Repairs on glass	3.50	
Cost of adjusting loss	25.00	903.85

Bills paid for Completing Church:

Allward Glass Co.	27.42	
Capital City Plumbing Co.,-balance on contract-	273.20	
Grand Rapids Sch. Furniture Co., balance	100.00	
Des Moines Marble & Mantel Co.	35.75	
Holbrook Mantel & Tile Co.	20.40	
J. M. Supplee, carpentering and material	147.42	
St. John & Barquist	25.05	
Merchants Transfer Co., drayage	25.26	
Chase & West, Furnishings	153.33	
Brinsmaid & Co., furnishings	139.78	
Hallett & Rawson, balance for Architects' work -	175.00	
Capital City Gas Co., bill for fixtures	705.90	1828.51

Repairs on Parsonage to Prepare it for Tenant:

Plumbing	103.02	
Papering	20.45	
Carpenter Work	53.78	177.25

Lyon & Healy, repairs to organ		1078.30
Bills paid by Ladies' Aid Society and credited on their pledge		1322.24
Interest on Notes (to Oct. 1, 1902)		1042.88
Paid on Notes (net)	$ 6,292.06	
" " " (renewals)	35,000.00	41292.06
Balance on hand		1.23
		$47712.32

STATEMENT

of

CHURCH DEBT,

October 2, 1903.

On Oct. 1, 1902, there were notes at the bank on account of the building operations amounting to - $32,092.06

Additional bills were presented after that date on account of the church building aggregating - - - - $ 1,828.51

The contract for re-building the organ after the fire was - 1,375.00

Bills paid by Ladies' Aid Society - - - - - - - - - 1,322.24

Interest on Notes - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,042.88	
Bills for Repairing Parsonage - - - - - - - - - - -	177.25	
Work on Lot -	66.00	5,811.88
Total - - - -		$37,903.94

Paid on the above bills during the year - - - - -	5,514.18	
" " Notes -	6,292.06	11,806.24
Present Outstanding Debt - - - - - -		26,097.70

This debt stands as follows:

Mortgage on the Church to the C. C. B. S. at 3%	15,000.00	
" " " Parsonage to Iowa L. & T. Co. at 5-1/2%	3,500.00	
Notes at Bank at 6% - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	7,300.00	
Due Lyon & Healy, balance on Organ Repairs at 6%	297.70	26,097.70

S. A. Merrick
Treasurer
Building
Fund.

Oct. 29 1903.

Pledges unpaid. 773263

" Doubtful ones 3717 401563

Balance - Probable from
Ladies Aid Soc. Pledge 2
Three Lots - 6
661563

Legacies said to be
promised in Wills 5
$ 1161563

Pledges unpaid	$7732.63
Less doubtful ones	3717.
	$4015.63
Balance- Probable from Ladies Aid Soc. Pledges	2000.
Three lots	600.
	$6615.63
Legacies said to be promised in Wills	5000.
	$11615.63

Above made up from lists of August 6th	$8226.63
Less paid since as above - - -	494.
	$7732.63

Mr. George St Lewis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

"Whereas, J.M. Graham was elected by the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy arising from the vacancy left by the resignation of A.M. Rollins, and the declination of J.F. Rollins to act as Trustee, now- Therefore, the act of the Board is hereby ratified and confirmed."

Mr. Lewis' motion was duly seconded and upon being put by the Moderator was declared carried.

Mr. C.E. Rawson declared himself in favor of the present pledge system and spoke most favorably of the present Board and Treasurer, and the work done during the year.

Mr. W. St Langan here made appropriate remarks expressing his satisfaction and the satisfaction of the Society, generally, with the work of the Trustees and Treasurer.

It was moved by S.A. Merrill and seconded by Dr. Fribbie that the church take an annual collection for the American Church Building Society. This motion was put by the Moderator and declared by him unanimously carried.

The election of officers being next in order Mr. E.S. Miller moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Society for the officers and Trustees whose terms expire at this time, which were as follows:

Moderator	W.H. Langan
Treasurer	B.C. Ward
Secretary	C.T. Cole, Jr
Trustees	J.M. Graham
	C.E. Rawson
	A.R. Dempster

The motion was, duly put & declared Carried The Secretary then announced the vote cast in accordance with the foregoing motion and the parties above handed were declared by the Moderator, duly elected.

Mr. J.N. Jenny was placed in nomination as Chief Usher to succeed himself, and on motion, duly seconded, was declared elected.

On motion by Dr. A.L. Fribbie, Mr. S.A. Merrill was unanimously elected to succeed himself as Treasurer of the Church Building Committee.

Mr. L.J. Rawson suggested that Elm trees be planted in front of the church - and moved that the Society suggest to the Trustees that the trees be planted. Mr. Geo H Lewis offered as a substitute

to this that the matter of trees be referred to the Trustees without motion, and be acted upon at their discretion.

At this point in the meeting a discussion was had in which Mrs. Durley suggested that hitching places be provided about the church, and ivy be planted. After a few discussion the matter went over without action being taken.

On motion of J. M. Otis the meeting adjourned.

C. L. Colvin Secy.

Approved Oct. 28/04.

March 18th 1904.

Special meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the matter of entertainment of the different Societies invited to meet with us from October 12th. to 20th., was called to order following the fortnightly supper held Friday evening, March 18th 1904.

On motion duly seconded, it was voted to proceed to the appointment of a committee to generally oversee matters in connection with the coming meeting with power to appoint Sub-Committees. It was moved by Mr. E. S. Miller and duly seconded that the following persons be appointed as an executive Committee with full authority to act. The motion being duly put - was declared carried. Committee:

F. N. Hodgdon
A. L. Frisbie
Mrs. A. L. Frisbie
Mrs. C. A. Rawson
Mrs. W. H. McHenry
S. A. Merrill
George H. Lewis
J. P. Weaver, Jr
Henry Gray

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

C. L. Cole Jr Secretary

Approved, Oct. 28/1904.

Monday Evening - Sept. 19 - 1904

The regular Annual meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society was called to order by the Moderator W. W. Langan

Prayer was offered by Mr. B. C. Ward.

On motion of George H. Lewis, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned to Monday evening, October 24 1904, said meeting to be regularly called by the usual notices prescribed by the by-laws.

C. S. Cole Secy.

Approved - Oct. 28 1904.

Monday Evening - Oct. 24 1904.

The Annual meeting adjourned to Monday evening October 24 1904, was on motion of H. B. Hedge, again adjourned to meet in the parlors of the Church, Friday evening, October 28th 1904.

C. S. Cole Secy

Approved Oct 28 1904.

October 28th 1904.

The Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society was called to order by Moderator Langan at the Church, and was opened by prayer by Dr. Frisbie.

The minutes of the meetings of September 21st. 1903; March 18th 1904. Sept. 19th. 1904; and Oct^o 24th 1904 were read and approved.

Mr. B.C. Ward made the Treasurers report which was accepted

Mr. Hodge made the following motion, which was put by the Moderator and carried, viz: That we accept Mr. Ward's generous offer to accept $200^{oo} as his salary for the two years which he has served as treasurer, and that We extend to him our thanks for his efforts in filling the office

This was followed by a Tribal report of the Trustees by Wm. C. Rawson

G. A. Hill reported for the Auditing Committee to look over the treasurers books, and S. A. Merrill for the Church building Committee - All these reports were accepted and placed on file.

There being no business old or new the meeting turned its attention to the election of Officers.

C. E. Rawson moved that the Moderator appoint a nominating Committee of three to nominate Candidates for the offices. This was put and carried.

The Moderator appointed, C. E. Rawson, Frank N. Rose and B. C. Ward.

Before this Committe left the room, Mr. C.E. Rawson, and Mr. A.R. Dempster resigned their positions on the board and wished the same to be accepted. Mr. B.C. Ward moved to accept i This Motion being seconded, was put and Carried, leaving four places to be filled instead of two.

While the meeting awaited a report from the nominating Committee, Mr. Rawson opened a discussion in regard to the church, assuming the support of the Sunday School. He was followed by H.B. Hedge, E.S. Miller, A.L. Frisbie and Geo. N. Lewis.

Mr. C.E. Rawson then made a report for the nominating Committe as follows:-

Moderator.		W.N. Langan
Secretary		C.F. Cole Jr
Treasurer		E.S. Miller
Treas. Bld'g Fund		A.A. Merrill
Chief Usher		Leigh Lumbard
Trustees "	Two Years	H.B. Hedge
		Chas. Morris
	One Year	F.M. Langan
		C.A. Rawson

L.J. Rawson moved to accept the report, suspend the rules and instruct the Secretary to cast the unanimous ballot for the nominees as named by the Committee. This Motion being carried, the Secretary cast the ballots, and the nominator declared them elected.

Dr Frisbie followed with a few remarks in regard to the reports made by Mr. Ward as treasurer, Mr.

Merrill for the Church building Committee, Mr Hedge for the Trustees and Mr. C.E. Rawson for the music Committee, calling attention to the carefull, laborious and successful manner in which they had executed their respective duties.

Mr. B.C. Ward called the meetings attention to the $1200- unpaid interest on the Church debt, and after some discussion it was suggested that Mr. Hedge had enough money left from the National Council fund to meet this item

Dr. Frisbie then made the following motion: That Mr. Hedge be instructed to turn over to the treasurer the balance remaining from the National Council entertainment pledges after all bills had been paid, the same to be applied on the unpaid interest.

After a general discussion of the National Council, entered into by several persons present, the meeting adjourned by a motion by Mr. Vose.

Signed: Leigh A. Lumbard
Secy Protem.

Approved Sep 29/05.

Auditing Committees Report.

Des Moines, Iowa Oct. 28 1904.

We, the undersigned, appointed as an auditing Committee, by the Trustees of the Plymouth Congregational Society, to audit the accounts and examine the annual report of B.C. Ward, Treasurer, for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1904 have examined his books and vouchers, We find that his accounts have been

fully and accurately kept, that all funds coming into his hands are accounted for and that there remains in the Citizens National Bank to B.C. Ward, Treasurer, a credit of $23.50

Very respectfully submitted

(Signed) Gershom H. Hill

(") S. A. Merrill

Report of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer of Building Fund of Plymouth Congregational Church from October 2, 1903 to October 28th, 1904.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year		$ 1.23
Collections.		
From Ladies Aid Society - by Bills paid	$ 578.28	
" " " " Cash	299.48	
" " " " By assuming part of the debt	1800.00	
	$ 2677.76	
From Y.P.S.C.E. pledge	100.00	
" S.S. Class pledges	229.46	
" Individual Pledges	1077.90	4085.12
Total receipts		$4086.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid balance due Lyon & Healy for repairing organ after fire	$ 296.70	
Paid on note at State Sav. Bank	3100.00	3396.70
Paid Grand Rapids Furniture Co. for new seats in choir a/c fire loss	6.15	
St. John & Barquist - completing repairs on roof on account of original imperfections	37.50	
Bills of Aid Society, by credit on their pledge	578.28	
Taxes on lots donated to Church	15.59	
Moving Radiator wrongly placed	26.00	663.52
		$4060.22
Cash on hand		26.13
		$4086.35

DEBT STATEMENT.

Amount of debt October 2, 1903	$26,096.70
Paid during the year, as above	3,396.70
	$22,700.00

This debt is held as follows:

Congregational Church Building Society at 3%	$15,000.00
Iowa Loan & Trust Company at 5 1/2 %	3,500.00
State Savings Bank at 6%	4,200.00
	$22,700.00

Estimate as to Unpaid Pledges.

