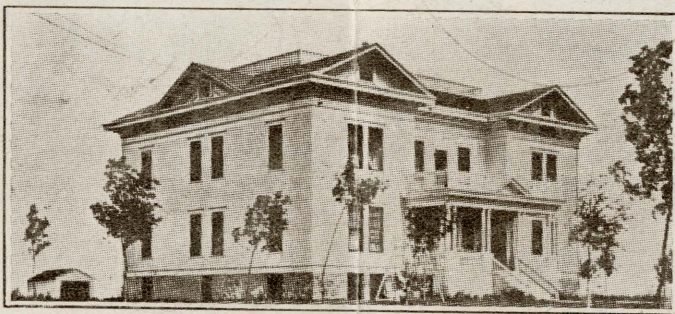


ANNUAL REPORT
of
EBENEZER HOSPITAL
1919



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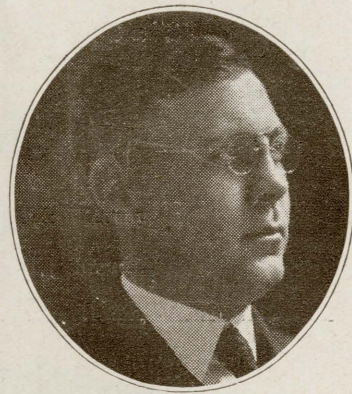
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Medical Staff—Drs. Lee & Westby.

Superintendent—Pauline Schmaal.

Nurses—Miss Thea Larson and Miss Helga Thompson

Pupil Nurses—Miss Anna Johnson and Miss Agnes Johnson.

Cooks—Miss Pauline Kulseth and Miss Alice Bjorgan.

Laundress—Sarah Fossen.

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AN HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The need of a hospital for Madison and vicinity prompted a number of Norwegian Lutherans to meet in Madison, Minn., Feb. 1, 1901, to discuss the hospital problem.

A committee was elected to draft articles of incorporation for a hospital association. This committee reported at a meeting held March 4, 1901, and articles of incorporation and by-laws for the Lac qui Parle County Norwegian Lutheran Hospital Association were adopted.

The incorporators were: Rev. A. O. Utheim, Rev. A. O. Oppegaard, Rev. Iver Tharaldsen, G. P. Kjosness, H. A. Larson, Rev. E. M. Peterson, Dr. E. O. Giere, Oluf Hegrum, Ole A. Stemsrud, T. Halvorson, M. G. Dunnom, Rev. Ole Lokensgaard, Rev. Jacob Fjelde, and Rev. L. M. A. Hoff.

The general purpose of the organization "is to receive, provide for and nurse and give medical attendance to sick persons and patients as may apply for admission to the hospital of the association."

The plan of operation is "to organize and establish a suitable hospital, to provide management for the same, to carry out the general purpose as a church charity or benevolent society. Patients are to be admitted without regard to race, color or creed," or ability to pay.

The institution was to be known by the name of "Ebenezer Hospital." A building was erected in 1901 46x56-ft. two stories and basement.

On June 2d the hospital was dedicated and on June 3d the first patient was admitted. Drs. E. O. Giere and Marcus Thrane were elected medical staff.

In 1906 the building was completed as originally planned. At that time the institution had cost about \$15,000.00.

In 1911 adjoining property belonging to P. B. Stangenes was bought at the price of \$5,400.00. This property consists of about six acres of land, a well built cottage of ten rooms, a large barn, chicken house, etc. Here is also, in a separate building, located the hospital laundry. This cottage is used for a home for the nurses.

The hospital property is now valued at \$25,000.00.

Established in 1901 the Ebenezer Hospital has been caring for the sick and afflicted ever since. Many of you have visited the attractive location, overlooking Madison and the surrounding country.

Thousands have received friendly care by the sisters and nurses in the institution and have been benefited by its hospitality. So we feel that we are old friends when we address ourselves to you.

Ebenezer Hospital is still on the hilltop surrounded by shade trees. The homelike main building, with its spacious halls and sunny wards, still invites the sick and offers them comfort. It has lately been re-painted inside and outside and otherwise improved. We have installed a new sterilizing apparatus. A training school for nurses, giving a two-year course, has been established and is in operation. The hospital is attended by an able staff of physicians and surgeons educated at the most up-to-date institutions of their kind in the country, including two years internship and postgraduate work. During the last year they have put in a new and large flueroscope making their X-ray equipment complete and up-to-date. The Ophthalmic division has also received new and additional equipment, making that department complete for final detail work.

