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II. Iowa. A. Sioux - City.

A. SIoux
CITY.

On account of the sickness and death of his estimable wife, Rev. S. P. Smith has not yet been able to visit Sioux - City. Even had he been able to go, the intense cold and depth of snow (six feet in some places) would have made a canvass next to impossible.

He will make the visit at an early day.

B. BUR-
LINGTON.

B. Burlington. A letter just received from Missionary Buller says: "I have a fine catechetical class of 13 young people, and I just cannot be away another Sabbath unless it is positively necessary and unavoidable."

This last sentence has reference to "the demands" of vacant congregations, and the Adv. Mission Board in the Iowa Synod. Bro. Buller being president of this body.

Sometime ago, I told Bro. B. that his first duty was to Burlington, and that "every day absent was a loss to the Mission and the Board." Whether it will be wise to take any action to protect him, and keep him at home, I leave to the judgment of the Board.

C. IOWA
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C. Iowa City. I enclose a letter - A - from Missionary Graichen of this point. He has, I infer, written about

the same things to Pres. and Secy. I am trying to arrange to spend Sunday, July 15, with Iowa City Mission, to ascertain prospects for building a new church etc.

There seems to be a determination on the part of the Adv. Board of Iowa Synod, to make this Mission appear a failure, and to connect it with a country church at quite a distance. I know that the work at Iowa City is more prosperous and more hopeful than at anytime for a number of years.

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D. STATE

MISSIONARY

OR
Secretary
FOR

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D. State Missionary or Secy. for Iowa.

I enclose a characteristic letter B. from Rev. Oliver C. Miller of Cedar Rapids, in which reference is made to a State Missionary for Iowa. I presume he will begin to "stir up" the brethren on this point. If the Board decides on having State Missionaries I have no doubt Mr. Miller would sacrifice himself for the work.

He might now be willing to leave "his dear people" and accept ^{from} Iowa City Mission.

III NE-

BRASKA.

A. Wayne.

Rev.

III. Nebraska. A. Wayne.

Through a personal friend, I have the following: "I got a letter from Nebraska, urging me to write you immediately on this subject and urge your prompt attention to Wayne. From the following quotation you will see the urgency of your inter-

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ference. "I cannot bear to see our interests at Wayne slaughtered, which I have known for a year must be the case if something is not done. Other churches there are about to gather up all our fine English families and leave us nothing but the Germans, and they off in the country. It is too bad that such blunders have to be repeated again and again, as I have often seen it out here in the West - our pastors permitting other men to out-general them in the field and proselyte our own members. We must have born leaders, as well as schooled preachers in the West. Wise men in the field as well as good preachers." My friend says "The writer feels deeply on this subject but wishes me to withhold his name for obvious reasons."

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I have an idea that "the writer" is Dr. Seisemring of Omaha, but am not certain.

I have an aversion to anonymous letters or complaints, but believe that Wayne ought to be in better condition, and that with the early advantages we had there Bro. Schurr should have done better work.

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"The writer" however has no conception of the difficulty in securing "born leaders" "wise men in the field, as well as good preachers". This kind do not even "come by prayer and fasting". They are not plenty as black-birds in a corn field; and it

is very much easier for "The writer" to see the defects and needs, than it is for the Board to remedy the former or supply the latter.

I have felt, for some time, that a change of missionary at Wayne would be a good thing, provided we had another & more suitable man to put there. Mr. S. is certainly better than a vacancy.

WAYNE

B. NORTH
PLATTE

B. North Platte. A card - C - from Rev. E. Anderson enclosed.

I think the N. Platte people do want a pastor. Their reception of the gospel through Anderson, and their kindness to him are evidences that they appreciated a pastor. In some respects they were in advance of their professed leader and shepherd. The field is a splendid one for a true pastor. he must supply it!!

NORTH
PLATTE

C. RISING.

C. Rising. A letter just received from this mission says: "We are talking up the building of a church and we would like to build something modern and convenient. If we build it shall not be less than 30 x 45 or 50, and perhaps 60 feet long, a stone building, if possible."
This is "good news" and means "progress."

RISING.

D. KEARNEY

D. Kearney. The following from this mission under date of Jan. 29. will be

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of interest to the Board. "Before Mr. Anderson left for Wyoming he received eight (8) new members - making now 65 in all. elected a new Church-council of good men, Supt. for S. School; and appointed committees to collect subscription yet outstanding ^{on business} and subscriptions for support of pastor". The appeal - D - has just been sent out, and will I am sure meet with a hearty response. If one half of the pastors of General Synod will respond promptly, the work at Kearney will be an assured success. To this end be labor and pray and wait.

E. NE-
BRASKA
CITY.

E. Nebraska City. Letters - E - from Mr. Kimmel tell of the state of things at Nebraska City. It is a good and happy thing that the way is now open for vigorous English work in that place. I assured the little band of faithful ones that if they were in earnest, and would do their utmost - the field being a good one - they would receive the sympathy & help of the Board.

