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A. Burlington.

A. Burlington, Saturday.

Sunday and Monday - Feb. 9th, 10th & 11th.
 These spent in Burlington Iowa, in company with Rev. J. H. Culler of Newton, Ia. who has been named as a suitable missionary for this growing city. I also spent Sunday Feb. 24th in Burlington, and Bro. Culler Feb. 27th, 28th and 29th. He was joined by Rev. O. C. Miller of Cedar Rapids Ia. Chairman Adv. Board of Iowa Synod. Feb. 29th.

Burlington

These visits only confirmed former convictions, that we should open a mission in Burlington, without any delay, and for the following reasons.

1. It is a growing city - the second in the great state of Iowa, with a population of 24000. largely German and Swedish. Scarcely one half of this population now attend any church.

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2. There is much of what may rightly be called Sutheran Material (though I believe any material outside the Church of Christ is as much Sutheran Material, as is Methodist or Presbyterian or anything else.)

Here are found three (3) German Churches of the United Synod of the West, or Prussian Union with Schools having in them nearly one thousand (1000) English speaking children and young people. By the admission or confession of one of the teachers they can scarcely hold them after they reach the age of fourteen.

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Burlington has also a Swedish Church of seven hundred (700) members, with a very large Sunday School, every member of which understands the English language.

I preached in this Church on the 10th of Feb. to 500 people, and the pastor told me that every one present understood me as well, as they understood the Swedish sermon in the morning. He also told me that the audience was much larger than the ordinary evening audiences when he preaches in Swedish, the young people preferring the English language. In addition to these Churches, there are two (2) German Methodist, one (1) Swedish Methodist, and one (1) German Baptist Churches in Burlington, joining the efforts of other denominations to secure the people rightfully belonging to us. The middle class of people, i.e. noble mechanics and workmen of all kinds, are scarcely reached by the other Churches in Burlington.

3. The Board of Church Extension, with the aid of the Iowa Synod's special effort of one thousand dollars, authorize the purchase of lots at corner of 10th and Ave. St.

I enclose letter on this subject from Secy. Richards, marked A. The lots are held at \$2100.00, of which sum the Iowa Synod promise \$1000. I secured a subscription of \$300. in Burlington, and have partial promise of another \$100. Should I secure this additional \$100, the Board of Church Extension will be asked to invest only \$800. for the lots, though the deed will be made to them in full. Should I not be able to secure the additional \$100.00, in B. the B. C. S. will be asked to pay \$900.00, as \$100.00 of the \$1000.00 promised by the Iowa Synod, was paid upon me, and I want credit for it on my subscription of \$300.00 from Mr. Sauman. I did not buy the lots, as the letter

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of Bro. N. asked me to do, as I wanted the endorsement of our own Board first, and feel that as he was in Ohio, he might have come on to Burlington according to arrangement, and assumed part of the responsibility. I sometimes feel that I am asked to do a good many things that rightfully belong to D. B. C. If Board of Home Missions say "Go ahead and do as Board of Home Missions request" I will buy the lot. I have written Secy D. B. C. my views of the matter, and will write him to-night that Mr. Geo. C. Stumans (one of the owners of the lot) will be in your next week, and that they better close the bargain with him ^{then} there.

4. Mr. J. H. Culler of Newton Ga. the man selected by Adv. Board of Iowa Synod, will be ready to go to Burlington by April 15th. The amt. of appropriation required will be \$1000.00 less the sum which may be raised on the field. I believe \$200.00 can be raised in D. the first year but the Board should allow a salary of \$1000.00 and deduct amt. raised on the field. This salary will scarcely be equal to what Mr. Culler is now getting, but believing it will give them a comfortable living, he is ready to enter upon the work.

5. A Hall can be secured for the cost of fitting up - about \$100.00 - until Jan 1st 1885. This is pretty well located. A good Chapel and well located may also come into market - to be rented. I tried to see the owner - a Mrs. Scott - but she was out of the city. Mann Hall - owned by the city - can probably be secured for temporary services. Work can be commenced at once, therefore. 6. We can organize with light (5) members.

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This is not a large number, but a good beginning. These are the names.

