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Heritage Horizons

...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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Point of View *by Lenore Lang*

Your editor has been house-bound by a broken ankle which required surgery. Recovery now in progress; the Lord is good. See notes from our Director, page 1.

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NOTES FROM OUR DIRECTOR,

DR. JACKIE HOWELL



"Hope is
the thing with feathers
that perches
in the soul —

And sings the tune without
words

And never stops — at all."

Emily Dickinson
Barnes & Noble Book
of Quotations,
RIFitzhenry, Ed. 1981

What do you know about the history of your church and the North American Baptist Conference? Where would you find information about a German Baptist church your grandparents attended and which has closed? How did the seminary get from Rochester to Sioux Falls? What information is there on your great-grandfather who served as an itinerant pastor among German Baptists? The Heritage Commission seeks to answer these questions and more for persons who want to know more about their roots. We are also about the business of preserving the heritage of our conference. This is done in several ways.

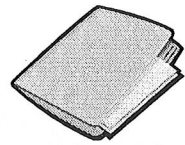
We collect information from churches about anniversaries and major church milestones. These are kept in files organized by state and includes all current churches plus a number of churches that have closed. We preserve the archival records of the conference and the seminary. We are also seeking to make available documents that currently exist only in German. August Rauschenbusch's autobiography is just off the press. In 2006 we published August Schulte's Memories from his work in the conference.

Part of our responsibility is to make information available. In this issue we are providing information on a number of books now considered "classics" on the history of the NAB Conference. Now would be a good time for you or your church to order them.

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BOOKS



As we prepare to move, copies of the following books documenting part of the history of the NAB Conference and its people are being sold at discounted prices!

1. Woyke, Frank. (1979). *Heritage and Ministry of the North American Baptist Conference*. Oakbrook Terrace, IL: North American Baptist Conference.

A classic history written in retirement from fifteen years of service as Executive Secretary of the NAB Conference.

Hardcover. 493 pages 6.25" x 9.5" \$30

2. Schulte, August. (1912) *Memories of my fifty years of service in the home missionary work of the German Baptist churches of North America*. Translated by Donald Madvig; Designed and edited by Lois Glewwe (2006)

A warm, engaging and insightful translation sure to enhance our knowledge of early NAB work.

Paperback 180 pages 8.5" x 11 " \$25

3. Ramaker, Albert John. (1924). *The German Baptists in North America*. Cleveland, OH: German Baptist Publication Society.

The first book in English, detailing the history of the beginnings and progress of NAB work. Hardcover. 126 pages 5" x 7" "Gently used." \$20

4. Von Berge, Herman (ed) (1943). *These Glorious Years. The Centenary History of German Baptists in North America 1843-1943*. Roger Williams Press.

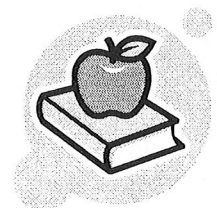
Chapters by William Kuhn, HA Ramaker, Arthur Schade, Charles Zummach, F.W.C. Meyer, Martin Leuschner, Milton Schroeder, Frank Kaiser, Mrs. H.G. Dymmel, Otto Krueger, and others.

Hardcover. 262 pages 6" x 8.5" \$30

5. Schreiber, B.C. (1984). *Meditations for Mature Christians*. New York: Vantage Press.

A book written in a folksy style which makes us feel welcome, filled with learning and inspiration.

Hardcover. 179 pages 6" x 9" \$10



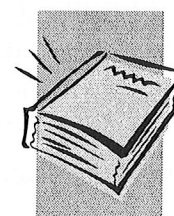
AUGUST RAUSCHENBUSCH AUTOBIOGRAPHY

NOW AVAILABLE!

In the words of Dr. Gordon Harris, Professor Emeritus of Sioux Falls Seminary, "this autobiography presents a human picture of August Rauschenbusch, a humble German Baptist scholar. His concern for the poor and sick reflects moral standards that later influenced his famous son, Walter, a co-author of the work. His sharp tongue got him in trouble but his pietistic spirit and pastoral warmth inspired all who heard him speak and teach."

