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According to instructions from the President, I visited North Platte, Neb., & spent July 26th & 27th with Rev. Charles Anderson, and our people there.

The Mission is one of great promise, and with prudent management will be one of the most prosperous in Nebraska, and soon reach self-support. There was no difficulty whatever in having them elect a pastor, and no objection to Rev. C. Anderson.

They have felt that the first and great thing needed is the church-building, but convinced otherwise, they enter heartily into the work. They will raise at least \$300.00 towards the support of a pastor, & other points in the charge to be formed, will raise at least \$200.00. I suggest the appropriation of \$400.00 to "North Platte Mission" with Rev. Charles Anderson as Missionary - Commission to date from July 1st 1884.

We had a delightful Communion service, and ten (10) additions to the church - a pleasant and harmonious congregational meeting, and altogether "a good day".

I talked very plainly to Rev. Anderson, and told him of some of his mistakes, and warned him to prudence.

A great deal of "fear as to result" be at congregational meeting, existed only in his fertile imagination.

It was decided to sell the lots at once, and go forward with the building of a handsome and suitable church provided a fair

value can be secured for them.

I exhorted Bro. Anderson to keep free from everything but his study and ministerial work and to know when to keep quiet and what not to say. He has been talking a little in medicine, and sometimes gives advice and suggestions which annoy people or prejudice them. He certainly has a magnificent field, and if he will only preach the word and administer the sacraments according to the Augsburg Confession, he will accomplish a splendid work.

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B. GRAND
ISLAND.

B. Grand-Island.

Rev. Bro. N. Senler-pastor at Grand-Island, having appointed a meeting in that town for Monday night - July 28th. I left North Platte at half past four Monday A.M. and spent that day up to midnight in work at that important point. It was decided at the meeting Monday night to "arise and build". A Building Committee was appointed. \$3500.00 loaned on their business lots, and a Soliciting Committee authorized to canvass the town. The hope is to secure \$2500.00 additional, and thus build the best and handsomest church in all that section of Nebraska.

C. KEARNEY.

C. Kearney. The Corner-stone for the new church was laid on the 20th of July, in the presence of over 500 people, and a deep interest in the work was manifest. The mission "goes right along" strengthened by the trials through which it has passed.

D. WAYNE.

D. Wayne. Left Grand Island at One o'clock Tuesday morning - July 29. for the purpose of having a short stop at Omaha en-route home - to attend to a few synodical and business matters. Calling at Dr. Sessing's office, he said: "I was just about to write you and send you this letter from my son at Wayne". He gave me the letter which I enclose. Marked A.

WAYNE

I presume he must tolerate Bro. S. and keep on "stirring him up". He owns a farm, but has promised to rent it out. He ought to move to town & give his entire time to the Mission.

E. LIN-
COLN.

E. Lincoln. Having met Prof. Easterday of our Church at Lincoln, and being fatigued beyond further endurance, I did not visit Lincoln during this trip to Nebraska. Prof. Easterday says a change of missionary is absolutely essential to success, and confirms all the statements of Bro. Ernst. Could not the name of Bro. Chapman be mentioned to some of the many vacant churches in the East. He has ability but is neither a born nor educated missionary.

F. HARDY
AND
RED
CLOUD.

F. Hardy and Red Cloud. Have written the Hardy people, suggesting an invitation to Rev. J. W. B. Cast. Have not yet heard from them. Bro. Cast desires to settle somewhere in Nebraska, and would, I believe, suit the Hardy field.

Gt. WEST-
POINT
OAKLAND.

