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I reached Denver Thursday morning April 24th, and immediately arranged to hold services the following Sunday - April 27th - informing all Lutherans whose names were on my list, by postal card.

The morning services were held in connection with the congregation of the California St. M. E. Church, where Dr. Weiser and family worship, & the evening service at Swedish Augustana Church.

At the morning service, the following persons - ready to go into an organization, responded.

1. Rev. Dr. R. Weiser, Suth. Minister, but soon to enter rest.

2. Mrs. R. Weiser

3. A. B. Middleswarth, Commission Merchant, a jolly man, good worker, but not much of this world's goods.

4. Mrs. A. B. Middleswarth and three children.

5. Mr. G. J. Sheets, Builder and Contractor.

6. Mrs. G. J. Sheets, Has money, but loses it & holds it.

7. Miss G. S. Oakland, Seamstress, formerly of the Paparant Hospital, Chicago.

8. Mr. Geo. E. Brigler, Poor, but rich in faith and good works. Has been a great help to the Methodists, but longs for his own Church home. He is a brother to Rev. A. Brigler, now deceased.

9. Mrs. Geo. E. Brigler - Three children.

10. Mrs. ~~Anna~~ ^{Anna}, Daughter of Rev. Dr. Weiser.

11. The Johnson family - Anglicized Norwegians.

12. Mrs. ~~Bentzelman~~ ^{Bentzelman}, German, Waverly St.

13. Mrs. ~~Bentzelman~~ ^{Bentzelman}, " California St.

14. Mr. Jim Tyson, Printer, formerly of Kansas City.

Mr. Tyson tells well, but I do not know how deep or reliable his talk may be.

15. Mr. William Prackmirel, German, as name denotes.

He is a Book-keeper, and impressed me very favorably. Seems deeply interested where an

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English Sutheran Church in Denver.

In addition to these names, I have those of

Mrs. Levis Oppich, of Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Aicher, German, and

Mr. Mark Sucklenbach, brother of Rev. W. H. Sucklenbach.

Have not been able to see any of these people as yet. I have also found

Mrs. Copenhagen (All of Suth. Ch. Winchester

Mrs. Copenhagen (10 yrs. ago, and now

Mrs. Copenhagen Davis, members of South. U. S. Ch.

FRIENDS

BUT

NOT

MEMBERS.

Whether these will leave the U. S. Church

South, and come in with us, I cannot say, but think it doubtful. They will, however, encourage and cheer a good Sutheran pastor.

They called at my "kitchen room" yesterday, and manifested considerable interest, showing the spirit of hospitality so common in the Valley of Virginia.

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The Evening Service was crowded from altar to Church Door - the audience being estimated at 500. It was with two or three exceptions a Sutheran audience. All of the Americans present

at the Morning Service, were in attendance, and the remainder - at least 400 - were young Swedes.

EVENING

SERVICE

I will, by request of Pastor Kallstrom and his Church Council preach there again on next Sunday night. Sunday afternoon - April 27th -

I visited the First Baptist, First Presbyterian and R. Road Mission Sunday Schools. The

R. R. Mission has no church to sustain it or be sustained by it, and yet, is the only genuinely alive S. School in Denver. It seems to me the

S. Schools.

right kind of a Missianary, might have, in a few years, a Sutheran S. School of this size - a constant feeder to an English Sutheran

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Church. This is also the opinion of Rev. Geo. P.

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Hayes D.D. of the Central Pres. Church. He has acted the whole man with reference to our work here, says there is an immense field to cultivate, and any evangelical preacher of earnestness and good sense will be welcomed, and will succeed.

SERVICES

Thus much for the visit and observation of your (4) days. What the remaining there (12) days may develop, I cannot now report. Next Sunday morning I will likely preach at the 21st St. Presbyterian Church, and in the evening at the Swedish Church, giving also Friday evening of this week, and Sunday afternoon to the Young People's meeting and Sunday School of the Swedish Church. On the eleventh of May, I will use the Central Presbyterian Church - the largest in Denver - both morning and evening. There will be no excuse for any Sutheran in Denver pleading ignorance of the presence or preaching of a Sutheran minister.

