

Meetings

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN, INC.

WARRANT

The Members and Associate Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby notified in accordance with the Constitution of the said Church that the Annual Meeting will be held on the second Thursday of October, October 13, 1955 in the Church Vestry at 7:45 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles:

- Article 1. To hear and act on the various reports to be submitted and to take any desired action resulting from them.
- Article 2. Election of Officers.
- Article 3. Annual Budget - to see what action is desired on the adoption of a budget and the means of raising the funds to meet the same.
- Article 4. Consideration of a proposed amendment to the Constitution to increase the number of Deacons from four to five. The proposed Amendment is on Article IV. Section 1. (a). Shall be amended to read. "A Board of Deacons, to consist of five Deacons to be chosen from the Covenant Members, at each Annual Meeting one shall be chosen to serve for five years. No Deacon shall be eligible for re-election as a Deacon until one year after his term of office shall have expired. The Chairman of this Board shall be that member serving the last year of his term of office."
- Article 5. To take any desired action relative to the building and grounds of the Church.

Posted

Oct. 2, 1955

Kenneth B. Ross
Clerk

Minister

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GEORGETOWN, MASS.

MINISTER'S REPORT. 1956.

Oct. 11, 1956

On every side there are clear signs of growth in our Church. It seems quite evident that the pains some of us feel are growing pains. In every society in Church there are new faces. New people with fresh ideas are joining our fellowship to strengthen it to fulfil its task in a growing community.

We are not only growing in numbers but in strength and deeper appreciation of what the Church means. Hence a Board of Deacons which is performing vital work and is planning to introduce a method to keep in closer touch with the members of our fellowship; a Finance Committee already adopting this method to deal with the Canvass; a Board of Trustees whose interest is evident in the improved condition of our Church property. In the Church School we have an excellent staff which means that no official is overburdened, apart from the fact that every teacher is burdened by woefully inadequate teaching facilities. For the first time during the present ministry we have a healthy Teacher Training Class. The missionary effort of the Church has reached a new high with the figure of \$1271. In our young people's work we lack lay leadership. We have a splendid Pilgrim Fellowship Choir without a leader. The Church Choir Director has willingly assumed extra duties to fill in this gap in lay interest, and merits, I suggest, some remuneration for her added travel, time and work. In spite of this lack of leadership our Young People are widening their vision of the Church and its mission: sending delegates to Youth Camps, to Conferences, and serving in the district and in the Church. This same broadening of vision is apparent in the Couple's Club, both in its work for the Church and in its providing opportunities for introducing new people to our fellowship. Church attendance during the year has not been good. Only the fact of well attended special services enables us to maintain the respectable average of 102. The fact that the new time of Church School takes certain worshippers from the service explains somewhat but does not excuse. We must teach our people that the basis of Christianity is the worship of God.

Looking into the future we may predict something from the past. The excellent response to the Paint Fund suggests that we will deal adequately with the completion of the Kitchen. Also we are hoping for some alleviation of our classroom difficulties. I am anticipating some expression of the need for an Adult Bible Study group during the week. No Church is really strong without some such group.

This present Church year is our 225th Anniversary Year. We can make it a year to be remembered.

ARTHUR COULTHARD,
Minister.

Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

Oct. 11, 1956

In this year since the Annual Meeting of October 13, 1955 five special meetings of the church have been held all of which were called to deal with memberships.

Changes in membership enrollment this year have been:

LOSSES		ADMISSIONS	
By transfer	5	By transfers	12
By death	<u>3</u>	By confession	<u>.6</u>
Totals	8		18

Our membership now stands at 337 with 14 Associate Members.

Members lost through death:

May L. Newcomb
Minnie C. Longley
Vivian A. Tellefsen

The Church Cabinet has met ten times during the year with an average attendance of 10. The many activities of church organization and spiritual development were discussed and settlement arrived at with the full knowledge and cooperation of the entire church family.