G. West Point & Oakland.

I scarcely know what to say concern-
 ing these points - a union of them, or the
 work of Rev. G. I presume but little can
 be done before the meeting of the Synod
 of Nebraska, Sept. 2, 1884. This is not very
 far off now, and we can perhaps, by bring-
 ing Past. Schurr, Pastor G, and the lay
 delegates together, get the matter amicably
 arranged. I do not like some of Gearhart's
 movements. He was very anxious to be called
 to North Platte, having bought 160 acres of land
 in that neighborhood, and an additional
 160 acres for his brother. A sort of an ar-
 rangement to "hitch the O and A together".
 You see. He urged his claims at North Platte,
 & made an impression because he is an "old
 fellow", and worked upon that chord with some
 of our Secret Society members there.
 From Past. Schurr's letter - or a clause at
 the end of it, I infer that he is also in the
 "organ business". Unless there are other
 developments, the whole matter better rest
 until the meeting of Synod.

OAKLAND.
WEST
POINT.

III. KAN-
-SAS.
A. LAW
-RENCE.

III. Kansas. A. Lawrence.

The letter enclosed, marked B, as
 well as the one to the Secy, greatly surprised
 me. Bro. Mauser has done a good work
 at Lawrence and I cannot understand
 this sudden "irruption". I have written a
 member of the Church Council asking for
 all the facts in the case, and hope to get
 them in time for meeting - Aug. 14. It may
 be some mean and contemptible movement
 to have old Father Frimber preach "cheaper"
 for them. Bro. Mauser did more for

LAWRENCE

that Church in one year, than Father
Frimper had done in four or five.

The present trouble, I have no doubt,
flows out of the deficiency in the ministry
of Father Frimper. I do not know what to
do with Sausence. It is too important a
town to "let go", and yet it has in its em-
igration some very mean people - people
who deserve no help at all.

For the present he can only await de-
velopments.

LAWRENCE.

B. BUN-
KER-HILL

B. Bunker-Hill. I have no word from
our people at this point, neither from
my pastor desiring to serve them. Mauser
would answer, if he is willing to go.

C. HAYS
CITY.

C. Hays City. No report as to
what they are doing, or desiring to do.

D. ATCHI-
-SON.

D. Atchison. I think Atchison is rea-
-dy for "the right man, and if in the judg-
-ment of the Board, Rev. Owen is the right
man, work might be commenced in September.
Have the members of St. Marks, Pa. now
in Atchison, written recently, of their wishes?
A good deal will depend upon them.

E. GREEN-
-LEAF.

E. Greenleaf. Reports from Green-
-leaf and adjacent parts as to prospects
are most excellent, but not so good
as to the proper working of the field by
"Father Schauer." He has lost opportu-
-nities and allowed the Baptists to get
control of the S. School. Our periodicals
are not used, and though we had the first
and only church in the town, the Bap-

ists seem to have as much use of our building as has our own congregation.

A letter just received from the Missionary says: "I would prefer to have some one else to relieve me here. I think a change would be for the better, all things considered. I could go elsewhere, the Lord directing."

Thus he writes, but does not resign. I would suggest that his reports be very closely watched as to the statements concerning the Sunday School, and that he be kindly but earnestly exhorted to Sutheran Church order. He has had a "Woman Evangelist" conducting services &c. &c. &c. &c.

It is a fearful journey down there and I do not feel that I can take it this month.

Our work in Kansas is not doing nearly so well as in Nebraska.

It is true, we have not so much Sutheran material in that state as in Nebraska, yet we ought to be doing more than we are because of the great future before our "bleeding Kansas". The state is having most wonderful harvests, and will have a regular boom of immigration the coming Autumn. If only we could get some good men to go into Kansas - occupy our vacancies and new points, and thus give a fresh impetus to our work. Am glad to learn of cheering reports from Luponia.

III. Colorado. A. Denver.

On my way from North-Platte, I called to see Mr. Hermann Kountze at Omaha, concerning lots at Denver.

GREENLEAF

KANSAS

III COL

-ORADO.

A. DENVER.

DENVER

LOTS.

He promised to consult his brothers in reference to the matter, and gave me some encouragement to expect a favorable decision. His family are now in Denver, and he may make a visit to his brother in a short time. I will write to Charles this week asking that they discuss the lot matter when they meet, and, as Augustus consents, that they give us a deed for the lots. I do hope they will. I think they will.