Good - - - - - - - - - -	$710.00
Doubtful - - - - - - - - -	3771.00
Worthless - - - - - - - - -	1451.00
	$ 5932.00
"One of one thousand" worthless.	500.00
	$ 6432.00

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

As Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Society, I submit my annual report as follows:

	Debit.
Received from pledges for the year ending Sept. 30, 1904	$6636.22
Received from the Open Collections	1057.49
Received from Rents	209.00
Total received	$7902.71

	Credit.	
Paid for advertising	3.80	
Paid for Coal	350.70	
Paid for Gas	186.53	
Paid on Pastor's Salaries	3600.00	
Paid janitor's salary	588.81	
Paid for Music	2072.83	
Paid for Printing	250.85	
Paid for repairs	143.15	
Paid for Water	73.88	
Paid for telephone service	33.75	
Paid for installation services	54.25	
Paid for miscellaneous expenses	122.31	
Paid for Insurance	21.00	
Paid on Interest account	367.68	
Paid deficit of last year	4.67	
Paid check issued on last years account	5.00	
Cash on hand	23.50	
Total		$7902.71

We have had some extra expenses for the year ending September 30th. We expected to pay $1600.00 for music, as I have told many persons when asked, but we have paid $2072.83. The Installation services for our Pastor were $54.25. The Vested Choir cost the church $26.00 for the express and lockers. New cables for the lifting partition and labor in putting them in place cost $35.42. Our coal cost $65.00 more than it did a year ago. We received from the renting of our Church $456.85 less than we did one year ago.

But there is a bright side to this picture. We have received on pledges $515.00 more this year than last, on the open collections we received $282.00 more this year than last, making practically an increase of $800.00.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. Ward

November 11th 1904.

A Special meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society duly called for the purpose of electing a Treasurer, was called to order following the Church Supper, Friday evening, Nov. 11th 1904

Mr. F. N. Hodgdon stated the purpose of the meeting - viz. that Mr. E. S. Miller had expressed his inability to serve as Treasurer of the Society - to which office he had been elected at the annual meeting held Oct. 28th 1904, and that the present meeting was called to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Hodgdon, speaking for the Board of Trustees, then placed in nomination the unanimous choice of the board, Mr. B. C. Ward. There being no further nominations, the nomination on the nomination of Mr. Ward was put and carried - and he was declared unanimously elected.

A report by Mrs. W. H. McStorry as chairman of the Committee to provide meals during the meeting of the Council, was called for and Mrs. McStorry presented a detailed report, showing a profit on the meals served, after all obligations were paid of $505 15/100. Of this sum $500 00/100 had been endorsed on the Church note at the bank, and the balance $5 15/100, turned into the treasury of the Ladies society.

On motion the meeting adjourned

C. S. Colby Secy

Approved Sep 29/05.

September 18-1905.

Plymouth Congregational Society met at 8 P.M at Church. Dr. G. H. Still was elected Chairman pro-tem and L. J. Hasson, Secretary Protem.

The object of the meeting was stated by the Treasurer, B.C Waid-

An informal discussion was had.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet Friday evening, Sept. 29" 1905

(Signed) L. J. Hasson

Secy Protem

Approved Sep 29-1905.

Annual Meeting - September 29-1905.

Pursuant to notice the adjourned annual meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the parlors of the Church following Supper- Friday evening, September 29" 1905 In the absence of the Moderator, on motion by H.B. Hedge, duly seconded, Doctor A.L. Frisbie was elected Moderator pro tem. Prayer was offered by Dr. Frisbie

Mr. J.M Graham moved that the moderator appoint the nominating committee at this point in the meeting that they might retire in ample time to make the necessary canvass and prepare the nominations for officers to be presented later This motion was duly seconded and carried. The Moderator appointed J.E. Mershon, Henry Gray and E.H. Huntington on this committee.

The minutes of the meetings of October 28th 1904, November 11, 1904 and September 18th 1905 were read, and on motion of Geo. St. Leni were approved.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by B.C. Ward, and on motion by H.B. Hedge duly seconded, was accepted and ordered made a part of the record. Mr. Hedge also moved that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Ward for the careful and painstaking work he had done as treasurer. The motion was seconded and carried enthusiastically

The auditing Committee, represented by Mr. F.W. Vorse reported on the books of the treasurer, finding them O.K. in every respect.

Mr. Hedge here made an explanation of one of the items of expense in Mr Ward's report relative to organ repairs, which he said seemed to the Trustees to be absolutely necessary and which did not seem to fall under the guarantee under which the organ was constructed. The trustees were also at some expense in heating the organ loft. Mr. Hedge closed with a few appropriate remarks relative to the present financial condition of the Church.

Mr. S.A. Merrill submitted his report as treasurer of the Church Building Committee, which was accepted upon motion by H.B. Hedge and ordered spread upon the record.

In line with the recommendations contained in Mr. Merrill's report H.B. Hedge moved that a Committee of five be appointed to take some action looking to the adjustment of the out standing indebtedness in connection with the church property and suggested that this Committee be named by the nominating Committee then out. The motion prevailed. The nominating Committee reported back to the Society that the time given them was not sufficient in which to properly canvass the matter for the appointment of the Committee recommended by Mr. Merrill and on motion it was voted to extend the time for the nominating Committee to act until the next church supper, to be held October 13, 1905.

The nominating Committee then made the following nominations:

For Moderator	W. H. Langan
Secretary	C. J. Cole Jr
Treasurer	S. A. Merrill
Chief Usher	Leigh A. Limbard
Trustees (2yr term)	J. H. Graham C. A. Rawson
	T. H. Langan

It was moved by Geo. H. Lewis that the By-laws be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Society for the persons named by the nominating Committee to fill the respective offices This motion was duly seconded and being put by the Moderator was declared unanimously carried. The Secretary then announced the casting of the unanimous ballot for the persons named, and the Moderator declared them duly elected officers of the Society.

There being no further business Mr. Stodgdon made a few remarks touching the excellent service rendered by the treasurer and trustees and enlarged upon the suggestion of Mr. Merrill looking toward the taking care of the indebtedness of the Society.

The meeting then adjourned to October 13th 1905 following the regular supper to hear the report of the Nominating Committee.

C. J. Cole Jr
Secretary

Approved - Oct. 12/06.
Forward for Treas. Reports.

Treasurers Annual Report
September 29: 1905. —

As Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Society, I submit my annual report as follows:

Debit.

Rec'd during the year from Pledges		$7,279.01	
" from Open Collections		909.75	$8,188.76
" " rents			135.
" " H. B. Hedge (Nat. Comm'l Fd)		1136.93	
" " " " " " "		508.34	1645.27
Total rec'd from all Sources			$9,969.03

Credit

Paid for Coal	381.40	
" " Gas	184.22	
" " Water	89.39	
" " Repairs	425.20	
" on Miscellaneous Bills	122.33	
" for Insurance	375.75	
" " Telephone service (2 Phones)	45.75	
" " Music	1884.	
" " Int. on last year's a/c	1136.93	
" " " " this " "	644.19	
" Rev. A. L. Frisbie DD.	600.	
" " F. N. Hodgdon	3000.	
" Janitor	714.42	
" Treas. by Cancellation of Pledge	75.	
" for Printing	274.90	
		$9953.48
Balance on hand		15.55

Special Expenses:

In the above mentioned expenses, there are Special items out of the ordinary line of our annual current expenses, to wit:

I have paid during the year on account of Organ repairs $267.56

For'd

Paid for cleaning the Church after the meeting of the Nat'l Council. $18.00
Paid for expenses of changing pastors Study 104.70
Total Extra Expense $390.26

I have also paid expenses connected with the office of Mrs Lynde, Supt. of Parish Work $60.82

Our Steady growth financially:

The following will be interesting and worth preserving, as showing our steady gains from year to year in the matter of Collections.

1901 = Last year in the brick church total receipts from offerings were $4870.00
1902 = When Mr. Morgan was Treas 5361.00
1903 = My first year as treasurer 6896.00
1904 = " Second " " " 7693.00
1905 - The year just closed 8188.76
Add to this last amount the unpaid pledges which are good and will be paid 350.00

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) D. C. Ward, Treasurer

Annual Meeting - Sept. 29. 1905 Continued

Report of S. A. Merrill. Treas of Building Fund of Plymouth Congregational Church from Oct. 28 1904 to Sept. 29. 1905.

Receipts

Balance on hand from last year,		$ 26.13
Collected on old pledges	$ 722.40	
New Subscription from Mrs. J. R. Rollins	500.	1222.40
		$ 1248.53

Disbursements.

Paid taxes on lots	$ 18.25
Paid on Note at Bank	1200.00
Cash on hand	30.28
	$ 1248 53

Debt Statement.

Amount of debt Oct. 28-1904	$ 22700.00
Paid during the year	1200.00
Present debt on Bldg a/c	$ 21,500.00

This debt Stands as follows:

Mortgage on Church Bldg	3%	$ 15,000.00
" " Parsonage	5½%	3,500.00
Note at Bank -	6%	3,000.00
		$ 21.500.00

There are unpaid pledges which at the time of the dedication of the Church were counted available amounting to $ 6,252.29

Of these pledges I estimate as probably collectible at some time, about $ 1000.00

The balance cannot now be Counted as available.

The Church also holds three house lots worth at a low estimate $ 500.00

Annual Meeting, Sept 29 1905 Continued

One year from October 1st there will be due on Mortgage to the Church Building Society $1500. and a like amount on the 1st day of October in each succeeding year until the Mortgage is paid.

Steps should be taken at this meeting for providing for the debt - not simply for the $1500. due next year - but looking toward the payment of the whole debt.

I suggest that a Committee be appointed - outside of the Board of Trustees and the Society Treasurer - because they have their hands full in providing for the usual expenses - Such Committee to formulate and put into operation a plan for raising the funds to pay off the whole debt upon the Church including the note at the bank for $2500. made some years ago on account of running expenses.

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) S. A. Merrill Treas
of Building Fund

Adjourned Meeting Oct 13. 1905.

The adjourned meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society was called to order by Dr. A. L. Frisbie following the Church Supper on Friday evening October 13. 1905.

The purpose of the meeting as stated by Dr. Frisbie was to hear the report of the Committee appointed for the purpose of naming a Committee of five to carry out the suggestions of Mr. S. A. Merrill as made in his report as treasurer of the Church Building Fund.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the action taken at the previous meeting of the Society be amended and that the Nominating Committee be requested to recommend a Committee of not less than seven and that they include the names of some of the officers of the Society. The motion prevailed.

The Committee then recommended the following persons: G. A. Hill - J. G. Rounds E. S. Miller, S. A. Foster, P. C. Ward, H. B. Hodge S. A. Merrill. On motion by J. M. Graham duly seconded, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Mr. Hodge, after a few remarks withdrew from the Committee and suggested the name of Charles Morris, who also withdrew later.

S. A. Merrill then followed with a few remarks and also withdrew from the Committee. Henry Gray was then nominated by H. B. Hodge to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Hodge's withdrawal This nomination was duly seconded & Carried

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At this point, on motion it was voted to continue the Committee for a period of two weeks and in that time to consult with different parties and bring in nominations of such men as would agree to serve.

On motion of H. B. Hedge the meeting adjourned to the evening of the next Church Supper, to be held Oct 27 1905.

C. L. Cole Jr Secretary

Approved - Oct. 12/1906.

October 25" 1905

The adjourned meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society was called to order following the Church Supper, Friday evening, Oct. 27 1905 and the Committee appointed for the purpose of naming a committee of seven to carry out the suggestions of Mr. S. A. Merrill as made in his report as treasurer of the Church Building Fund, reported in favor of the following:

J. G. Rounds — S. A. Merrill
F. A. Percival — E. S. Miller
J. B. Weaver Jr.

The Committee to have power to select its own chairman, and to fill vacancies. On motion the report was adopted.

No further business, the meeting adjourned

C. L. Colby Secy

Approved Oct. 12 1906.