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth B. Ross, Clerk

Deacons

ANNUAL REPORT OF DEACONS FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS 1956

Since the last annual meeting, the Deacons consisting of Messers. Palmer, Metcalf, Illsley, Eckel and Blanchard have met 11 times. An average attendance of 4 deacons was made at each meeting.

Some of the accomplishments have been

1. The Deacons Table at last year's Church Fair. Money from the sale of vegetables and eggs was given to the Fair committee. Mr. Metcalf served as chairman of this activity.
2. Christmas boxes prepared and delivered to 25 members.
3. Greeting members on Sunday morning was voted, and I'm sure both members and deacons enjoy this part of the Sunday Service.
4. Active service in the preparation and service of communion held during the year.

The organization of the group is as follows:

Chairman Mr. Herbert Palmer

Secretary Mr. Charles Blanchard

Mr. William Eckel was recommended for position as 5th Deacon.

Discussions during the year have included

1. Duties of Deacons
2. Evangelistic purpose of church
3. Pulpit supply.
4. Candidates for church membership

At one meeting it was pointed out that the membership age was 14. However, Older Pilgrim Fellowship members were not too interested in joining. We need assistance in knowing of people who wish to join.

Deacons' Fund

6. Lenten Services
7. Church Attendance
8. Baptismal dates
9. Quarterly letter from Deacons to Congregation
10. Anniversary Service
11. Membership list to be brought up to date.

A way to interest people in going to our church by direct visitation. Each deacon to have a district. List still being prepared.

Future plans are:

1. To make at least 1 official call to each family by Deacon or district helper.
2. To develop a wide spread interest within our congregation.
3. Make our Church membership a better worshipping group.

Charles E. Blanchard, Secretary

Deacon Chair

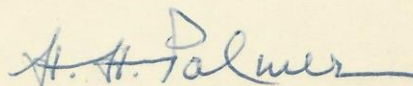
Report of the chairman of the Board of Deacons

The five members of the board of deacons have met regularly throughout the year on a monthly basis. Matters concerning the highest interests of the Church, and its office of worship, have received prayerful consideration. Deacon Blanchard, our secretary, has made a complete record of the proceedings.

Considerable time and planning has been devoted to study suitable means of reaching the membership, together with those closely associated, based upon mutual interest between the Church, as a center of worship, and the home.

This effort is in the process of development and fulfillment; it has been ~~conducted~~^{followed} with the interest that has been manifested concerning the 225th anniversary of the founding of our parish. Deacon Eckel has taken an active part in some important details.

The deacons have been pleased to greet our attendants upon the worship service on the Lord's day.



H. H. Palmer
Chairman.

October 11,
1956.

Christian Education

Report of the Church School

In making this report I'm doing the impossible; reporting on a subject on which I'm not familiar. But if there is to be a report, I must make it.

In general this has been a good year for our School. As far as I can tell from the registers which are available, we have had a record year in the number of pupils registered.

The giving of our children has been laudable.

Regular offering	\$399.70
Missionary giving	167.26
Special Missions	71.62

Total\$638.58

We sent two delegates to the Northern New England School of Religious Education. A good representation attended the local Religious Education Institute held at Topsfield.

Fifteen pupils received the R.S.V. of the Bible on graduating from the fourth grade.

We held the usual Christmas party, and Children's Day showed us something of the youth potential for the future.

The lack of a Church School Secretary doubled the work of the Superintendent.

A strong teaching staff made possible a successful Vacation School of 150 children. This we shared with the Baptist Church. The School paid for itself.

We end this report with rich appreciation of the work of the Superintendent of our Church School, Charles Blanchard, and the Junior Superintendent, Dorothy Blanchard, who have guided our children in Christian training for six years. We deeply regret their resignation.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Coulthard,

Minister.

Sunday School Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS 1956

The Sunday Church School is the largest educational endeavor of our Church. It is of primary importance for the future of our church and our community will be in a great part determined by its success or failure.