IOWA

A. Nevada.

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I attended the corner-stone laying of the new Church at Nevada. July 20th - and was much pleased with all the arrangements, as well as with the promise of the work. At eleven o'clock A.M. preached at "the Free Church" - the country portion of the charge; at four P.M. the "corner-stone sermon", and at 7.45 P.M. a sermon in the building now used for church-services. The day was a beautiful one - though very warm - and all the services largely attended.

NEVADA.

B. KNOX-

-VILLE.

B. Knoxville. Over here - during the visit - August 3rd. I "thanked God and took courage". I went to Knoxville with the avowed purpose of "winding up" that mission, or awakening the people to the necessity of a new Church-Building. The improvements in the Sunday-school - the singing - the church-attendance &c. over that of one year ago, surprised and gratified me. It was hoped

we could buy the Campbellite Church - a very fine property - and had he been able to get definite answer from the man who holds the mortgage, I am confident we would have gotten the money subscribed on Sunday and Monday. "The State Evangelist" of the Campbellite Church put in an appearance however, and is trying to "whoop 'em up". This delays matters for a time, but our people will buy this excellent property or build a new Church at an early day. I found at Knoxville, also, a few people who have money, but who cannot live very long. I urged upon Bro. Hills immediate attention to "the last will and Testament" of these people, that their money may come to the Boards.

KNOXVILLE

C. BUR-
-LINGTON.

C. Burlington. Bro. Buller writes rejoicingly that they will worship in their own chapel on the 10th of August.

If I can get up enough of "him", and our church here is not ready for service, I may go and rejoice with them.

D. DAV-
-ENPORT.

D. Davenport. I am not surprised at Pastor Snyder's letter to the Secretary. He is an earnest fellow, but when crossed, or when he gets on his "war-paint" is terrible. I learn he expects to "make it hot" for the Adv. Board of Iowa Synod, at the coming convention. Bro. Miller is strongly prejudiced against him, and is, at times, unjust to him. I pray for wisdom to get the "ticks" and wrinkles out of both of them, so that he may have a smooth time at Synod. It is difficult to get at the actual feeling or con-

DAVENPORT

dition of things at Davenport, excepting as you get them from the reports of the missionary. It may be possible to get in a visit to Davenport in passing between synods.

ILLI-
NOIS

V. Illinois. A. Rockford.

A. ROCK-
FORD.

Everything at Rockford Ill. seems to be working smoother now. The young pastor is popular and succeeding. He will unite with the Synod of Northern Illinois at the coming convention.

INDI-
ANA.

VI. Indiana. A. Richmond.

A. RICH-
MOND.

I do not know what man to suggest for this important mission. Rev. Sieber is, I think, ready to leave Polo, but I cannot get his record. Personally, I like him, and regard him as an able preacher and good pastor. He has failed at Polo, but that may not be his fault. Mrs. Detweiler of Omaha, thinks Rev. S. will not succeed as a missionary. He judges, I think, from what he hears from Polo.

VII. KEN-

VII. Kentucky. A. Louisville.

-TUCKY.

A. LOUIS-
VILLE
No. 3.

Concerning a man for this important work, what is said of Rev. S. above, will apply also to his going to Louisville. Oh! for MEN!!

VIII. TEN-

VIII. Tennessee. A. Nashville.

-NESSEE.

A. NASH-
VILLE.

Have not yet heard from Rev. O. Kufs. Will write Mr. Kaphan

so soon as I hear from Mr. C.

IX. DA-
-KOTA.

IX. Dakota. A. Senot.

A. LENOX.

How our missionary at this point lives on \$190. I am not able to say. Can tell better after I spend a few days with him, which I have promised to do.

X. DIS-
-TRICT
OF
Columbia
A. WASH-
-INGTON.

X. District of Columbia. A. Washington.

It would be good policy to write Dr. Dornier and Bro. Alden, Supt of S. School, giving them a choice of Missions or Missionaries for their support. Cusela was mentioned, but they did not express any preference for it.

