

REPORT OF WESTERN SECRETARY,  
Board of Home Missions Gen'l Synod Evan. Lutheran Church in U.S.

TO MEETING HELD November 13, 1884.

II. NE-  
BRASKA

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A The Nebraska Synod

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NEBRASKA  
SYNOD.

opened its strength annual convention at Ponca, Dixon Co. Nebraska, September 3, 1884. The meetings were full of earnestness, and the spirit most excellent.

Everything done was practical, sensible and Lutheran, accepting perhaps the Home Missions sermon of our Missiary at Selamah - Rev. W. S. Wilhelm - which might have answered for a Congregational convention, but was too fanatic and base for a Lutheran Synod - especially when one half of the ministers of the Synod are German. I tried to show Rev. W. his mistake, and trust he accepted the advice kindly but earnestly given. The Synod now numbers forty nine ministers and is gaining in power and influence. So far as I could gather from report of treasurer and committees.

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RASKA  
Synod.

The Apportionment has been met. Measures were taken to have every congregation properly & legally incorporated and a record of incorporation and connection with General Synod, kept in a special book to be made to order for the purpose. Of one hundred and twenty one Lutheran Churches in Nebraska - i. e. congregations the General Synod has nearly or quite one half - and the General Council, as such, none. With care Nebraska will become a strong Lutheran state. I remained with the Synod five days one half of which time was devoted to Home Missions and Church Extension. The report of Rev. G. H. Schuur as Pres. of Synod and chairman of Adv. Board was a marvel of length and verbosity. I altered very item, and reduced the reports fully two-thirds. He took it all in good part, and thanked me for my help.

NEBRASKA  
Synod.

B. LIN-

COLN.

B. Lincoln. I enclose a long letter from Bro. Grefman marked A in which he sets forth the desires of the Pastors of the Congregation to secure Rev. Dr. Geo. A. Boners of Abilene Kansas, as pastor. I have no word from congregation direct, neither from Dr. Boners, but presume communication has been held with the Board.

So far as I know, Dr. Boners is no better pastor than Bro. Grefman, though more genial in manner. He is a more attractive preacher, but not any more able. As a Missionary, he has never been a success, though with such a congregation as that at Lincoln, he may be. I am surprised that he has any desire to leave Abilene.

Though I do not advocate Dr. Boners going to Lincoln, I will not oppose it, as they need somebody immediately on the close of Bro. Grefman's ministry, and might do worse. The assertion of Mr. Grefman that he had corresponded with me concerning Dr. Boners is a piece of "fresh news". He asked me on one occasion concerning Dr. Boners, when discussing the establishing of the Mission at Lincoln, and I said I doubted his willingness to accept such a Mission and his ability to make it succeed, as he was not adapted to that kind of work. Dr. Boners is one of my most intimate friends & will I believe, agree in my judgment. The fact is these Lincoln people have acted "a little mean" towards Bro. Grefman, and are looking around for "somebody to blame".

LINCOLN.

C. TE-  
KAMAH.

C. Tellamah. From conversations with different members of the Church at this point, Bro. Wilhelm seems to be giving satisfaction, but has done or permitted a few things which I cannot heartily approve. He has done away with the order of service, "because one family did not like it, and that family was one of influence." He has "female deacons," rather he has "deaconesses" instead of deacons. I find nothing in the discipline positively prohibiting this, but it is so contrary to our usual method that it seems singular. I know of no way to remedy these things, unless it be by a visit, some time or other, and a plain and kindly setting forth of what ought to be. The Mission was not commenced in this way, but Bro. Kimmel may have been too zealous or persistent concerning the service of the Book of Worship & thus created some opposition to it. On the other hand Bro. Wilhelm, no doubt, cares but little for the order, and hence readily yielded to those demanding its disuse instead of prudently continuing to use it. The time may be near at hand when Tellamah can be separated from the Country Church, and that Church united with Oakland. The future of the Oakland & West Point Union may determine this.

TEKAMAH.

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D. OAK-  
LAND &  
WEST  
POINT.

D. Oakland and West Point. Rev. A. C. Searhart seems to have gone to work in earnest, and "hopes for success," as also do I. My impressions of Bro. G. however, are not very favorable. He is too much "secret society," and in many things reminds me of a man "born tired". He needs "pushing". Then too he is an organ agent &c. &c. He is however a good man.

WEST  
POINT &  
OAKLAND.

think, and will not hurt the work, if even he does not push it rapidly.

E. HARDY  
AND  
RED-CLOUD.

E. Hardy & Red-Cloud. I very greatly regret the long delay in securing a pastor or pastors for these points. Just as I was about to send Mauser a letter reached me from Wilhelm and one from Song (the latter ~~long~~ delayed because of journeying around) saying that the people of Hardy were in correspondence with Song and that he would visit them "after the Presidential election". Under these circumstances I thought best not to send Mauser, lest two men might be at Hardy at the same time.

Bro. Mauser therefore remained in Iowa, visiting Bro. Zeigler of Nevada & one or two vacant points under direction of Pres. of Synod.

If I hear favorably from Rev. Song & the Hardy people, will urge Mauser to go at once to Green-leaf Kansas, and report to me at Kansas Synod. If Song is not on hand at Hardy for the 9<sup>th</sup>, will send Mauser for the 16<sup>th</sup>.

HARDY

AND

RED  
CLOUD.

Though I feel that Hardy and adjacent points should have the entire time of a pastor, I am not clear about cutting off Red-Cloud.

If the people at Red-Cloud were united & in earnest, I would favor sending them a missionary for that field alone, but under present "disappointments", the man at Hardy can go to Red-Cloud occasionally, and at the opportune time Red-Cloud can be put on the list as a separate mission. Should the Gen<sup>l</sup> Secy. and Pres. of the Board make a Western trip this month, which I trust will be the case, they might visit these points, and give their judgment as to having them in one or two missions.

NEB.

F. STROMB - BOARD	F. Stromborg. No further word from this point. Application has probably been sent to you direct.
G. KEARNEY - NY & ADJACENT	G. Kearney & adjacent parts.
ADJACENT PARTS.          KEARNEY &c.	As yet no suitable man has been secured for the mission at Kearney, so as to relieve pastor Anderson and allow him to devote his time to Norwegian and Danish work in Western Nebraska and Wyoming. Pastor Hansen, who impresses me very favorably, is a <u>Norwegian</u> . If a Swede he would be just the man for Kearney. A Norwegian or Danish opening will no doubt, soon be found for him. I am glad he has been put in correspondence with Bros. Senter and Anderson. As pastor Anderson has sent a full report to Board, I need not add to it here. He has had a difficult task because of the opposition of General Council, but is doing, so far as I can judge, a noble work.
H. NORTH- PLATTE.          NORTH- PLATTE.	H. North Platte. Pastor Anderson of North-Platte proved a valuable addition to the Synod of Nebraska. Being able to speak in English, German, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish he was quite an <u>interpreter</u> , and having had some very sad experience, because of loose business management in church affairs, he has become a careful counsellor on business of congregations, Charters &c. &c. With care and close supervision of the Board, he will, under God, do a great work in the vast field given him to cultivate. He tells me he reports in detail, and very fully, to the Board. I trust his field can also be visited by President and General Secretary.

I. FALLS CITY & BROWN CO. Ks. Church.

CITY  
NEB.  
AND

BROWN

COUNTY  
KANSAS.

I presume, Bro. Kimmel has effected an organization at Falls City, Neb., as he expected to do the week following synod, and has reported to the Board. From an interview with several Lutherans who will be members of the church at Falls City, I was impressed with the fact that we have excellent material for the organization, and a good opening.