Our goals are many, but it seems that the primary one is to give to each child the awareness of the joy, confidence, and inner peace of Christian Living. One hour a week is insufficient; so, we must lean heavily upon the home to supplement our teaching.

The current educational methods are constantly demanding better facilities and teacher training. The increased number in our Church School demand that we seriously consider better use of our space and possibilities of expansion.

We greatly appreciate the hours of preparation and the faithfulness of the teachers to their duties each Sunday morning. They are the backbone of our Church School.

An outline of some of our outstanding accomplishments follow.

Teacher Training Efforts

1. Intercommunity Institute of Christian Education-Topsfield
2. Monthly Teachers' Meetings
3. Northern New England School of Religious Education-Geneva Point, New Hampshire-

Special Events

1. Christmas Party
2. New Advent Booklet distributed to Church School Families
3. Children's Day Program and Promotion

New Equipment purchased:

1. Projector screen
2. 3 Portable partitions
3. 1 Table from Couple's Club for use of Church and Church School
4. Filmstrips for each quarter's work.

Missionary Projects have included

1. New England Home for Little Wanderers-Thanksgiving Food and Money
2. Share Our Surplus-Money for Food for Foreign Countries
3. Christmas Gifts
4. American Leprosy Mission--All Birthday Money
5. Christian Children's Fund-to support Japanese Orphan
6. Mission in Johannesburg, Union of South Africa

Our Church School needs include;

1. Family participation in the Total Program
2. Adequate space to insure sufficient working room free from distractions
3. Sound Proofing provisions
4. Record Player
5. More Blackboard and Bulletin Board Space.
6. Nursery and Kindergarten Educational Toys

Those who served as staff and teachers are as follows:

Nursery Dept. Supt. Mrs. Shelia Kelly	Junior Dept.-Mrs. Edna Ayer
Judy Boynton	Mr. Leon Elliott
Kindergarten Supt. Mrs. Edith Eckel	Larry DiBiasi
Mrs. June Howe	
Mrs. Josephine Partington	
Priscilla Noyes	
Primary Dept. Supt. Mrs. Dorothy Blanchard	Junior High-Mrs. Florence Coulthard
Marjorie Driscoll	Mr. Harold Elliott
Olive Pingree	
Lee Adams	
Mrs. Marion Tapin	
Susan Hartman	
Mrs. Gladys Jacquith	
Carolyn Telefsen	
Mrs. Shirley Rollo	
Mrs. Natalie Elliott	
Louis Fallabella	
Susan Nichols	

Rhythmic Choir-Suzanne Elliott

Junior High Pianist-Priscilla Noyes

Charles E. Blanchard, Supt.

Pilgrim Fellowship

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Under the harassed leadership of the minister two lively groups of Pilgrim Fellowship met regularly throughout the year.

In the Junior group thirty members were registered, with a possible average attendance of twenty-one.

The Senior group, with twenty-four members, averaged about fifteen in attendance at each meeting.

We sent two delegates to the P.F. Summer Camp and four delegates to the Williamstown Conference.

The P.F. conducted the church service on three occasions and provided music for the church. Mrs. Carol Graf coached the choir towards the end of the year and our own Choir Director gave invaluable assistance and guidance.

During the year we held one public supper, at Christmas sang carols to the shut-ins and our older folk, polished the floor of the sanctuary and the narthex, at Easter and Christmas augmented the church choir, and provided grabs at the Fair.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Coulthard,

Minister

Music

Report of Music Committee

The duties of the Music Committee have not been too heavy this year. Our organist, Mrs. David Brown, has kept things running smoothly.

The Pilgrim Fellowship Choir furnished the music on several Sunday's. It is always a pleasure to have them sing, and we should like very much to find a leader for this group.

During the Lenten Season the Senior Choir used special music from "Olivet to Calvary". We were pleased to have the help of extra men at that time, and hope that we shall have more men during the coming year.

