

II. WEST VIRGINIA.

A. WHEELING-LINCOLN.

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A. Wheeling

At the urgent solicitation of the pastor and Church Council of the Church at Wheeling W. Va. I took part in the services of the 25th Anniversary - November 21-24. and aided in raising sufficient funds to reduce the debt to a sum which will be easily managed by the congregation.

The exercises in connection with the Anniversary were very interesting and evidenced that the congregation and P. School have not in anywise lost the Missionary spirit. The Mission at Wheeling has already furnished four men for the Ministry, has now a student at the theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and has given the Mission at Denver one of the best of Missionary Women, as the wife of pastor Heilman.

It is the purpose of the Wheeling Church and P. School, never to be without a candidate for the Ministry at one of our Lutheran institutions.

The "Observer" will no doubt furnish a full account of the services, as the General Editor was present, and took part in them.

WHEELING W. VA.

III. NEBRASKA.

A. AUBURN

III. Nebraska. A. Auburn.

Missionary Semmel continues to report prosperity at Auburn. The new Church will be dedicated Sunday December 14 with Dr. Pomroy as the Chief Speaker.

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B. BEAT-
-RICE.

B. Beatrice.

Missionary Albright con-
-tinues to report progress. They had a great
day; even. 9. at corner-stone laying.
Dr. Leonard will help them by a
Suther talk on Decem. 11 or 12. En route
to Auburn.

C. LIN-
-COLN.

C. Lincoln.

The congregation at
this mission attended a call to Rev. Geo.
A. Boners D.D. of Abilene, Kans. which
I am glad to say he ^{has} declined. He is an
able preacher and doing a good work at
Abilene, because he has an efficient church
-council, and is released from much of the
business of the church, which a missionary
must look after. At Lincoln he would
likely have failed, as he is averse to visiting.
What they now propose to do with refer-
-ence to calling a pastor I am not informed.

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D. KEAR-
-NEY.

D. Kearney.

The new church in
the town of Kearney, will
D.V. be dedicated on Sunday Decem. 21, and
the one in the country early in 1885.

I expect to spend the 20th and 21st at
K. and points adjacent. Bro. Senter reports
pastor Anderson, as doing admirably.

The church started by the General Council
in opposition to ours, has been closed for lack
of funds to finish it, and some of the
people are returning to their first love.

We will try to make the 21st a great
day for the General Synod at Kearney.
Will report more fully after my
visit.

KEARNEY

E. NORTH

-PLATTE

E. North-Platte³.

Reports from this mission also continue favorable, but I do not like pastor Anderson's article in the "Observer" on "Colonization". His plan reads well, and has many good features, but after all, it looks like a "land agency", which I fear it is, and fear also, that he is fixing more attention to the natural than the spiritual vineyard. Perhaps a gentle and kindly admonition from the Board, would do him good. It might be based on "fears" after reading colonization scheme.

As I have said in nearly every report, when writing of Anderson, I believe he is at heart a good man, and means well for the church, but at the same time, he needs close looking after. There is a mercenary streak running through him, which he must check, or it will make him "an Aisling".

A successful preacher and pastor cannot consistently be a good land agent, neither can a good land agent, be a successful missionary. Some men have tried to be both at the same time, and in nearly every case the word and the Deed and the land companies got the advantage.

I have asked Bro. Senter to keep a sharp eye on North-Platte and the workings of the mission there, and to report from time to time.

F. OAK-

-LAND

F. Oakland. Reports from Oakland are not favorable. The mission continues to "sell organs" and to give much attention to this department of mission(?).

OAKLAND

A kindly admonition, will do him no harm. In fact, if he had a good man to put in his place, he might be retired to his native Virginia. Bro. Cimmell's im-
portations, have been an amazingly poor lot.

G. WAYNE

G. Wayne. Pastor Schurr wrote me sometime ago, that "he was afraid the Methodists would get ahead, as they would likely hurry up their dedication, have a BISHOP! come out to dedicate &c. &c."

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I wrote him to so push matters by day and night if need be, so that he could have his dedication at least two weeks before the Methodist brethren were thinking of it. to announce it at once and to announce "BISHOP Conrad of Philadelphia, the great Dedicator." He took the advice & will dedicate Sunday Decem. 7, with Dr. C. as chief preacher. I trust they will succeed in gathering up a good many dollars which otherwise might have been lost to them.

