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 SUBJECT, Matters for the Board.

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I. The Franckean Synod.

In accordance with the telegram of Dr. Hamma, I visited this synod, reaching Hanheim, Friday afternoon—June 15th—and remaining to the close of synod and Women's A. S. M. Soc. Convention—June 18th. While this synod is "very peculiar" in some respects, it is also "zealous for good works". Some of its Lutheran forms are different from anything I have ever seen or heard of—different from anything in the heavens above or the earth beneath or the waters under the earth, and yet there was a manifest disposition to turn aside from their own ideas, and adopt the plans, order and suggestions of the General Synod. The Sunday morning worship was opened with the regular order of service from the Inner Book, and in many ways there were evidences

of forming adherence to the General Synod. My reception was most cordial. The members of Synod could "scarcely believe I had come so great a distance especially to attend their Synod," and they certainly tried in every way to show their appreciation of the order of the Board which sent me to them. Part of Saturday morning, and all of Saturday evening were given to Home Missions, and a collection for the cause, lifted on Sunday morning, which more than met all my expenses in visiting them. I did not take the money, but requested it sent to the treasurer in regular order. The contribution for Home Foreign Missions, Ch. Extension and Education exceeded those of the previous year by \$481.00, and they assured me this new year upon which they now enter will show a still greater increase.

My impression is that their treasurer has not been remitting promptly, neither in full the amt contributed for Home Missions and Church Extension. As soon as their minutes are printed he can ascertain just how much he has received, and whether he has forwarded full amt. to Bro. Newer. Strong resolutions were passed endorsing the Publications of the Board of Publication, and urging

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All their Sunday Schools to use only Lutheran Bibles
 Bibles and Periodicals. In conversation with the
 brethren I secured the following names of Lutherans
 helped with money, who ought to be seen or
 written to, concerning gifts to the Board of Home
 Missions.

Adam Davis, Pomeroy Hill, St. Lawrence Co.
 N. York, has assured his pastor of his intention of
 leaving his ^{entire} estate to the local congregation as an
 endowment. This should be prevented, and the estate
 secured for Home Missions.

John Drake, Pomeroy Hill, St. L. Co. N. York.

A generous man.

W. J. Stokes, Pomeroy Hill, St. L. Co. N. York

Abraham Block " " " " " "

Mr. P. S. Darrin, worth \$100,000.00	} South Worcester Olseff Co. N. York.
Mr. John McClintock, \$40,000.00	
Miss Margt. McClintock	

Mr. Arlington Boyce. East Schuadr, Nem. Conf.

Surely these people should be "labored with", and handsome sums secured from them for our Home Mission work. Indeed it would be time well spent to visit the congregations of the Franckean and Hartwick Synods, and present to them the demands of Home Mission work.

III. "Good News Come to Zion, Hallelujah!"

Self-Sustaining. 1. Newton, Iowa. Sunday,

July 1st, was spent with the Mission at Newton. Celebrating the event of that Mission being able to stand alone, or rather to stand with God's help, without aid from the Board.

There was joy and gladness and the voice of melody. As a thanksgiving offering they gave me \$25.00 for Chicago - the amt. I promised for them at the General Synod. Letter marked A.

2. Kansas-City. Documents marked B.

will give you the heroic action of Bro. Waetz and his people, determining to become self-sustaining from July 1st 1883. I am rejoiced at this, though I fear Bro. Waetz & family

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may suffer before the year is over, as Kansas-City is such a fearfully expensive place to live, and to do our work properly there, a man and his family must live in a respectable manner as to house, clothing &c. I suggest, A. that a check be sent Bro. Waetz, for salary, for quarter ending June 30th, and B. that he be assured, though it be kept from the congregation, that he will not be allowed to suffer. As to the second mission, his suggestion is a good one, to wait until next meeting, especially as the work is going on with vigor.

If possible the Board of Church Extension should secure a lot for this second mission, and the Board of Home Missions may well urge it upon them to do so without delay.

III. Burlington, Iowa. Letter marked C. under date of May 1st, gives precisely the

facts concerning this growing and important
city of Iowa. It might be added the city has
grown considerably since May 1860, the great
C. B. & Q. Rail-Road having located many
families there on account of their new shops.

I have written Mr. Sauman, and have also
urged Bro. Dowd. G. Smyser to write to him,
asking for his honest figures on the lots,
and suggesting whether he would not deem
it a privilege, because of the Church of his
fathers, to give us a lot, or a handsome
donation for our new enterprise. As yet
I have had no reply. If Bro. A. C. Miller of
Cedar-Rapids finds it necessary to resign
that mission, he would be just the man to
undertake Burlington. He writes as though
he would not be able to return to Cedar-Rapids,
or do any work before September, on account
of the continued serious illness of his wife. He
suggests that they accept his resignation at Ce-
dar-Rapids in order that the work may not
suffer. They are having supplies, and of course
are not inclined to accept Bro. Miller's resignation.