We also sent choral music to Robert Kent while he was in the service in Germany, purchased with contributions from the music fund and members of the choir.

During the summer vacation the tractors of the organ were entirely replaced with new ones. The organist is pleased with the results and we are sure the congregation has appreciated the improvement.

Respectfully submitted

Music Committee

Dorothy B. Jones, Chairman

Guild

1955-1956 Annual Report---Guild

Membership for year-81

Average attendance 30 with a high of 45 and a low of 14 which was the December meeting. Many of the meetings came on stormy, cold nights. Several interesting speakers were enjoyed and on other meetings activities included a swap party, mystery ride and an auction.

Friendly service projects included gifts to the Walker Missionary home and layettes for the Save the Children Federation. Nine pounds of old nylons were collected and sent to the women of Japan to be converted for use. Donations have been made to the local cancer, polio, Red Cross, T.B. funds, Danvers State Hospital, Legion Christman Gift Shop and to a local polio victim. The pledge to the church was \$400.00.

Other activities to raise funds--suppers, hobby show, concert, sale of church plates, candy, food sales and a silver tea. The Thrift Shop is also a good source of revenue. Each year the church Christman lighting is a project. This year new lights were added with Elmer Jones and Clifford Emerson donating their labor.

It was voted to give flowers in memory of members on the Sunday before the January meeting each year.

Officers for the past year 1955-1956

Pres. Alice Chaisson
V. Pres. Wilhelmina Marble
Sec. Gertrude Pingree
Treas. Marion Tapin
Exec. Com.-Agnes Emerson
Josephine Partington
Elaine Zabronovitz

Officers for this year 1956-1957

Pres. Wilhelmina Marble
V. Pres. Sheila Kelly
Sec. Gertrude Pingree
Treas. Marion Tapin
Exec. Com.-Velma Morse
Eleanor Greenleaf
Elizabeth Nunan

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Pingree

Sec.

Missionary Society

Report of Missionary Society

The Missionary Society of the First Congregational Church, Georgetown completed the fiscal year on June 5th 1956 in the church vestry, with Miss Ida Bancroft and Miss Fannie Friend in charge.

The first meeting of the season was held on September 13, 1955 at the cottage of Mrs. Ruth Jones at Baldpate Pond, and continued with monthly meetings at the church and at the homes of the members during the year.

For our edification during the year we read the study book "They Reach for Life" and a truly enlightening and instructive book on missions it has been.

Our work in the Mission Field has been varied. We have supported our church apportionment to Christiam World Missions with the sum of \$115.00. We have also supported, with money, The Walker Missionary Home, the Second Mile, which is in three portions 1-Massachusetts Negro Churches, 2-Mission in Angola, West Central Africa, 3-Ryder Memorial Hospital in Porto Rico. Members also contributed to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" on March 11th. We have supported, with gifts, the City Missionary Society, Congregational House, Boston, and we have contributed to the Delmo Housing Corporation of Lilbourn, Missouri, in memory of our beloved late member, Mrs. Minnie Longley. We have also provided our own church with flowers in memory of all our departed members.

We have assisted at the program of the World Day of Prayer, which was held this year in our own church, and which attracted an attendance of eighty worshipers.

Socially we have extended our hospitality to the women of other churches in our greater community thru our Guest Day on November first, when we entertained at a tea in our church vestry, and sponsored a film "Lets Talk Turkey", which delineated the beauty of that country, the custom of its people, and their efforts to build a new democracy. Guests were present at that time from churches in Boxford and Byfield, as well as the local Baptist, Latter Day Saints, and Episcopal Churches.

During the year we have been saddened by the death of one member. We have made some gain in membership, however, our membership at present numbers sixteen, and we are heppily anticipating several new members in the next season.