H. HAST

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H. Hastings. Work will be resumed in the church at Hastings without delay. It will be German, Norwegian and English - the P. School altogether English. Bro. Senter will begin subscription for a parsonage at Hastings, and has no doubt the citizens will build it.

I. HARDY

I. Hardy. Rev. J. M. Song, having failed to put in an appearance, Rev. J. C. Maurer was sent to Hardy, and will preach there Sunday Decem. 7. 9

brought Bro. M. and the Hardy delegate together at the Kansas Synod, and they seemed mutually pleased.

The delegate said "all we want is a good, plain earnest straight pastor to lead us, and we will follow, and success is assured. Bro. Maurer will report his observations after going over the field. Letter enclosed marked B. Rev. Maurer will also visit Rev. Leonard, and see how matters now stand at that point."

HARDY

J. STROMS

J. Stromborg & Josephell.

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CRESSWELL

As yet, I have no answer to my letters to these people, concerning Rev. D. W. Schuetz, and a new application.

III. KAN-

III. KANSAS. A. The Kansas Synod.

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SYNOD.

All things considered, the convention of the Kansas Synod was a good one and proper was manifest on every hand. The very late date of meeting, the unfinished church-building, the lack of system in locating delegates, the miserable Bright case &c. &c. were very serious drawbacks, but notwithstanding these, the convention was one of the very best ever held by the synod. I can scarcely believe my own eyes and ears, as I see and hear the Sutherlandism of this body, and think of what it was at the time of my first visit in 1881.

Church order was the exception, now it is the rule. Sunday schools had in them ^{them} everything but Sutherlandian teaching and literature. Now all the Sutherland & some Union have our own.

I. THE BRIGHT CASE.

Catechization was ^{to them} almost a lost art: now it is openly advocated and systematically practiced, and the pastor who opposes it even by neglecting it, is not exacted by his brethren. 1. The Bright case. As the parties to this case refused to submit to a consideration of it by Committee, the Ministerium took it up, consenting to hear only documentary evidence. This was equal to ten times the length of my report on the case, and nearly all in sworn testimony. There were I presume fifty (50) affidavits to the effect that they would not believe the parties who made the charges on oath. It required ten (10) hours to read the testimony. Bright was found "guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister of the Gospel, and was ordered censured, and reprimanded by the President. I enclose a letter from Bright

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marked C, which may or may not interest the members of the Board. As we would likely have been charitably disposed towards his wife and children, even if he had been sent to prison, I could see no objection to their having "a Bot", especially as it would not deprive any of our missionaries (the supply being greater than the demand) of help, and therefore had Mrs. Barnitz place the matter before Mrs. Wilson and the Com. on Notes of N. W. & N. U. S. I trust my course will meet the approbation of the Board.

2. Rev. J. Schauer.

2. Rev. Father Schauer was not arraigned by Rev. Father Weigard for "refusing to pay what he owed". Both were present however, and I tried to reconcile them. Father Schauer promised to pay Rev. Weigard, just as soon as he is able to do so. He says he has "been very poor" and "very hard up".

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I trust the matter will be so adjusted, as to make no further trouble.

The Kansas Synod being the last one on the list for 1884, and the last of the ~~three~~ assigned to me, I am inclined to sing "Hallelujah 'tis done."

Notwithstanding some unpleasant things, the visitation has been cheerful & everywhere there has been not only readiness, but even anxiety to hear of the work of the Board, and to listen to the appeals for men and money.

Indeed there has been cheer all along the line!

B. Topeka. 1. The New Church.

Great and delightful will be the change from the little coop, which would scarcely hold 200 persons, to the bright and elegant temple which will accommodate one thousand people with comfort. The building is indeed a gem and a marvel of cheapness and beauty. The cost will be \$13,500 or \$14,000.00, and I would not exchange it for the Omaha Church which will cost \$50,000, neither for the Cheapo Chapel which cost about \$15,000.00. It was refreshing to see so churchly a building, and the work so well done. The only defect is the lack of communion table or altar. This will be remedied however, by having Board of Church Extension order this needed addition. A full account of dedication services, and a full description of the building will be published in the Observer.

2. The Missionary is one of the most energetic on our list, but needs a little of

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-hortation" at times, concerning his "Broad Theological views". He has a great big heart and is so tender and loving, that at certain times it gets away with good judgment.