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Denver has now 65000 population. It is put down at 70000, but can be safely estimated at 65000. It has for these 65000 people forty seven (47) churches, as follows:

Baptist	6	English	1	Swedish	
Methodist	8	"	1	"	1 German.
Cong	5	"			
Prot. Epis	4	"			
Sutheran			1	"	1 "
Presbyterian	6	"			
Romish	6	"			
Jens	2	"			
Campbellite	1	"			
United Breth ⁿ	2	"			One Pastor for both.
Reformed	1				
Unitarian	1				

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Notwithstanding these facts, the man who comes to Denver must be made clearly to understand that he is not coming to a "Bed of Roses". To build up a Lutheran Church in Denver means earnest work and a great deal of it. It cannot be rapid work, though this is a "fast" city. It will be slow, and therefore require patience. In response to earnest and faithful and patient and consecrated toil honor, victory and peace are sure.

DENVERPULPIT

The Denver pulpit is a very strong one in the five principal churches, but outside of these five central churches it is not strong. Set the "coming man" down all about it, and especially its dark side.

His wife too must consider the matter well. They will have but little "society" in our own small cong. at first, and must to an extent be content to sacrifice society.

In time, however, they will be warmly received by all the Christians of Denver.

As a partial compensation for these sacrifices, however, they will live in one of the most beautiful and healthy cities of America, with the choicest of schools, lectures, concert, markets &c. &c.

In comparison to Wheeling, W. Va., - where 22 years ago I commenced work - Denver as a city, Lutheran Ch. prospect, material, everything is a paradise. Still, let it be understood, that the man who comes to Denver to build up an English Lutheran Church, must have faith, patience, piety, perseverance and stick-to-it-iveness.

THE CITYDENVERTHE MAN.

Now, as to the man. Oliver Miller would have, under God, been the man, and would have succeeded. He has, in my opinion, made

a mistake, but that does not now help us.

Rev. D. H. Harpster, did well at Hays City, but was considered pretty road-gauge, in some of his theological views, by such men as McFee of Topeka and Kippell of Salina. Prof. Henry Jacob's sister, Harpster's present wife, may have improved his theology some, since their marriage. She is a grand, good girl, as you remember, and not unstable. Is she willing to come to Denver? If the Board decide on Harpster, he must be sworn to remain in Denver, subject to the order of the Board, whether it be six months or twenty years.

Rev. P. A. Heilmann of Soell-Haren, is a first rate man, and has brought Soell-Haren to success. He has a w. l. wife too - one of the best girls in the Wheeling Mission. They would like to go to San Francisco. I have never heard him preach, but know he is a true man. You can find out about his preaching.

Rev. E. H. Seiseming. Hardly strong enough as to ability.

Rev. S. S. Seiler. I think he has sufficient capacity, but probably not enough pluck. I like him, and know he has a nice family.

Rev. E. W. Stoll. I do not know him, but he has been highly spoken of for Omaha or Kansas City. He is said to be an able preacher, has a good wife and three or four children. I think he would do. Fottell regards him as superior to Manhardt.

Rev. E. Stabler. He will do, from all I can learn, unless too innocent of the ways of the world. Denver has many sharpers, and the Lord and his angels are terribly busy and in earnest. I would rather see

Rev. Bauslin of Piquette Ohio, come to

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Denver, than any of the brethren mentioned. He is quite a success, and I think, the rising man in our church in Ohio. He cannot however wait for too much correspondence or consultation. If he can lay hold of a good man, before I leave Denver, it will be a great step forward.

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III. Kansas. A. Ottawa.

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A. OTTAWA.