On Sunday, August 31, the church on "Pennsylvania Avenue", Brown Co. Kansas, was dedicated to the service of the true God. There was great joy among the people. As yet I have not been able to prepare an account of the dedication for the church-papers-every day from that date having been given to the synods or Neesman correspondence.

The church-building is a very creditable one, and entirely paid for, or rather the payment is provided for, and will be paid when due. It was hoped by Bro. Kimmel that Rev. D. H. Schuetz would be acceptable to the people of this community and Falls City, and chosen as the pastor for the new mission. To this end he was invited to the dedication and preached on Saturday evening Aug. 30. The impression was not such as he had hoped, and we found it would be difficult to have him called. He seems to lack "vim" or energy or "something" which hinders him from making a favorable impression.

If Falls City has been organized, a man must be secured for this field, as Bro. Kimmel cannot look after it without neglecting Auburn and Stella.

FALLS  
CITY  
&c.

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CITY

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county.

J. Au-  
-BURN  
AND  
STELLA.

## J. Auburn and Stella.

Seeing the Pennsylvania settlement of Brown Co. Kansas, a drive of 21 miles brought us to Stella, and a R. Road side of 13 miles additional, to Auburn.

At Auburn Communion services were held on Monday evening - Sept. 1, and though the evening was intensely hot, & the hall very uncomfortable, a good sized audience was present, and much interest in the work was manifested. Nearly all present were Germans, but very ready to acquiesce in the plan of having a Lutheran Church exclusively English. If Bro. Kimmel is careful, and not too radical, a great work can be done in this part of Nebraska.

The new house of worship at Auburn is of fine proportions, and will be one of the best, if not the best in the town.

When I say, "If Bro. Kimmel is careful", I mean that his work needs oversight, because he "drives things" without regard to just how they are driven. He forgets that a man may "organize" many congregations and be the means of having many church-bone chips erected, and yet accomplish little permanent good. He is one of the most self-sacrificing men in Nebraska, and his wife is of the same spirit, but he needs prudence in many directions. From his stand-point, and from his inmost heart he believes all his statements are correct, but they must be taken with some allowance by those of us who are a little more conservative.

These will also be interesting places for the Presb. and Secy to visit when in the grand state of Nebraska.

AUBURN

AND

STELLA

K. WAYNE

K. Wayne. The new church at this mission, though not entirely completed, is now being used, and is a great improvement on the chapel-coop heretofore used. The missionary has also improved in personal appearance since his marriage. He wears black clothing of clerical cut, and well I am confident do better work. His new wife will, without doubt, be a help-meet, rather is a help-meet. If however, with his new church and new wife his reports do not become more encouraging, the mission must have a change of missionary. Bro. Schurr being no longer Pres. of synod, and no longer chairman of Adv. Board, it will not be necessary for him to write so many letters and portals to the secretaries, and he can therefore give his entire time to the work of the mission. I look for improved reports from Wayne.

WAYNE

WAYNE

L. BEATRICE  
-RICE

L. Beatrice. As to you, so to me the reports from this mission are very cheering. Bro. Albright made a fine impression at synod. Had it been possible for me to be at two places at precisely the same hour, I would have promised to be present at his corner-stone laying. Beatrice is one of the best and most thriving towns in Nebraska, and our mission seems to be keeping pace with it.

BEATRICE

M. HASTINGS  
-TINGS.  
NEB.

M. Hastings. An immediate effort will be made by the officers of Neb. Synod, to have our church at this farming town re-opened for service in either the English or German language.



N. OHI-  
OWA.

N. Ohiona. William Shoole is one of the most self-sacrificing men on the Nebraska Territory, and though his reports do not indicate large acceptions, he is doing a noble work. His field is a very difficult one and he is making progress in it, slow, but I think sure. Bro. Shoole will likely not ask for an appropriation of more than \$50.00 to \$75.00 for next year, or perhaps will not apply for aid at all. He does however need and want "a Bot". I have sent his name to Mr. Hinton of Tr. A. & T. M. Soc. Com. for a Bot.

OHIONA.

O. Rising  
CITY.

O. Rising City. Bro. Pugh, and his delegate, seem encouraged, and are making plans for building a church at Rising City next season. I told them it must not be longer delayed.

RISING

P. WA-  
VERLY.

P. Waverly. At this mission there is also progress, and I have announced to pastor and church-council that an immediate and earnest effort to become self-sustaining must be made. The pastor is making very great sacrifices and has always done so, and can hardly live and do his work as he ought to and desires to do, on any less, or even his present income. The people also in building church and parsonage, and contributing to pastor's support. Missions &c. &c. have done nobly, but can probably do better and at least reduce our appropriation by increasing their support. If they cannot reach self-support, they will, at any rate, ask for less appropriation from Jan 1 1885.

WAVERLY

Q. Grand  
Island.

Q. Grand-Island. This Mission with-  
- our aid from the Board is one of the  
most important in the state. The  
foundations for the handsomest Church-  
- building west of Omaha, are now being  
put in. The town is growing at a rapid  
and solid rate - all the surrounding coun-  
- try being Lutheran. We have now an English  
a German and a Danish pastor of the  
General synod in Grand-Island, with  
the Sunday Schools English. Over 20000  
pages of tracts in these languages have been  
distributed in Grand-Island and vicinity, by  
pastor Senter.

Grand  
Island

Pastor Senter did admirable service  
for the Home Mission work, at Nebraska  
Synod. Bro "Pap Wolf" - one of the oldest and  
most self-sacrificing Germans in the synod -  
could not understand why so little was being  
done for the Germans &c. &c. He had it up  
and down for 90 minutes - Pastor Senter  
translating for me, or interpreting rather,  
and telling the Germans our past experience  
in the German work, its great difficulties  
&c. &c. He told of his visit to the Board in  
May last, and of Past. Albert's assurance  
of help for the German work, whenever the  
applications were sufficiently clear & worthy.  
Pastor Senter is a power, and deserves well  
of us.

R. CLEAR  
CREEK.

R. Clear-Creek. This is another  
Mission without Missiary aid, and has  
also a truly grand Missiary in the person  
of Rev. Leonard Huber. By a forced march  
from S. Ill. Synod, Perry Co. Mo. I attended  
the dedication services of the new church

At this place - Sept. 21. For full report of services of day see letter of Robt. Weidensall in Lutheran Observer. It was a great day in this sin. Mr. Auler and his new wife live in the church-tower, and one little room under a wing of the church-roof.

They are exceedingly happy in their work. Here is a man and his cultured wife, who in Pennsylvania commanded a salary of \$850.00, living now in a church-steeple and a little room adjoining on \$500.00 per year. Had we a dozen more such men for Nebraska, we could soon "pop" the state". God bless our faithful, sensible pastors and their wives! Mr. Auler is now president of Nebraska Synod, and Chairman of Adv. Board. He will bring much efficiency to the work.

CLEAR CREEK

III. Illi-  
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III. Illinois. A. Synod of Southern Illinois.

A. Synod  
of Southern  
Illinois.

Notwithstanding the long journey and its discomfort in attending this synod, I believe the visit will result in great good to the cause of Home Missions.

It required over nine hundred miles of travel by rail-road, sixteen miles in a wagon without springs, without a spring-seat, with no cushion or comfort or sheep-skin on the board-seat; over one of the roughest roads I have ever seen, and twenty five miles in spring wagons & buggy. The dust and heat were awful, and fleas and bed-bugs about fifty to the square inch. I calculated the loss of blood at about one gill, and the loss of strength at considerable.