F. OAK-
LAND.

F. Oakland. Mr. Gearhart's letter shows him to be a success in catching "scape-goats", if not in securing members for the Lutheran Church. His argument that because "the Western Secy. heard him and Mr. Schurr talking about an organ

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at Ponca, and said nothing, it was right for him to sell organs" scarcely meet the case. They sat, with a half dozen other persons, in the parlor of our host - Mr. Stough - discussing organs, music etc. and it was neither the time nor the place for me to "enter protest" etc. etc.

I reported the matter after ~~after~~ I learned more about it, and after the president of synod had made complaint. I do not believe there is any necessity for a minister of the gospel to go into secular business. I know we have never had a success in any missionary who tried to do preaching and secular work. They cannot do good ploughing when they hitch together "the Op and the Ap".

I trust Rev. G. W. Spiggle will prove a success. I would not, however, take him on the judgment of Bro. Gearhart. The "Virginians" who have thus far, come to Nebraska, have been lamentable failures.

If Rev. S. is well reported, by active brethren who know his work, and bring to Nebraska energy and single-hearted devotion to the work of the ministry, he will have success and also a support. The Lord help his coming, is my prayer.

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G. LINCOLN.

G. Lincoln. Bro. Detweiler of Omaha, spent Sunday - Jan 18 - at Lincoln, and reports the interest in the mission.

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on the part of the membership, as very cheering. He said: "I wish I had in the Omaha Church, as many earnest and anxious and efficient workers, as has the Mission at Lincoln". I have no word from Church-Council as to whom they purpose calling. I have promised to give them a Sunday, at as early a day as possible. S. S. Hawley, D. D. of Toledo, O. No! No!!

H. FALLS CITY.

H. Falls-City. Rev. J. N. Kimmel writes: "Rev. P. Osheen is expected soon."

III. KAN -SAS.

III. Kansas. A. Atchison.

I have just received the following message from Missionary Dixon: "Sorry you could not get here. What Sunday this month can you come? Let us know in good time, so as to have a full meeting. The Lord is greatly blessing us already, we feel we shall have your advent with joy." I very much regretted not being able to reach Atchison for the 18th of Jan. I was caught in the terrible storm and "snowbound" - train being "abandoned." I regretted it because Sundays are very scarce. I may make visit to Iowa City later, and spend the 15th of this month at Atchison.

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B. HAYS CITY & BUNKER HILL.

B. Bunker Hill & Hays City. Letter from Rev. A. J. Kippel - F -

C. SALINA.

Letter - C₁ - tells of the resignation of Rev. A. J. Kipsee at Salina. This makes another very important vacancy. Why he has resigned he does not say. About tomorrow, the mail will bring an "immediate necessity that you visit this mission, as our pastor has resigned."

D. GREEN LEAF.

A letter from Father Schauer - H - tells of the loss by death of one of our most excellent and valuable members. The old gentleman also asks for an "early visit". Greenleaf needs a pastor, much more than a mere visit for a few days. What can we do for them? I am confident Bro. Dore will keep things together and keep them moving until such time as a suitable pastor can be secured.

E. EMPORIA.

I have nothing from Emporia since last report, excepting that the prayer meetings and missionary meetings are being kept up.

IV. COLORADO. A. DENVER.

A letter from Charles Kountze - I - shows that Bro. Weisman has made a good impression on his partner, and that he will be a good friend to the missionary and his work.

V. WY-
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V. Wyoming. A. Saramie. B. Beyerme.
Letter I - from Pastor An-
-derson, telling of his safe arrival in
Wyoming &c. &c.

VI. TEN-
-NESSEE.
A. CHAT-
-TANOOGA.

VI. Tennessee. A. Chattanooga.
I have been trying to hear from
Mr. Somis - the gentleman who gave
the lot, but thus far have failed to get
a letter from him.

VIII. IL-
-LINOIS.
A. CHICAGO
1. Grace Ch.

VIII. Illinois. A. Chicago. 1. "Grace":
Wednesday evening, Jan. 14 -
was spent at the prayer-meeting of Bro.
Heilmann's Church in Chicago. The
storm raged without, and the snow had
reached the depth of a foot by the hour
of service. Notwithstanding this fact
about forty (40) persons were present &
the spirit of the meeting ^{was} delightful.
Fully one half of the male members
present took part in the meeting, and
did it to edification. From various sour-
ces in Chicago I learned of the good im-
-pression Bro. Heilmann's work is making
upon the city. He has had, and is having
some most excellent additions.

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2. ST.
-MARK'S

2. St. Mark's.
Bro. Berenghaus reports a
a good class of catechumens, an interest
in the parochial school, and increased en-
-couragement over last year.

VIII:

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A. ST-LOUIS

VIII. Mission. A. St-Louis.

St-Marks Church at St-Louis is a monument to the wisdom and benevolence of Home Missions and Church-extension.

It is making large returns in both souls and contributions. "Snowbound" at St-L., I plead for boys and young men for the ministry, and for increased contributions for Missions. Twenty five Dollars had been set apart on Memorial Sunday for Kansas-City Building, but I said "Oh, no, that must go to Board of Home Missions for support of Children's Missionary, and you must send a like sum or more for the Building." They agreed to do so, and then a "wheeling boy" - now the most efficient man in St-Marks. Said he would take an additional share in the building. A Committee has been appointed to look up a location and make arrangements for opening "a Mission Sunday School", which will, in time, grow into a second church.