- A. S. Wmlerger. of Lebanon Pa. N.S. Mail Service
- Mrs. A. S. Wmlerger.
- Mr. James M. Heaton. Salesman
- Mrs. James M. Heaton
- Mr. Eugene Nizer. Son of Rev. P. Nizer
- Mrs. Eugene Nizer.
- Miss Heaton.
- Miss Alice M. Heaton

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In addition to these quite a number have promised to attend services, send their children, and contribute. Prominent German Merchants have manifested considerable interest, and the pastors of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, say "the field for the Lutheran Church is great." We must go into it however, not expecting too much - i.e. not looking for an immediate "boom". It will be slow

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work perhaps, but sure. The Missionary must patiently but vigorously work and wait, and success is sure. There may be obstacles on the part of one or two of the German pastors, and opposition from the General Council, but a prudent Missionary will gain advantage from these very things. After my visit to Burlington, in August 1882, an account of which was very impudently - published in the Missy Journal. Elsevier and Crampelitz, Prof. Nelson of Louisiana College immediately spent a Sunday there, tried to alienate the Swedish pastor and people, promised to send an English minister at once &c. &c.

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Up to my visit of Feb. 9th, however, he did nothing, but the Week Following again made promise of English services in the Swedish

Church. They tried to secure Rev. Petre of Philadelphia Pa. (he to preach English and Swedish^{in the} Church of the Swedish congregation) but have failed. They will hinder us if they can, whether they do anything or not.

The Swedish pastor - Rev. Mr. Plander - a noble and goodly man, was very kind to me on the 10th of Feb. - offering his Church &c. &c. So also his consistory and many of his members. On the 27th however, he thought it best not to give the Church &c. &c. He was no doubt, fearful of being "admonished".

He said an "English Lutheran Church is a necessity. I so reported to the General Council Committee and they sent Prof. Weidner here, but the promise made has not been carried out. I have therefore done my part, and must now bid you "God-Speed!"

After the sermon in the German Church of Pastor John Zimmerman on the evening of Feb. 24th, he put himself upon record by commending me as the representative of the Board of the General Synod. He translated the sermon, and said many things which he will be obliged to recall, if he manifests any disposition to oppose the English Mission.

He said a Lutheran Church of the General Council he could not encourage, as their papers continually abuse the "Evangelical Synod of the West".

I presumed the thing to do, therefore is to open a Mission at Burlington Iowa - Rev. J. H. Coulter Missionary - at once, and so announce, as soon as the action is taken. This will settle the question as to the ownership of the English Lutheran Mission at Burlington, Iowa.

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B. Storey
City
Iowa

B. Storey - City, Ia. The Iowa Adv. Com-
-mittee continued to urge the planting of
a mission at this point. I told them
we would at once commission a man
for Storey - City, if they will select and
endorse the man!

C. Knoxville
-ville, Ia.
Iowa

C. Knoxville, Ia. I heartily endorse the
re-appointment of Rev. B. J. Hiles for this
place, as he has certainly done better work
than was ever before done in the Knoxville
mission. With a new House of Worship, of
which there is a prospect, I believe a year
or two more will give us a self-sustaining
Church in that town.

D. Gar-
-field.
Iowa

D. Garfield, or Oxford Junction. Rev. O. C. Miller
Chairman Iowa Adv. Board, "advises" an
appropriation of \$100.00 to this place. He
will, no doubt, give all the facts, figures
and reasons. I have written him suggesting
that it will be better to have the cooperation to
raise the entire amt - \$600.00 - and if at
the end of three or six months it is found
impossible to do so, then for us to raise an
extra \$100.00 alone appropriation, and apply
it at Garfield.

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A. Sel-
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III. Nebraska. A. Selkama.
Settlers from Selkama marked
B. tell of the departure of Mr. Kimmel and
the election of Rev. W. S. Wilhelm to succeed
him. I do not, however, like the request of
\$20.00 additional to appropriation, and think
we better decline it. 1. They abused me at Selka-
-mah, that they would support an acceptable
pastor without aid from the Board. 2. I do

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not believe Bro. Wilhelm needs it. 3. If he must add at Tekamah, and restore appropriation to Oalland, it injures Rev. Mr. Kimmel's record and assurance concerning the mission. Why should we add \$20.00 to salary of Rev. M. S. Wilhelm, when the Conference have already increased his salary \$80.00 above that of their former pastor? I wrote Bro. Wilhelm, Bro. Kimmel and also the Church Council, that I would endorse Rev. M. S. Wilhelm, if he promised to "stick to Tekamah", and that no additional appropriation would be asked."