Respectfully submitted
Edna H. Ayer
Secretary

Missions

Missionary Report

Balance September 1, 1955

\$228.57

Receipts:

Church Benevolences	623.54	
Missionary Society	130.00	
Bible School	2.50	
One Great Hour of Sharing	48.45	
Sunday School	<u>238.88</u>	
		<u>1043.37</u>
		1271.94

Disbursements:

World Missions		
Church	852.11	
Missionary Society	<u>115.00</u>	967.11

One Great Hour of Sharing		
Church	48.45	
Vacation Bible School	2.50	
Sunday School	<u>88.47</u>	139.42

Delmo Project

Millburn Mission - Miss. Soc.		
In Memory of Minnie Longley	15.00	
American Leprosy - Sunday School	9.65	
Home for Little Wanderers " "	32.22	
Christian Childrens Fund " "	50.00	
American Board of Foreign Missions		
Sunday School	25.00	
Relief & Reconstruction Fund "	25.00	
Express on Missionary package "	8.54	
	<u>165.41</u>	<u>1271.94</u>

Christmas

Balance September 1, 1956

0.00

World Service

Annual Meeting - Oct. 11, 1956

Report of OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE

The mission of the church is to help the whole human family to know and experience the redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Christian World Mission includes the activities of:

- The State Conference.
- The Board of Home Missions.
- The Council for Social Action.
- The Service Committee.
- The American Board.

The first Sunday in each month is known as missionary day in the Church School and the collection is set aside for missions. This money is sent from time to time by vote of the Church School staff to various appeals of special interest to children.

The Women's Missionary Society meets the first Tuesday of each month except July and August. This group studies the material prepared by the Joint Commission for Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches. The topics for 1956-57 are "Southeast Asia" and "Missions: U.S.A.". The money contributed by these women goes entirely into the work of missions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance	September 1, 1955		228.57
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Receipts:

Church Benevolences	\$ 623.54	
Missionary Society	130.00	
Church School	238.88	
One Great Hour of Sharing	48.45	
Bible School	2.50	
		<u>1043.37</u>
		\$ 1271.94

Disbursements

World Missions		
Church	\$ 852.11	
Missionary Society	115.00	967.11

One Great Hour of Sharing		
Church	48.45	
Vacation Bible School	2.50	
Church School	88.47	139.42

Delmo Project, Mo.-Miss. Soc.

In Memory of Minnie Longley	15.00	
* American Leprosy - Church School	9.65	
* Home for Little Wanderers, "	32.22	
* Christian Childrens Fund, "	50.00	
* American Board of Foreign		
Missions, Church School	25.00	
* Relief and Reconstruction, "	25.00	
* Express on Christmas Packages	8.54	
		<u>165.41</u>
		\$ 1271.94

* Church School project

Balance September 1, 1956	0.00
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Other Gifts

The Second Mile Gift is a personal sacrificial gift "over and above" the church apportionment which the women's organizations send to the State Department of Women's Fellowship.

Guild	\$ 10.04
Missionary Society	2.00

The Walker Memorial Home for Missionaries at Auburndale.

Guild	\$ 5.00
Missionary Society	2.00

The General Council voted an increase of \$ 2,000,000 as its goal for missionary giving in the next two years. It is interesting to note that this increase was a suggestion from the floor rather than a request from the Boards.

Will you meet this challenge by taking for your own the theme of the General Council - "The Cause of Christ I Make my own." ? We need more people pledging and bigger pledges for OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.

Committee for Our Christian World Mission

Jessie Ellis (Mrs. Fred)
Betty Jones (Mrs. Robert)
Ida E. Bancroft, Chairman

Campfire Girls

CAMPFIRE GIRLS REPORT

Camp Fire Girls and Bluebirds, comprising our Church and Church School children and several of their "buddies" from other Churches, from the ages of 7 to 14, have met in this Church for 3 years, this being the beginning of our fourth full year. Our record of service is as follows:

In 3 Christmas seasons we have made about 200 dolls and stuffed animals, to be distributed through the Church School Home Missions program, to needy areas. This has been counted on the missionary quota for the Church School.