Annual Meeting - September 24th 1906.

Pursuant to call from the pulpit the regular Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society was held at the Church on Monday evening, September 24th 1906. In the absence of the moderator, Mr. S.A. Merrill was nominated moderator pro tem.

It was thought best to hold the annual meeting on the night of one of the church Sociables, when a greater number might be expected to be present, and on motion the meeting adjourned to Friday evening, October 12th 1906.

C.L. Colby Secy

Approved Oct. 12 1906

October 12th 1906.

Pursuant to usual notice, the adjourned meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society met in the dining room of the church following supper, Friday evening, October 12 1906.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, W. H. Langan

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. H. Hodgdon

Minutes of the meetings of Sept. 26, 1905, Oct. 13, 1905, Oct. 27, 1905, and Sept. 24 1906, were read and on motion of Geo. H. Lewis, approved.

The Treasurer's report for the year was presented by the Treasurer Mr. S. A. Merrill; also his report as treasurer of the Church Building Fund. and on motion of Geo H. Lewis duly seconded by Dr. A. L. Frisbie, the reports were adopted and ordered spread upon the records.

The report follows:

Treasurers Report for Year ending October 1 1906.

Receipts

Cash from B.C. Ward, former Treas.,			$ 15.55
From regular pledges, Cash		$ 7,355.79	
" " " (printing)		22.50	
" Loose Sunday Collections		1.102.09	
" extra Easter Offering		71.65	
" rents		195.00	
" Sale of Church directories		5.45	
" extra Contributions, toward Shortage		1670.08	= 10,422.56
" money borrowed			1,000.00
			$ 11438.11

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Disbursements

Paid for Sundry expenses as per itemized Statement, Exhibit "A"		188.36
" for Printing, Exhibit "B"		412.15
" for telephone Service		56.75
" for Supt. Parish work - Part Sal		125.
" " gas, light & Kitchen use		227.22
" " Organ repair	100.00	
" " Elec. motor for Organ	180.70	280.70
" " Insurance		450.
" " Ministers Salaries		3600.00
" " Water		185.34
" " Janitors Salary		679.92
" " Postage		54.61
" " Music		2624.70
" " Int. on notes & Mtgs		1338.03
" " Repairs, Exhibit "C"		200.69
" " Coal		388.06
" " Elec. light & power	14.92	$10,826.45
Partial payment of Money borrowed		600.
Cash on hand		11.66
		$11438.11

We owe at the bank for money borrowed for current Expenses of year		$400.00
Interest on same		5.00
		405.00
Toward the payment of this we have unpaid pledges amounting to	$96.00	
Cash on hand	11.66	107.66
		$297.34

(Signed) S.A. Muncie
Treasurer

At this point in the meeting Mr. J. M. Graham moved that a nominating Committee of three be appointed by the Chair and retire immediately to bring in nominations for officers for the coming Year-

October 12 1906 Continued

to be acted upon later in the evening. This motion being duly seconded, Prevailed. The chair appointed J. S. Clark, J. M Galusha and A. E. Clark.

The Auditing Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees to audit the accounts of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer, then made the following report which on motion was accepted and ordered made a part of the records:

"October 12 1906"

"We the undersigned, appointed by" "the Board of Trustees of Plymouth" "Congregational Society, to audit the books" "and accounts of the Treasurer, S. A." "Merrill, herewith beg leave to make" "the following report; We have made" "a thorough examination of the Treasurer's" "receipts and expenditures for the year" "ending Oct. 1, 1906 and find the same" "to be absolutely correct. Mr. Merrill" "is to be commended for his faithful" "services and for the systematic and" "excellent manner in which his accounts" "have been kept."

"Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) J. M. Graham } Committee"
" B. C. Ward }

Mr. H. B. Hedge, representing the Board of Trustees, made some remarks covering the years work, saying that any formal report he might make was embodied in the report of the Treasurer. The Treasurers report showed a shortage for the year of $297.34 which Mr. Hedge thought should be raised at this annual meeting. Dr A. L. Frisbie, speaking upon the

October 12, 1906- Continued

subject of the year's deficiency suggested that he would be glad to allow $100. from the salary the church was allowing him to apply on the debt. This suggestion was declined. It was then suggested that the amount be raised by small subscriptions, and in a very few minutes the exact total of $297.34 was subscribed, thus closing the year exactly even

Mr. S.A. Merrill then submitted a supplemental report for the year ending Oct. 1. 1906.

Receipts:

Balance on hand as shown by annual report		$ 11.66
Collected on pledges made towards paying note for defect in receipts		393.34
		$405.00

Disbursements:

Paid balance on note at bank	$400.	
" Interest " " " "	5.	405.00
Balanced		00

The nominating Committee's report was then called for and they placed in nomination the following:

For Moderator	W. H. Ladigan
" Secretary	C. F. Cole Jr
" Treasurer	B. C. Ward
" Chief Usher	Leigh A. Lumbard
" Trustees - 2 years	H. B. Hedge
	Chas. Morris

Mr. Geo. St. Lewis moved that the By-laws providing for vote by ballot be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Society for the nominees as reported

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by the Nominating Committee. The Motion was duly seconded, and put by the Moderator and declared Carried unanimously.

The Secretary announced the Casting of the ballot in accordance with the foregoing motion, and the Moderator declared the persons already mentioned to be duly elected officers of the Society.

Mr. R. C. Ward made a few appropriate remarks Congratulating the Treasurer and Board of Trustees on their efficient work for the past year, which were followed by similar remarks by J. S. Clark, Dr. A. L. Frisbie, and F. H. Hodgdon - and upon motion a vote of thanks and appreciation was offered, which Carried unanimously and enthusiastically

On motion by H. B Hedge, the meeting adjourned.

C. G. Cole Jr Secretary

Report of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer of the Building Fund.

Sept. 25 1906 to Oct. 12. 1906.

Receipts:

Cash on hand		$ 30.28
Rec'd on old pledges		381.28
From Sunday School Classes		81.20
" Y.P.S.C.E.		73.08
" New Gifts	71.25	
Total		$ 637.09

Disbursements:

Paid Taxes on Lots	$ 25.58	
" Principal of Debt	600.	
Cash on hand	11.51	
		$ 637.09

Outstanding Building indebtedness now $ 20,900.00.

September 23. 1907.

Pursuant to call from the pulpit the regular Annual Meting of the Plymouth Congregational Society was held, at the church on Monday evening September 23 1907.

In the absence of the Moderator, Mr Geo. H. Lewis moved that A. B. Hedge, act as moderator and he was so elected.

The Secretary being out of the City it was moved by B. C. Ward that W. H. Barnard act as Secretary, pro tem. Seconded and Carried

In view of the fact that a more representative attendance of the members of the Society could be expected on the nights of one of the regular Sociables, it was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes be postponed until such night, and that we adjourn to meet on Friday evening October 18th 1907. Carried. Sig^d W. H. Barnard
Secy. Pro tem.

October 18th 1907.

The Adjourned Annual meting of Plymouth Congregational Society was called to order by the Moderator, W. H. Langan, and the meting was opened with prayer by Dr. Frisbie

The Secretary, C. J. Call Jr., being absent by reason of sickness in his family, J. E. Mershon was made Secretary pro tem.

On motion made by A. B. Hedge, and duly seconded, the Moderator was instructed to appoint a Nominating Committ. Frank W. Vorse, J. E. Mershon and B. C. Ward were appointed as such Committee

The report of B. C. Ward, as Treasurer, was then read. On motion this report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Auditing Committee, which had been appointed by the Board of Trustees to examine the books of the Treasurer, consisting

of E.A. Huntington and S.A. Merrill, made the following report:

"This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of B.C. Ward, Treasurer, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all disbursements, and his report agrees with the books of account

E.A. Huntington
S.A. Merrill
Auditing Committee."

On motion of H.B. Hedge, the Report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.

Mr. H.B. Hedge made an oral report for the Trustees and asked for the support and co-operation of all the members and urged the prompt payment of pledges.

The report of S.A. Merrill as Treasurer of the Church Building Fund was then read and on motion adopted.

Remarks were then made by Dr. Freebie and Rev. F.W. Hodgdon.

The Committee on Nominations then made the following report:

For Moderator — W.H. Langan
For Secretary — C.F. Cole Jr
For Trustees (to succeed themselves) --- F.M. Langan
C.A. Robson
(to succeed J.H. Graham who declined another term) — Jay E. Tone
O.W. Follett
For Treasurer — Leigh Lumbard
For Chief Usher — S.A. Merrill
For Treas. Church Bld'g fund

On motion it was ordered that "the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted, that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for the nominees as named by the Committee." This was done and the Moderator declared them duly elected.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Sgd J.E. Mershon
Secy Protem.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society will be held in the parlors of the Plymouth Congregational church on Friday evening, November 15, 1907, for the purpose of electing one trustee. C. T. Cole, Jr., secretary.

Shells for Indian Emergency.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 13.--Forty tons powder and shells passed through Oma[ha] ... over the Missouri Pacific and [Union]

November 15th 1907.

Special meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to published notice and on motion Dr. A. L. Frisbie was made Moderator pro tem.

F. M. Vorse nominated W. W. Wheeler for Trustee to succeed Chas. Morris, deceased The nomination was duly seconded and Carried by unanimous vote

Dr. A. L. Frisbie was, on motion, given power to appoint a Committee to look into the matter of our fiftieth celebration and to report later.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

C. T. Cole Jr Secy.

Report of B. C. Ward
at annual meeting
Oct. 18 1907

Receipts:

Regular & Special Pledges		$739.51
Easter Offering		140.30
Open Collections		815.39
Rents for Church building		145.00
Refund from Telephone Co		7.50
Borrowed money	500.00	
Total received, all sources		8999.70

Disbursements:

Paid for Coal	364.76	
Gas	231.50	
Water	25.69	
Electric Power & Light	45.93	
Telephone Service	52.	
For'd	719.88	

	Brot forward	$719.88	$8999.70
Paid for	Repairs	379.77	
	Printing	198.40	
	Ins. on Parsonage	15.00	
	Brick Sidewalk	52.92	
	Taxes	43.85	
	Postage { F.M. Hodgdon 34.00 / Treasurer 12.25 }	46.25	
	Miscellaneous items	79.69	
	Janitor - J.S. Payne	679.92	
	Music	7000.00	
	Interest	895.44	
	a/c $500. note	300.00	
to	Dr. A.L. Frisbie	414.00	
"	Rev. F.M. Hodgdon	3000.00	
for	Rent F.M. Hodgdon pendence	60.00	
	Pulpit Supply July & Aug	105.00	
	Total Amount paid		8990.12
	Balance, on hand		9.58

Respectfully Submitted
Sec'y D.C. Ward Treas

Report of S.A. Merrill
Treasurer Church Building Fund
October 18 1907.

Receipts:

Balance from last year		11.51
Pledges:		
Personal	219.00	
S.S. Classes	10.00	
Y.P.S.C.E.	140.10	
Church Pledges	1690.33	
Sale of lots	550.	2620.94
Disbursements:		
Taxes	72.51	
Abstract of Title	3.00	
Note - Church Bldg Soc	2000.00	
" to Bank	500.00	
Balance on hand	45.43	2620.94

Statement of Debt on Building a/c

Amount of debt at beginning of Current year	$20900.00
Paid during the year	2500.00
	$18.400.00

Present Standing of Debt

Church Bldg Society - Amt. due		$ 700.00	
April 1st 1908.			
$1500.00 Annually thereafter - 8 years		12000.00	
Mtg on Parsonage	St. John & T. Co.	3500.00	
Note to State Savings Bank		2200.00	$18.400.00

September 21st 1908.