We therefore feel that we can heartily recommend the hospital to you and your friends when in need of hospital treatment.

Very respectfully,

O. MOSTRÖM,
H. L. SORKNES,
TH. BJORNLIIE,
O. G. DALE,
Hospital Board.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

(Re-written and Condensed).

I hereby beg to submit my annual report as president of the board of management of the Ebenezer Hospital.

We have received during the year 212 patients, an increase of five over last year.

Last year the common help problem was difficult; this year has brought specially to the front the problem of nursing help.

We began the year with four pupils in the nurses training course. However one of the pupils, Miss Olsen was taken sick and passed away on the 24th of January 1919. Miss Spangenberg had to give up her work at the hospital on account of sickness at home. This left us with the head nurse and two pupils.

In July Miss Cedroth was granted a leave of absence of four months. We were fortunate in securing Miss Pauline Schmaal to take her place.

In May, Miss Helga Thompson finished her training course, and in September Miss Thea Larson. They are now employed on a salary basis.

(March 1, 1920, two pupils entered the nurses training course: the two sisters, Anna and Agnes Johnson.)

The following persons have been employed at the hospital during the year. Superintendent of nurses, Pauline Schmaal; nurse, Helga Thompson; nurse, Thea Larson; laundress, Miss Sarah Fossen; cooks, Miss Pauline Kulseth and Miss Alice Bjorgan; janitor, Even Lokken.

The hospital received a gift of \$150.00 from Hans Hendrickson of Hamlin township during the year.

The hospital club also this year has been very active as an auxiliary of the hospital. The following annual report will show the work done:

Balance, April 14, 1919—\$232.57; collected up to February 1, 1920—\$60.75; expenses, \$18.90; on hand, \$293.32.

Donations: One sack of flour, one sack of corn and barley. Infant's bath tub, two sheets, three pillow cases, three Victor records, five wild ducks, eighty-six quarts canned fruit, four glasses jelly,

five pounds jam, one kimona, plants and flowers, four dresser scarfs, eight books, two dippers, five bushels apples, one palm, three dollars, four pictures, one crochet doily, one gallon cream, two tame ducks, two chickens, four dozen oranges, one dozen dessert spoons, one dozen teaspoons.

Work done by club: Mended, hemmed or made the following articles: twenty-eight sheets, twelve bedspreads, two pillow cases, 13 night gowns, twenty-five draw sheets, nine operating table covers, seventy-three Laparotomy sponges, twenty-two B. P. covers, six bag hot water bottles, six obstetrical binders, seven night shirts, three towels, two pair pillow cases, four slit sheets, five pair laparotomy stockings, six operating tray covers, five ether blankets, thirty tray cloths, sixteen dresser scarfs.

Officers of the hospital club: Mrs. M. Soholt, president; Mrs. M. E. Jacobson, vice president; Mrs. H. L. Sorkness, secretary; Mrs. Chas. Hovick, treasurer.

The hospital club has decided to screen the front porch and to make it two stories, the upper story to be enclosed. This will be done this spring.

The debt of the hospital January 1, 1920, was \$3117.75. Since 1915 the following permanent improvements have been made. The roof and gutter on main building repaired. The hospital has been painted both inside and outside. Two wards have been divided into private rooms. To each room has been added a rocking chair, chiffoner, and a bedside table. Three hospital beds have been added.

A surgeon's scrub sink, and an up-to-date, first-class sterilizer have been installed. New floors have been laid in parts of the basement, and a partition put in, and floors varnished.

The hospital has been connected with the city water and sewer system. A cement side walk has been laid in front of the hospital, replacing the wooden walk.

The embankment along the front of the hospital has been cut down and a very beautiful boulevard has been built.

In the nurses cottage the laundry connections have been made with the city water and sewer system. These improvements represent thousands of dollars.