On Sunday afternoon, at Dedication, I told Church-officers to invite all the orthodox ministers of the city to the pulpit platform, but not to invite Universalist, Unitarian, Swedenborgian or Spiritualist pastors, as the effect of that would be to give our brethren of the General Council a club with which to pound us; and more particularly because light and darkness have no concord. When the pastor arrived, however, not knowing of my request, he called to the platform "Bro. Durham of the Swedenborgian Church".

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I concluded to have Dr. Conrad or some other elderly brother suggest to Bro. D. the mistake of such "liberality". I thought this the better course than to do it myself, as I had labored with him concerning a Methodist S. School Supt. and Union S. School periodicals. The Supt. and periodicals have given place to those which are Sutheran.

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The Mission at Topeka should and I think will, now make rapid progress. With a handsome, convenient and well located building in a rapidly growing city, self-support cannot be far distant.

The work of building has been as well managed as any I have ever known, and pastor and church-council and building committee deserve hearty commendation.

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It is refreshing to see how this will done.

C. EM-
-PORIA.

C. Emporia. 9

My plan was to spend Sunday, Nov. 30 - at Emporia, and had my satchel packed, and ^{was} in readiness to start. Bro. Dornblaser, his Church-council and the synod protested against my being absent from the dedication, and as Jopella is also a Mission, I thought best to remain for Sunday, and go to Emporia for Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

Rev. A. B. Belmer was therefore sent for the Sunday services, and I followed on Monday. I asked Bro. Belmer to write me his observations and convictions, and enclose his letter, marked D.

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Being on the ground from four P.M. Monday to 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, and holding a service Monday evening, I had every opportunity of careful investigation, & though my sympathies were with the Missionary, I must justify the Church-council and Mission in their action. The only thing for which I could censure them, was that they did not inform the Board, from time to time, of their great disappointment.

They see this now and regret it. They positively assert - every member of the council being present - that they never refused to send a statement to the Board. It was a painful task to them to take the action against Bro. Hartman to resign, (just as painful as it was for the Board to ask Bro. Josephman to resign,) but they felt it a duty to him and to the Board, and especially a duty to the Mission. In the entire congregation, there was not one dissenting voice, as to the abso-

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- lute necessity of an immediate change of mission or immediate abandonment of the work. Whatever our young brother may have been permitted to accomplish in the ministry, before going to Emporia, it is certain he cannot succeed in the future, unless a different plan of action is adopted. 1. He did the kitchen work, or a great part of it, and had not time to study, neither to visit. He told one of the ministers of Kansas-Synod, he had not prepared a sermon - i. e., carefully written a sermon while in Kansas. He made his wife's dresses, and both of them spoke of this in company, and the members had to listen to it from others. He was seen washing & hanging out the clothes; seen with apron on washing the dishes &c. &c. 2. He made no attempt at prayer-meeting or S. School, until after his resignation was suggested, and then announced prayer-meeting in a sarcastic way, at the house of the old lady who had kindly, but frankly told him of her great disappointment. On one occasion he asked to have services suspended because of his wife having taken sick. This was on a Friday, and when told she would probably be better or well enough for him to leave her by Sunday, he replied: "At anyrate I am not prepared to preach". In other words he had had three days since preaching a sermon, to prepare for his next service, but two days in advance of it was not ready. These are a few of the reasons, unanimously given by the membership of the Church, for the request to resign. They tried to tell Bro. H. kindly &

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thought to say nothing to anybody else. They hoped he could quietly get a field of labor to which he would be adapted, and that the reasons for leaving Emporia need never be made public. Indeed, to my mind they acted in a much more manly and Christian way, than did the people at Lincoln, concerning Bro. Josephman.

They utterly repudiate any intention to ignore or "snub" the Board.

Bro. Hartman, under some aggravation perhaps, threatened to have them "cut off from any help" saying he "had an influence in the Board, they knew not of - &c. &c."

This was a grave mistake, and somewhat "stirred" members of the Kansas-Synod, when they heard it. The action of the Board, and the severe reprimand, led the Council to feel that perhaps the threat was true, and that the Board only "looked out for its friends."

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The Council, Congregation and ^{members of} Synod now know, that to the Board of Home Missions (though it will defend its missionaries to the fullest extent possible, men are nothing and the cause everything).

In his letter ^{Nov. 5} of Bro. Hartman says: "Barnitz had left them under the impression that a member of the Board would come to E. and locate lots for Church &c. &c." This is, to a certain extent true, and was in part accomplished.