The regular Annual meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society met pursuant to Call from the pulpit, at the Church Monday evening, September 21st 1908. A. B. Stedge was, on motion, elected moderator pro tem.

On motion D. C. Ward and S. A. Merrill were appointed an Auditing Committee to audit the books, and accounts of the Treasury

There being a very small attendance it was moved by D. C. Ward, and duly seconded, that the meeting adjourn to the evening of the first regular Church Sociable to be held Friday evening, Oct. 23rd 1908. The motion carried unanimously.

C. E. Cole Secy

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Plymouth Society held in

Plymouth Church, Friday Evening, Oct. 23, 1908.

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Meeting called to order by the Moderator , W. H. Langan. Prayer offered by Dr. Frisbie, Minutes of previous meetings read and on motion approved.

The report of the Society Treasurer being next in order, was called for and read by the Treasurer, O. W. Follett, as follows:--

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The report of the Treasurer of the Church Building Fund was called for and was read by S. A. Merrill, the Treasurer of said fund, as follows:--

* See page 279 *

Motion by Mr. Hedge that the last named report be accepted, carried.

The report of the Committee consisting of S. A. Merrill and F. W. Vorse to examine the accounts of the Society Treasurer made by S. A. Merrill, was to the effect that the Committee had examined the account of the Treasurer and had found it correct as it stood, but that they had not yet verified certain items of expense on account of some of the vouchers not yet being in order. It was moved by Mr. Hedge that this Committee be continued for the purpose of completing the examination of the Treasurer's account and that they report at the next meeting of the Trustees, carried.

Mr. Ward moved that a committee which should not include himself, be appointed by the Chair to nominate officers for the coming year. Motion seconded and carried, and the Chair appointed as such committee:-

Messrs. J. M. Graham,
F. W. Vorse,
S. A. Merrill.

The Moderator then suggested that the Treasurer's report and the deficit shown thereby, be considered at this time.

Mr. Hedge, chairman of the Board of Trustees, being called for, stated that there was a shortage of about $485.00, referring to it as nothing to feel badly over. Referring also to the fact that several extra items of expense had necessarily been incurred during the year , among which were---

Decorating the interior of church.
Repairing damage to structure supporting roof caused by defect in building.
Painting the galvanized iron work on the roof.
Reputtying and repainting the two large windows on South and East.
Repairs to Heating Plant.

On behalf of trustees, he stated that they had handled the affairs of the Society as if they were their own, that they were willing to donate their salaries, but asked that the bills of the Society be paid.

Mr. Hedge also stated that Mr. Ward had assisted the Treasurer in the collection of Pledges, and also agreed to look after the collection of the special pledges made to cover

the year's deficit.

Mr. Hedge then called on Dr. Frisbie, who responded humorously as a "financial man" and asked for special subscriptions to cover the existing deficit. Amounts were pledged ranging from $25.00 to $2.00, amounting in a short time to $505.00, sufficient to amply cover the estimated deficit.

Mr. Ward spoke a word of appreciation of the work of the Trustees, and motions manifesting appreciation of the trustees' work and thanking the people for their support were made and carried unanimously.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was made by J. M. Graham, as follows:--

For Moderator, W. H. Langan,
" Clerk, J. L. Callanan,
" Treasurer, E. H. Huntington,
" Asst. Treas. B. C. Ward,
" Trustees (to succeed themselves)) H. B. Hedge) W. W. Wheeler
" Treas. Ch. Bldg. Fund, S. A. Merrill.

The committee also recommended that the office of Chief Usher be left to the Deacons to fill. On motion of J. M. Graham, report adopted.

Mr. Kasson moved a suspension of the rules, and that the clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the Society for the candidates named. The motion carried and the vote was so cast , and the Moderator declared the various candidates named, elected. The Society also voted to allow the Deacons to fill the office of Chief Usher.

Mr. S. A. Merrill called attention to the fact that $1500. of the church debt would mature next April, and if not paid at that time would cause the whole debt to become due. Mr. Merrill suggested the appointment of a committee to finance that part of the work.

Mr. Hedge spoke in favor of having such a committee, and also stated that the Trustees were trying to sell 150 feet off of the rear of the Church lot, extending just far enough South to take in the old house. He asked for an expression from those present as to sale of the lot. said that apparently a majority favor the sale. He said the trustees thought that $10,000 could be secured for the 150 feet. Mr. Lewis spoke in favor of selling the lot for $10,000 or near it. Mr. Kasson thought the lot should bring $15,000. Mr. Parker called attention to a possible paving billif the lot were retained. A motion was finally made by Mr. Hedge and seconded by E. S. Miller, that the trustees be authorized to get the best offer obtainable and report to the Society.

The Moderator spoke in favor of holding the lot, and as opposed to the sale of the lot on account of the risk of an objectionable occupancy near the church.

The motion of Hedge and Miller was then put to a vote, and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. W. Mudge,
Sec. Protem.

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PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

Treasurer's Annual Report.

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October 31, 1908.

CREDIT

Received on pledges, regular and special	$7138.18	
Received from open collections	920.39	
Received from rents	173.68	
Received for parish worker	75.00	
Received barrowed money from bank	500.00	
Total received from all sources		8807.25

DEBIT

Paid for rent on Rev. F. W. Hodgdon's residence	50.00	
Paid To parish worker	75.00	
Paid for repairs on organ	65.70	
" " taxes on paving	43.86	
" " postage for Rev. F. W. Hodgdon	18.00	
" " " " Treasurer	6.00	
" " interest	895.35	
" " coal	459.47	
" " electric light and power	73.51	
" " miscellaneous items	139.49	
" " gas	255.25	
" janitor	617.75	
" " music	2400.00	
" " printing	201.06	
" Dr. A. L. Frisbie	499.92	
" Rev. F. W. Hodgdon	3000.00	
" " repairs	278.64	
" " telephone service	54.75	
" " water	27.11	
" collector	80.00	
		9240.86
Leaving an over draft at the bank of		433.61

$ 433.61

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. Follett

Treasurer.

The undersigned Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer have examined the said accounts and find them to be correct and correspond with the above report with proper vouchers for all disbursements.

Frank W. Dorse

T. A. Allerice } Committee

Report of S.A. Merrill, Treasurer of Plymouth Church Building Fund.

For year ending October 23rd, 1908

Balance from previous year		4543
Collections on Pledges	new 590 50	6555 0
	old. 65	
		70093

Disbursements

Paid Congl. Church Building Society on mortgage	700
Balance on hand	93
	70093

Statement of Indebtedness on account of the Building

Mortgage to Church Building Society	12000
" " Iowa Loan & Trust Co.	3500
Loan at Bank	2200

Indebtedness reduced during past year, to Ch. Bldg. Society 700

Respectfully Submitted
S.A. Merrill Treas

The undersigned Committee appointed by the Trustees to examine the account of S.A. Merrill Treasurer of Building Fund, for past year report that we have examined his book and find it corresponds with the above report and that there are proper vouchers for disbursements according to the above report.

E.H. Huntington } Committee

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF PLYMOUTH SOCIETY

HELD AT THE CHURCH MONDAY EVENING AUGUST 2sd 1909

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A special meeting of the Plymouth Society was held at the Church Monday Evening August 2" 1909 after due notice being given from the Pulpit on the two Sundays prior to the holding of said meeting as provided in the Articles of Incorporation.

Meeting was called to order by Moderator W. H. Langan Prayer offered by Dr. Frisbie, Mr. Hedge was then requested by the Moderator to state to the Society the object of the meeting which he stated was for the sale of the North 150 feet of the Church property and after nearly every one present giving their views on the question Mr. Hedge presented his report as Chairman of the Board of Trustees as follows : -

In accordance with a resolution of the Plymouth Congregational Society passed at their meeting on October 23rd 1908, authorizing the Trustees to procure the best offer they could for the 150 feet on the North end of their lot situated at the South-west corner of 8th and Chestnut, we beg to report that after much work we have secured an offer of $11,000.00 net to the Plymouth Congregational Society and now hold to bind the contract a check for $100.00 signed by H. Devere Thompson, balance to be paid when deed and abstract are furnished, property to be deeded to F. M. Hubbell & Sons Company .

The Trustees unanimously recommend that the proposition be accepted .

Respectfully

H. B. Hedge, Chairman

Mr. George H. Lewis then made the following motion which was seconded by H. C. Windsor to-wit: - Resolved that said offer of $11,000.00 net be and is hereby accepted and the Trustees be and are hereby authorized and directed to make deed, sign all papers necessary to make a proper transfer of the property, and after the payment of the mortgage now on the property and the two notes at the Citizens National Bank shall have been paid, the balance to be applied on the mortgage on the Church property , vote was had by ballot which resulted in 18 votes for and 4 votes against said resolution , the Moderator then declaired the resolution carried .

There being no further business the meeting was dismissed by Prof. Greenewood .

Leonard Callaway

Secretary

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 20" 1909

The regular annual meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Society was held at the Church Monday evening September 21" 1909 at 7 -30 o'clock P. M. as provided in the by-laws .

Meeting called to order by Moderator W. H. Langan motion by S. A. Merrill and seconded by R. M. Mount that the ~~Moderator be instructed~~ meeting be adjourned to such a time as the Ladies give their first Church Supper and that the Moderator be instructed to call the meeting at that time which was L Friday 22 motion was carried unanimously .

Meeting then adjourned .

J Leonard Callaway
Secretary

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 22" 1909

The adjourned annual meeting of the Plymouth Society was held in the Church dining room on Friday evening October 22sd 1909, meeting call to order by Moderator W. H. Langan followed with
~~W~~ prayor by the Pastor .

The minutes of the last three meetings were then read and approved .

Motion by Jay Tone that the Moderator appoint a nominating committee which was carried and the chair appointed, Vorse, Barnard and Boody .
~~and Boody~~ .

Motion by George H. Lewis that the new Articles of Re-incorporation filed with the County Recorder be approved by the Society, carried unanimously .

Report of the Society Treasurer Mrs. Ehe H. Huntinton was then read as was also the report of the treasurer Mr. S. A. Merrill, and on motion by Mr. Lewis these two reports were referred to the Auditing Committee with power to approve if found correct, carried unanimously .

Mr. Hedge then gave a report as Chairman of the Board of Trustees telling the Society that the Church had never been in better shape financially and ending by a vote of thanks to Mrs. Mary Turner and the friends of Mrs. Tinsley for their handsome gifts of one thousand dollars each, which was carried unanimously by a rising vote .

The Nominating committee then reported as follows; for Trustees, Jay Tone, C. A. Rawson and W. B. Southwell, for Church Treasurer B. C. Ward, for Treasurer of the Church Building fund S. A. Merrill, for Moderator Mr. W. H. Langan and J. Leonard Callanan for Secretary .

Mr. George H. Lewis then moved that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of all present for all those nominated by the committee, which was carried unanimously, and the Secretary so cast the ballot .

A vote of thanks was then given the Trustees for their work during the year .

Under the head of "For the good of the Church" Mr. Harvy Ingham, Mr. W. B. Southwell and Mr. Hodgdon responded with short talks .

There being no further business the meeting adjourned .

Leonard Ladaware
Secretary

Plymouth Congregational Society.

Statement of Treasurer.

For Year ending Sept. 30 1909.

Receipts.

Rent			$ 258.00
Cement sacks			1.50
Refund interest			7.15
Refund insurance			.75
A.L.Frisbie			34.66
Loose Collections			
Morning	$410.02		
Evening	466.67	$876.69	
Pledges	$4,220.18		
Rec. since			
Oct.1st	935.21	$5,155.39	$6,032.08
Rec. on notes, Bank			3,500.00
			$9,834.14

Paid.

