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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator - anl:	Beard, Ruben Alview
Source:	First Congregational Church (Fargo, N.D.)
Title:	Reuben A. Beard's Collection, 1873-1945.
ID:	MS5095
Date [inclusive]:	1873-1945
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (1 case)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Reuben Alview Beard served as a Congregational minister, with the Home Missions, and as president of Fargo College. The collection consists of clippings, brochures, photographs, programs, biographical information, and correspondence.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Reuben Alview Beard was born in Marysville, Ohio on August 30, 1851. Beard's first career was in law. He practiced in Ohio from 1872-1876. He graduated from Oberlin College, Oberlin Seminary in 1879 and ordained Congregational at Brainerd, Minnesota on September 10 of that year. His pastorates included Brainerd, Minn., 1879-1883; First church, Fargo, North Dakota, 1883-1888; Pilgrim church, Nahua, New Hampshire, 1894-1897; Prospect Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1897-1903; and again at Fargo, North Dakota, 1906-1930. He served as pastor emeritus at Fargo from 1930-1940. In 1891 he received honorary degree from Whitman College. Other professional activities included acting as superintendent for the Home Missions in Washington, 1888-1891; President of Fargo College, 1891-1894; eastern representative for the Congregational Home Missions Society from 1903-1906; director of the Red Cross for North Dakota from 1916-1918; and chaplain for the Masonic Grand Lodge of North Dakota, 1931-1941. He married Lucinda E. Barton of Sparta, Ohio in 1870. She died the same

year. Later Beard married Mary Emma Smith of Romeo, Michigan in 1879. Together they had four children: Margeurite, Roy, Ralph, and Hubert. Barton died on July 14, 1941 in Fargo, North Dakota.

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Scope and Contents

Included here are bulletins and programs, a handwritten oration, a scrapbook of news clippings, photographs, a guestbook and remarks from Beard's 60th wedding anniversary, correspondence, loose newspaper clippings, church resolutions passed upon Beard's resignation, and certificates of membership to the Oddfellows. Most of the programs are from Fargo, North Dakota's First Church. One of the letters includes Beard's resignation in 1904 to the Congregational Home Missions Society. That letter had been part of the Small Collections (RG 0160) collection until the new donation arrived. There are two photographs in the collection that are dated 1945, and are presumably members of Beard's family.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in chronological order by the final date.

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Acquisition Information

Gifted to the Congregational Library & Archives in 2002 from Matthew Needle.

Custodial History

Matthew Needle acquired this collection in the course of his work as a rare book dealer. It is unknown where he acquired this collection.

Processing Information

Processed by Jessica Steytler, October 2012, using DACS Second Edition.

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Related Materials

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Collection file in the archives office includes descriptive index that came with the collection. Request access from the archivist.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Clergy -- Correspondence.
- Congregational churches -- North Dakota -- Fargo.
- Congregationalism -- Clergy -- Pictorial works.
- Fargo (N.D.) -- Church history.

- Ministers -- United States
- First Congregational Church (Fargo, N.D.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings, 1884-1930 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1884-1930	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, biographical, writings, events, 1873-1939 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1873-1939	box 1	folder 2
Programs and events, 1912-1939 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1912-1939	box 1	folder 3
Photographs, undated, 1928-1945 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> undated, 1928-1945	box 1	folder 4