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I, with several members of the proposed Congregation, in 1853, selected what we believed a good location, but the matter was thus left, in the hope that a missionary could be secured at an early date, who also

should be consulted, and if he agreed with us, the lots should be purchased. The Kansas-Synod had agreed to pay for lots in Emporia, and would have done so, and will yet do so, as soon as the demand is made.

Bro. H. also made the mistake of telling that, though he had money in bank, and could employ help in the house, he could ^{help} do the work, and make his wife's dresses, and thus save the cost of help.

As to the future of the Mission at Emporia, there is no doubt of success under the lead of a man adapted to the work. They do not ask for a Paul or a Luther, but only for a minister adapted to Mission work, who will lead them.

Of course they will need help in building, but they will also do ^{the} utmost of their own ability. Some of them, now in good business in Emporia, and strongly attached to the place, say they will not secede, unless they can have a Lutheran Church. They asked concerning Rev. Frank Altman; and West. of Kansas Synod, Bro. Kipell, suggests Dr. Snigley of Bellefontaine, O.

Indeed, they felt that if they continued with Bro. Hartman, and thus used the Board's money without good results, they would be censured, by the Board and Synod, and ere long, would have no future.

Let me assure the Board, this visit to Emporia, under the circumstances - was anything but pleasant, and I would have given ~~about~~ "considerable" credit Bro. ~~blurb~~ have made the investigation instead of myself.

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Bro. James Hartman is a favorite in our home, though he visited us but once.

During that visit, at Wheeling in 1881, he endeared himself to us, and it was my aim to have him take the church at Wheeling. He felt, however, that it would be too heavy a work for him.

In his sore trials, on account of ^{the} sickness of his wife, our hearts went out to him in most sympathy and tenderness, and it pains me therefore to be obliged to ~~write~~ report lack of success at Emporia. I have tried to make the statements of the people at Emporia, as delicately and tenderly as consistency with the facts will allow; and while at E. made every reasonable and possible excuse for lack of success on the part of Bro. H.

Emporia has now 10000 to 11000 population and only seventeen church organizations of all sorts & kinds. There is a population of 8000 to 9000 to work upon, and it is constantly increasing.

There was no "under-handed work", no interference by any other minister, and no means of any kind that I could discover.

D. BUN-
-KER
HILL.

D. Bunker-Hill.

At synod, I had a ^{short} talk with Miss Mary Whitman of Bunker-Hill, who said he would give me further information or, but said nothing about leaving the mission.

The day following, I was surprised to learn from "Committee on vacancies" that Bunker-Hill would soon be vacant, or, or, and

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that the Missionary had obtained leave of absence to visit Chapman, Ks. where he would likely take charge. Hearing this, I immediately wrote him for "Explanation".

His letter, marked, E - is enclosed, and seems satisfactory. I have also written Bro. H. Pyler, and Pres. Kipzell, for such information as they may want to give concerning Boulder-Hill. I think best to have the statement of the Council, as well as the Missionary.

E. HAYS
CITY.

I believe it would be well to unite Boulder-Hill and E. Hays-City, under one Missionary for the present, if a suitable man can be secured. He should also keep an eye on Olesworth, and several points between Boulder-Hill and Hays City. These Missions are only 37 miles apart by rail - with two daily trains. R. Road fare three (3) cents per mile.

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The Pres. and Adv. Board of Kansas Synod might be consulted, and they approve of the plan. Efforts can be made to bring about such union.

F. MIN-
-NEAPO-
-LIS
KAS.

F. Minneapolis, KANSAS. I enclose a statement from one of the ^{marked} Missionaries ^{not} receiving Missionary aid, which speaks for itself. It might be forwarded to Board of Church Extension, though, no doubt, they will have a like communication. The entire "Solomon Valley" is full of promise to us as a Church, if we can but occupy it.

Though Bro. S. is an ineffectual and inept tailor, he also is a worker, lives right & deserves encouragement.

G. Green-
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G. Greenleaf.

It will hardly be possible for me to visit Greenleaf this year, nor is it necessary. Could I promise them a suitable missionary, the visit might be made with advantage, or could I give them a Sunday, it would, no doubt, be well.