F.W.Hodgdon	$3,000.00
A.L.Frisbie	500.00
Music	2,400.00
Organ Repairs	25.00
Water	46.87
Coal	404.29
Telephone	51.85
Janitor	660.00
Janitor supplies	38.97
Postage	36.50
Repairs	316.42
Gas	139.90
Electricity	56.06
Interest	814.99
Sundries	138.01
Printing	200.00
Rent	100.00
	$8,928.86
Paid on note at Bank	902.78
	$9,831.64
Refund payment, Miss Scribner	2.50
	$9,834.14

Ed. H. Hendrickson Aud

The undersigned auditing Committee hereby certify that we have examined the above report and find same correct.

F. W. Vose

L. A. Merrill

Oct. 28" 1909

Special Funds.

Received

From sale of part of church lot,	$11,000.00
From Tinsley Bequest	500.00
	$11,500.00

Paid.

Iowa Loan & Trust Co.	$3,500.00
State Savings Bank	2,200.00
Citizens Nat. Bank	2,124.14
	$7,824.14

Loaned

To be applied on notes held by Church Building Society	3,675.86
	$11,500.00

Ed. Huntington Pres

We find the above statement Correct.

F. W. Vorse } Com.
S. A. Merrill }

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Report of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer
of Building Fund of Plymouth Church
for year ending October 22, 1909.

Receipts.

Balance from previous year,		.93
Collections on Old Pledges,	47.95	
Collections for indebtedness due April 1, 1909.	1473.00	
Received from Trustees to pay interest.	157.50	1678.45
		1679.38

Disbursements.

Paid Church Building Society,	1500.00	
Paid Interest to " "	157.50	
" " " Citizens Nat'l Bank,	21.88	1679.38

Statement of debt on Church Property.

Amount at beginning of year,		
To Church Bldg. Society,	12000.00	
To Iowa Loan & Trust Co.	3500.00	
To State Savings Bank,	2200.00	17,700.00
Paid during the year,		
On Church Building Society Mortgage,	1500.00	
Paid by Trustees from proceeds of Sale of Parsonage,		
To Iowa Loan & Trust Co. 3500.		
To State Savings Bank, 2200.	5700.00	7200.00
Leaving balance unpaid on Mortgage to Church Bldg. Society.		10500.00

To apply on this unpaid balance to the Church Building Society I hold notes turned over to me by the Trustees as follows:

Note due Mch. 25, 1910.	1615.
" " Mch. 25, 1911.	1903.86
	3518.86

From the proceeds of these notes it is the purpose of the Trustees to make payments due April 1, 1910, and April 1, 1911, and part of payment due April 1, 1912. - Total, 3500.00

Leaving balance then of (only $1000. being then due.) 7000.00

S. A. Merrill, Treasurer of Bldg Fund

Book has been examined and correct.
E. F. Hendrickson
Leonard Leadlauer
Auditing Committee

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 3" 1910

The regular annual meeting of the Church Society was held at the Church on Monday October 3rd. at 7-30 P. M.

The Moderator being absent Mr. B. C. Ward was chosen to act as Moderator and S. A. Merrill as Clerk pro tem .

Mr. Hodgdon then opened the meeting with prayer

On motion duly seconded the meeting was adjourned untill the evening of October 21" 1910

S. A. Merrill
Clerk, pro tem .

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S. A. Merrill
Clerk, pro tem .

Des Moines, Iowa
October 21" 1910

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Meeting called to order by Moderator W. H. Langan prayer offered by Dr. Hill .

The minutes of the last two meetings of the society were then read and approved as read .

It was then moved by J. Tone that the Chair appoint a nominating committee of three, which was carried unanimously and the chair appointed Mount, Merrill and Galusha .

Mr. B. C. Ward then reported as Treasurer of the Society which had been audited by two of the trustees Tone and Southwell and found correct, on motion the report was approved and ordered placed on record which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward then made a motion to change the regular annual meeting of the society to the third Friday in October of each year which was seconded by Mr. Huhtington and carried unanimously .

The report of Mr. S. A. Merrill Treasurer of the Church Building Society was then read , approved and ordered placed on file .

Mr. J. Tone then made the report for the trustees

The nominating committee then reported as follows ; for Moderator W. H. Langan, for Clerk J. Leonard Callanan , for Treasurer of the Church Building Society S. A. Merrill, for Trustees to serve two years Mr. W. W. Wheeler and Mr. J. B. Weaver and that the Trustees be authorized to elect a Treasurer of the Church Society, on motion by Mount and seconded by Weldy the rules were suspended and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of all those present for the report of the committee and the secretary so cast the ballot .

Motion by Brooks that when the meeting adjourned that it adjourn to meet four weeks from to night, and that the Trustees furnish a budget of expense for the coming year, seconded and carried unanimously .

The meeting then adjourned

Leonard Callanan
Secretary

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

October 21, 1910.

As the Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Society for th year ending October 1, 1910, I submit my Report as follows:-

RECEIPTS.

Received from pledges and contributions	$ 7,086.95
" " the open collections,	863.88
" " rents,	165.00
" " money borrowed at the Cit. Nat. Bank,	2,000.00
Total amount received,	$10,115.83
Of this amount there was paid me in cash,	$ 9,846.33
And there was paid by furnishing coal, printing, etc.,	269.50
	$10,115.83

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for advertising,	$ 57.04
" " coal,	412.87

Report of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer.
of Building Fund.
for year ending Oct. 3d 1910.

Received on old Pledges.		15.
From note Paid - being part of proceeds from sale of Parsonage.		1615.
From Interest on notes		163.23
From balance of bequest from Mrs Louisa C. Tinsley		500.
	$	2293.23

Disbursements

Paid Church Building Society		2000
On Principal		292 50
on Interest		73
Balance on hand.	$	2293.23

Debt at beginning of year.		10500
Paid during the year.		2000
Balance of debt.	$	8,500.

Respectfully Submitted
S. A. Merrill. Treas. Bldg Fund.

Audited and approved By
J. E. Tone and W. B. Gaumnitz

Des Moines, Iowa

November 18th - 1910

The adjourned annual meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Church Society was held at the Church Friday evening November 18th 1910 .

Meeting called to order by Moderator W. H. Langan .

Prayer offered by Mr. Hodgdon . Minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved .

Mr. Jay Tone then reported for the Trustees saying that the Society must raise about $11,000.00 this year, $9,000.00 for the running expenses of the church, and $2,000.00 for old debts $1,400.00 of which was left from a year ago .

X Motion by Nollen that no Trustee shall be elected to serve a second term untill after a lapse of one year from expiration of service as Trustee, carried unanimously .

Motion by Mr. Mudge to adjourn the meeting to four weeks from to night was declaired lost by the Moderator. Mr. Mudge then called for a rising vote, which was taken with the following result 13 voted for and 35 voted against it and the Moderator declaired the motion lost .

The Meeting then adjourned .

J Leonard Callanan
Secretary

Des Moines,Iowa, Jany. 20" 1911

A special meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Church Society was called on due notice given from the Pulpit on Sunday January 15" 1911. the meeting was held in the Sunday School Room on Friday evening January 20" 1911 at 7-30 P. M. Meeting alled to order by Moderator W. H. Langan

Prayer by Mr. Hodgdon

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved as read .

The resignation of Mr. Charles A. Rawson as Trustee was then read and excepted .

Mr. Lewis then nominated Mr. H. G. Everett, Mr. Weldy then moved that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of all those present for Mr. Everett for Trustee to fill the un-expired term of Mr. Rawson , this motion was carried unanimously , and the Secretary so cast the vote .

The Trustees then reported that under the authority given them by the Society in the meeting of October 21" 1910 they had elected Mr. H. J. Griswald treasurer for the year.

Mr. W. B. Southwell then for the Trustees in a few well chosen remarks presented the Society with a large photograph of our retiring pastor Frank W. Hodgdon, the same was accepted by Mr. Weldy in be-half of the society and orderd hung in the Church parlors .

There beeing no further business meeting adjourned

J. Linor Callaman
Secretary

Des Moines, Iowa, May 10" 1911

A special meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Church Society was called on due notice given from the Pulpit on Sunday May 7" 1911 . The meeting was held in the Church Wednesday evening May 10th , and was called to order by Moderator W. H. Langan .

Mr. George H. Lewis made a motion that "the Society adopt the same resolution adopted by the Church" carried unanimously .

copy of resolution

by B. C. Ward

Resolved, that we employ Rev. J. Edward Kirbye D. D. as our pastor at an annual salary of $3500. to be paid in monthly instalments, said pastor to have a vacation of six weeks . If either party should desire to dissolve this relation of pastor and people, said party shall give to the other party three months notice . But it is hoped that this relation of pastor and people may continue for many years. Said pastorate to begin May 24" 1911 .

Meeting adjourned .

Vernon D Callanan
Secretary

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REPORT OF S. A. MERRILL, TREASURER

OF THE

BUILDING FUND OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY

FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 20, 1911.

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RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from previous year		$ .73
Cash from payment of note held by the building fund	$1903.86	
Interest on note	58.10	
Cash on Pledge of F. A. & E. B.Percival	41.67	
Cash from H. J. Griswold, Treasurer of the Society to pay balance of interest due	23.64	
Cash from Legacy of Mary A. Turner Estate	1000.00	
Cash on old pledge	1.50	3028.77
		3029.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Church Building Society on Debt	2800.00	
Paid interest on Debt ($127.50 & $100.50 & $1.50)	229.50	3029.50

STATEMENT OF DEBT.

Amount of Debt at beginning of the year		8500.00
Payments during the year ($1800. and $1000.)		2800.00
Balance unpaid		5700.00

This Debt will become due according to its terms as follows, as I understand it:

April 1, 1913	1200.00	
April 1, 1914	1500.00	
April 1, 1915	1500.00	
April 1, 1916	1500.00	5700.00

Respectfully Presented
S. A. Merrill, Treas.

Audited & found Correct
H. J. Griswold
Committee

Statement.

As Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Society, I would most respectfully submit the following report for the year begining Oct. 1st. 1910 and ending Sept. 30th. 1911.

Receipts.

Amount received from envelopes, Sunday collections,		$1759.05
" " " open collections		790.30
" " on pledges by cash and checks,		3157.13
" " from rents		168.34
" borrowed from Citizens National Bank		2600.00
Total amount of cash received,		$8474.82

Expenditures.

Amount paid on salaries,	Rev. F.W.Hodgdon	$1200.00
	Rev. A.L.Frisbie	500.00
	Rev. J.E.Kirbye	1239.30
	Margaret L.Weber	2200.00
	A Terry	720.00
	H.J.Griswold	100.00
	Mrs. Grace De Graff	60.00
	Mrs. Holmes Cowper,	50.00
	Louis H.Gearhardt	16.00
	Laura E.Miller	105.00
	Helen F.Wright	20.00
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Amount paid for coal,		134.00
	Gas	56.04
	Electricity,	17.13
	Water,	44.01
	Telephone,	128.22
	Postage and Pastors Supplies	121.54
	Janitor Supplies	135.00
	Insurance	480.00
	Supply Pastors	89.07
	Pastoral Committee,	41.50
	Conference Dues for 1910	14.50
	Postage and Statements for treas.	341.70
	Printing, Programs etc.	65.00
	Repairs on Organ,	17.73
	Repairs on Building,	2.60
	Repairs on Furnace	6.15
	Luella Nash, Stenographic Work	99.75
	Freight and Drayage,	26.85
	Interest	100.00
	B.C.Ward, refund for Mrs. Whitman	38.83
	Refund Brerton Check , B.C.Ward	37.04
Cash on hand Sept. 29th. 1911.		
Total Expense for year		$[illegible]8624.82
Less amount paid on coal bill by W.W.Wheeler to apply on subscription,		150.00 $8474.82

Deficit Sept. 29, 1911, due C.N.Bank, on money borrowed ---------- $2600.