Perry Geo. Weidensall - Oh! Oh!! Oh!!! Sal-  
vatus biscuits and flitch - "Big Meetings" & sick.  
The church in which we met had neither

Sutherland Hymn Book nor Sitarfy. Architecture is one of the lost arts in that country.

Many of the people I met had never been inside a R.R. car or steam-boat. I did not see a musical instrument - not even a mouth organ or "accordion" in the entire settlement.

I was looked upon as a sort of "white elephant" and was a great curiosity.

There was manifest improvement in the synod, however, over last year, and I could see fruits of that visit. There was more order and system in the transaction of business, large charges have been divided, and two pastors will now labor where before only one had charge.

One congregation made up its apportionment and one or two others increased their giving.

An Academy has been opened within the bounds of the synod, and is quite promising as to results for our church.

But there is still great room for improvement. "Yes indeed" great room. One congregation reported 304 members. I think "a great revival" and only \$1.50 for the Lord's work. Now, no doubt, these 304 expect to get to heaven. They must be gotten out of any such delusion, and so I told these pastors.

What the territory of this synod needs is a few more good and true Sutherland pastors. It would wonderfully change things if the children were properly taught the doctrine of the church - the people instructed in Christian stewardship &c. &c.

Great crowds attended the services. Coming on horse-back, and in wagons, distances of 15 to 22 miles. By Saturday the crowds were so great, that it was deemed best to "take to the woods", and therefore seats and pulpit were

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Arranged in a grove near the church for the services of Sunday. The congregation on Sunday morning was estimated at 1500.

I took a collection for Home Missions, but was obliged to leave before ascertaining the result. I presume the amt. according to my order was sent to Bro. Heiser.

We have no Missions. Up to this time in the synod of S. Illinois. Several points as Cairo and cities of its size might be occupied if we had men of the right mind to place in them. One point now asks for a little aid and I believe it will be wise to grant the petition. This point is

MURPHY'S  
BORO.

Murphyboro. Rev. S. Carnhart is the pastor, and the petition or application is strongly endorsed and urged by Pres. & Chairman of Adv. Board, Rev. C. W. Sifford.

The aid is asked because of the temporary straightened circumstances of some of the members and their inability to pay as in the past. Their hope is to recover from their losses during the year. Murphyboro is a good country town, having now considerable manufacturing interest. When there I noticed new buildings being erected and other evidences that the town is by no means at a stand-still. The application has already been forwarded to General Secy.

MURPHY'S  
BORO.  
Ills.

I believe the entire synod will manifest a deeper interest in the Mission work by having a Mission within their own bounds.

B. Synod  
of  
Central  
Illinois

B. Synod of Central Illinois.

This synod, though not a large one, and though <sup>several</sup> members were absent, had a good meeting, and manifest improvement.

Synod  
of

CENTRAL

ILLINOIS.

ment. Missions received due attention & no subject elicited greater interest. The Miami and N. Ills. Synod being in session the same week, I could spend but one day with each. The afternoon and evening of the day of my visit to Central Ills. Synod were given me for Home Missions, and I made the best of the opportunity. During my stay I had a talk with Mr. Denhart - a man of wealth - who is deeply interested in the work of the Church. He has partially promised to attend large aid to the congregation of the 1st Ch. of Kansas City, if they will build a new church next year. Rev. Mr. Learner - formerly his pastor - is now in charge at Kansas City. This Synod has now no Missions within its bounds, but it seems to me ought to have one in St. Louis or other large city within its borders.

C. Synod

of

NORTHERN

ILLINOIS.

C. Synod of Northern Illinois.

Leaving Washington Ill. at 11.30 P.M. Friday, Saturday noon found me at Mt. Carroll where the convention of the Synod of N. Illinois was being held.

I found this Synod had, after several years of urging, changed their treasurer and elected a man who will, I trust, remit to the Treasurers of the Boards promptly and in full.

The Synod had some nothing - after electing officers, but discuss Carthage College, and I was obliged to leave on Monday morning at one o'clock. I got a resolution through to suspend all other business and take up Home Missions. The matter was discussed on Saturday afternoon for forty minutes, presented a fair at the evening service

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N. Illinois

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After an admirable sermon by Rev. Reeser, and again on Sunday afternoon at the Sunday School - at which time I made <sup>the</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>successful</sup> appeal for the Children's Memorial at Kansas City. This synod will likely ask aid for several points. The places must come up in their merits when the applications are received, as I have now no information on which to base an opinion.

Leaving Mt. Carroll on Monday morning - Oct 6. - at 1.30, I was enabled to spend a part of the day at

FREEPORT

Freeport, and look in on the Mission Church building. I found the building a very creditable and attractive one. When finished, it will be one of the most beautiful audience rooms in Freeport.

Having had a proposition from a friend to loan Freeport \$1000.00 for three years, without interest, in case they would go on and finish the building, and release the ladies from giving them more than \$7000. I proposed the same to Mr. Reeser and a prominent member of his church-council. I soon found however that

Freeport church meant to take all that was promised and as much more as they could get. The spirit manifested did not at all please me. I told them it was their burden duty to carry & pay a few thousand dollars when the church was doing so much for them, and that if they could not do so it did not argue well for their future.

I tried to show them the need of having the appeal for Freeport stopped, that attention might be given to other points.

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but made no impression. The member of the council with whom I talked "wondered if they could not get the \$1000.00 from my friend at Anystate, as they would likely be obliged to borrow that amt. and would like to save the interest". I replied "by no means", and left him to meditate on a kindly exhortation to do a little more for themselves. I found some criticism on our missionary at Freeport because of his articles on Carthage College, signed "A friend of the church".

I was asked whether we "paid men for the time spent in that way, and whether the time of the Freeport Missionary could not have been more profitably employed?"

FREEPORT

I replied, "the commission of a missionary did not take away his personal liberty to discuss church matters," and that Bro. Reeser had "probably done that work in extra hours." I confess, however, I regard the time put on those articles as very poorly spent. The church is none the better, and the cause of education much the worse for them. With its church-building finished, Freeport must do more towards the support of its pastor. Bro. Reeser asked me concerning "a vacation" just previous to dedication. I told him to write to Board giving all points and reasons, though I could not see how he could well be away just preceding so important an event in the history of the mission. I suggested to him to consult W. A. & F. M. Soc. Inc. Inc. as to their wishes in regard to the dedication ceremonies and who should conduct them. I feel this was due the ladies who have worked so faithfully.

FREEPORT.



ROCKFORD

Rockford. The delegate from the church at Rockford reports all things going on well under the new pastor who was licensed at the meeting of Synod. He was very anxious to be ordained, as they know nothing of licensure under the Swedish system, but the examining committee thought best to hold him another year, and thought it would not hurt him neither the confederation to have a few American ideas.

He submitted gracefully, I believe, & has returned to his home pleased with the Synod of N. Illinois.

ROCKFORD

CHICAGO

Grace  
Mission.

Chicago. 1. Grace. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, I spent a few hours in Chicago - en-route to East Ohio synod, called on Pastor Salzman, and walked through and around mission there. Bro. A. seems to know nothing about discouragement, but amid many obstacles pushes right ahead. He is doing much to make known the Lutheran Church of the General Synod - is giving much information to Norwegian and Swedish pastors, and gaining favor for the church on every hand.

CHICAGO

ST-MARKS.

2. St-Marks. Pastor Sereningshaus spoke encouragingly of the work at St-Marks, at Synod, but my time was too short in C. to call on him or any of the church-council.

I trust Pres. & Secy. can make a trip West this month, and give me Sunday to Chicago.