During the year of 1918 the hospital received a bequest of \$4,000.00 from the estate of Ole A. Skordahl of Louisburg, Minn., which he had set aside in his will for the hospital. This sum was

applied on the indebtedness and came as a great blessing to the hospital since at that time we were paying \$280.00 a year interest on the debt which at that time amounted to \$4700.00. May this magnificent gift become also an example to others for emulation.

The charity work done at the hospital the first ten year period, 1902-1912, amounted to \$18466.00, according to the printed reports for those years. The amount of charity work done since then can only be estimated, since we have not the exact figures at hand. But a low estimate would place this work at \$1000.00 a year bringing the total sum of this service of the hospital to the astonishing figure of \$26466.00 or more than the total valuation of the hospital.

A board meeting of the board of directors was held in July, 1918 to consider ways and means of increasing the revenue of the institution to keep step with the increased high cost of labor and necessities of the hospital. It was decided to raise the room rent 20% to take effect August 1, 1918.

The following extract from an article in the Minneapolis Tribune, January 3, 1920, is of interest in so far as it throws light upon the hospital problem in general. "In the last five years no hospital in Minneapolis has paid a mortgage debt. Hospital rates in Minneapolis have been increased on an average of 30% since 1914. It is well known that the average cost of all food produced have increased 90%, that surgical cotton, gauze, antiseptics, drugs, and medicines have increased from 100% to 300%, that linen and bedding have increased 200% and that wages of hospital employees have been raised 75%. If our hospitals were operating on a commercial basis they would be amply justified in doubling the rates charged in 1914."

Under existing conditions and by the strictest economy the hospital has not been able to meet current expenses by the moderate increase in rates made. It is a fact that along with all other progress there has also been a great progress in hospital organization and in the numbers of hospitals. There is practically no town of 1500 inhabitants in a well populated section of our country that has not got a hospital. The old doctrine of "necessity" explains this. People have begun to realize what an essential institution a hospital is. And not only that, but they have realized that there are so many hospital cases that can not get to distant hospitals and consequently have to remain at home and there are cared for in the

best possible way. Some people do not appreciate the fact that every individual in a community is a potential patient for our hospital regardless of her or his attitude in regard to such an institution. Therefore we can do no better than support such an institution in every way possible so that it may serve us in time of need.

Attention is called to article 21 of the by-laws of the hospital.

Visiting Committees—Visiting committees shall be appointed either by the officers of the association or by the parties of the surrounding congregations. These separate committees shall consist of two or more members from each church, and said committees shall be required to visit the hospital at least once a year or as much oftener as the individual committees desire. It shall be the aim to have at least twelve such committees, in order that one committee may visit the hospital each month. Every member of such visiting committees is expected to solicit contributions for the support of the hospital.

It is the wish and desire of the officers of the association that the surrounding congregations will make use of this opportunity to help the hospital to do its blessed work among us.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement of O. G. Dale, treasurer, in account with the Ebenezer hospital, Madison, Minnesota, from January 11, 1919 to January 14, 1920.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 11, 1919	Balance on hand as per last year's account		\$ 196.37
Jan. 24, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 1	\$ 351.47	
Feb. 4, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 2	343.25	
Feb. 27, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 3	234.27	
Mch. 6, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 4	86.50	
Mch. 27, 1919	Drs. Lee & Westby.....Receipt No. 5	150.00	
Mch. 27, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 6	220.10	
Apr. 2, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 7	182.25	
Apr. 9, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 8	122.10	
Apr. 16, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 9	238.25	
Apr. 23, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 10	75.25	
May 1, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 11	442.00	
May 10, 1919	Thorwald Bjornlie, Sec...Receipt No. 12	150.00	
May 14, 1919	Helga Dybevik.....Receipt No. 13	162.90	
May 14, 1919	Helga Dybevik.....Receipt No. 14	5.00	
May 23, 1919	Lac qui Parle Co.....Receipt No. 15	25.50	
May 24, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 16	395.46	
July 3, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 17	84.00	
July 3, 1919	Lillian Cedroth.....Receipt No. 18	610.94	