Dated Des Moines, Ia. Oct. 20th. 1911.

H. J. Griswold

Treasurer.

Des Moines, Iowa, October 20" 1911

The regular annual meeting of Plymouth Congregational Church Society was held in the Sunday-school rooms on Friday evening October 20" 1911 on due notice in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, and immediately after the meeting of the Church .

Meeting called to order by Moderator W. H. Langen

The minutes of the last two meetings to-wit; those of January 20" 1911 , amd those of May 10" 1911 were then read and approved as read .

The Moderator than appointed a nominating committee consisting of Frank W. Vorse, Jay Tone and S. A. Merrill .

On motion by B. C. Warad which was duly seconded and carried unanimously the resolution of Mr. Nolan adapted at the meeting of November 18" 1910 as follows to-wit : - That no Trustee shall be elected to serve a second term untill after a lapse of one year from expiration of service as Trustee, was rescinded .

Mr. H. J. Griswold then read his report as Treasurer of the Society, and on motion of Mr. Hedge same was received and placed on file .

Mr. S. A. Merrill then made his report as Treasurer of the Church Buildinf fund, and on motion by Mr. Hedge same was accepted, and the Trustees were ordered to audit the accounts of both Treasurers .

Mr. H. G. Everett then reported for the Trustees that they had the finantial matters of the Church in good shape, and that the outlook was very encouraging .

The nominating committee then reported as follows; for Trustees to serve two years Mr. H. G. Everett, Mr. W. B. Southwell and Mr. Jay E. Tone , for Moderator for one year Mr. Gerard Nollen, for Society Treasurer Mr. H. J. Griswald , for the Church Building fund Mr. S. A. Merrill, and for Secretary J. Leonard Callanan. On motion the rules were suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the vote of all those present for the above mentioned gentlemen for their respective offices, carried unanimously and the Secretary so cast the balot .

Mr. B. C. Ward then reported that the old deficit had all been raised except about $50.00 and that he had a man whom he thought would pay it, and thus wipe out all the old debts.

There being nothing further meeting was adjourned .

J. Leonard Callanan
Secretary

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 4" 1912

The regular annual meeting of THE PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY was held on the evening of October 4" 1912 immediately after the meeting of the Church Society Dr. Kyrbie acting as Moderator.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows; At a general meeting of the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees of Plymouth Congregational Church and Society, it was voted to hold the meetings of the two bodies at the same time, namely, October 4" , 1912, and a nominating committee was appointed to report the names of the Church and society officers respectively for the ensuing terms .

The committee consists of George H. Lewis, Chairman, S. A. Merrill and Dr. Charles E. Holloway, and after a number of conferences they beg to submit the following nominations for the Society officers ; For Moderator, Prof. L. S. Ross; Vice-Moderator J. G. Rounds, Secretary J. Leonard Callanan, Treasurer H. J. Griswold Trustees, W. M. Black in place of W. W. Wheeler, who has served two ~~twnms~~, and James B. Weaver, who has served one term, to succeed himself , for Associate Trustees for one year Gerard Nollen and Morton E. Weldy .

Frisbee Endowmwnt Committee for one year, Chairman, W. H. Langan, Members, Henry Rollins, J. G. Rounds, Mrs. C. H. Getchell, Mrs. H. B. Hedge, Mrs. Charles Finkbine and Mrs. Will Mennig , all of whome were duly elected .

The same committee Lewis, Merrill and Holloway then offered the following; to-wit : - It has seemed advisable to the Board of Trustees to recommend an addition of two to their number making their number seven instead of five . Our articles of Reincorporation provide for only five trustees, and to ammend

these articles would require a good deal of trouble and red tape. It has been thought advisable, therefore, to provide, as we may, by a simple resolution, for two associate trustees, and confer upon them such authority in ordinary matters as would not be in contravention of the articles of incorporation. These associate trustees can attend to all the ordinary detail work the same as the regular trustees, but would have no authority to act for the society in legal matters, if any should come up, such as selling church real estate, if we should have any to sell, or executing a mortgage on any church property; such matters would be done by the regular trustees.

We therefore submit a resolution providing for these additional associate trustees, and if it shall meet with the approval of the society, would ask that it be adopted.

Resolved that at each annual meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society from and after October 4" 1912, there shall be elected two persons in addition to the regular Board of Trustees of the society, the number thereafter to consist of seven members. These additional members shall be called associate trustees, and their term of office shall be one year. They shall not be eligible to election for more than two terms in succession, but they may be elected as members of the regular Board of Trustees. They shall have power to act in all ordinary or customary matters of business, not in contravention to the articles of reincorporation of this society, and their acts in such matters shall have the same force and effect as those of the regular members of the board of trustees, adopted unanimously .

Meeting adjourned ,

Mrs. C. A. Rawson, Sec.
Pro-tem

Carrie A. Rawson
Secy- pro-tem.

TREASURERS REPORT.

As Treasurer of Plymouth Congregational Society, for the year beginning Oct.1st.1911 and ending Sept. 30th. 1912 I would respectfully submit the following report.

Receipts.

Amount received from envelopes, Sunday Collections,	----------	$1906.37
" " " open collections,	----------	587.81
" " on pledges, cash and checks,	----------	4466.31
" " 1910 pledges and contributions,	----------	1123.95
" " from rent of church,	----------	208.33
" " " loan Citizens National Bank,	----------	788.00
		$9080.77

Expenditures.

Amount paid on salaries, -- $5107.00

Itemized as follows:

Rev. J.Edward Kirbye, ------	$3500.00
Rev. A.L.Frisbie, ----------	500.00
H.J.Griswold, -------------	100.00
Helen F.Wright, -----------	552.00
A.Terry, ------------------	225.00
W.H.McShane, --------------	30.00
George Pearson, -----------	400.00
	$5107.00

Amount paid for Music, --- $2080.15

Itemized as folows:

Grace Clark DeGraff, ------	$ 480.00
Mrs. Holmes Cowper, -------	400.00
Louis H.Grehardt, ---------	264.00
Mrs. J.B.Murphy, ----------	125.00
Ruth Russell, -------------	105.00
Ila Mount, ----------------	62.00
Hugh Harter, --------------	128.00
Ray Harmon, ---------------	50.00
Forrest Geneva, -----------	84.00
Mabel Wagner Shank, -------	45.00
Glen W.Hovey, -------------	6.00
Harry Middleton, ----------	2.00
R.C.Hufstader, ------------	225.00
Luella Nash, --------------	33.00
Stella S.Fisch, -----------	18.00
Mrs. Celeste Givens, ------	30.00
Music, --------------------	16.65
Telegram, -----------------	1.50
Laundry, ------------------	5.00
	$2080.15

Miscellaneous, ---------- $1887.66

Itemized as follows:

Pastors postage and sup. --	$ 68.30
Treasurers postage etc. ---	13.00
Janitors supplies, --------	68.95
Gas, ----------------------	122.56
Water, --------------------	36.98
Electric Lights, ----------	58.68
Telephone, ----------------	44.70
Printing, -----------------	229.70
Freight, ------------------	82.24
Taxes, --------------------	83.24
Groceries, ----------------	22.39
Interest, -----------------	274.34
Repairs on organ, ---------	50.00
Repairs on building, ------	103.04
Coal, ---------------------	629.64
	$1887.66

	5.96	
Cash,		$9080.77

Deficit Sept. 30th.1912,C.M.B. $3400.00

Dated Des Moines, Ia. Oct.1st.1912.

N.J.Griswold
Treasurer.

Oct. 17" 1913

The regular annual meeting of the Plymouth Congregational Church Society was held in the Sunday-school room on Friday October 17" 1913 immediately after a meeting of the Church ,

Meeting called to order by Prof. L. S. Ross, the m meeting minutes of the last regular read and approved as read .

Mr. J. B. Weaver then reported that he had not had sufficient time in which to prepare new Articles of Incorporation that are to consolidate the Church and the Church Society .

Mr. J. G. Rounds , as Chairman of the Frisbie Endowment fund then reported Articles of Incorporation for that find. On motion which was duly carried Mr. Rounds and Mr. Weaver were instructed to get-to-gether and not have the Articles conflict with each other .

Mr. J. H. Griswald then reported as Treasurer of the Society and on motion by Mr. Ward same was accepted and made a part of these records

The Budget Committee then reported that it would take $9000. to run Plymouth Church the coming year, and that the men of the church ought to raise $1000. for Benevolences .

Mr. Ward, Weaver and Ross, Committee on nominations then reported as follows; H. G. Everett, Scott Rawson and Henry M. Rollins for trustees for two years, for assiciate trustees for two years Gerard Nollen, Morton E. Weldy, Jay E. Tone and J. Leonard Callanan. For Moderator J. G. Rounds, for Treasurer H. J. Griswald, for Secretary J. Leonard Callanan each to serve one year, the rules were suspended and the above candidates were elected unanimously.

Meeting adjourned

Treasurers Report
PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY
From October 1st.1912 To Sept.30th.1913.

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Receipts.

Amount received from Envelopes,Sunday Collections ----		$1742.70	
" " " open collections ----------		638.90	
" " on pledges, cash and checks,----------		5361.06	
" " 1912 pledges and contributions ----------		710.40	
" " from rent of church ----------		299.00	
" " loan from Citizens National Bank --------		1000.00	$9752.06

Expenditures.

Amount paid on salaries, $4975.80

Itemized as follows:-	
Rev. J.Edward Kirbye, --------	$3500.00
Rev. A.L.Frisbie, ----------	500.00
H.J.Griswold,----------	100.00
Helen F.Wright,----------	151.80
Corinne Teuscher,----------	124.00
George Pearson, ----------	600.00
	$4975.80

Music, ---------- $2727.15

Itemized as follows:-	
R.C.Hufstader,----------	$1500.00
Mrs. Celeste Givens,----------	199.00
Mabel Wagner Shank,----------	320.00
Stella Rich,----------	164.00
Louis H.Gerhardt,----------	204.00
Mrs. M.C.Hammer,----------	48.00
Edith M.Usry, ----------	67.00
Paul S.Wells, ----------	15.00
Postage, ----------	26.00
Music, ----------	57.57
Fixtures, Printing etc. ------	126.58
	$2727.15

Miscellaneous. $1963.64

Itemized as follows:-	
Water, ----------	$$ 46.41
Gas, ----------	132.81
Electric Lights, ----------	56.81
Telephone, ----------	51.95
Pastors Supplies, ----------	58.03
Treasurers Supplies, --------	15.63
Janitors Supplies, ----------	34.77
Interest, ----------	218.44
Taxes, ----------	90.41
Repairs on Organ, ----------	85.00
Printing Programmes etc.------	167.85
Repairs on Building, --------	129.15
Repairs on Furnace, ----------	230.25
Type Writer,and repairs, ----	46.50
Miscellaneous, ----------	20.00
Coal, ----------	579.63
	$1963.64

Cash on hand Oct. 1st.1913, 85.47 $9752.06

Unpaid note Cit.Nat. Bank Oct. 1st.1913, $1000.00

Dated Oct. 17th.1913.

H.J. Griswold Treas.

Des Moines, Iowa, October 4, 1912.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY

At a general meeting of the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees of Plymouth Congregational Church and Society, it was voted to hold the meeting of the two bodies at the same time, namely, October 4, 1912, and a nominating committee was appointed to report the names of the church and society officers respectively for the ensuing terms.

The committee consists of George H. Lewis, Chairman, S. A. Merrill and Dr. Charles E. Holloway, and after a number of conferences they beg to submit the following nominations for the Society officers:

For Moderator: Professor L. S. Ross

" Vice-Moderator: J. G. Rounds

" Secretary. Mr. James Calanan.