This book has just come off the press here in Sioux Falls and sells for \$19.95. Ably translated from German by Professor Donald Madvig, it is an inspiring work that will encourage your own faith as you read through its pages.

In the USA, postage and handling = \$4.75. Canadian rates may vary.

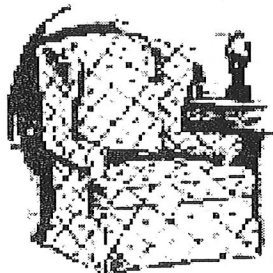


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6. Hughes, Edward D. (1980s). *Love them for me Laura*. Printed in Canada.
A biography of this veteran missionary's forty years of service in Cameroon.
Paperback. 192 pages 5.5" x 8.5" \$15
7. Itterman, Bert. (2006). *Growing up with Grandpa*. Sioux Falls, SD: Pine Hill Press.
Stories of the author's growing-up years in Canada as a member of an immigrant family. Great for both children and adults.
Paperback. 99 pages. 6" x 9" \$10
8. Walth, Clarence & Dorene (eds). (2005). *Heroes of the Faith I*. Grand Rapids, MI: Heule-Gordon, Inc.
Inspiring stories of NAB people (mid to late 1900s) by a variety of authors.
Paperback. 107 pages. 5.5" x 8.5" \$10
9. Walth, Clarence & Dorene (eds). (2006). *Heroes of the Faith II*. Grand Rapids, MI: Heule-Gordon, Inc.
See item #9.
Paperback. 175 pages. 5.5" x 8.5" \$10

THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELER

by Archivist Berneice Westerman

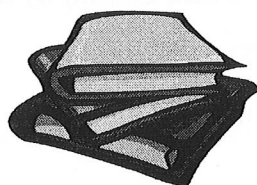


Spring is around the corner and so is the ground-breaking for our **Big Move**. Your Director, Dr. Jackie Howell, has put her talents to work planning so that when we move our books, supplies, and files, they can be put into the correct place as soon as they arrive in the new building. We hope to have many strong people who will be able to do the heavy lifting, people who will be willing to follow directions as to where each item should be put. Readers, begin to think about that: can **you** be a volunteer?

Will your own church and family stories be there as we move? Our "Family Story" section is still in the plans. There are times when I wish those stories would be available *right now* for our use. For instance, a researcher from Indiana is traveling here to find out what information we have about people whose ancestors came from Vohlynia, Poland. Another researcher is checking up on relatives from the Eureka, Venturia area, since he is interested in researching health problems with a view to helping others who also may need access to the important information he finds.

Several months ago we were pleased to have our new Executive Secretary, Dr. Rob McClelland, come to spend a day with us. He asked us to share with him as much of our NAB Conference History as we could, so that he in turn could learn where we came from and build on that information as a guide into the future. The main idea that came through to us that day was: "How can you know which way to go if you do not know where you came from?" It would be good for each of you readers to have the opportunity to meet Dr. McClelland. He hopes to be in Sioux Falls for our Heritage Board Meeting and the Seminary Trustee Meeting toward the end of March.

When I first came to work here in the Archives in 1991 after my work in Cameroon, I saw the huge need of translation of materials from German to English, and now in 2008 there has been a lot of work done about that. (Editor's note: You see: Evidence of a dream being fulfilled! Don't let your dreams die!) The most recent translation is the story of the life of August Rauschenbusch. The able translator, Donald Madvig, is coming to our Board of Governors' Meeting to share with us about the challenges and blessing of this task. (Some of you will remember Dr. Madvig as one of our Seminary Professors, in 1963-1968.)



Editor's Note: Recently I read an article about a church meeting. There was one small error in the account, which told of a fellowship of pastors and church *embers*. One letter makes a big difference: an "M" changes embers to members! However, when it comes to church, shouldn't we all be **embers**? On fire, able to start a fire somewhere else? Something to think about.