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I will (D.V) spend Sunday, July 8th with this mission and have a consultation with the Church Council, both as to Bro. Miller and as to their becoming self-sustaining.

IV. Rev. Hermann Telle. According to action of the Board, I wrote this brother about West-Point Nebraska. His reply is marked D. As he prefers a self-sustaining German-English Charge, would it not be just as well to refer him to Dr. Giese or Bro. Sereningshaus? I will call on him when in the neighborhood of Dubuque, but will not go purposely, unless you think best.

V. West Point, Nebraska. I do wish we could get a man for this place. Bro. J. J. DeLo of Center Brunsdale N.Y. is ready to come West and would answer for West Point, but I have thought of him for a larger place, as Bismarck, Dakota or some point like that. Bro. Anckner of Middletown Pa. would perhaps answer, if he can use

a little German, but I fear he has his ideas
far above a town like West Point. I opposed
Bro. J.'s going to Lincoln Neb. on the ground
that I felt he was not a strong enough man
for such a city. So I also feel about his
going to Burlington, but I may have been
mistaken about Lincoln, and may be about
Burlington. I know Bro. J. to be a sincere, ear-
nest and true man, but have regarded him
as weak in pulpit ability. If the Board
think otherwise, he will have my cordial sup-
port in any field for which he may be selected.

Rev. J. Aurand, of Sayville Penn^a, writes
me, through Bro. Bower, asking me to secure "re-
duced rates for his furniture from Newport
Nest"; and says "he can hardly give Board of
Home Missions an answer, until he hears
about freight". To what Mission has he been
appointed? If to no other, he might answer
for West Point. VII. Sausence, Kansas. I have
sent Bro. Hauser of Theol. Seminary at L., letters
to secure him half fare, and reduced rates
to Sausence^{ts}, from Baltimore or Pittsburgh.

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VIII. A Card from Berrien Springs, Michigan, marked E. I have answered by asking just how much they can raise, and assuring them that a mission, or part of one will be assigned them so soon as we know their ability.

VIII Preliminary work and plans for the future. So soon as the organization of the Board is completed a good deal of work must needs be done to get all things in systematic and working order for the future, as 1. Blanks. New Blanks for Applications, Quarterly Reports and Commissions must be prepared, as the supply, Bro. Goodlin writes me, is exhausted. Experience will, no doubt, suggest improvement over those we have been using. 2. Letter-Heads & Envelopes. Though there may be a few of these on hand, they will be practically useless to the new Board. 3. Mission Notes. The plans for furnishing Bibles of clothing, fruits &c.

to our worthy Missionaries, should be published not later than August 10th, so as to secure the best results. My idea is to place the matter in the hands of the Rec. Com. W. H. or M. Soc. by helping them by furnishing list of names &c. They or he should have cards to be filled by the Missionary, telling no. of children, age, size &c. &c. and also rules for self-measurement, so that a coat that would fit Dr. Morris, may not be sent for a brother the size of Bro. Kuhns. 4. Visitation of Synods.

I am trying to have Western Synods. So arrange dates of meeting that they can be visited in the interests of Home Missions, and the visitor be able to remain a few days at each convention. Hope to be able to publish the list in a few days. For visitation of Eastern and Ohio Synods the Board will, no doubt, arrange, so that all the synods may see some representative of the Board. 5. Our Scandinavian

and German Work. Should receive much more attention than in the past, especially the Scandinavian, as our hope for the fu-

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-ture in many SUBJECT, places - particularly in the larger cities - is in the young people of Scandinavian parents. To the promotion of our interests with these people the Board should without delay and without any intermission urge upon the Board of Publication the issue of a small Monthly in the Swedish language - according to the resolution of the General Synod. Even the Missions Journal translated into Swedish would be a good thing, but the paper should also set forth the doctrinal basis and spirit of the General Synod. The former list of subscribers to Zion's Banner can be furnished by Bro. Anderson. It contains about 2000 names.

Do not think me over-enthusiastic in this matter. Could you see the need as I see it every day, there could be no hesitation about urging the issue of the paper by January 1st 1884.

6. Work in the South. Permit me to suggest the establishment of at least one mission in the South - through the H. Com. of the General Synod South. As they now work through our Foreign Board, might not the Home Board ^{help} bring about the much desired union, by suggesting to the committee, that they will sustain a Missionary - white or colored - at such point as may be deemed wise by Southern General Synod.

Atlanta, Georgia, Nashville, Tenn. and a score of other cities in the South are open to us.

IX. The Central Conference, Iowa Synod, has just closed a most interesting meeting at our Mission Church in Nevada, Storey Co.

The most of the time was given to Mission work, and the opening for us in this Sutherland (Nebraska) County here even ^{more than} surprising. Am just home from the Conference, but will not anticipate report in church papers.

X. Men wanted. In view of the great need of men for the present and future ministry, would it not be