" Treasurer H. J. Eisenhold.

Board of Trustees:

W. M. Black

~~H. B. Hedge~~ in place of W. W. Wheeler, who has served two terms.

If Wheeler or Hedge substitute Charles N. Pierce

James B. Weaver, who has served one term, to succeed himself.

For Associate Trustees for one year:

Gerard Nollen and Morton E. Weldy.

Frisbee Endowment Committee, term one year.

Chairman: W. H. Langan

Members Henry Rollins

J. G. Rounds

Mrs. C. H. Getchell

Mrs. H. B. Hedge

Mrs. Charles Finkbine

and Mrs. Will Mennig.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee
Geo. H. Lewis.
S. A. Merrill
C. E. Holloway

It has seemed advisable to the Board of Trustees to recommend an additiom of two to their number, making their number seven instead of five.

Our articles of reincorporatiom provide for only five trustees, and to amend these articles would require a good deal of trouble and red tape. It has been thought advisable, therefore, to provide, as we may, by a simple resolution, for two associate trustees, and confer upom them such authority in ordinary matters as would not be im contravention of the articles of incorporation. These associate trustees can attend to all the ordinary detail work the same as the regular trustees, but would have no authority to act for the society in legal matters, if any should come up, such as selling church real estate, if we should have any to sell, or executing a mortgage on any church property; such matters would be done by the regular trustees.

We therefore submit a resolution providing for these additional associate trustees, and if it shall meet with the approva of the society, would ask that it be adopted.

Committee

RESOLUTION FOR ELECTION OF TWO ASSOCIATE TRUSTEES.

Resolved that at each annual meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society from and after October 4th, 1912, there shall be elected two persons im addition to the regular Board of Trustees of the society, the number thereafter to consist of seven members. These additional members shall be called associate trustees, and their term of office shall be one year. They shall not be eligible to election for more than two terms in succession. but they may be elected as members of the regular Board of Trustees.

They shall have power to act in all ordinary or customary matters of business, not im contravention to the articles of reincorporation of this society, and their acts in such matters shall have the same force and effect as those of the regular members of the board of trustees.

Des Moines, Iowa Oct 17.1913

This is to say that I have made examination of the Books kept by H.J.Griswold as Treasurer of Plymouth Church Society for the year 1912-1913 and find said Books kept in good condition and I find no errors in the same, and I think he is to be commended for the careful way that he has kept the said books.

R. M. Mount.
Auditing Committee

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 17, 1913.

Be it resolved by the members of the Plymouth Congregational Society that the trustees thereof be and they are hereby authorized to incorporate Plymouth Congregational Church as a corporation, not for pecuniary profit, and said trustees are hereby authorized and directed to convey to said corporation when organized all of the real estate title which is now held by the said society, or its trustees.

Oct 17— 1913

Nominations for the Society

Trustees. Your committee find that J. B. Weaver and W. M. Black hold over for another year. Your committee also find that W. B. Southwell, Jay E. Tone and H. G. Everett have sefved the term for which they were the last time elected. Mr. Southwell and Mr. Tone state that they have served for a long time and insist that they be not re-elected. But Mr. Jone will serve one year as an Associate Mr. Trustee Everett, after much persuasion, consents to serve another term of two years if re-elected. Your committee therefore nominate H. G. Everett for another term of two years and as new members of the board ~~Henry~~ for 2 years M. Rollins, who has been a faithful member of the Board in former years, and Mr. Scott Rawson.

One year ago this society, feeling the need of a larger board of Trustees, decided to elect ~~two~~ Some associate Trustees for the term of one year, and Gerard Nollen and Morton E. Wildy were elected as such associate Trustees. Your committe ~~will therefore~~ nominate Gerard Nollen, ~~and~~ Morton E. Wildy, Jay E. ~~for another~~ J. B. Callaman for one year as Associate Trustees.

We also nominate J. G. Rounds as Moderator of the Society and J. C. Callahan as the Society Secretary.

For treasurer we nominate, our present Treasurer, H. J. Griswold

B. L. Ward

F. B. Weaver for one

L. S. Ross

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

1913

Salaries.

Pastor	$3500.00
Pastor Emeritus	500.00
Janitor	600.00
Secretary	300.00
Treasurer	100.00
Music	2000.00
Fuel	500.00
Gas	125.00
Electric L. &. P.	60.00
Water	40.00
Phone	55.00
Taxes-Paving	85.00
Printing	200.00
Interest	60.00
Repairs on Bldg.	300.00
" " Organ	50.00

Supplies-(Janitor-Postage-Treasurer-etc.)

Janitor	$50.00	
Pastor	25.00	
Treasurer	25.00	100.00
Sunday School		100.00
Incidentals-Estimated		325.00
		$9000.00

Committee recommends that the men of the Church undertake to raise for Benevolences this year, ----------$1000.00

Committee recommends that the Conference dues be taken care of by the Mens Brotherhood as has been done the past year.

B. C. Ward,

S. A. Merrill,

G. Nollen,

Elliot S. Miller,

Articles of Re-Incorporation of
Olympic Copper Co. (Geo T Lewis 8/18/1909)
Removed & Filed in Permanent Book.
T H Lewis
12/6/1918.

Trustees

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees after e election was held at the Grant Club October 21" 1913, meeting called to order by Dr. Kirbye, and the following officers and Committee's were elected, for Chairman Henry M. Rollins, Vic. Chairman Gerard S. Nollen, Secretary J. Leonard Callanan, House Committee, Scott Rawson and Jay Tone. Coal Committee, H. G. Everett and W. M. Black. Music Committee Gerard S. Nollen Morton E. Weldy and J. B. Weaver. Insurance Committee, W. M. Black and J. Leonard Callanan .

The Treasurer was then authorized to return the unpaid pledges of Neil Wells and Mr. VanHorn .

The Trustees then authorized the Sundayschool board to change the floors in some of the S. S. Rooms in the Balcony, to substitute plain glass for the stained glass in the Primary Department to get more light, and to cut a door from the Primary department in to the next room wi all without any expense to the Trustee's .

Dr. Kirbye was then instructed to make the Ladie's Aid Society an offer of $100. to furnish the material and make 60 new Vestments for the Choir .

Meeting adjourned to meet with the Decons at the Church on Tuesday 28th. at 6 - 30 P. M.

J. Leonard Callanan
Sec.

TRUSTEES MEETING NOVEMBER 5TH. 1913

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Grant Club at noon on November 5th. 1913, there were 5 Trustees present Henry M. Rollins in the Chair .

Motion by Scott Rawson that Gerard Nollen and Callanan be appointed a comittee to see Mr. Griswold the present Treasurer, and ask him to serve another year at the same price of $100. per year, and ask him to attend the monthly meetings of the board of Trustees, seconded by Jay Tone and carried unanimously .

Meeting adjourned .

---------- Secretar

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY HELD SATURDAY NOON, NOV. 29, 1913 AT THE GRANT CLUB.

Present the following trustees:: Rollins, Nollen, Everett, Tone, Weaver and Black, together with sundry members of the board of Deacons, including Messrs. Hill, Huntington, Jenney and others.

The Pastor, Mr. Kirbye, brought up for consideration the question of the amendment of the articles of incorporation of Plymouth Congregational Church Society along the lines discussed at the annual meeting, also the proposed by-laws for Plymouth Church upon the consolidation of the Church and Society. After full discussion and sundry changes in the by-laws as drawn by Mr. Kirbye, it was moved by Mr. G. G. Everett that Messrs. Kirbye and Weaver be appointed a committee to put the said proposed amendments to the articles of incorporation and by-laws into proper form together with the changes suggested at the meeting for presentation at a meeting of the church and society to be called for Friday evening, Dec. 5th, immediately following the Church supper. Seconded and carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Gerard Nollen that the pastor of the Church be instructed to call a meeting of the Church and of the Society for Friday evening, Dec. 5th immediately following the Church supper and to make the regular announcement thereof from the pulpit on Sunday morning, Nov. 30th, 1913. Seconded and carried unanimously.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

---------- Secretary.

Dec. 5 — 1913

Minutes of meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society held in the Church Parlors Friday evening, Dec. 5, 1913.

Meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society was called to order by Rev. J. E. Kirbye, who acted as moderator, pro tem.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. B. C. Ward, to-wit:-

Be it Resolved by Plymouth Congregational Society that there are hereby adopted the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of Plymouth Congregational Society, and the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to sign said amendments for the Society and file same for record with the Recorder of Polk County, to-wit:

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:-

That at a meeting of Plymouth Congregational Society held at Plymouth Church in the City of Des Moines, Friday evening, Dec. 5, 1913, the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of Plymouth Congregational Society were adopted and the president and secretary of the board of trustees of said Society directed in the name of said Society to file the said amendments in the office of the County Recorder of Polk County, Iowa, as required by statute, to-wit:-

1. That Article One of the Articles of Reincorporation filed Sept. 8, 1909, be amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be Plymouth Church of Des Moines. Iowa

2. That Article Four of said Articles of Incorporation be amended so as to read as follows:-

ARTICLE IV.

The said corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees whose number, not exceeding nine, shall be determined by the by-laws of the corporation. The trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church on the first Friday in October of each year, which meeting may be adjourned to a later date in said month if necessary by direction of the trustees, and on notice from the pulpit. Until the election in October, 1914, the following shall serve as trustees of said church, to-wit: Henry M? Rollins, J. B. Weaver, Walker M. Black, Gerard S. Nollen, Morton E. Weldy, James L. Callanan, Jay E. Tone, Scott Rawson, and Harry G. Everett. At the meeting in October, 1914, three trustees shall be elected for one year, three for two years and three for three years. Thereafter one-third of the number shall be elected each year and serve for three years unless a different method is provided by the by-laws. The board shall electr from its own number a president, vice president and secretary for said corporation and shall also elect a treasurer for the corporation who may or may not be a trustee.

The corporation may also provide in the by-laws for such other officers as may be desired. All conveyancesof real estate shall be executed by the corporation by its president and secretary after reso lution by the board.

3. That the following additional article be adopted as

Article V.

ARTICLE V.

All members in good standing in Plymouth Congregational Church as now organized in the city of Des Moines,and such personsas may be hereafter admitted to membership in Plymouth Church pursuant to the terms of the by-laws of said corporation are declared to be members ofthis corporation so long as they remain in good standing in accordance with said by-laws, and each member is entitled to one vote in all matters affecting the government of said corporation. The said corporation may provide in the by-laws for membership ~~other~~ by persons not formally admitted to Plymouth Church but who may contribute to the support thereof,

4. That the following be adopted as Article VI.

ARTICLE VI.

This corporation may receive gifts and bequests of money or property, the proceeds or income of which are to be devoted to the work of said church. And in case of such gifts or bequests the trustees shall have the power to transfer said funds or property to such corporation or organization then existing, if any, as may be organized to administer bequests or gifts for the benefit of Plymouth Church and affiliated therewith.

5. That the following be adopted as Article VII.

ARTICLE VII.

The articles of incorporation of Plymouth Church and these amendments may be amended at any annual meeting of said church provided notice of such proposed amendment is given to the congregation from the pulpit not less than thirty days prior to said meeting. At any annual meeting a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than twenty-five active members of said church.

Signed this ___ day of December, 1913.

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

By _____President

_____ Secretary.

Mr. Ward moved the adoption of said resolution. Seconded and carried unanimously.

A draft of by-laws was presented by Rev. Mr. Kirbye. After full discussion and sundry changes the following were on motion of Mr. B. C. Ward, duly seconded, unanimously adopted as the by-laws of Plymouth Church, to-wit:-

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ARTICLE I.