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B. RED-
CLOUD.

B. Red-Cloud. A letter from Rev. M. S. Wilhelm gives the condition of affairs at Red-Cloud from his stand-point. I presume a visit from the Western Secy. will be the only way to decide what is best to be done with this mission. Letter marked C. B - request to send

C. HASTINGS

C. Hastings. This town continues to grow and our purchase of property there may yet prove a great benefit to the work. German preaching will be commenced in a few weeks, and Bro. Senter of Grand-Island will keep an eye on our English interests.

HASTINGS

D. CRESS-
WELL.

D. Cresswell. York Co. A letter from Rev. D. H. Schuch gives some cheering information concerning the new Church, dedicated at this place Decem. 23rd 1883. Letter marked D.

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SAS.

III. Kansas. The President of the

KANSAAS

Kansas Synod writes: "Many things need your attention in this state. Be sure to see me before going to Ellsworth." I presume he had heard the sad rumors from Ellsworth.

A. Atchison

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One or two good, active Lutherans, with a first class pastor are all that is needed to make a good beginning at Atchison. I am glad to know therefore of the addition of several Lutherans to our little flock at A. from St. Marks of Topeka. Now if we have the right kind of a pastor to lead them, we can revive the mission by April 1st.

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There is no need whatever of any further canvass of that city. What is needed is a missionary pastor of the right stamp. I trust the Lutherans from Topeka will go at once to work and reopen or revive the S. School, stir up the Lutherans on the ground, stand by their colors &c. &c. that soon a prosperous mission may be started. Oh! for a first class pastor for Atchison.

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B. Peabody

B. Peabody has, I believe, entered into correspondence with several ministers. Among them Mr. Alex. McLaughlin late of Three Rivers Michigan. I have not heard the result.

C. Topelka

C. Topelka. The Board of Church Extension help this mission to a loan of \$5000.00 and ask me to "see to it" that they build "the right kind of a church". I will gladly urge "the right kind of a church", but for the B. C. P. to "see to it" that their plans are all right, and not allow them to build at all, until they see and approve the plans. See letter A.

TOPEKA

D. Emporia

EMPORIA.

D. Emporia. A letter from Rev. Bro. Sparr, bearing date Feb. 6th, says they expected to hold a consultation at his house Feb. 11th, concerning lots, salary &c. &c. I wrote them a letter, to be read at that meeting, giving all the cheer and all the encouragement I could. No later word has reached me. The Reformed Church can be had for services once a Sunday, from April 1st.

E. ELLS-
WORTH.

Bunker-Hill

HAYS-CITY.

E. Ellsworth, Bunker-Hill, Hays City. The news from Ellsworth is indeed ickening. I hope to reach there for Sunday, March 30th and if possible, get at all the facts in the case, both as to the condition of the Mission, and the serious charges against the pastor. Will also visit Bunker-Hill and Hays-City, holding services at each place, and also a consultation with the Church-Council. I can, no doubt, get report to Board for April Meeting, or at least a letter giving results of visit.

F. MAR-
QUETTE

KANSAS.

MARQUETTE

F. Marquette, McPherson Co. This is the home and pastorate of Rev. Maurice Stolpe, one of our most promising young Swedish pastors. At the urgent solicitation of the pastor, and the urging of the President of the Kansas-Synod, I will, (D.V.) spend Sunday - March 28th - at Marquette, assist in the dedication of the new church and have a consultation with Rev. Stolpe concerning our Swedish interests. Marquette is on my way to Ellsworth &c.

G. Minne-
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Kansas.

G. Minneapolis, Kansas. Now has again

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been commenced at this place. the town having taken a fresh start. Mr. W. C. Seidel has commenced preaching, and is urging the matter of church-building. He is not much of a success in the estimation of his Kansas brethren, but will answer for a beginning, especially as no aid is asked from the Board. I have promised to try to look in on Minneapolis, on my way to Ellsworth.