The trip to Greenleaf will require 654 miles of travel amid much exposure and discomfort. I am willing to endorse this if necessary, but I believe we can take care of Greenleaf without an immediate visit. If the Board of Church Extension can, by giving five Waterville, Kas. help to the amt. of \$300.00 for new Church-Building, or rather for a Church-Building, Barnes can be cut off from that charge, and connected with Greenleaf, thus giving a pastor a much better support than at present.

The great need for this mission, as for many others, is a good, sensible Lutheran pastor.

H. WATER-
-VILLE.

H. Waterville. Rev. Angus Some, the missionary (without aid from the Board) at Waterville, Kansas, reports progress and encouragement. The corner-stone for new Church-Edifice, was laid on Sunday, Nov. 23, with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. Seidel assisting. Mr. Some pleads for \$300. from Board of Church-Extension to aid in finishing the building. I will advocate his plea, as I think the gift will be "a good investment".

Mr. Some is one of the noblest of our ministers and deserves encouragement. He does faithful and solid work.

LAW-
RENCE

I. Lawrence.

Missionary DeLo reports some progress at Lawrence even amid many difficulties. I had a full talk with him about himself & his private or family matters. He told me he had made a clear and frank statement to the church council before accepting the call, and that no trouble would come from his past troubles. I told him I had not cordially endorsed him for the service of the board, as I knew him to be very hasty and impudent at times, and knew also that wife No. 2, was "around somewhere in the nest" and might make us much trouble. He thanked me for frankness and for my plain exhortation, and said he would be benefitted by it. He has secured a divorce from his wife's wife, and is again married.

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Perhaps the greatest hindrance at Lawrence is Father Frimper. This may seem "a hard saying" and though true, it is painful to make it. He "meddles" a good deal, performs marriage ceremonies, officiates at funerals, baptisms &c. &c. and tries to have himself called as pastor. He has children married into the families - prominent in the church - until he gave them certificates, after his resignation as pastor - who stand aloof, and yet hinder. So far as human foresight goes, the mission would be much benefitted, if Father Frimper was in heaven, but we cannot have him removed until "the Lord's time". Perhaps a carefully worded resolution of instruction or suggestion to the congregation would do good. The resolution

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might be something like the following. Whereas the success of the Mission at Sausence Ks. depends not alone upon the efforts of the Missionary, under God, but demands also the hearty and united effort and liberal gifts of the members to sustain the pastor, therefore Resolved by the Board of Home Missions, that every member and family of the congregation be urged to stand by Missionary Debs. in every way, that every possible prominence be given him as the representative of the Sutheran work in Sausence, and every attempt to employ other ministers or ministers for the performance of Marriage, Baptismal or Burial service, be positively discouraged.

The wording and "English" of the above can be greatly improved by members of the Board. I only make the suggestion.

Something, by Authority, should be sent the congregation at Sausence.

J. OTTA - WA.

J. Ottawa. The report of Missionary Henry, as also that of Rev. "Father" Altman, concerning Ottawa, was truly cheering. So also the spirit of Bro. Henry and his excellent wife were refreshing. Hope, courage and faith which betoken success, were manifest in all of Bro. Henry's words and words at synod.

"Father Altman" attempted to "scold the Board a little", because "the Western Secy. does not get to Ottawa often". He then went off into a lot of "palaver" (The kind Bro. Day calls "Dove Palaver") among the sermons and addresses of the Western Secy. when at Ottawa.

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and groaned, because an officer of the Board cried not "always be in Kansas"

I felt it necessary, for the good of the cause, to settle him, and laid before synod fifteen minutes of facts concerning "Unseamable men," and Unseamable demands upon the Board. Father A. did not attempt to reply, but several members of synod said: "Thank you! thank you!! For opening our eyes a good deal."

If a little help can be given O. by Board of Church-Extension, he will, without doubt ere many years have a good cooperation in that good town of Great Southern Kansas.

K. AT-
-CHISON.

K. Atchison. Bro. Diven reports himself as quite hopeful of the Atchison field, as also does Mrs. Waltemeyer, both of whom were present at the Convention of Kansas Synod, and W. A. S. M. Society. The Missionary will report particulars to the Board direct.

I have promised a Sunday to Atchison at an early date in 1855.

Bro. Diven made a pretty good impression at synod, and will, no doubt, improve by age and experience. He needs a kindly hint as to his dress. A little change in color and cut of clothing will add much to his appearance as a minister of the Gospel.