The Camp Fire table at the Church Fair contributed \$15 one year, from stuffed toys, candle stands, etc., and the following year their white elephant table was also successful, clearing \$12 for the Fair. The girls have also sold tickets for other organizations for suppers or entertainments, when asked.

Outside the Church we have contributed Easter baskets to a children's hospital ward, the baskets being presented by the children in person. Seven dish gardens have been made and taken to different homes and institutions. They have made tray favors and small corsages of wild flowers for the Old Ladies Home in Haverhill, also entertained these ladies with carols at Christmas.

Their work for home missions this year will be a mitten tree,- each member of the organization will make a pair of mittens to be hung on a Christmas tree, then distributed to needy persons. We at all times try to keep before us the third Law of Camp Fire, which is "Give Service."

Couples Club

COUPLES CLUB REPORT

The purpose of the Couples Club is three-fold,- Service, Education and Recreation. We hold 9 meetings a year and have a membership of 40 couples.

We hold 2 Square Dances a year for our recreation. We have presented several entertainments for the Fairs. We help the Deacons with ushering at the Sunday Morning services and have contributed a table for the Sunday School. This past year we sent a CARE package to Italy. This Fall we are planning to repair and paint the garage at the Parsonage.

Our meetings are held the first Monday of each month and are open to all couples in the town.

Social Action

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

On my first visit to the Congregational Center in Framingham on July 25th, to attend one of the sessions of the Social Action Institute, it was most interesting to see the attractive chapel that had been made in the barn and the sleeping quarters that were formerly a henhouse.

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Kenneth Maxwell, Associate Executive Director, Department of International Relations, National Council of Churches.

This was the only conference that I was able to attend, but hope to go to more in the future.

Very truly yours

Margaret E. Dole

Chairman Social Action
Committee

Social

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On September 19, 1956 we held a party for the (25) twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Coulthard. A sum of money was presented to them in a card and money bouquet.

On Oct. 6, 1956 a supper and celebration in observance of the 225 anniversary of the establishment of the Parish was held.

Refreshments are planned for the night of the Annual Meeting on Oct. 11, 1956

Minnie Dawley, Chairman

Auditor

October 8, 1956

The Auditing Committee has checked the books of the treasurer and collector to the best of its ability and found them to be correct.

*Eleanor Stetson
Harriette S Poole*

Finance

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The budget for 1955-1956 was \$9721.28. To meet this budget, we had an Every Member Canvass. We contacted 242 persons, receiving pledges from 164, for a total amount pledged of \$8308.10. It was anticipated that the balance required to meet the budget would come from: loose collections - \$500.00, Church Fair - \$630.00, Guild Pledge - \$400.00 and Dividends - \$800.00, for a total of \$10638.10

STATUS OF PLEDGES - JAN. 1 TO SEPT. 30

Amount Pledged Church	\$4686.30	
Amount Received Church	4239.25	
Balance Due	<hr/> \$447.05	
Amount Pledged Missions	\$566.05	
Amount Received Missions	445.74	
Balance Due	<hr/> \$120.31	
Total Pledged	\$5252.35	
Total Received	4684.99	
Balance Due	<hr/> \$ 567.36	10.8%

We sent out letters asking for donations to pay for the painting of the interior of the Church. The results were very gratifying, we were over subscribed by \$26.00. This does not include the \$1000.00 that was borrowed from the Benevolent Society. This amount is to be paid off in five years at \$200.00 per year.

