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*...a memorial book was written in His presence, recording those who revered Him
and those who had the highest respect for His Name...Malachi 3:16*

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How do you make a long story short? I believe one has to begin at the beginning. My involvement with the Heritage Commission began in 1981. My wife & I came to Sioux Falls, for a month of Rest and Relaxation. While there we went to visit Dr. Dunger at the Archives. He showed us around the limited space he had to work with. At a large file cabinet he pulled out a narrow drawer marked Seminary pictures. In it we saw many interesting historical pictures not identified. We took up the challenge and started working on them during our stay. Since then we have been involved with the archives and its development into the N.A.B. Heritage Commission.

At the Triennial Conference in Milwaukee, WI in 1991 The Archives were officially recognized as the Heritage Commission of the North American Baptist Conference. If you look at an N.A.B. Directory you will find the Heritage Commission listed as an auxiliary organization of our conference.

Now lend me your prayers and thoughts on this question. Where are we going as keepers of the Archives, Museum and all that goes to make up

the history of the N.A.B. Conference? God has been leading and using this special tool of His called N.A.B. Conference to reach out and spread the Gospel around the world since 1851. The time has come for us to show and tell what God has done and what He is doing now. We need space to work in to process materials, and store them properly as well as for a museum to display our various mission fields of the past and present, the history of the Seminary and of our conference. Then our materials can be observed for inspiration and research.

Share with us your visions and solutions. Pray for us as a Board of Governors that we may be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading that we may show and tell what an awesome God we have as we walk by faith in Him

-Orville Meth

NAB Heritage Commission, Chair

SEMINARY CORNERSTONE - Rochester, NY

One hundred fifty pounds of rose granite has been cleaned and has been put on display. The year 1890 is evidence of its age. It will have a new place so it can be seen by all who pass by. It is ready for you to see.

Several people are to be commended for making this possible. Wilmer and Eleanor Quiring brought it to Sioux Falls and then followed up by asking what happened to it. George W. Lang remembered there was a stone in the corner of the furnace room. George A. Dunger for his careful plans and designs of the display. Ben Engbrecht and Charles Hiatt for their eagerness and help in finding the proper place for it. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SYMPATHY

We regret to inform you of the death of one of our members, Earl Backhaus of Bismarck, ND. Our condolences are extended to his wife Edna and his family.

WELCOME

We welcome our newest member James Striegler, from Sioux Falls, SD, who is a 1995 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary.

NEW HOLDINGS

Some of the new materials we have received in our holdings are:

Anniversary booklets from the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa and the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa.

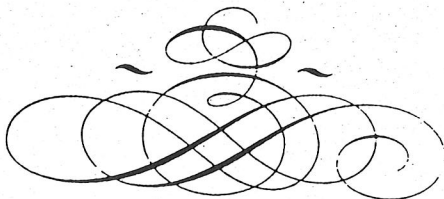
Also the records and history of the Gillette, WY church and some very early minutes of the meeting of the organization that became known as The Iowa Association.

RESEARCHERS

The names of the researchers that have asked for our help to find information concerning the topics following their names.

Warren Hoffman,	August Rauschenbusch
Lloyd Harsch,	J.G. Oncken or Early NAB
	Church Planting

Fred Logan,	His Grandfather Rev. A. J. Freitag
David Priestley,	Ontario Church History
Pastor B. Igoff,	Bulgarian Church
	documents that can not be found in Europe.
	These documents may help them get
	church property back.