L. PEA-
-BODY.

L. Peabody. Dr. Fessler, lay delegate from this mission reports favorably of Rev. Belmer's work up to this time. The re-nerved church-building would now be

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ready for occupancy and re-dedication, but for disappointment in the stained glass - on account of the burning of the factory. The re-opening will take place early in 1885.

IV. IOWA

IV. Iowa. A. Burlington.

A. BUR-
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The Missionary at Burlington - Rev. J. W. Buller continues to speak with much encouragement of the work at Burlington. I have promised to spend Sunday the 14th - at this mission.

B. COUN-
-CIL
BLUFFS.

B. Council-Bluffs. I enclose a letter mailed G. from Rev. O. C. Miller, Chairman Adv. Board of Iowa Synod, concerning this point. All the says of Council-Bluffs has been known to me for some time, as Robert Weidensale is a frequent visitor in this town, has looked up our people and kept me posted. Bro. W. says we have a hundred other points more promising than this, but of such a man as Bro. Miller describes could be had, it would be well to open a mission at Council-Bluffs.

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To disturb Bro. Young of Richmond Ind at this time, or to make any effort to change him from Richmond to C. B., would be suicidal and foolish. What fair to the church or the general work such a course would be, is beyond my limited comprehension.

C. HEN-
-DERSON

C. Henderson, Mills Co. is also spoken of in letter of Bro. W., and I am asked to go and visit the point. The Board, in

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1882 - refused aid to Henderson, the application having been made in the name of "Mohrnatome". Since that time a near Church has been built, and the town is growing. I do not now see, however, how I can give Henderson a Sunday this year. The great want for this, as a hundred other places, is a man for the pastorate. I know a charge can be worked up in Mills Co, but it cannot be done by either the Western Secy, or Adv. Board of Iowa Synod, unless we have a man at command. If such man can be found, I believe it will be economy to give \$200.00 to Henderson for a year, until the charge can be so arranged as to insure a support without aid.

D. SIOUX-CITY

D. Sioux-city. This is a good point for us with plenty of material. The Board has said: "we are ready to open a mission at Sioux-city". The chairman of the Adv. Board of Iowa Synod, announced that he was going to S. C. to spend a week and that the man he had secured - Rev. S. Q. Smith of Elvira Ia. would go with him. This morning, however, both write me to know when I am going to S. C. that "it must be done this year" etc. etc. etc.

Scout CITY

I told these Brethren, that all they had to do was to go upon the ground, and ^{see} that the intended mission, after going over the field, seeing prospects, difficulties etc. etc., was ready to undertake the mission. It will be better for us and the mission (as he is not very far away) to examine the field

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before entering it. As noted in member report, Rev. Mr. Zimmerman, Colporteur, is taking notes of number of Lutherans etc. and will report to me. Rev. E. Baird of Dakota City, Neb. is also giving the place some attention, being under care of physician, which requires him to visit the city once a week. Gladly would I yield to the "demands" of Bro. Miller and his Adv. Board, and gladly to the demands of Adv. Bds. of other Synods, as well as demands of the Missinaries, Pres. of Synods and all other people reasonable and "unreasonable", if it were possible so to do. It will not be possible, however, until each week has two to five Sundays, and I am endowed with omnipresence. As 'tis no use either to talk to some people, or write to them or argue with them, we can only do the best we can, in the time given us of God, and leave the result with Him.

about city

If I can, i.e. if I have the strength to do it, after the visit to Kearney Dec. 21, I will, D.V., go to Sioux City, and prepare the way for Bro. S. to enter upon the work.

E. NEVA-
-DA.

E. Nevada. Storey Co. needs a loan of \$500.00 to complete the church property. As B. B. C. holds a provisional first mortgage on the property, they ^(the corporation) cannot borrow the amt. from other parties. A friend offers to loan B. B. C. through me, \$500.00, and I trust we can influence that Board to accept the loan, and help Nevada with it.

Bro. Zeigler is working very hard, and stands well with the people at N.

IV. COLO.

V. Colorado. A. Denver.

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The report of

A. DEN-

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Rev. P. W. Heilman to the Kansas Synod was cheering, i. e. it showed a most cheerful spirit and hopeful disposition. It had in it nothing of the doleful, fumbling or complaining. Rev. N. Neiser (in his younger days, however, given to stammering) reported very hopefully, and most heartily endorsed the selection of the Board. Bro. H. no doubt, reports full details to the Board.

B. HUGO

B. Hugo. See letter of Rev. Whitman of Boulder Hill, Mo. concerning this point. Had he a good man at Hays City or B. H. he might look after Hugo. What is the pleasure of the Board?