OHIO

A. WIT-  
TEN-  
BERG  
SYNOD.

III. Ohio. A. Wittenberg Synod.

Searing Clear-Creek, Nebraska on Monday A. M. Sept. 22, at four o'clock, by wagon through the Platte River bottom.

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two miles, then by hand-car two miles to main line of Union Pacific Ry. connection was made for the East, and Findlay O. reached soon after the opening of synod.

The members here all very cordial, and opportunities were freely given to present the cause of Home Missions, both to the members of synod, the congregation and the Sunday School. From the latter a promise for Kansas City was received.

The synod however, for some reason or other was lacking in interest and spirit.

The apportionment was \$1400.00 short, and there seemed much of the British question "who shall be greater?" Dr. Ort, Prof. Richard

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also noticed this. From the opening of synod to the close of the elections for delegate to General Synod and Wittenberg College, there was "wise-pulling" "pipe-laying" or, after the manner of "pot-house politicians."

This, perhaps, was one reason for the lack of interest. The earnest men of the synod all felt it and lamented it. At this synod, I made a little mistake of which we may hear at some future day. I openly applauded a speech of Mr. Robt. Mitchell in which he said he believed "every pastor could raise the apportionment, if they went at it in the right way." I found some of the pastors did not appreciate it, and will likely treasure it up against the Board. Mr. Mitchell told me afterwards that a lay-delegate had told him that his pastor announced the apportionment and added: "You can do as you please about fixing. The General Synod asks it, but I do not see that they need so much money or so." This same pastor was very anxious to be elected a delegate to Gen. Synod.

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SYNOD

BRYAN.

Bryan. The Synod seems disposed to continue this mission, though willing no doubt, to submit to the judgment of the Board. Rev. D. A. Matthis - formerly pastor - insists upon it, that in a few years it will be a strong church - that the town is growing &c. &c. He pleads strongly for continuation of the work at Bryan.

The name of Rev. D. S. Cain, formerly of Butler, Ind. was mentioned as suitable for missionary, but the opinion of members of Synod of W. Indiana is anything but favorable to him. If what they report is correct, we do not want him on the list of missionaries.

BRYAN.

Upper  
SanduskyNew  
Baltimore.

Upper Sandusky, was not discussed during my presence, nor was New Baltimore.

B. Synod

of  
MIAMI.

B. Synod of Miami. This Synod had a very interesting and successful meeting, or perhaps I should say "Meeting", as in connection with Synod they held a S. School Convention, and the W. W. S. M. Soc. Convention. There was a full attendance and an excellent spirit through all the services. Missions and education of young men for the ministry received much attention. At the S. School Convention I made an appeal for the Children's Memorial, and an annual collection for the support of the Children's Missionary. At Synod two addresses were delivered, and at W. W. S. M. Soc. Me. Though obliged to leave before the treasurer of Synod presented his report, I was assured the apportionment for some missions would be fully met.

MIAMI  
SYNOD.

COLUMB.  
BUS. O.

Columbus. The Miami Synod is very anxious to have a mission started at this important centre. Dr. Ort says he will gladly arrange for a visitation of the field, so soon as Secy. Kolitz can come, and will spend several days in Columbus with him. The synod had a "committee on Columbus" a year or two ago, but one member of the com. Rev. J. N. Morris "spoiled the whole business".

COLUMBUS.

NEWARK.

Newark. A very good beginning has been made in this city, by Rev. P. C. Barclay. I spent October 30<sup>th</sup> at Newark, and found he had gathered a congregation of twenty five members - organized a Sunday School, prayer-meeting &c. A church-building has been rented, and the work started with much promise. Five or six of my former Wheeling families are now in the city of Newark. As this mission will, for a time, be a part of Rev. Barclay's country field, no aid will be asked from the board. Dr. Ort will spend a Sunday in Newark in the near future, as Pres. of Miami Synod, and will regularly organize the congregation.

NEWARK.

CIRCLE-  
VILLE.

Circleville. Bro. Rutherford reports himself encouraged in his work at C. though at times, it seems "a little slow".

C. EAST  
OHIO  
SYNOD.

C. East Ohio Synod. October 17 & 18 were spent at the convention of this synod. "Home Missions" were presented to the synod in an address of forty minutes at the regular session Friday afternoon, and

to the congregation and synod in an address of nearly one hour in the evening. They endured both addresses patiently.

Much of the time of synod was taken up discussing "Orville" and their promise to help the Board of Ch. Extension to relieve its church from debt. Rather a poor investment.

There was much interest expressed in the work of the boards, and assurances of hearty sympathy and cooperation.

LEETONIA

Seetonia. Had a talk with the Missionary at Seetonia, and found him somewhat discouraged. He says "the people at S. always thought the money from Board of Ch. Extension was a gift, and now they want it back. I handed him over to Secy Richard.

Mr. Miller is evidently a very weak brother, and has but little conception of business.

The increase in appropriation is perhaps on account of demand of B. C. P. for amt. due.

It is difficult to know what to do with some of these missions. They do not promise much for the future, and yet have in them noble and liberal people who will be deprived of the Gospel, unless we help give it to them.

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ALLIANCE

Alliance. Here also things move slowly, though the missionary does not seem discouraged. Alliance has a future as a town, which Seetonia has not. One high in Lutheran Church, however, in a town like Alliance, it seems to me would have been enough. Too late, however, to cry over this now. Perhaps the Genl Council Church will some day come to us, or we will be united.

ALLIANCE

MANFIELD

Manfield. Sunday, October 19, was

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Spent with our large congregation and Sunday School at Mansfield O., in the interests of Home Missions. Four services were held. At the S. School I made an appeal for the Children's Memorial at Kansas City, and for students for the ministry. Preached at the morning hour, addressed one of the country S. Schools in the afternoon, and talked Home Missions at night. The audiences were very large, and seemingly interested.

HAD quite an interview with Mr. Michael Harter - one of our good rich & liberal men at Mansfield. He thanked me most cordially for giving Mansfield a Sunday, and said: "Woe our people could have more of this kind of Mission talk. I gave him one of our applications in answer to his question, 'What kind of churches are you establishing. Sutheran or Methodist Sutheran?' He read it, and said 'I am much cheered and encouraged to know that the Board is working on this solid basis.' Mr. Harter kept the application to 'show to his brother.' He is at this time 'not very flush' because of 'inability to make collections', but 'will not forget the Home Mission cause.' I think it paid to spend a Sunday at Mansfield.

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DAYTON.  
W.H. & F.M.S.  
Boxes.

Dayton. Spent a few hours in Dayton - October 29 - going over list of applications for Boxes etc. with Chairman Com of W.H. & F.M.S. Dr. Barclay urges a visit to his church & S. School. by one of the Secretaries or the Pres. of Board.

SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield. Wednesday night Oct. 29, and Thursday morning Oct. 30, were given to Springfield, O. The entire evening was spent

with Mr. & Mrs. Prof. Mitchell - Home Missions being the subject of discussion and conversation. I trust an impression was made that will sooner or later help the treasury.

Mr. M. must, of course, contribute very largely to the building of the new church at Springfield, O. but will not forget the general work. The morning was given to the Theological Students, now numbering ten.

Dr. Ort urged this visit and I was glad to be able to get it in. I plead with the students <sup>for</sup> unselfish consecration to their work, and urged them to be not over ambitious about fields of labor, before they were ready to enter them - held up the great Home Mission field of the church, and asked them to be careful about forming "entangling alliances".

Wittenberg College is succeeding handsomely, and Dr. Ort should be encouraged.

