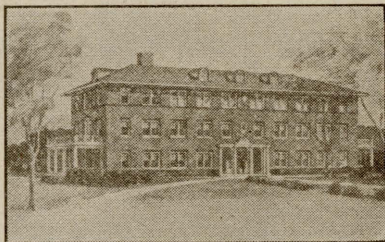


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FROM O. M. NORLIE

COLLECTION

Ebenezer Home

for the Aged



2545 Portland Avenue

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

A Short Sketch of the Growth and
Management of the Home
The New Building
Ebenezer's Plans for the Future

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*Be merciful, even as your Father
which is in heaven is merciful*
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NOTICE

Do not neglect to visit the Ebenezer Home when you are in Minneapolis. Take the Chicago & Penn or Chicago & Fremont car to 26th St. and Chicago Ave. Walk three blocks to the right. Or take the Western & 4th Ave. car to 4th Ave. So. and 26th St. Walk two blocks to the left.

All friends are welcome to the Home



The First Ten Residents of Ebenezer

To the Friends of Ebenezer Home for the Aged

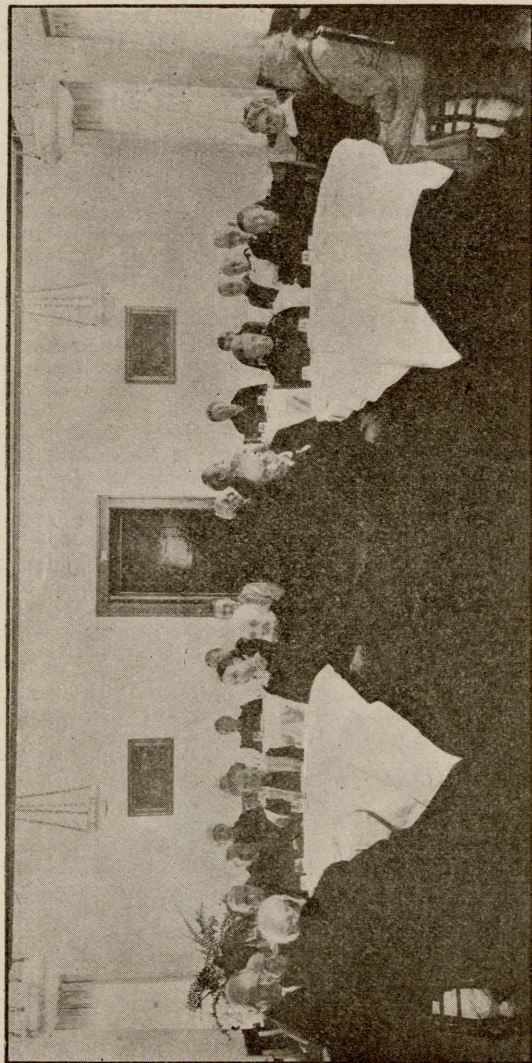
In 1916 some members of various Norwegian Lutheran churches in Minneapolis met to discuss what could be done for the needy aged among our people. They knew that many were without means and without friends. There seemed to be no place for them and no one to care for them. The only place for them would be the poorhouse or the city hospital. Besides being aged and poor, many are in poor health. These men decided to organize an Old Folk's Home Society and to erect a home for such old persons who are entirely without means. They sought by this method to avoid any competition with institutions that demand an entrance fee. If a person has means, or relatives or friends to enable him to enter a home where the residents are obliged to pay for their keep, or for part of it, then he is not entitled to be a member of Ebenezer. Thus this home dispenses absolute charity.

The History of the Home

The Board of Directors of this Old Folks' Home Society very soon made their plans public, and in May, 1917, they had received through gifts and private subscriptions among themselves \$3,000. They then decided to proceed with the founding of the proposed Home for the Aged. A house with room for ten old people was rented. (See picture on page 2.) The house was filled at once and there has since been a constant demand for admittance from old people who could not be taken care of for lack of room. The only thing that could be done was to put their names on the waiting list, until public support would make enlargements possible. However, the Board felt obliged to care for two old people besides the ten mentioned, maintaining them in private homes.

Rules of the Home

For admittance a written application must be sent to the Board of Directors, which body then investigates the past life of the applicant.