XI. PENN-
-SYLVANIA.

XI. Pennsylvania. A. Allegheny City.

A. ALLE-
-GHENY
CITY.

There was no place mentioned for the appropriation of the \$100. from the class of Mrs. Rhodes in the Sunday School of Trinity Suth. Ch. Allegheny City Pa.

I will write and ask whether they have any preference, and if not, would suggest that it be used for salary of Children's Memorial Missionary at Kansas City Mo.

B. PITTS-
-BURGH.

B. Pittsburgh. "The Workman" of July 31st.

"THE
WORKMAN"

contains an article headed "Ambiguous Policy", which ought to be officially answered. The statements in that article are entirely without foundation. The men at Kearney who attempted to steal our subscription book and subscription, went to the Augusta Synod, and tried to make of themselves martyrs. We have never in any place, attempted to interfere with

"THE
WORKMAN"

the work of the Augustana Synod, but only to do what God demands of us - a work which they are failing to do. The workman ought to be set right on these matters. There will be a fearful account to render by some men for the willful lying concerning the General Synod.

C. York

C. York. "The Missionary Journal"

THE
MISSIONARY
JOURNAL

It was refreshing to see the Missionary Journal for August in Western homes on the second day of the month of issue. I trust it will be so always. But especially during the months in which the Synods meet, the prompt appearance of the Journal will make it unnecessary to defend attacks upon its "late appearance". Will there be enlargement and improvement for 1885? I believe the Board of Home Missions should so urge.

XIII. WY-
-OMING.

XIII. Wyoming. A. Cheyenne.

A. CHEY-
-ENNE.

Rev. Anderson has organized a Scandinavian Congregation at Cheyenne, and thus saved our magnificent lot from sale by the "Street Commissioner". They were already advertised for "Side-walk Jokes". But Bro. Anderson raised the money among the Twenty one Lutherans there, and paid the taxes. It is strange that our Board of Church Extension does not employ a good lawyer to look after these valuable properties, or in some way get them fast, and past tax sales &c. &c. A year ago I visited Cheyenne, and

de. de. and reported fully and accurately the condition of our property, and the danger of losing some of it, but I wish not that anything was done to save it.

Bro. Anderson has saved the property at Cheyenne for the present at least, but a deed for it should be in the hands of the Board of Church Extension.

CHEYENNE.
WUD

XIV. MIS-

XIV. Miscellaneous. A. Publications.

-CELLA-
-NEOUS.

A. PUB-
-LICATIONS

TRACT
ON
GENERAL
SYNOD.

1. The recent tract on "The General Synod" by Rev. S. P. Billheimer is a most valuable and much needed aid to our Home Mission work. It should at once be printed in Swedish and Danish, and sent to every Swedish, Danish and Norwegian minister in America, as well as the Immigrant Society's Missionary at Christiania. It will at once answer the slanders against the General Synod, which these people are accustomed to hear and read every week, and will show them that they are absolutely more in sympathy with the General Synod, than they are with the men and bodies which traduce it. 2. The Lord's Supper by Dr. Morris, should also at once be sent to every Augustana Minister in America, and with it the statement that Rev. ~~Dr.~~ John G. Morris, D. D. S. S. D. is the President of the General Synod.

2. THE
LORDS
SUPPER
BY
DR. MORRIS.

No estimate can be formed of the good to be accomplished by this movement.

What can be done to bring it about? Will Dr. Morris donate 400 copies in cheap form for this purpose? Who has sufficient influence with him to bring this about? I hope it can be done now!

3 PRIZE

3 The Prize Tract & Memorial Tract.

MEM. TRACTS

These also should be sent to every Sutheran Minister outside the General Synod. Cannot a Donation of them be secured? I believe Bro. Senter would attend to the mailing, and the Emigrant Society to the postage, if we can secure the documents.

4. SWED-

-ISH

PAPER.