The institution is forming more Lutheran, and with the new building, and the right kind of a successor to the venerable Dr. Sprecher, a great work for the western church can be done. The best men of the Ohio Synod forget that Dr. McClung was not chosen as the successor of Dr. Sprecher.

Toledo. October 23 was spent in this rapidly growing Ohio city - wonderful in its growth. Here we have, I fear, lost a grand opportunity. The General Council have a mission & chapel, but are making no impression whatever. If only the dear brethren of the Ohio Synod had looked after cities of this kind, and over-looked places like Orville &c. the results would have been more far-reaching. Our time to go into Toledo may yet come.

## IV. Iowa. A. The Iowa Synod.

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The convention of this synod was not equal to that of last year, and yet was in many respects successful.

"The beginning" was wrong - things seemed sort of "hind part foremost" and they did not get "righted". The apportionment was reported as completed, and the \$1000.00 extra for Bowdoin Church, nearly so.

The position of Bro. O. C. Miller, as chairman of Adv. Board, was singular, and to me unaccountable and utterly false. There was no place on programme for Home

Missions at any of the evening meetings & only by the effort or thoughtfulness of Bro. B. J. Hills was place made on Friday afternoon after the address of Prof. Richard. At the close of my address, in which I displayed a map of Nebraska with a star for each Lutheran church, Bro. Miller arose and with tears

"lamented that no such map of Iowa could be displayed". He held up a map of Iowa with the churches of the Iowa Synod marked on it, and intimated that "had the Western Secy. given the same attention to Iowa that he has to Nebraska, perhaps as many stars might be shining on the map of Iowa". He went on in this strain, and yet expressed his ardent and unswerving love and heartfelt sympathy for the Western Secy. in his arduous and self-sacrificing labors; intimated that he was only "in Iowa long enough to have his washing done &c. &c." and wound up with an appeal for extra funds to pay expenses of Adv. Board for going to cities & towns which "ought to be canvassed." I called attention to the utter unfairness and falsity of his position. his

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showing a map of Iowa, with only the English Churches of this one Synod, and comparing it with my map of Nebraska marked with every Lutheran Church in the State. I showed that we were spending nearly as much money in Iowa as in Nebraska, and that I had with Rev. Anderson's canvass, ordered by the Board, given Iowa as much service as Nebraska. I showed the difference in the two States, and that Nebraska now is what Iowa was twenty five years ago - and that Iowa now is considerably a "burnt district."

Mr. Miller has indeed been acting very strangely, which I greatly regret. He has said (written) to one or two brethren, that "it is an easy thing to travel over the country in Pullman Palace cars to establish missions, but a different thing to establish them, &c. &c."

I called his attention privately to some of these things, and tried to show him how he was injuring the work for which he professes so much love &c. &c. He tried to half explain and half apologize, and said: "I guess all will be right, but can't you do some more work for our committee?" I told him, and told the Adv. Board, that "he would open a mission at any one or two cities of Iowa, as he had done at Burlington, if the places were promising, and he could secure the right kind of men." Synod voted about \$100.00 to defray expenses of its Adv. Board, and the chairman will, no doubt, visit numerous places in the State, and urge our attention to them.

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1 CEDAR  
RAPIDS.

1. Cedar Rapids. I enclose a letter - marked C - from Rev. O. C. Miller of Cedar-Rapids, which speaks for itself.

CEDAR  
RAPIDS.

As you will remember, I advocated the granting of \$50.00, at the time of the first appeal, believing it would be wise to do so.

Had the Com. made application for aid to the amt. of \$100. or \$200. we would, in all probability, have granted it for the year, and I thought best to have them go off the Board before the close of the General Synod year, even though we granted \$50.00 to bring it about.

Of course no promise to this effect was ever made by any body - unless Bro. Miller made it to his people - and we are in no wise under obligation to grant it, but I felt from the first it would be good policy to make the appropriation. The question with the Board now must be, not only the grant of \$50.00, but whether having said "no" it will be wise to re-consider, whether by re-consideration Bro. M. will be too much elated &c. &c.

Ready always to submit to the Superior judgment of the Board, I believe however, it would pay to make the appropriation.

2. IOWA  
CITY

2. Iowa City. The Adv. Board made a long report on this mission, and seemed determined to abandon it. The report of the Missionary was an admirable one, & to me full of hope. Prof. Richard agreed with me, that "with a new Church-Building Iowa City might yet come to the front."

An effort in this direction will be made, and meanwhile also an effort to find some preaching point with which to unite it, and thus take it off the funds of the Board. I cannot but feel that the City has a future, that it will yet come up again, and that we may have larger

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return for the investment there, than we have had or now expect. Bro. Graichen has certainly done most excellent work, & the congregation for its numbers, has few equals in the line of work or giving.

3. DAVEN-  
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3. Davenport. Prof. Richard was pleased with his visit to Davenport Mission, and all he saw of its workings. Missionary Snyder was in good spirits at synod, but said he "did not like that letter from the Board re. re." I told <sup>him</sup> I could not but agree with the letter, and that as so much had been done for Davenport, the Board had reason to expect larger returns. He was much more "docile" than usual, worked admirably in synod, and showed a good spirit.

DAVENPORT.

4. KNOX-  
-VILLE.

4 Knoxville. Bro. Hills is at work on subscription for new church-building - on the result of which will depend, to a great extent, the future of the mission at that place, and also whether Bro. Hills will remain as pastor. It was hoped to buy the Campbellite church-building - a splendid edifice for that sized town - but the holders of it are so slow to give answer that an effort will be made to build.

KNOXVILLE.

In the letter marked C, Bro. Miller talks of visiting Knoxville, but I think it is not as chairman of A. B. Bd., but as a member of a committee in case of Rev. A. Yetter.

5. NEVADA

5. Nevada. Bro. Bigler is pushing the church-building as rapidly as funds will permit. I helped him raise \$150.00 in donations during meeting of synod.

6. BUR-  
-LINGTON.

6. Burlington. Our Missionary at Burlington continues to report encouragement. His account of the work at B. to Synod showed that he often says "Oh! Do not be discouraged for Jesus is your friend."

7. SIOUX  
CITY.

7. Sioux City. This is one of the important points in this state, the Adv. Board desires to have occupied. I spent part of a day there in Sept, and believe we have a very fine opening. The Norwegian young people are asking for English services, and some of the best and wealthiest families in the place are Norwegian.

Rev. Mr. Zimmerman - one of the pastors of Nebraska Synod - now engaged by the Amer. Tract Society - will canvass Sioux City this month for that Society, and in doing so will also ascertain the number of Lutherans ready to go into an English Church.

Rev. S. D. Smith of Elvira, Iowa has been selected by the Adv. Board to go to Sioux City, in case the opening is promising and the Board approves. I presume Mr. Miller will feel it his duty to visit Sioux City, as chairman, and also make report.

I suggest the following action: "Resolved that a mission be opened at Sioux City Iowa, so soon as prospects of success justify, and a suitable missionary can be secured." The wording of the resolution can be changed, but I believe some such action should be taken.

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8. COUN-  
-CIL-  
BLUFFS.

8. Council Bluffs. This is another point Mr. Miller wants "occupied", and which I presume he will visit. The former Board

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Bluffs.

Some Missions looked at this place  
Bro. Goodlin made a visit to it, but  
the opening was not considered a good one  
at that time. Robert Weidensall, who  
frequently visits Council-Bluffs, says  
he has a score of places of more importance.

At my request Bro. Weidensall made  
special inquiry during several visits, and  
with the above report.