A Cheerful View of Ebenezer's Dining Room

synods. Each director must be a member in good standing of a congregation belonging to one of the Norwegian Lutheran synods. Eight of them must belong to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, three to the Lutheran Free Church, one to the Eielsen Synod, and one to the Lutheran Brethren. From among their number they elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These directors have charge of the management of the home and are responsible to the corporation.

Household Affairs

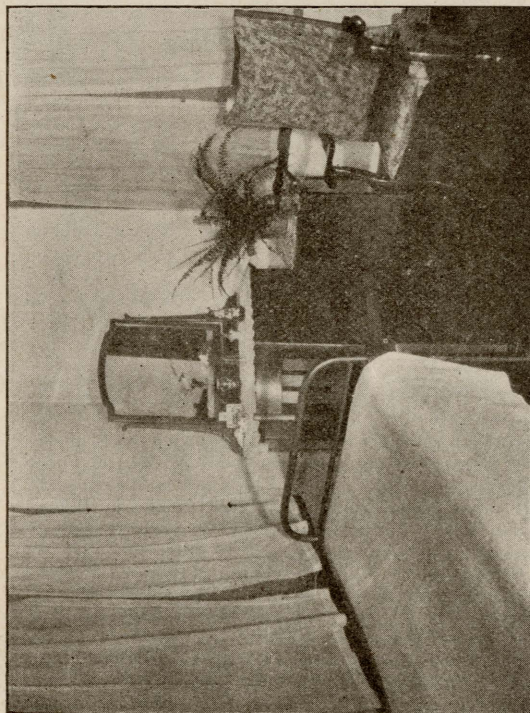
The management of the household is entrusted to the matron. She looks after the welfare of the old people and has charge of the home. She engages the necessary help and does the buying. A sub-committee is elected by the Board of Directors to assist her with her duties. This committee reports to the Board of Directors.

Finances

The finances of the home are in the hands of the treasurer, in conjunction with a finance committee. A stenographer takes care of the extensive correspondence and sends receipts to donors for money given the home. An auditing committee elected by the Board of Directors must see that all records are correct.

Ebenezer's New Home

As the picture on page 4 shows, Ebenezer has now its own building. In the spring of 1919 the Board of Directors agreed to buy a vacant lot on the corner of Portland Avenue and 26th Street for Ebenezer. A building committee was at once elected. Its plans were accepted by the Board of Directors, and in June the work was commenced. The main building is 104 ft. long, 33 ft. wide and 3 stories high. It has well lighted, comfortable rooms, fireproof stairways, and an addition, 40x60 ft., containing kitchen and dining-room. The building has a full basement, housing a furnace, laundry, etc.

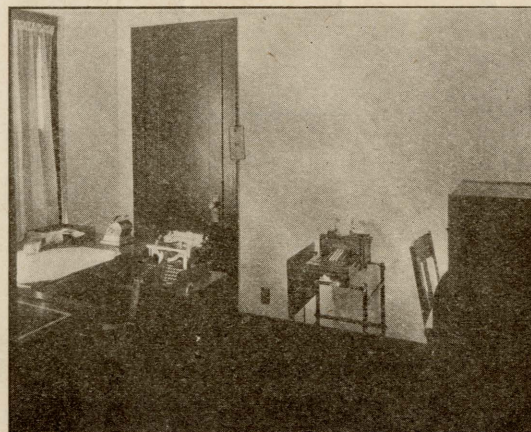


A Resident's Room

neapolis, Minn. Gifts of money should be sent to J. W. Wilson, Treasurer, Ebenezer Home Society, 2545 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

A Word to the Friends of Ebenezer

Heartfelt thanks for what the friends of Ebenezer have done for the home. Thank you for your gifts, both large and small. You have thereby made it possible to give nearly 50 poor people a carefree, Christian home in their old age, something which most of them have never had. It shall always be the aim of the Directors to use the means placed at their disposal in the most economical way. Again they thank you for what you have done, and pray that you will not forget the home in the future. May God give you willing hearts according to your means to help support Ebenezer. Remember Ebenezer in your prayers. And when you come to Minneapolis, visit the home. It will do you good to see the happy family of old people.



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