NAME. The name of this organization is Plymouth Church of Des Moines.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. POLITY. The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is independent in all its relations and yet recognizes the obligations of cooperation which are common among Congregational Churches. It is a member of the Des Moines Association of Congregational Churches, the Iowa State Conference and the National Council of Congregational Churches.

Sec. 2. DOCTRINE. Its understanding of christian truth is in essential accord with the belief of the Congregational Churches of the United States as set forth in their declaration of faith adopted at Kansas City in October, 1913.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP. Membership shall consist of two classes active and associate. The active membership of the church consists of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their teacher and Saviour and who have been formally admitted to membership. The associate membership shall consist of persons of good moral character, who though not formally accepting the church covenant, are regu-

lar contributors and attendants and interested in the work of the church. Letters may be granted to associate members as such subject to the provisions of these by-laws. There shall also be kept a list of the children of the families of the church who are being instructed in the church school.

Members will be received from other churches on presentation of regular letters of dismission.

Sec. 2. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS. The regular communion service of the church and for the reception of members shall be held on the first Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and Novembe Members however may be received into the church on any Sunday.

Sec. 3. Application for letters of dismission shall be made to the church clerk. The pastor shall announce the application to the church on the Sunday following. If no objection is made to the pastor within one week the clerk shall issue the customary certificate.

Sec. 4. DUTIES OF MEMBERS. Members are expected to be faithfu to all the duties essential to the christian life, to attend regularly the services of the church and to give systematically for its support and its benevolences and to share in its organized work. A minimum annual subscription of two dollars is required from each member.

Sec. 5. Members who regularly fail to attend and fail in the payment of the minimum subscription for the period of two years, shall be deemed delinquent and the clerk shall place the names of such upon a delinquent list and their membership may be canceled by action of the board of directors. Trustees. Trustees

Sec. 6. Active members in good standing desiring a letter of recommendation to another church are entitled to receive same. The letter shall be valid as a recommendation for but one year from date of issue. If any member in regular standing requests in writing to withdraw from the church the church shall patiently and kindly endeavor to secure the continuance of his fellowship. Failing in such effort, the request to terminate such membership shall be granted. Should a member become an offense to the good name of the church by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct the church may terminate such membership after due notice.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES. There shall be a pastor to be chosen by the church whenever a vacancy shall occur and he shall be installed by Council whenever the church and pastor so agree,

Sec. 2. A clerk shall be elected at each annual meeting to serve for one year. The duties of the clerk shall be to keep a record of all church meetings, to grant letters of dismission and recommendation and look after the membership lists. Until the annual meeting in October, 1914, Mrs. Charles A. Rawson shall serve as clerk.

Sec. 3. There shall be fifteen deacons whose term of office shall be three years, one-third of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting. The deacons shall have charge of the communion service, of the poor fund, and shall consider it their business to keep in touch with the sick of the congregation and together with

the pastor call upon the aged and destitute. The deacons shall receive, count and deliver to the treasurer the open collections. Until the annual meeting in October, 1914, the following persons shall serve as deacons: Dr. A. P. Stoner, Dr. Erwin Schenk, Prof. L. S. Ross, J. W. Jenney, J. H. Lees, Nat Thompson, R. M. Mount, J. Q. Thompson, J. S. Weible, E. H. Huntington, W. H. Younkers, Rev. A. T. Burrell, Carl Erdman, O. W. Follette, Dr. G. H. Hill and Dr. C. E. Holloway. And at said annual meeting five persons shall be elected as deacons for a period of one year, five for two years a d five for three years. Any person who has been a deacon for two terms and has reached the age of sixty years may be elected deacon emeritus for life and as such may be called upon to assist at communion services and in ministering to the sick.

Sec. 4. There shall be a superintendent of the church school to be chosen at each annual meeting. Also an assistant superintendants who with the superintendent, shall constitute a board of direction of the school for the year. Until the annual meeting in 1914 S. A. Merrill shall be superintendent and James H. Lees, Mary W. Foss, Gerard S. Nollen and Miss Grace Jones shall be assistant superintendents.

Sec. 5. There shall be a board of trustees consisting of nine persons, At the meeting in 1914 three trustees shall be elected for one year, three for two years and three for three years. After the first election the term of office shall be three years, one-third of the board being elected each year. Two-thirds of the trustees shall be active members of the church. The board of trustees

shall manage the religious and business affairs of the church subject to the terms of the by-laws. It shall elect from its own number a president and vice president who shall also be president and vice president of the corporation, and a secretary for the corporation. The board shall elect a treasurer, not necessarily a trustee, who shall be treasurer of the corporation. The duty of the president of the board of trustees shall be to preside at the business meetings. In his absence the vice president shall serve. The duty of the secretary shall be to keep a complete record of all business meetings of the board of trustees. He shall be the custodian of all official papers and give notices of all meetings when necessary. All officers of the church shall consider it their duty to be in attendance upon meetings and to make regular reports of the work which they are doing.

Sec. 6. The board of trustees shall hold regular meetings each month from October to June inclusive and at such other times as may be necessary to carry on the work of the church. In such monthly meetings the board of deacons and all officers named in these by-laws are expected to be present and acting with the trustees to constitute a general governing council for consideration and advice as to all matters affecting the welfare of the church. At the opening meeting in the fall it shall appoint committees who will take up the work of the year. There shall be a music committee, a house committee, a coal committee, a benevolence committee, a budget committee, a nominating committee and an auditing

committee and any other committees that may be necessary.

Sec. 7. The nominating committee shall canvass the church preceding the annual meeting and select two names for each office to be filled. These names shall be written on a regular ballot. On the day of the annual meeting the polls shall be opened at 2:30 o'clock and continue until ordered closed by the church before the formal adjournment of the evening meeting. There shall be an election board provided by the board of trustees. The ballots shall be counted by this board at said meeting and results announced.

Sec. 8. The annual meeting shall be held on the first Friday of October, and may be adjourned by action of trustees to a date not later than the third Friday on notice from the pulpit, or in ase of no quorum the majority present may postpone the meeting to a future date. The reports from the various officers, committees, and auxiliaries covering the year, shall be made at the annual meeting. At the call of ten members a church meeting may beheld at any time, provided a week's notice is given. A majority shall constitute a quorum in the board of trustees for the transaction of business. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of church business the majority of whom shall be active members of the church.

Sec. 9. AFFILIATED ORGANIZA TIONS. The church regards as integral parts of itself all of its organizations or agencies formed for the purpose of ministration and which use the facilities of the church property. Of all such organizations the pastor shal have general oversight and the church shall expect a report from

Report of S. A. Merrill, Treasurer

of Plymouth Church Building Fund

for year ending October 17,1913.

Receipts.

From old Pledges		$ 20.00
" new "		340.15
Cash		2.00
Proceeds of Sale of Lots given by		
Mrs. Ellen T. Whitman		1000.00
Total		$1362.15

Disbursements.

Paid Congl. Ch. Bldg. Soc. N.Y.			
Six Months Interest, due April 1, 1913			$ 85.50
" " " " Oct. 1, 1913			
On $4500. at 3%	$67.50		
" 1200. " 5%	30.00		97.50
Paid Interest on notes at Citizens Nat'l. Bk.			32.30 $ 215.30
" on Principal of Note " " "			56.50
" " " " " " " "			577.50
" " " " " " " "			10.00 644.00
			$ 859.30

Set aside from proceeds of sale of Whitman lots and
Held as Frisbie Memorial Fund awaiting

disposition by Trustees		$ 500.00
Cash Balance on hand	2.85	$ 502.85
Total		$1362.15

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DEBT, OCT. 17,1913.

NAME	Amt.Due.	Due April-1 1914	Due April-1 1915
E. E. Adams,	$ 2.00	$ 2.00	$ 2.00
W. S. Arent,	16.67	16.66	16.67
W. A. Applegate,		5.00	5.00
Crom Bowen,		15.00	15.00
Vae Barr,		5.00	5.00
Edna Boody,		5.00	5.00
Wm. Black,		30.00	30.00
W. H. Barnard,		37.50	37.50
A. T. Burnell,		15.00	15.00
E. D. Bream,		15.00	15.00
Mrs. H.J.Clark,		25.00	25.00
J. L. Callanan,		30.00	30.00
A. E. Clark,		25.00	25.00
Horace Campbell,		10.00	10.00
R. H. Collins,		10.00	10.00
Chas. E. Campbell,		15.00	15.00
E. S. Crouse,		10.00	10.00
Helen V.Elbert,		16.68	16.67
Alice Evans,		5.00	5.00
Misses Foss,		15.00	15.00
O. W. Follett,		10.00	10.00
Mrs. R.J.Fleming,		25.00	25.00
J. M. Galusha,		25.00	25.00
J. M. Graham,		25.00	25.00
Rachel Getchell,		50.00	50.00
C. E. Holloway,		20.00	20.00
H. B. Hedge,		125.00	125.00
Mrs. H.D.Hockenberry,		5.00	5.00
Jno. B.Hatch & Fam.		15.00	15.00
Gershem H. Hill,		50.00	50.00
Letta L. Hanger,		5.00	5.00
E. H. Huntington,		15.00	15.00
E. S. Jones,		15.00	15.00
J. E. Kirbye,		14.00	25.00
L. B. Kirkpatrick,		20.00	20.00
L. J. Kasson,		20.00	20.00
Sue C. Kline,		5.00	5.00
F. Cramer,			45.00
W. H. Langan,		50.00	100.00
Jas. H. Leas,		12.00	12.00
W. W. Lyons,		50.00	50.00
Mrs. E. L. Lewis,		15.00	15.00
T. M. Langan,		25.00	50.00
S. A. Merrill,		100.00	100.00
R. M. Mount,	25.00	25.00	25.00
Elliott Miller,		25.00	50.00
Eliz. H. Morris,		6.00	6.00
Annie D. Merrill,		100.00	100.00
Gerard Nollen,		100.00	100.00
Merritt Northup		1.66	8.34
Mrs. S. G. Otis,		10.00	10.00
Geo. E. Pearsall,		25.00	25.00
Robt. Patterson,		10.00	10.00
Mrs. C. H. Porter,		5.00	5.00
W. W. Pierce,			25.00
Jeanette Park,		5.00	10.00
Mary A. Porter,		10.00	10.00

Mrs. A. C. Parker,	$	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
F. N. Ralston,		10.00	10.00
L. D. Ross,		15.00	15.00
Geo. R. Rex,		10.00	10.00
J. F. Rollins,		50.00	
Dr. E. Schenk,		10.00	10.00
Mrs. B. S. Schermerhorn,		25.00	25.00
Dr. C. O. Seaman,		10.00	10.00
Francis Schofield,		15.00	15.00
W. B. Southwell,		25.00	25.00
Mrs. Soules,		10.00	10.00
L. H. Stone,		6.00	7.00
J. Tone,		25.00	25.00
T. W. Vorse,		50.00	50.00
J. B. Weaver,		50.00	50.00
W. E. Weldy,		20.00	20.00
Mary Whitman,		33.00	33.00
Jno. Wibel,		15.00	15.00
W. A. Wagner,		5.00	5.00
Mrs. Jno. Wickham,		5.00	5.00
Mrs. I. N. Webster,	6.50		
W. W. Wheeler,		75.00	75.00
W. H. Younkers,		5.00	5.00
Eva Owen,	5.00		
Mrs. Harvey Ingham,		15.00	15.00
	$55.17	$1860.50	$2004.18
B. C. Ward--Note not due,			$ 500.00

SUMMARY.

Amount now due	$ 55.17
" due April 1, 1914	1860.50
" " " 1, 1915	2004.18
Note of B. C. Ward	500.00
	$4419.85

Respectfully Submitted
L. A. Merrill, Treas
of Building & Debt Funds.

Examined & audited
this Oct 17. 1913 — found
Correct — J. Williams —