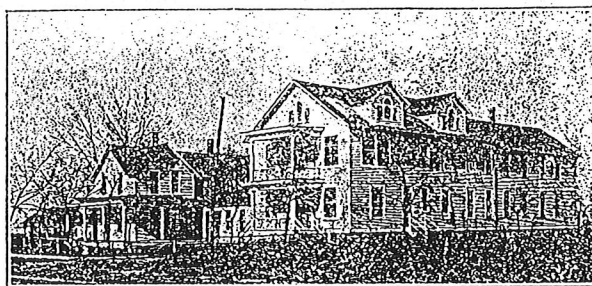
A BOOK YOUR CHURCH COULD USE

We want to recommend a book that can help you preserve your church's history. The book "HERITAGE PRESERVATION: A Resource Book for Congregations" by David Haury is published by the General Conference Mennonite Church and sells for \$5.00. You can get a copy from

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Newton, Kansas 67114-0347

OUR GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HELP

In researching the Aberdeen Hospital Data:



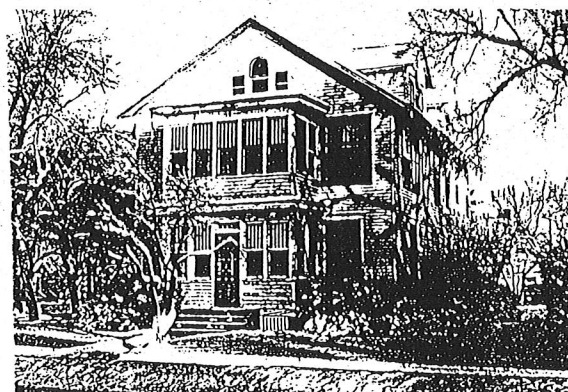
Deutsches Baptisten Hospital von Nord- und Süd-Dakota
1914

Rev. Harald Gruber For being willing to translate the German booklet about the Aberdeen German Baptist Hospital printed in 1915.

John Hisel for finding that the same building that housed the Hospital still stands on the corner of 8th Avenue and Washington in Aberdeen, SD.

Bryon Itterman for taking and sending us excellent pictures to prove that it is the same building.

Your help has saved us many miles of travel and time. Thank You very much!

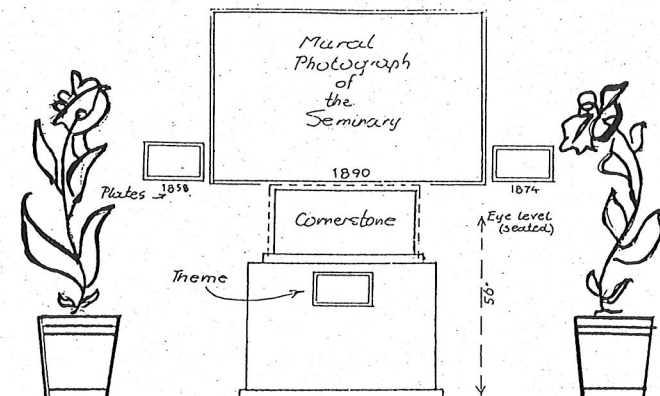


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**North American Baptist Seminary
1890 Cornerstone Dedication
May 19, 1995**

Opening Remarks	Dr. Charles Hiatt NABS President
Words of Reflection	Rev. Orville Meth Chairman of NAB Heritage Commission
	Rev. Wilmer Quiring 1945 NABS Alumnus "The Story of the Stone"
	Mrs. Betty Poppens NABS Vice President for Business Operations
Unveiling the Display	Dr. George Dunger NAB Conference Archivist
	Dr. Stephen Brachlow NABS Professor of Church History and Christian Spirituality
Dedication Prayer	Dr. J. Gordon Harris NABS Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Dr. G.A.Dunger's diagram of the Cornerstone
Display

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REFLECTIONS

Rev. Wilmer Quiring's Story of rescuing the 1890 Cornerstone.

Imagine seeing your old school building being torn down and you ask for the cornerstone as a keepsake. Wilmer was promised the stone. So when they began demolishing that corner his wife, Eleanor, saw it in time for her to rush home to tell her husband to go and get that stone.

He took his car and asked the demolition crew if he could take it. The workers said he could have it but where was his truck. He only had his car and so asked them to put it into the trunk.