I enclose a letter from Ottawa, Ks. which speaks for itself. Ottawa is a good town and growing. It has a good deal of material which properly should come in to our church. It has also Lutherans in the country round about to draw from.

OTTAWA.

I will send them an application, and meanwhile you might write them a letter, and together we might try to find them a man. Letter marked A.

B. EMPORIA - KANSAS.

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I am not clear as to Jimmie Hartman being strong enough preacher for Emporia. The Emporia pulpit is one of the strongest in the state of Kansas - much more so than that of Sapulpa or Atchison. Emporia now becomes a college town also - the Presbyterians beginning a college in good earnest.

EMPO-
RIA,
KANSAS.

Jimmie ought to visit Emporia and see for himself, before he decides. Can he afford a trip to Kansas? He is a noble young man, and if he thinks, in looking at the field, that he can manage and make it his, I will also, most heartily endorse him.

C. Steh-
son.

C. Stehison. Rev. A. Bell of Indiana Pa. writes me that several families from his charge have moved to Effingham - near Stehison Hs. and that others are likely to follow. I will try to hold these people from ^{going to} other churches by promising a missionary for Stehison at an early day. Here is the right kind of a young man at Gettysburg for this field!

D. Morill

D. Morill. I do not believe Morill can be supplied from the neighboring parishes. Every pastor has more to do now than he can do thoroughly. We want a man at Morill to develop some of the neighboring points.

E. HAYS
CITY

E. Hays-city. I cannot say any more of this place than in my report for April. A young man willing to endure, especially if he can use a little German can build up the church and himself in Hays City.

F. Ells-
worth.

F. Ellsworth and adjacent parts. I am in favor of continuing Ellsworth, and believe there is hope and future for it, if we can send a man who can use German - has ordinary ability and good sense with piety.

G. Saus-
sance.

G. Sausance. A new church bell will soon ring out pleasant invitation to the people of Sausance. Bro. Mouser is proving himself a wise builder.

H. TOPEKA.

H. Topeka. New location for new church-building magnificent. Plans for building beautiful and sensible. Ground will be broken May 1st and building completed in October in time for meeting of Gen. Lutheran Synod of Kansas.

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III. Nebraska. A. West Point.

-Neb. A. WEST POINT.

I believe it will pay us to put a good man to West Point, even at \$400. the first year. No doubt in my mind that a church can be built up here by the right kind of a man. He ought to use the German in preaching, as well as the English. I would send a man, if even he could use no German at all!

B. HASTINGS.

B. Hastings. It will not, in my judgment pay to put a man at Hastings for his whole time. Rev. Rosenstengel has accepted a call to the German church at Grand Island, and I think Hastings can be supplied from there by Rosenstengel and Senler. If I mistake not a German pastor of the Nebraska Synod is now preaching occasionally at Hastings. It might be well for you to write to Senler and Rosenstengel about this arrangement.

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C. RED-CLAUD.

C. Red-Clau could be joined with Hastings in case the Hardy union should not succeed. I have no word from Red-Clau since last report, and my long visit to Denver will prevent my there on my way East.

D. German Conference Nebraska Synod.

D. German Conference of Nebraska Synod had a most interesting and harmonious meeting at St. Joseph Mo. April 17-21. These brethren are doing a noble work & we are holding them well. I should not be surprised if Nebraska Synod would number 45 ministers by the next convention. There are indeed some Germans with good sense. We ought to dedicate six or seven new Church-Buildings in Nebraska before the close of 1884.

IV
IOWA.

IV. Iowa. A. Storey City. Am glad you advise Anderson to visit these points. He might to do so. He is a Dane and can succeed better with Norwegians than Swedes.

A. Storey
City, Ia.

He ought to develop a good charge and a number of points in that County. A letter from Anderson says he will visit the field at once. Indeed I hope he will and get settled somewhere. His letters to me are becoming like those of Bro. Schuur of Neb. to the Secy. Poor fellow (I mean Anderson) for some season or other does seem to have had a hard time.