VII. ROCK-
-FORD.

VII. Illinois. A. Rockford.

Communication enclosed from Rev. C. Declinger, Donston Ill. - marked H - concerning Rockford. The application, however, did not come with the letter. It was perhaps sent direct to Baltimore.

B. FREE

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B. Freeport. Dedication at Freeport, December 21. Dr. Conrad will be present.

I told the missionary to consult the Woman's Ft. Com. and Boards of W. M. A. B. C. E. as to arrangements, preachers &c. &c.

I know not whether he took my advice or not. A postal card just received from him, says: "Dedication will be on 21st. Hope you will be with us." As I am engaged for Kearney W. M. and believe it more important for our work to be at K., will not be at Freeport.

VIII A.
NASH-
-VILLE.
VIII.
DAKOTA.

VIII. Tennessee. A. Nashville.

closed brief letter from Rev. Raymond. marked I. En.

VIII. Dakota. Will give attention to letters of Father Bel-

lers, as soon as possible. He is true faithful old man, with many good ideas. With a man in the Dakota field to secure Church property, without doubt thousands of dollars might be saved to the Church. Well does Secy. Schultz say:

"This may be worth looking after. I believe that we should do more of this pioneer work - go into the new places when they are being settled - be first on the ground instead of last. Then we might have a chance to get the best of our own material, and a good deal of others, instead of eternally creeping in last, and taking just what has been left." But how can we do this without the right kind of men?

DAKOTA.

I do hope to get into Dakota, and get some men into Dakota, before the meeting of General Synod, but how to get the time and the men, without neglecting other work and other fields looms up before me, as a question difficult to answer.

IX. MIN-
-NESOTA
A. DULUTH

IX. Minnesota. A. Duluth. In Sept.

1883, I had an urgent appeal from Duluth Minn. which was sent to the Board. I replied to the letter, asking for further information, and asking them to arrange for a visit. I never received a reply, and have only found out the probable reason! Rev. William A. Paparant D.D.

DULUTH
MINN.

of Pittsburgh Penn^a. Editor of "The Work-
man" and member of G. C. Home Mission
Committee, has been in that country, i.e.
was there about the time of the reception
of my letter, and warned the Sutherans
against us. The G. C. have done nothing
but promised, accepting to hinder us from
doing the work now in that city.

Dr. Paparant might well be
called "General Interference and hinderer,"
or "Dog in the Manser."

X. In.
-iana
A. F. T.
WAYNE.

X. Indiana. A. Mt. Wayne.

will do
my utmost to visit Mt. Wayne, early
1885, unless Secy. Club can arrange to
come west, which I trust will be the case.
Prof. Richard can assist in the work at
Mt. Wayne, by corresponding with the gentle-
man whose guest he was, or putting Secy.
in correspondence with him.

XI. CON-
-CLUSION
A. Grati-
-tude.

XI. Conclusion. A. Gratitude.

The Board of Home Missions will
please accept thanks for increase of salary,
and also accept assurances of gratitude &
appreciation. Though I cannot work more
hours, neither ^{more} faithfully in each hour of
day, I will be more free from financial
care and anxiety, and this will be helpful
to "having an eye and thoughts single" to the
advancement of the work of the Board.

B. MEN.

B. Men. 1. Rev. W. W. Smith of Waynes-
boro Virginia, wants mission work in
the West. He must be inquired into

before we can encourage him. Experience with "brethren from the South" has not been encouraging.

2. Rev. A. M. Oseifer. of Smithville W. Va. will "go west". He has become heir to a legacy, and will not require much salary. He has some good work, but or no legacy, he must not preach for people for nothing, and thus spoil them. Will try to use him somewhere.

MEN.

Supplemental.

II. Nebraska. A note from Rev. Jno. N. Sessler concerning Bro. Hanson. Just received. Note marked J.

Praying our Father's blessing upon the work of the year 1884,

Yours truly,
John

Saml B. Barnitz
Western Secy

Wes. Minn. Ia.
December 8th 1884.

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J
Dear Bro. Barnitz:

Bro. Hansen
is here. Two days before his
arrival, a Mrs. Norwegian
pastor came to the field
we had for him. Tomorrow
morning early I am going
out the Republican valley
P.M., R.R. to look up
work for him. He has
a family & cannot remain
idle.