They lowered the 600 pound stone carefully by crane into the car trunk and watched the springs go down, down, down. It stopped just before the breaking point. Then Wilmer drove 10 miles home very slowly and very carefully. In fact he says, "I had to almost stand up to drive so I could see the road."

Friends and family helped to take it out of the trunk of his car.

A member of his church came to cut the stone down to approximately 150 pounds. Then it was crated and brought to the Seminary in Sioux Falls, SD. At that time the plan was to be put it into the new addition of the Seminary. That was Wilmer's reason to come to look for the stone. It was still in hiding.

For a number of years it was waiting for its new place but with new personnel and staff it was in hiding until George W. Lang remembered seeing it.

It was taken out of hiding and given a face lift and a lovely pedestal. If you remember where Dr. George A. Lang's Presidential office was in the first years and later where Isabelle Long had her office. That is the spot that you can now see THE STONE as you leave the Education/Library building and go to the new Worship and Leadership Centre.

Above it as large picture of the building where it served as the Cornerstone. There are two smaller pictures of the other buildings which served as the homes for Our NAB Seminary.

PLEASE SPECIFY YOUR PAYMENTS

We really appreciate the financial contributions you have made recently to the Heritage Commission.

In some cases, it was not specified for Capital Funds or Membership Fees. We have put it into the Capital Funds Account and expect that you will inform us if you intended it for something else.

The amount received up to date of printing is \$2,450.00.

EDITORIAL:

"WRITE IT ON THE DOOR POSTS"--

--TO REMEMBER

God speaks to me from the past.

Memories of the pastor and most of his family who were killed in a car accident make me sad. One of their children who escaped death and whose life was radically changed had to become part of a new family relationship. It was not easy for that family to receive, console and help the child recover. Now she has come to us to help find out more about her parents. If you knew Rev. Adolph Reeh his daughter would be glad to have you share your memories of her father.

Memories of buildings like the parsonage in Emery, SD, with a pastor/father who was away from home helping 13 churches to take root and grow. Imagine the difference there was at the rare times that he was able to come home and spend time with them. If you or I had been that child, would we really have had a chance to know our father? By the way, the parsonage I speak of still stands and now is an excellent home for a family with new triplets. If those walls could talk, I would take a tape recorder there to record all its stories of happiness, sorrow, excitement and tragedy. How many great decisions were made in that house? No doubt that Seminary Trustee who grew up in that house as a great grand child of that pastor could tell us many things.

The memories of the Studentheimat the former Seminary Building in Rochester. Had that misplaced cornerstone been able to talk it would have called us to come and see it in the hidden corner. The Bible mentions that if we do not share our witness the rocks will shout. (Luke 19:40)

What future memories are we making? When the day comes that the new Worship Centre is dismantled and those who follow us see all those names written under the carpet of the Chapel they will wonder why so many names are there? Who will tell them that we inspected the building while it was in progress and now our names are there as a pledge to pray for the Seminary and those who share and worship there?

I remembered those names the evening that the story "Through Gates of Splendor" was dramatized recently by the College and Career Group of Sunrise Church, Fair Oaks, CA. *B. Westerman*

EQUIPMENT CAPITAL FUNDS UPDATE

Since the letter sharing our request for needs has been sent to you and other interested persons we have received the sum of \$2,450. We thank you very much for your contributions. If the responses continue to come in the Moving Shelves can be installed and we can have twice the amount of storage place in the same area.

QUOTES AND MISS-QUOTES

A favorite columnist writes, "When you reach my age, people start asking: 'What would you do differently if you could do it all over again?'"

His seventh 'would have' is: "I would have questioned my parents and grandparents about their younger years and their experiences, taking lots of notes to have a greater knowledge of my personal heritage. I regret this more than almost any other deficiency of my youth. I waited until it was too late."

Thank you Bob Karolevitz! I know what you mean! For those of you who can spend time to listen to the past from those who are willing to share.

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Our Logo is shaded in this issue but is in the process of a clean-up and should be ready for the next issue. (bvw)