Respectfully ^{submitted} Yours

T. G. Tellefsen
Chairman Of Finance Committee

J.
W. Eckel
L. Partington

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report from Sept.1,1955 to Sept.1,1956

Balance on hand Sept.1,1955

Regular Account
Missions

\$ 63.24
228.57

291.81

Receipts:

Pledges		\$6539.85	
Loose Collection		478.84	
Missions		804.49	
Church School Regular Coll.	\$ 399.70		
Mission Coll.	167.26		
Special Missions	71.62	638.58	
Misc. Donations		81.22	
Easter Flowers Sold		8.00	
Omaha Fund		25.80	
Church Building Fund		10.00	
Choir Members for Music		8.10	
Church Fair		647.84	
Dividends		563.79	
Reimbursements on envelopes		14.90	9821.41
			<hr/> \$10113.22

Disbursements:

Minister		3840.00	
Sexton		500.00	
Music	Organist	\$ 473.00	
	Music	44.73	
	Organ Repairs	40.00	
	Cleaning	1.00	558.73
Missions	Church	900.56	
	Bible School	2.50	
	Missionary Society	130.00	1033.06
Church School	Supplies	606.11	
	Misc.	180.92	
	Christmas	49.70	
	Missions	238.88	1075.61
Omaha Fund		40.75	
Repair Fund - $\frac{1}{2}$ of Budget		500.00	
Benevolent Society - On loan		200.00	
Essex North - Dues		99.82	
Church Bldg. Loan Fund		250.00	
Minister's Annuity-		353.28	
Calendars		107.07	
Postage		49.20	
Telephone - Parsonage		79.20	
Water - Church & Parsonage		46.00	
Church Collection Envelopes		28.24	
Daily Devotions		15.00	
Easter Flowers		30.90	
Funeral Flowers		36.00	
Rental Safe Deposit Box		5.50	
Canvass Supplies		28.15	
Misc. Janitor supplies & repairs		67.52	
'53 Halloween Damage		28.95	
Electricity		94.44	
Gas		15.44	
Fuel		652.06	
Insurance		264.74	
Taxes		23.45	10023.11
			<hr/> \$ 90.11

Balance September 1,1956

REPAIR FUND

Balance September 1, 1955			\$ 294.99
Receipts:			
Church Budget	\$ 500.00		
Interest	11.98		
Surplus from Paint Fund	26.00		
			<u>537.98</u>
			832.97
Disbursements:			
Misc. Repairs to Church & Parsonage	417.45		
Electrifying Church Clock	25.75		
Driveway at Parsonage	48.50		
			<u>491.70</u>
Balance September 1, 1956			\$ 341.27

PAINT FUND

Georgetown Savings Bank Book #9962			
Balance September 1, 1955			\$ 172.82
Receipts: - Pledges & Donations			635.18
			<u>808.00</u>
Disbursements:			
Balance of Paint Bill	\$ 782.00		
Trans. to Repair Fund	26.00		
			<u>808.00</u>
Balance September 1, 1956			\$ 0.00

GENERAL FUND

Georgetown Savings Bank Book # 12560			
Balance September 1, 1955			\$11289.84
Receipts:			
Dividends - Bank	\$ 354.93		
Dividends - Congregational Fund	132.09		
			<u>487.02</u>
			11776.86
Disbursements:			
To Trustees	\$ 451.36		
Essex North	50.00		
Missionary Society - Dividends	58.74		
			<u>560.10</u>
Balance September 1, 1956			\$11216.76

Budget

TENTATIVE BUDGET SEPT. 1, 1956 TO AUG. 31, 1957

Minister's Salary	\$3840.00	
Payment For Annuity Fund	353.28	
Minister's Telephone Service	80.00	
Sexton	500.00	
Fuel	650.00	
Music	600.00	
Repair Fund	1000.00	
Insurance	270.00	
Repayment To Benevolent Society	200.00	
Per Capita Tax	100.00	
Electricity And Gas	130.00	
Andover-Newton Theological School	10.00	
Water	45.00	
Taxes	25.00	
Envelopes	30.00	
Church Bulletins	100.00	
Incidentals	200.00	
Deacons	50.00	
Sunday School	1000.00	
Vacation School	100.00	
Payment on Pledge to Building Fund	250.00	
Bal. Due on Pledge for Framingham Rec. Center	212.00	(1 year only)
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Total	9745.28	
Missions	974.52	

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