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## V. Tennessee. A. Synod of Middle- Tennessee.

Shades of Martin Luther,  
Andersen Jackson and James K. Poell,  
what a Synod this is! Here I longed  
for Post, Albert, Secretaries Club, and  
Richard and the entire Boards of the  
Church. In my unselfishness, I wanted  
others to share the experiences and joys  
of this visitation. I am glad I visited this  
Synod, as the visit was appreciated, and I  
found improvement from the visit of last  
year. I also presented the licensure of  
a man who was represented as "a grand  
exhorter," but who could not pass a creditable  
examination for the lowest grade of com-  
mon school in Tennessee. The Church  
in which he met blushed to think of paint,  
and as to anything Lutheran in its services,  
it had not even the entire Bible.

I talked some Missions one hour Saturday  
afternoon, preached forty minutes to 500 to  
1000 people Sunday morning, and discoursed  
on "Stewardship" and Order & System, in  
the afternoon. After a five mile drive  
preached at Lynchburg at night to a  
large audience. For the first time, I

presume, in the history of the synod, the entire morning and communion order was used at Sunday morning worship.

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By request, I took charge of the whole matter and spoke as one having authority.

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I forbade loud amens and that kind of responses, selected hymns (from a Methodist hymn book) without changes, and had a very orderly and solemn service.

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I insisted upon the congregation, at once securing a pulpit Bible and Sutheran books of worship, and told the people unless they gave more money to the Lord they would face the knife. What

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this country and synod need is a supply of earnest and wide awake Sutheran pastors. We have the material here for good congregations, but oh! help us, how they have not been trained. The good and true men in the synod need our constant help and encouragement. They feel alone, and a visit and Sutheran words endorse them before the people and confirm their Sutheran teaching. The people too seem glad to welcome representatives of the church, and take counsel and advice cheerfully.

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Synod, next year will, D.V., meet at Dickson, and we ought to arrange to have a number of northern men go down and cheer the brethren. I lifted a collection for Home Missions on Sunday morning, and ordered it sent to the Treasurer of Board, through the Treasurer of Synod. I presume this was the only Home Mission effort made during the year.

1. NASH-  
-VILLE.

1 NASHVILLE. The afternoon of Tues-

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Syracuse N. Y. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1884

Bro. S. B. Barnitz

Des Moines Ia.

In Christ my dear Bro.

Your postal rec'd. Sad house hold just now. Four physicians performed an operation upon Mrs. R. just now about over the influence of Ether; but worse is on hand. On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 5 physicians will perform a more difficult oper. upon her. remember us in your prayers. Thus I am much delayed and think that I can not go to Nashville before Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> hope I can. Have sent them my acceptance of their call. I will find a small number of devoted Christians. With the holy Spirit and them I hope to do much for Jesus. My best wishes for your meeting of Synod. Bro. Waly & Tenner of Louisiana are in a half way notion to come into Middle Tennessee Synod. hope they will. you encourage them. I'd wish they came in. nice brethren. Write me whenever you can. I am yours very truly in Christ Charles F. Raymond

- Day - Oct. 28 - was spent with the Church  
- Council of the Church at Nashville, Tenn.

I found them enthusiastic over Rev. Raymond's visit and very hopeful of success under his ministry. Their committees had been at work canvassing for subscriptions for pastor's support, and felt sure they could reach \$1000.00.

I do not believe any missionary can live, as he ought, in Nashville under \$1000.00 per year. If Pastor Raymond is successful in bringing back the scattered members, restoring confidence and building up the congregation, \$400.00 will not be needed the second year, and the Church ought soon reach self-support. It will be well to make very clear our idea of an appropriation for one year or so. Rev. Harlan Penner speaks in highest terms of Pastor Raymond and his work near Louisville. So also does Dr. Ott. My fear is that Raymond will not be able to go to Nashville promptly because of the illness of his wife.

I enclose letter from him marked B.

The Nashville field is one full of promise to the right man. Oh! that Pastor Raymond may prove himself to be the right man.

2. CHAT-  
-TANOOGA

2. Chattanooga. Pastor Seib was not at synod, sending as a reason his lack of means.

The congregation is now worshipping in the new building, and the pastor seems hopeful of success. I regretted his absence from synod, and my inability to go to Chattanooga to remain long enough to do any good.

Had I known, in time, of Pastor Seib's



inability to get to synod because of the expense. I would have secured a pass for him. By a forced drive of sixteen miles after service Sunday night, Oct. 26 - I might have spent about twenty hours in Chattanooga, but I feared the strain would be too much for me, and the time I could give Chattanooga not sufficient to justify the risk of a drive after ten o'clock at night after having held three services during the day. At some time during the winter, it will be well to spend several days in Chattanooga, and if possible make plans to commence English work.

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3. DICKSON

3. Dickson. The principal need at this mission, at this time, is the finishing of the church-building. The Board of Church-Extension ought to appropriate \$350.00 to \$500.00 for this purpose, which I believe would be well spent. A new pastor may be needed for the greater success of the work by and by, but now I believe the thing to do is to finish the house of worship. Without this no man can succeed. This is also the opinion of Mr. Goodwin who has been on the ground. Dickson is growing and attracting some Northern people and Northern capital. New R. Road shops are soon to be erected and scores of employees and their families will be located in the town.

The Synod of Middle Tennessee will meet in Dickson next year, and our influence should be used to have the house of worship finished by that time. Then several of the officers or members of the Board should visit D. & give the synod encouragement.

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VII. PERSONAL.

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In "casting up accounts" for the term of one year, I find my salary of \$1600.00 is not adequate to meet actual cost of living in Des-Moines, and I am therefore compelled to ask the Board to make it \$1800.00 from October 1<sup>st</sup> 1884. For several years to come it will cost me over \$500.00 per year for the house in which we live - which is virtually rent, though at the end of five or six years the house may be paid for and belong to us. Again, I have always felt it a duty as well as a privilege to give one tenth of our income to benevolence. Indeed I am afraid to do otherwise. As the Board well knows there are no perquisites of any sort or kind in the Secretaryship, to supplement the salary, such as are common to every pastor. Neither am I able to do any work outside the work of the Board, nor indeed am I able to meet much more than half the demands of this great work. For 1885, I feel compelled to give up the editorship of "The Little Ones" and other labor for Board of Publication, which would have brought me \$150.00 per year.

In order to meet bills to Oct. 1884, I was obliged to borrow \$300.00, and of course, I cannot repeat this from year to year. It was my hope that some income would come to us, through the patrimony of my young daughters, but as the law has not yet decided, this source of relief is also cut off. Had it been

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received, he would gladly have used it for the good of the Church - giving that much towards my own salary.

In view of all the facts - the work done, the money saved to the Church through special advantages, the absolute need &c. &c. I feel justified in making this application, and am confident the Board will be justified by the entire General Synod in granting it.

It may be that the work can be as well or better done, by some one else for less outlay, in which case the Board would hardly feel justified in making additional appropriation. If so it would be wrong in me to stand in the way. I know, however, that the Western work cannot be done more conscientiously nor with more self-sacrifice, nor with less expense in travel. I do not say this boastfully, as I deserve no personal credit. I only labor as I do because I cannot help it. For the benefit of my family I feel in duty bound to carry a policy of accident and life insurance, as am liable to be maimed or killed during almost any trip. It is painful to me to ask for an increase of salary, or indeed to discuss salary at all, but the time has come for me to be just to my loved-ones, as well as to the Church. During all my ministry I have avoided giving the least appearance of being mercenary, and I trust my brethren of the Board will fully understand that this application is made because of absolute need, and because I believe the granting of it will enable me to do better work, if possible, because of being free from financial worry.