IV. DENVER.

IV. Colorado. A. Denver.

A card from Dr. Neiser, marked E. speaks for itself. The same facts were told me on Sunday last, by a Denver Lutheran, who is visiting Des Moines, only that she added: "Several Lutherans from the East were received, by letter, into Dr. Hays' Presbyterian Church, the Sabbath before I left home. I trust they have gone in there only temporarily. We must get a good man for Denver, if a larger appropriation is required. I wonder whether Rev. J. Ouellet would be strong enough to undertake the work, or whether Peter of Polo, Ill. would answer?" I would run out there from Hays City, if I thought it of any use, in the way of cheering our little flock, or urging them to "hold on". Denver is only 350 miles from Hays City. What think the Board?

V. MINNESOTA.
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DULUTH.

V. Minnesota. A. Duluth. As yet, I have had no answers to my several letters concerning this city. I wrote again two weeks ago, but have had no response. I hear somebody has been there, and disparaged the fund synd. I quote the following from an article on "Duluth, Minn." from the

DULUTH.

Church news Column of Dr. Pappasants' "Workman". "These are a number of English Lutherans from the East who have made Duluth their home, and with the abundant Scandinavian and German material in the city, not gathered into churches, it is believed that a fine opening exists for the establishment of an English Lutheran Church. Oh, for men and means to enter in and occupy this important outpost of the Great North-west!" This means that "somebody" has been to Duluth, and perhaps held our people off from answering my letters.

DULUTH MINN.

Cannot he lay hands on some good man, and send him to Duluth to begin operations? "Easier said than done", I know, but Oh! I am so anxious to plant some good men in the Great North-west. On my return from Kansas, I will try to take what is left of me, and visit Duluth & other points in the Great North-west!

DULUTH MINN.

VI Michigan

VII. Michigan. A Grand Rapids. As yet I have not heard from Rev. Father Keil, who sometime ago wrote in the Observer or Evangelist concerning this city, and his sons removal to it. I know we have a number of Lutherans in Grand Rapids, and can begin a mission if we can secure the right man.

Grand Rapids.

B. THREE RIVERS.

B. Three Rivers. Bro. McLaughlin replies to my letter, that he has written fully to the Board. Will he continue that mission? Rev. A. A. Whitehill of Peabody, Ms. would like to go there or to some other vacant point.

VII. South. VIII. Kentucky. A. Louisville.

Louisville.

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LOUISVILLE

The Lord willing, I will be in Louisville on the 12th, 13th & 14th of March, in attendance upon the meeting of the Programme Committee of the Fourth International Sunday School Convention. As a representative of our Church. This position has in many ways given me advantages for our own work. A friendships formed with business men of prominence throughout the country. And as I want good representatives of the Lutheran Church on the Programme for the great Convention in June, I will attend this meeting, but, at the same time also, look especially after our own work in Louisville. I know the Third Sunday School is ready for a pastor - indeed here about to plead for Detweiler's return to S. and take charge of it. Can he promise them anything in the near future? I regard the Field as most promising.

VIII. TENN

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VIII. Tennessee. A. Nashville.

I enclosed a letter from Rev. H. Zieck of Duluth, in response to my letter asking his consideration of Nashville. I cannot answer his questions - especially cannot answer them all favorably. He is a good man, highly commended by Dr. Stork, but seems a little too particular. I fear for our work. How strange it seems that some men expect to find a paradise in the Church or charge to which they deem themselves adapted. Bro. Z's letter disappoints me, as my interview with him had led me to expect a different kind of reply. Have we not a good man at the seminary who can use both languages? I might spend

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Sunday, March 16th at Nashville, if there could be anything accomplished by it. What they want is a man, not merely a visit. What of Mr. Cup of Chicago? Has there been any correspondence with him? Letter F.

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Rockford.

Ill. A. Rockford.

I enclose the latest from Pastor Anderson of Rockford Ills, and scarcely know what comment to make upon the situation.

In the letter of the 18th of Feb, everything seems cheering and bright to the pastor. In the letter of Feb, 22nd, all is changed.

I cannot agree with Bro. Anderson as to some of the men he calls "unbelievers" &c. &c, and fear he is not prudent. What to advise I know not. If he could make Bro. Anderson comfortable elsewhere, and find a good man for Rockford, I would advise a change of pastor. The fact is Bro. A. has always and everywhere had some trouble or misunderstanding. Generally, I feel he was "in the right", but had a way of putting and preparing men the right.