St-Louis

B. KAN-

SAS CITY

B. Kansas-City. "It has been intimated to the Board that Stotell is locating his mission too near to First Church, and that there will be "friction" & interference. This would be unfortunate. What do you know of it?"

I spent January 21st & 22nd in Kansas City, and with Bro. Stotell and one of his officers, looked at a number of lots.

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I do not believe any of them too near the First Church, and see no reason for any interference or friction. If there is interference it will come from a few jealous people in the First Church. Bro. Frotell had a conference with pastor & Council of First Church, before any appeal was sent out, and they are on record as heartily favoring the Memorial Mission.

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I think likely there will be a little jealousy on the part of the First Church, as the "Memorial" will have a new and modern building and, in every way better appointments. The First Congregation must "arise and build" - must "bestir" themselves, as they really seem to be doing. Having spent a part of my days in Kansas City, with each pastor, and having kept my eyes and ears open, I could discover no "friction" between the pastors. I was entertained in a family belonging to the "Memorial", and gladly heard their testimony to the great spiritual benefit the Mission had been to them. They were not in connection with any church in Kansas City, when Bro. S. commenced here.

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IX. MISCELLANEOUS.
A. Mrs. Storck's Loan.

IX. Miscellaneous. A. Proposition of Mrs. Emma B. Storck. I have sent to the President of the Board several letters from this estimable Christian woman, which will be laid before you. Her proposition

is a generous one, and will no doubt, be accepted. I suggest that the money be loaned to needy churches on first mortgage, with interest at six per cent payable every three or six months.

A proper agreement should be drawn up between the Board and Mrs. S. and sent to me for her signature.

She has been a truly great helper, not by her money alone, but by her prayers for the Board, the Missions and for me. I have often been strengthened in the midst of great trial and perplexity, by knowing that Mrs. Stork was praying for me.

MRS. STORK'S
LOAN.

B. EX-
PRESSION
OF
THANKS.

B. Expression of Thanks. Permit me to suggest that the following action be taken, and a copy signed by Secy. and Pres. be sent Mr. Augustus Kountze 120 Broadway N. York. I know it will do no harm.

Whereas, the Western Secy. has made frequent reference, in his reports, to the very helpful kindness of Mr. Augustus Kountze of New York City, and his deep interest in our Sutheran Home Mission work, especially in Nebraska and other Western States and territories, therefore Resolved, that the thanks and appreciation of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod. Evan. Sutheran Church in the U.S." be and are hereby expressed to Mr. Kountze, for the assistance rendered the Western Secy.

EXPRES-
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OF
THANKS
TO
A. KOUNTZE
ESQ.

Would it be well to suggest to the other boards to unite in a request that a certain hour or hours of the Sunday preceding the General Synod, be set apart for special prayer for blessings upon the Mission business at the General Synod? What think you?

DAY
of
SPECIAL
PRAYER

These are times when I know not which way to look - keeping to look up to the Author of wisdom. These are hours when I want to know just what God would have us do, and so, no doubt, is it with the board and each member thereof. If the churches would observe such prayer hour with whole-heartedness, the answer of wisdom and blessing would come, labors for the harvest would be given. This is a suggestion merely. The board can decide of its wisdom and practicality.

E. CON-
-CLUSION.

E. Conclusion. I have decided, the Lord willing, to spend Sunday, July 15 at Atchison, that, seemingly, being the place needing immediate attention.

From there I will, D.V., go into Indiana, according to suggestion.

With the prayer that the work of our hands be established by our Lord.

Gratefully yrs.

Saml W. Parmitz
Western Secy.

Westmore Ia.
July 6. 1885.

CONCLUSION

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by which hundreds of Dollars have been saved to the Board, and for the many encouraging letters written him.

Of course the wording can be changed and greatly improved. I only suggest the sentiment or idea. I know the action will pay!

C.
CHANGE
OF
WESTERN
HEAD
QUARTERS
TO
OMAHA.
NEB.

C. Change of Western Head-Quarters.

As the building of a house or head-quarters for the Western Secretary (whoever he may be) at Omaha, will in all probability be brought up at the coming General Synod, it is a question whether the Board should or should not inaugurate the movement, by making some reference to the matter in report to Genl Synod.

Mr. Aug. Kuntze is earnestly advocating such building, and will be the largest contributor. He has urged Robt. Widenhall to press the matter of having such suitable house built and given to the Church - c. e. "The Board of Home Missions". The idea is to have fifty to eighty persons of means contribute to this enterprise & deed it to the Board. It is a good and wise movement, full of sound business sense. I believe it would be well for the Board to suggest or advise it. Robt. Widenhall can give particulars, and will, no doubt, gladly do so.

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HEAD
QUARTERS.

D. DAY
OF
PRAYER.

D. Day of Special Prayer.