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## VIII. Miscellaneous. A. Western tour.

If it be possible to make it, I believe a trip to the West by the General Secy. and Presb. will be of great advantage to the work. the officers, and the United Missions and Mission points.

True, the expense might be considerable, but the investment would be a very good one. Cannot the Board see the way clear to have these Officers or one of them attend the Kansas Synod and Dedication at Sapella - the re-opening at Peabody, Dedications at Kearney, Wayne, Auburn &c. &c. visit Atchison, Ottawa, Grand Island, North Platte and perhaps Denver Col. & Bismarck Dakota?

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In many cases free papers can be secured, I think, and in all cases passage or reduced rates. It will be a great pleasure to me to have such a visitation, and to do all in my power to secure transportation.

It will also be a great pleasure to the Missions and Missionaries - the new Church Enterprise &c. &c. The "Observation" could be printed in Ch. Papers, & then in Refers and sent broad-cast through the General Synod. Will the Board please consider this matter in its different bearings.

The Kansas Synod will meet November 25 to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Perhaps by a special effort on the part of some of our Sutheran Merchants in Baltimore, papers could be secured on R. & O. Roads. to Chicago or St. Louis. If it be deemed wise to have this visitation made, I will at once, on learning the fact, arrange for transportation.

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B. This Report, when completed will embrace sixty five days and nights of work. During which fifty one sermons and Home Mission addresses were delivered, over 8300 miles traveled, eleven synods visited, nearly five hundred letters and Home Mission matters mailed, and many of the Missionaries cheered in person.

Through it all God has been my God, and has kept his servant in comparative strength. Some of the travel was very wearisome and severe - over one hundred miles of it having been in wagon or other private conveyance - as band-car - "Buck. Board &c. &c."

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Not an engagement was missed, and not a connection - though often a swift horse had to be used to get the best and quickest route. The expense of travel is here presented covers four months and 9113 miles, and has been done at less than \$1.00 per day, and less than one cent per mile including all expenses. To do this has taken some management, but God crowned every effort with success. There was much wearisome travel, because of "broken nights", i. e. half a night in bed, and other half on a "caboose" or ordinary passenger train. Some days I was obliged to go to bed to "renew" or "rest up" for the address of the afternoon or evening.

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Everywhere the subject of Home Missions seemed a welcome one, and everywhere the people were thoughtful and considerate and kind. God, our Father - bless the people - our dear Lutheran people - and give them better & better ideas of stewardship.

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A. LOUIS-  
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NEW MIS-  
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VIII. Kentucky <sup>37</sup> A. Louisville.

1. The New Mission (As the pastors were at synod when I passed through Louisville, I did not stop there but met them both at synod, and had quite a long consultation with them concerning the work in Louisville and the New Mission in particular. Had also a talk with Mr. Quest, Supr 1<sup>st</sup> Ch. S. School, and recently gone actively to work in the New Mission School.

What Deerner meant by his article in Evangelist of Oct. 21, I do not understand, as he contradicted it many times during our conversation. I had not then read it, not having seen the Evangelist, and knew nothing of it until reading the letter of inquiry from Bro. Blutz, on my return home. In a talk with Bro. Deerner I asked him: "Have you any of your families at work in the third mission?" He answered Oh! yes, several very efficient ones. I then asked: "Can you spare them, and will they go right in and take hold, if we can put a man there?" He answered: Oh, no! he could not, at this time, spare them at all for the new organization". He virtually said: that the work of the third mission was going on all right, and would be held right along, even though a missionary could not at once be sent. Bro. Blutz was even more emphatic, and said: "The Board need not be uneasy about the third mission in Louisville. That is safe for us, even without a pastor. It is very different from the second mission of Kansas-City. There was danger of our losing that field, but not

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any such danger in the case of the Third Mission in Louisville." He thinks a lot will be secured by the Mission this Autumn or the coming winter, says a good man will be welcomed at any time we have such man to send, but insists upon it that the field and neighborhood are ours and cannot be wrested from us.

Dr. Ort does not entirely agree in this view. He feels that we ought at once place a man in that field, and that the three schools should then organize a fourth one in another part of the growing city.

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VILLE, KY

2. THE  
SECOND  
CHURCH.

2. The Second Church. The House of worship has been entirely renovated since my visit of June last, at which time I took the congregation that it looked like decay rather than progress. New carpets, paint &c. &c. have transformed the entire audience room, and made it look as though there was prosperity.

Bro. Fenner says it will not be possible for the congregation to reach self-support rapidly, if Board of Church Extension insist on having the amt. due them "all at once". He says they can, by great self-sacrifice, pay \$1000.00 per year of the principal, and at the same time reduce appropriation from Board of Home Missions for support of Missionary. If however, they must borrow \$6000.00 to pay Board of Church Extension, and raise \$420.00 or \$480.00 per year to pay interest, they cannot reach self-support for several years, or until they are through

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with the payment of the debt. I think Board of church Extension ought to take from them \$1000.00 per year, and remit interest. Shall not our influence be used to this end? Bro. Kemmer is a first rate man - a little "lifted up", perhaps, and his theology a little weak. He does not think "our list of instructions can be much improved, and is sure nothing more can be added".

I sometimes feel that he refers to all "no use of tobacco", "no beaver cravats" and "no butternut pantaloons & coats".

3. A great  
MISSION  
FIELD.

3 This state of Kentucky is a vast Mission field - having Shelby & Simpson counties seats without houses of worship of any kind.

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INDI. Indiana. A. Synod of N. Indiana.

A Synod  
of  
NORTHERN  
INDIANA.

This synod had a first-rate convention at North Manchester. The improvement in the synod is very marked, cheering indeed! Joseph has given place to order, and fanaticism to conservative Sutheranism. I was so much pleased with the marked improvement two years ago - three years ago, and even one year ago, that I would have been glad to have remained during the entire convention.

Prof. Richard shares this opinion with me, and he both had "an impulse" (Coward) to go express ourselves. Work was done promptly and well. The synod assumed \$1000.00 of amt. needed to purchase church property in Logansport, in addition to apportionment.



I. LOGANS-  
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Logansport. As reported by letter to Bro. Blutz, for October meeting, I have never seen a more thoroughly discouraged man, than was Bro. Purcell - our Missionary at Logansport. His letter received while at Mittenberg Synod, was so "blue", that I felt a visit necessary to ascertain the cause. Consulting with Bro. Richard, we determined to meet at Logansport. Summoned Rev. J. S. Gaurd and see what could be done. Accordingly Gaurd and Purcell were telegraphed, I secured a literary team. Drove fifteen miles in the night, and caught a train at 1.35 Monday morning to bring me to Logansport by daylight. Bro. R. & Bro. Gaurd reached there during the morning, and we, going over the whole ground, concluded our Missionary had become uselessly discouraged, and without any reason. My fear is, from what I saw of him that day, and my observations at Synod, that he is not really the man. There was no reason why he should not have had all the weeds mowed down in the yard surrounding the place of worship. No reason why a sign telling of Lutheran Services & S. School should not be on the <sup>outer</sup> wall, and no reason why the front door should not have a coat of paint.

He must keep a careful oversight of this Mission. If it does not succeed, I am convinced the reason will be, that the Missionary who promised so well, at the first, is not adapted to the field. Oh! for men of the right stamp for our important Mission fields.