Rockford

The letter of the 27th greatly interests me, and though it has no direct bearing on Home Missions, it has a mighty bearing for the future. We must have men for the Swedish and Norwegian work, if we propose to do our part of the English work among these excellent people who are filling the North-west in great multitudes. Would that he could find ten (10) men to insure \$1000.00 per year for five (5) years, that we might recover this property. The careful and prayerful consideration of the Rockford situation by the Board, may develop a remedy for the

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trouble, which may our Heavenly Father grant.
The letters of Pastor Andersson are marked
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B. Chicago

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B. Chicago. - St. Marks. Report says
that Pastor Sereningshaus is using David
L. Cook's uncertain and unreliable, and
at times heterodox publications in his Sun-
day School. This is contrary to the wish
of the Board, and contrary to good Lutheran
sense. Bro. S. ought to be gently reminded of
the views of the Board on this subject.

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A. SAN-
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X. California. A. San Francisco.

I very much dislike to differ with
the Board, but I cannot help doubting the
wisdom of consulting the Mission Com-
mittee of the General Council, concerning
our entering the great city of San Francisco.

A letter recently received from Mr
John Orending, 40 Clay St. San. Fr. says
"On the basis of the Genl Council, there can
be no success here". The Council Committee
may say: "we intend to go on or so", and mean
two or three or five years hence. I may
be wrong in my view of the matter, but I
remember well how they did not consult
our Board about either Cleveland or Toledo.

Just as soon as Dr Snowden left Cleveland,
Dr. Pajavant was on the ground with
promises of man and money. Would God,
he were a United Church in the great work
laid to our charge, but as he are not, we
must look well to building our part of
the wall. I trust the answer of the Council
Committee may be such as to enable
us to occupy San Francisco at once.

XI. MEN.

A. Rev. J. R. Shoffner.

XII. Men. A. Rev. J. R. Shoffner of
Sensibury Pa. Letter marked H. He
might answer for Newton, Iowa, if Bro.
Culler goes to Burlington.

B. Rev. J. J. DeLo of Centre Sunnyside N.Y.

is very anxious to come West. I have
suggested his name to Sipton, Iowa. He
might suit West Point, Nebraska.

C. Rev. R. B. Whitehill

Pealody Ms. is from a
desperate. Letter marked I. Poor fellow,
he is slipping the reins of "trimming back" and
going into secular pursuits, and becoming
somewhat "sharp". I have sent his name
to several places, and will write to three others.

D. Rev. S. L. Sieber

of Polo, Ills. might
perhaps be induced to take a prominent
mission. I received a letter from him
July, 1855, and in reply asked him if he
is ready to come farther West. His reply
of July, 25th, looks as though he might take
one of our city missions. He has, I believe,
always been a success. Letter marked J,
which please return to me.

E. Rev. Aurand

for Nashville, Tenn! I fear
his German will not answer, and that he
has not sufficient culture for the English
part of the work. He letter go to "Monie"
Nashville needs a man like Peschan with a
little less conceit.

F. Rev. Wittig

of the Seminary at G. can
no doubt be used in some Nebraska mis-
sion by the time he has finished his studies.
If West-Point can be earlier supplied, he letter
not wait until June.

G. Rev. A. Martinis

late of Hastings Neb.
has gone to the Congregationalists, who seem
to be able to use almost any kind of men.

Rev. A. Martin.
"Depart in Peace!"

His departure is no loss to us, and no gain to them. I feared his family was suffering in the bitter weather we have had, and wrote to find out, desiring to have them helped, if necessary. I reply I am informed he is preaching for the Congregationalists. It is a good thing that some denominations can use men who are of no earthly use to the Lutheran Church of the General Synod.

XIII. Miscellaneous.
A. VISITS TO CHURCHES OF ANIGARI SYNOD WITH Rev. E. ANDERSON.

XIII. Miscellaneous. A. Visits to the Churches of the Anigari Swedish Synod, in company with Rev. E. Anderson.

There can be no question as to the value of such a tour of visitation, provided Bro. Anderson is the man to accompany one of the Secretaries. I know not just how he stands with these Anigari pastors, but if he is in favor with them, there would be good results from the trip. On what terms does Bro. A. propose to go to these churches? He will, no doubt, expect his salary to go on and his expenses to be paid. If that Synod could be repaired, and Anigari College reopened under our auspices, and the Publication Board give us a Swedish Paper, it would be a grand movement - a great step forward. This entire Scandinavian question is worth the most serious consideration of the Boards of Home Missions and Church-Extension.