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V. Indiana. A. Sofansport.

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A. Sofans-
-port.

Rev. A. J. Purcell writes that he "has a good call to a church in Ohio" and wants to know about Sofansport. I wrote him promptly that he was to go to Sofansport under Board of Home Missions, and not to "a church in Ohio".

Bro. Shaffer of Evangelist also writes concerning Purcell, says he will be the man for S. and urges that he hold on to him & let him at S. at once. "The Miss. business requires haste".

B. Rich-
-mond.

B. Richmond. Am glad to learn, from the Secy, that work is to be commenced in the English language at once in this growing and important city. Indiana needs some good ministers at Sutheran reinforcements.

VII
TENN,
NASHVILLE

VII. Tenn. A. Nashville. Am glad to learn that Rev. Oran is likely to consider Nashville favorable. I think \$1000.00 salary, with perquisites will keep him nicely in N.

B. CHAT-
-TANOOGA.

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B. Chattanooga. I regard this as a most important point - a large manufacturing city and growing R.R. center. I was greatly pleased with Rev. C. Seib at Synod of Middle Tenn, but beyond meeting him there, and the strong testimony of all who know him in the synod, I know nothing. I might, if it be deemed wise, visit Chattanooga after June 13th, going from Louisville where, D.V., I expect to spend June 8th to 14th, in the interests of Mr. Lutheran S.S. Work, and such work as I may be able to do in Second and Third Missions. We can speak of this when we meet in May.

VIII.
MICHIGAN
A. THREE
RIVERS

VIII. Michigan. A. Three Rivers.

No word has come to me from Three Rivers, neither from Rev. R. B. Whitehill. I trust they will write directly to Secy, in time for meeting, May 8th.

VIII. Cal.
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A. SAN-
-FRANCISCO.

VIII. California. A. San Francisco.

I have no further word from this important city, but do most earnestly hope, we can plant a Mission in it, before the meeting of the next General Synod. If only there was time, and I could get a new installment of strength, I would, D.V., & the Board approving go over and spend a few days. Push San Francisco!!

IX. MINN
AND
DAKOTA.

IX. Minn. & Dakota. I enclose a letter from Rev. H. P. Hansen of Warren Minn. marked N, which speaks for itself. I do not know what to write to him. Will go to see him, if it is thought wise, so soon as I can get it in.

X. MEN.

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B. Head

X. Men. A. Rev. D. P. Groscup.

My objection to Rev. G. as a Missian is his record, and his lack of common sense. So far up his history in connection with Missions at Knoxville and Iowa City and "Judge". He is of good character and means well, and of Board desire to put him in a Mission, I have no objection - having stated my opinion.

His father-in-law - Rev. Mr. Schaeffer of Mills Co. Iowa, told me that on one occasion, when his family was in great need, he gave Mrs. G. \$50.00, urging her to use it for clothing for herself and the children. Mr. Groscup found out she had it and begged her for it, that he might go to Chicago to hear Moody, and learn to be an evangelist, just like him. He went to Chicago, the wife and children went without clothing, and the Lutheran Church still goes without an evangelist "just like Moody". He may have improved since that time. Amner.

REV. D. P. G. ROSSCUP

XI. Miscellane-

A. Letter from Rev. J. N. Senter

XI. Miscellaneous. A. Letter from Rev. J. N. Senter. This letter contains "good news" as it shows work being done all along the Nebraska line. Letter marked N. Senter is "a warrior" as well as Anderson.

B. ANSPARI COLLEGE

B. Letter of Gustav Peterson concerning Anspari College. Letter marked O.

C. Letter from Rev. Frank S. Braun

C. Letter of Rev. Frank S. Braun. Letter marked P. This individual wrote me a rather "saucey" letter about Home Mission work, and I concluded best to "settle him". He has "come down" beautifully. He wanted