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Greenleaf Kansas

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1884

Rev. S. B. Barnitz

Dear Bro

I write this to inform  
you that I think it  
best that I resign this  
Mission & let some one  
else take my place. I  
think I have done about  
all I can here. Bro. D. L.  
Harrison would like to  
come to Kansas would  
be not be a suitable person  
for the place, I wrote to him  
about it. I have no place  
in view. I am willing  
to submit to the guidance  
of preachers, & we are  
still in debt some, & find  
that I have done all I can

Next there will be over  
two hundred dollars to  
raise to meet all demands  
I have had all to carry  
and must let others  
hear the message. Please  
come & see & provide a man  
for the place.

As ever yours in  
the gospel  
J. Schaner

2. FORT

WAYNE.

2. Fort Wayne. <sup>41</sup>

This Lutheran City is ready for an English Lutheran Church of the General Synod type. One year ago, it was hoped a change would take place in the General Council Church, and that the congregation would return to General Synod. This change has not come, however, and is not likely to come any soon. That church seems to be suffering with dry rot, and some of our earnest and healthy people feel that the time has come for a second English Lutheran Church in that city.

Prof. Richard spent a night with one of our families and gave me the above facts. He says "one of us" should visit Ft. Wayne at once, and set the work on foot. alas! however, where will we find the right man to put in charge of it.

It would be well to consult Prof R. concerning his visit to Ft. Wayne.

Fort Wayne

B. OLIVE

B. Olive Branch Synod of Indiana.

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IND.

At this synod and its Sunday School convention, it was also cheering to note progress - great progress! All the discussions manifested a return to Lutheran doctrine and usage. Dr. Baltzley says three years ago, such action as that taken on catechization and our own church periodicals could not have been passed.

There was in this convention also an excellent missionary spirit. We have much mission work to do in the larger cities and towns of Olive Branch synod, as Transylvania Co. etc. In this, as in

all the synods visited - the call to the ministry and beneficiary education received a good share of attention.

1. Main-apolis.

Indianapolis. At the request of Bro. Richard, I urged upon Pastor Balty the necessity of building the main church the coming summer. He thought "maybe they could", but says everything is pretty depressed now. He also feels that some of the officers of the Board can do more winning the people to the building point than he can, and to this end urges a visit.

Dr. Ort says the mistake at Indianapolis is in the present location - in some direct way from Mr. Maternal, where he had a large S. School, into a part of the city where Germans and German children are scarce, and where the residents are already "churched". Of course I do not know how this is, as I have never investigated it. Should Past & Secy. come next, it might be well to visit Indianapolis.

Indianapolis

2. Richmond.

Richmond. Bro. Kapp seems very hopeful of the English Mission at Richmond, as also does Bro. Young.

So too the delegates to W. A. O. M. Convention. The great need now is a lot, and I do sincerely hope it can be secured for them by Board of Ch. Extension. If the lot is secured, they will be able, of themselves to build at once, which in - uses needs. Bro. Kapp made a good impression at synod, and Bro. Young says he makes a like good impression in R.

Richmond

X. Michigan

X. Michigan. <sup>43</sup> H. Three Rivers.

A. THREE RIVERS.

Mr. Rautzahn spoke on - course feignly of the Missin at this place. During visit to Synod of W. Indiana. I was rather pleased with his views of Missin work.

B. DETROIT

B. Detroit. We surely have a fine opening in this beautiful city, with its seven German Churches, and tens of thousands of children being rapidly Anglicised.

XI.

XI. Canada. A. Brockville, Ont.

CANADA

A. Brockville.

As the Board, or members of the Board may be asked why I spent part of Oct. 21 & 22, in Brockville, Ont. Ca. It may be well for me to make report.

Having been urged by a friend (to whom I and the Board are greatly indebted for R. Road fares, which have saved us a good many dollars) to attend the Provincial P. School Association at Brockville, and deliver an address on City Missin work, I thought it wise to yield though it would be to my discomfort, and crowd me very much. Indeed I felt we could not afford to forfeit such influence, and that it would be much better to increase it. I know the visit helped our home Missin work. Under any circumstances, I might have felt entitled to the trip - having taken no vacation - but as I knew there was something in it for our work, I felt it a duty to make it. There is also a field - a great field for us in Canada!

XIII. KAN

XIII. Kansas. A. Greenleaf.

-SAS.

Father Schauer's resignation enclosed. He better look after the field until time of Kansas-synod, or until he can decide how best to arrange the work in that part of Kansas. Selterman E

A. Greenleaf.

B: OTTAWA

B. Ottawa. Glad Bro. Henry will go & hope success will attend his every effort.

C. EM-PORIA.

C. Emporia. I have no word from this field at all. Hope to know all about it at Kansas synod. He must depend and take care of our faithful men!

D. Drexler.

D. Drexler. Am surprised to learn that no installment of the promise of St. Paul's at Washington D.C. has yet been sent to the treasurer. It was a positive promise. I will write Bro. Alden concerning it.

XIII. COLORADO. DENVER.

XIII. Colorado. A card from Bro. Seilman - enclosed - in which he tells us services have been commenced in Sheeh's hall.

XIV. WYOMING

XIV. Wyoming. I think Prof. Richard, or Bro. Sehnier or Anderson or somebody will be obliged to go to Cheyenne and see to the proper dealing and securing of our property there. When Bro. Clark sees the lots to Swedish congregation, it must be with understanding, that they had me back - rather W.D. C. P. for an English church.

XV. UTAH.

XV. Utah. <sup>45</sup>

Pastor Sessler is receiving many letters from this territory saying, "If Lutheran Churches and Lutheran Schools could be established here, Mormonism would receive a blow such as legal enactment cannot give it. "The Hardest truly is great!"

XVII. OBSERVATIONS.

XVII. Observations. A. I fear it was a mistake to ask for the Birth of Luther Collection for support of Missionary for this year. It would have been better to concentrate in the Building project.

I say this from observations since the appeal was sent forth. I find that most of the collections will be taken for the Building fund. Still, as he started out one year ago to get a collection a year for support of a childrens' Missionary, even though the response this year be small, it will be one of the regular links in the chain.

B. It will never do to go to the General Synod, with so large a balance in N. W. Treasury. They will not vote us \$30,000, if we have so much balance on hand.

Oh! that we could find the man for San Francisco, the man for Los Angeles, Louisville, Detroit &c. &c. &c.

C. Our N. W. W. M. Societies are doing a grand work. I attended meetings of Miami, Nebraska, Iowa, N. Ind. and Ohio Branch, and I assure you the meetings here, in all respects, truly cheering.

Much more remains to be written, but cannot be for this month's meeting.

With love to the Brethren.

Sam'l D. Darnitz  
Western Secy.

Des. Moines Ia,  
Mem. 11/24.

Observations



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Nebraska. A. Calland.  
The enclosed letter from Rev. C. Huber, Pres. Nebraska Synod, and Chairman of Adv. Board of Home Missions of the Nebraska Synod, has just ~~the~~ moment, been received, and I hasten to mail it, in the hope that it will reach you in time for Board Meeting.

The letter confirms you will note, my fears concerning Gearhart, and my statement concerning the "Organ Agency". I suggest the following action: Resolved that, if at all possible, the Pres. of Nebraska Synod, visit Calland, Neb., and ascertain the true condition of things in that Mission.

If the statements in Bro. Huber's letter are verified, Rev. Gearhart's commission should, at once, be re-called.

B. Stromborg & adjacent part.

I have no direct word from Stromborg since October action.

As Bro. Huber is near there, he might go to S. on some well day & encourage our people. I suggest that the Board request him to do so.

If I do not hear from him, I am inclined to send a letter to Nebraska, or send a letter to S. and hope that he will do so. These are all as well as possible.

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