~~ANIGARI Synod.~~

B. PETITION OF ROCKFORD CHURCH COUNCIL.

B. The Petition of the Rockford Church Council.

I am hardly prepared to vote "I" on this. If I was certain it would settle the trouble, I would say, adopt it at once, but I am not. In the light of my report of visit to the Board can, no doubt, decide what is best.

C. Libr.
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S. Schools.

C. Libraries for Mission S. Schools.

The S. School of Rev. S. S. Sipe, at Dixon, Ills. offers to divide their library into three (3) parts and send to three (3) of our Missions, on condition of payment of postage by the Missions. Letter marked K, which please return to me. Any suggestions?

D. Publication
House.

D. Publication House does nobly by us!

E. S. School
Collections
and
Missions.

E. The Sunday School Collections here certainly encouraging. If the 950 remaining schools had responded, what a report could have been made and good one. Yes, "Kansas City No. 2" for the Sunday School Mission!!

F. Going
and Doing
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F. Going and Doing of Western Secy.

I rejoice to report that by the goodness of God, notwithstanding the severe winter, and, for a time, an alarming condition of health, no time whatever has been lost from the work. Since meeting with the Board in December, I have been home but two (2) Sundays. All the others having been occupied for Home Mission work, directly or indirectly. Omaha, it is true, has occupied much of the time and attention, and given me great anxiety. On the proper supplying of Omaha will depend much of our future in Nebraska.

It is the most important city to us west of Chicago. January 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3 & 17 were given to Omaha. Feb. 10th and 24th to Burlington Ia. March 2nd to Omaha. Next Sunday - March 9th - I expect to give to my own family, previous to the long

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trip to Ellsworth, Bangs-city, etc.

On the 15th of Feb. Mr. Augustus Countze of N. York, telegraphed me to meet him in Omaha, concerning our work there.

After an hour's talk with him, he agreed that I might not leave the present position, and promised to give me all the influence and help he can command.

He was not, however, quite ready to assume the giving of the Denver lots, as he wanted his brothers to give their share and thus be interested in the work.

He gives the Omaha Church and parsonage \$20,000.00, or one half the entire cost. I expect yet greater things, if God spare his life. He is a noble man, and seems intensely interested in our Lutheran Home Mission work. He says "Western

Head-Quarters must be at Omaha, and that a suitable house must be built or bought and presented to Board of Home Missions, as a residence for Western Secy, no matter who he may be." The Bros. Charles of Denver, Luther of New-York, and Herman of Omaha, put in the Organ - \$2500.00 to \$3000.00, and two windows (one to memory of Dr. Stebbins) costing \$500.00 each. Of course the visits to O. have been without any expense to the Board.

Correspondence has also been attended to, working parts of each day myself, and at other times dictating letters or answers to letters. Thus no time has been lost.

Q. Personal - Appreciation - Gratitude!

The Board of Home Missions may be assured of heartfelt appreciation of expressions of sympathy, and gratitude

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for them. "A word fitly spoken, how good it is." Letters of most tender sympathy, and "Admonition", have been coming from all parts, and from many brethren, but especially from our own Missions in the West.

PERSONAL

The "Admonition" of the Board to "go slow" is also appreciated, but very difficult to heed. With ten times as much to be done, as a man can do when he "goes fast", with "things to watch" at every turn, with thousands of our own "household of faith" as sheep without shepherds, it is very, very difficult to "go slow"; and yet feel that all is being done that can be done. It is a comfort, however, to know that the Board feels that all is being done that can be done, and they are not obliged to urge greater energy or sacrifice.

GRATITUDE

It is a great comfort and joy to me to have the confidence and approbation of those placed over me in the Lord.

PERSONAL

If ^{it had seemed} at all possible, I would have been glad to have rested during the bitter weather of January and Feb., but it did not seem possible. Some days I am encouraged to believe I am growing strong, and will soon be well as ever, but the next day, perhaps I am flat, with pulse down to 52, 54 or 60.

TRIP

By "going moderately", I hope the trip to Plattsburgh, N.Y., will be beneficial rather than injurious, though I really dread it, as I start "not knowing what shall befall me" in the way of beds or meals, blizzards or "Eastern" cyclones.

With love to all. Saml. B. Barnitz
Des Moines Ia. March 5th 1884. Western Secy.