July 10, 1919	Lillian Ceroth.....Receipt No. 19	220.40	
July 31, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 20	283.14	
Aug. 2, 1919	Lac qui Parle Co.....Receipt No. 21	200.60	
Aug. 14, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 22	278.00	
Aug. 28, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 23	325.30	
Sept. 4, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 24	217.95	
Sept. 30, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 25	232.50	
Oct. 14, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 26	241.00	
Oct. 31, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 27	341.00	
Nov. 21, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 28	510.25	
Dec. 10, 1919	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 29	512.92	
Jan. 6, 1920	Pauline Schmaal.....Receipt No. 30	345.25	
Jan. 14, 1920	Thorwald Bjornlie, Sec...Receipt No. 31	500.00	

Total Receipts	\$7896.55	\$7896.55
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\$8092.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total orders paid	\$8018.16
January 14, 1920. Balance on hand.....	74.76

Total	\$8092.92	\$8092.92
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Respectfully submitted.

O. G. DALE, Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Lac qui Parle Norwegian Lutheran Hospital Association was held at the court house in Madison, Minnesota, Monday, January 14, 1920.

Annual reports were read by the president, secretary, treasurer, superintendent and the medical and surgical staff.

Mr. O. G. Dale, Mr. H. L. Sorkness, Mr. O. J. Skjei and Prof. A. Hegre were re-elected on the board of directors for a term of three years.

The board of directors met immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting. The following executive committee was elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. O. Mostrom, vice president, H. L. Sorkness; secretary, Thorwald Bjornlie; treasurer, O. G. Dale.

It was decided to issue a printed report of the hospital work done during the last fiscal year.

The total running expenses of the hospital for the year has been \$8043.06. Receipts from all sources, \$7896.55.

The high cost of living and advanced prices on everything required in connection with running the hospital, have made it im-

possible to make both ends meet. The charges for room and care at the Ebenezer hospital have not been advanced in proportion to the increase of running expenses.

Drs. Lee & Westby were re-elected hospital staff for the coming year. These doctors have been very successful in their medical and surgical cases, which is a living testimony of their qualified ability in their profession.

The hospital is in first class condition to take care of its work, and the staff of experienced nurses is ever ready to serve those in need of hospital treatment.

The financial report published herewith shows the amount of work done during the fiscal year, 1919.

Condensed statement of receipts and disbursements of the Ebenezer hospital for the year 1919:

RECEIPTS.			
Cash on hand Jan. 13, 1919	\$ 183.77		
Received from all sources during the year 1919	7896.55		
Total	\$8080.32	\$8080.32	
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Paid for fuel	\$ 741.31		
Wages to nurses and other employees	3150.28		
Household expenses	2446.31		
Permanent improvement	266.23		
Miscellaneous	1438.93		
Cash balance January 14, 1920	37.26		
Total	\$8080.32	\$8080.32	

The total indebtedness of the hospital association on January 14, 1920, consisting of promissory notes for money borrowed was in the aggregate sum of \$3117.75.

Respectfully submitted,
THORWALD BJORNLIIE,
 Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The number of patients remaining at the hospital January 1, 1919, was seven—three surgical and four medical.

Admitted to hospital during the year, 216. Number of nursing days, 2576 of which 135 were free days.

Number of operations, 177; number of surgical patients, 145; number of medical patients, 39; number of obstetrical patients, 29; patients not treated, 3. Of these patients 131 were single, 77 married and 8 widows. Male, 85; female, 131.

Nationalities: Norwegian, 109; German, 43; American, 36; Swedish, 17; Danish, 5; Bohemian, 2; English, 2; Irish, 2.

Religious denominations: Lutheran, 143; Catholic, 23; Episcopal, 5; Congregational, 13; Evangelical, 6; Protestant, 2; Baptist, 2; Methodist, 3; Mission Church, 2; Presbyterian, 7; none, 9.

The patients were from the following states: Minnesota 202; South Dakota, 10; Iowa, 2; Nebraska, 1; Wisconsin, 1.

Ages of patients are as follows: Under 10 years, 26; 10 to 20 years, 72; 20 to 30 years, 49; 30 to 40 years, 33; 40 to 50 years, 17; 50 to 60 years, 9; 60 to 70 years, 6; 70 to 80 years, 4.

There were six deaths during the year: medical, 4; surgical, 2.

Causes of death: Apoplexy, 1; Senility, 1; Intestinal Obstruction, 1; Influenza-pneumonia, 1; Hemorrhage gastric ulcer, 1; Hydrancephalocele, 1.

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