4 A Swedish Paper, seems to me a necessity. Cannot we influence the Board of Publication to issue such paper by January 1st 1885? It will not pay, at first, any dividend, and perhaps not even expenses, but it will be a splendid investment for the future of the Genl Synod & Pub. House. Strive to bring it about!

5 OUR

SUNDAY

SCHOOL

PUBLICA-
TIONS.

5 Our Sunday School Publications are all to be improved for 1885. The Board of Publication having already taken action to this effect. The Augsburg Teacher is to be enlarged. At same time the Sabbath School is to be enlarged. and the "Little Ones" four times a month, or "once a week".

More money is to be spent on all these publications, and every improvement in them advances the work all along the line.

B. THE

GENERAL

SYNOD.

B. The General Synod. The coming meeting of the General Synod will be one of the most important ever held for the practical interests of the Church. It ought to be eminently

A Missionary Convention.
and we must begin in good time to make arrangements for our part of it. I sug.

GENERAL

SYNOD.

Just the early appointment of a committee of the Board to prepare suitable programme &c. &c. As occasion offers in the synods, he should see to it also, that good men are sent as delegates - men who will go because they love the Church, and not simply because they "want a trip at the expense of the Church" or "want to visit relatives", or "an old charge" &c.

He want manly men who in a manly and Christian spirit will discuss the work of the Church, and drop out of sight the question "who shall be greatest!"

I am trying to arrange for the preparation of suitable wall maps of our Home Mission and Church-extension work in the Western States, and if we can bring up the receipts beyond the appropriation I know that Home Mission Day will be one of them.

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CLUSION.

XV. Conclusion.

Am home now, with no positive engagement, outside Des Moines, until the Dedication at Monell, Brown Co. Kansas, Aug. 31st.

My hope is to accomplish a great deal of desk work in these weeks at home, as well as to gather strength for the synods in Sept. & October.

With love to the Brethren,

Samuel S. Samitz
Western Secretary

Des Moines Iowa,
August 6, 1884.

II. CALIFORNIA.

II. California. Enclosed find a letter of inquiry from Rev. A. J. Hartsock McPherson Co. concerning California. I submit this to the Board for decision. Letter marked C.

III. KANSAS.
A. GREEN-LEAF.

III. Kansas. A. Greenleaf. I send the letter marked D, concerning our Missionary at Greenleaf. What is the best thing to do or say under the circumstances?

IV. ILLINOIS.
A. N. ILLINOIS.

IV. Illinois. A. Synod of N. Illinois. This Synod has been called to meet October 15th, making three (3) Western Synods the same week. I think however, I can arrange to get two days at each convention.

V. MINNESOTA.
A. WARREN.

V. Minnesota. A. Warren. Bro. Hansen asks "why he has not received that spot promised him?" I know not what church had "the spot" for him in charge. He ought to have asked.

VI. TENNESSEE.
A. NASHVILLE.

VI. Tennessee. A. Nashville. Rev. Rufus declines to go to Nashville. I have several other names on the list, and will correspond with them.

VII. NEBRASKA.
A. LINCOLN.

VII. Nebraska. A. Lincoln. Glad to hear of seduction in appropriation. They are a noble, liberal people, and it does seem a great pity they cannot have a man to lead them instead of driving them.

VIII.
MISSION-
ARY-
JOURNAL

VIII. Missions Journal.

I notice time of meeting of Board of Home Missions is still announced in Official Register, as the "second Monday of each month". Would it not be well to have this changed to conform to change of time?

Dear Mr. B.

The above items have come to me. Since sending report, and as they can reach you in time for meeting on the 14. I send them.

It is Saturday night, and I am really at home, with no engagement for tomorrow. It seems strange.

Fraternally,
Samuel B. Hamitz,
Western Secy.

Respectfully,
August 9th 1884.

P.S. I have an inclination to issue a Harvest Letter to every General synod pastor - urging Harvest Missions services, and a special offering for Home Missions. What think you?
S.B.H.

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